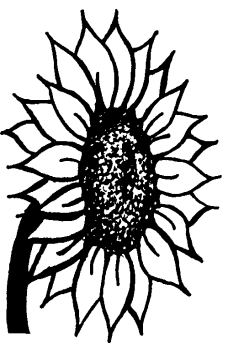


At the Game



DANIELLE FLEMMING was among those playing for St. Francis.
Photo courtesy of Brooke Lucas

Basketball team plays in tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

A girls basketball team from St. Francis, under the direction of Bud Rice, participated in the Mid-America Youth Basketball Tournament held on Saturday and Sunday in Brewster. The team played five games and finished with a 1-4 record.

Kansas Air Jam 73, St. Francis 13

Air Jam scored 33 points in the first half and added another 40 during the second half to score a 73-13 win. St. Francis scored 11 of their 13 points in the first half.

St. Francis was 4-of-27 from the field and 4-of-6 from the free-throw line for a 15 and 67 shooting percentage respectively.

Providing the points for St. Francis were Danielle Flemming with nine, Lauren Ross with two and McKenzie Grace with two.

The team had a total of 16 rebounds with Erin Neitzel having four, Holly Keller, four; Grace, three; Flemming, three; Schuyler Coates, one; Ross, one.

The team had four assists.

St. Francis 42, Ness County 24

St. Francis stepped up in the second game and recorded a 42-24 win over Ness County.

Flemming hit double-figures with 17 points while Keller reached up for seven rebounds.

The team was 17-of-51 from the field for 33 percent and 5-of-17 from the free-throw line for 29 percent.

Other stats show St. Francis had 11 assists, nine steals and nine turnovers.

Six players contributed to the scoring with eight accounting for the total of 26 rebounds.

Scoring: Flemming, 17; Grace, 8; Megan Rice, 6; Talisa Voorhies, 6; Brittany Lucas, 3; Keller, 2. Rebounding: Keller, 7; Ross, 5; Grace, 5; Rice, 3; Coates, 3; Neitzel, 1; Voorhies, 1; Flemming, 1.

Kansas Blue Fusion 60, St. Francis 25

The Blue Fusion had a strong scoring day for a total of 80 points in their 80-25 win over St. Francis.

Sainty was 26 percent from the field (11/43) and 13 percent from the line (2/15) for the day. They accounted for three steals and eight assists but had 26 turnovers.

Ross led the scoring with nine points with seven other players contributing. Flemming accounted for six points, Coates, three; Grace, two; Keller, two; Rice, two; Andrea Holzwarth, one.

A total of 17 rebounds were grabbed with Ross having five. Also contributing in rebounds were Neitzel with four, Rice with four, Voorhies with two, Flemming with one and Keller with one.

John Deere's 37, St. Francis 27

Game number four saw the John Deere's defeat St. Francis 37-27. John Deere's led by only four points at halftime (21-17) but pulled away in the second half.

Flemming led the scoring with 11 points and Neitzel and Ross each had eight rebounds.

The team was 11-of-38 in field goals for a scoring percentage of 29. The percentage was the same for free throw with 2-of-7.

Turnovers remained high with 23 while they had six steals and eight assists.

Scoring: Flemming, 11; Voorhies, 5; Ross, 4; Coates, 3; Neitzel, 2; Keller, 2.

Rebounding: Neitzel, 8; Ross, 8; Keller, 5; Grace, 2; Rice, 2.

Atwood Shockers 31, St. Francis 26

The Shockers defeated St. Francis by a slim five points. The final score was Atwood 31, St. Francis 26.

Flemming again led the scoring, this time with 11 points. Ross added five points, Grace, three; Rice, two, Lucas, two; Neitzel, two and Keller, one.

The team had less turnovers, 15 but also only managed two steals and four assists.

Under the basket they pulled down 13 rebounds, with 12 of them defensive. Neitzel, Ross and Rice, each with three, led the effort. Also having rebounds were Keller with two, Grace, one and Lucas, one.

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

Survivor in Death

Nora Roberts writing as J.D. Robb

No affairs. No criminal connections. No DNA. No clues. Eve Dallas may be the best cop in the city - not to mention having the lavish resources of her husband, Roarke, at her disposal - but the Swisher case has her baffled. The family members were murdered in their beds with brutal, military precision. The state-of-the-art security was breached, and the killers used night vision to find their way through the cozy middle-class house. Clearly, Dallas is dealing with pros. The only mis-

take they made was to overlook the 9-year-old girl cowering in the dark in the kitchen...

Now Nixie Swisher is an orphan - and the sole eyewitness to a seemingly inexplicable crime. Kids are not Dallas's strong suit. But Nixie needs a safe place to stay, and Dallas needs to solve this case. Not only because of the promise she made to Nixie. Not only for the cause of justice. But also to put to rest some of her own darkest memories - and deepest fears. With her partner Peabody on the job, and watching her back - and with Roarke providing the kind of help only he can give - Lieutenant Eve Dallas is running after shadows, and dead-set on finding out who's behind them.

K-18 wins last two competitions

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis K-18 baseball had two good outings recently as they defeated both Quinter and Oakley. The final score with Quinter was 4-3 while they won over Oakley 8-6. The Oakley game was played Monday night in St. Francis.

"The kids are showing a lot of improvement," Coach Travis Hilt said.

St. Francis 8, Oakley 6

Trent Raile was on the mound for St. Francis for the first four innings giving up only one run in the third. Oakley earned their other runs in the fifth inning but Matt Raile, the third pitcher of the evening, was called in to put the fire out and preserve the win for St. Francis. T. Raile had eight strikeouts during his four innings.

The home team scored one run in the first inning, five in the second and two in third before their bats slowed down.

Details of the Sainty runs show T. Raile having a single after two outs in the first inning. That was followed by singles by Drew Zwegardt and Trevor Hilt for run number one.

Trent Kinen led off the second inning with a single and Jesse Pacheco and M. Raile followed with hits to begin the series of runs. Darris Keller walked and two more singles, one by T. Raile and one by Zwegardt, saw the St. Francis team with a 6-0 advantage going into the third inning.

After Oakley made the score 6-1 in the top of the third, St. Francis put a couple more runs on the board in the bottom of the inning. Kinen began the inning with a single, following by a double by Pacheco. Later in the inning M. Raile accounted for the final run batted in. Pacheco had the only extra base hit for St. Francis.

Hits: M. Raile, two singles; T. Raile, two singles; Zwegardt, two



TERRENCE LAMB had a nice defensive play when retrieved the ball and got the runner at second base.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

singles; Hilt, one single; Kinen, two singles; Pacheco, one single, one double.

Runs batted in: Hilt, one; Pacheco, two; T. Raile, two; Zwegardt, two.

St. Francis 4, Quinter 3

St. Francis scored their four runs in the first four innings of the game and then used pitching and fielding to hold on to the win. Quinter scored their first two runs in the fourth in-

ning and the final run in the seventh. T. Raile had 12 strikeouts in this contest with seven of them coming in the first three innings.

Kinen had the first hit for St. Francis, a single, and also scored the first run for the team in the first inning. Hilt, with a single, allowed Kinen to cross home plate.

The second inning began with two outs before M. Raile had a single, Kinen and T. Raile walked

and Hilt again hit the ball. This time he earned two runs batted in.

The run in the fourth inning came when M. Raile hit a single and T. Raile brought him home with a double.

Hits: M. Raile, two singles; Kinen, one single; T. Raile, one single, one double; Hilt, two singles.

Runs batted in: Hilt, three; T. Raile, one.

Sainty Sharks enjoy league meet in Oakley with overnight stay

The Sainty Sharks were in Oakley for the league meet finals on Friday and Saturday.

"The 100 degree temps and high winds made it hard for the timers, judges and swimmers," Coach Margaret Poling said. "The Sharks continued improving their times and techniques."

Following day one of the two-day meet, parents, grandparents and swimmers enjoyed a wonderful barbecue. Later in the evening was the awards ceremony.

At dark, the round-robin ghost stories in Dr. Poling's tent began. Then the swimmers cooked s'mores and went to bed in their tents.

"It was a wonderful evening," Coach Poling said.

Morning started bright and early with coffee for the adults and biscuits and gravy for all.

"Many parents and grandparents make the meets possible with all their work and dedication," she said. "Twenty timers at all times, 12 lane judges at all times and four to eight stroke and turn judges then three or four people running computers with results, times, points, etc. Also three or four people putting names on each medal and more distributing them to the correct team."

"There is also a referee to resolve all meet questions, ties, protests and equipment problems. Others include the clerk of the course, three to four people to take all scratches, reseed and combine races and hearts, to lining up all swimmers in order of races. Runners (lots) needed to take each heat out timely and put in the right spot. Other runners to pick-up cards, take them to timers, pick them up from timers and take them to the computer room, pick up cards from stroke and turn judges and lane judges and take them to the computer room. Also people to run water to the timers and judges; an announcer to call and

announce all races; a starter to start every race and catch false starts and people to help with concessions.

"I wish to recognize and show my appreciation to the people who have helped with every meet. It's been a great year," Coach Poling said.

Results at Oakley include: Brianna Cooks, 8-and-under, 25-yard freestyle, heat winner, sixth; 100-yard medley relay, sixth; 50-yard free, heat winner.

Mandi Cooks, 8-and-under, participant. Nariah Hamilton, 9-10, 100-yard free relay, fifth.

Christina Hilt, 11-12, 200-yard free relay, fourth; 50-yard freestyle, heat winner, sixth; 50-yard backstroke, heat winner, sixth; 200-yard medley relay, second.

Jacy Hilt, 9-10, 100-yard free relay, fifth; 100-yard medley relay, sixth.

Shayla Hilt, 11-12, 200-yard free relay, fourth; 50-yard backstroke fourth; 200-yard medley relay, second; 50-yard breaststroke, heat winner.

Danielle Schmid, 15-18, 200-yard medley relay, fourth.

Katie Schmid, 8-and-under, participant.

Christina Schoenrogge, 11-12, 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, second; 100-yard free, heat winner.

Amber Smull, 13-14, 100-yard backstroke, heat winner Sarah Trembly, 11-12, 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, second.

Thomas Douthit, 9-10, 100-yard free relay, fifth; 100-yard medley relay, sixth.

David Meyer, 13-14, 200-yard medley relay, fourth.

Derek Queen, 9-10, 100-yard free relay, fifth; 100-yard medley relay, sixth.

Braden Schmid, 11-12, 50-yard breaststroke, heat winner.

Ian Schmid, 9-10, participant. Gabe Smull, 15-18, 100-yard



THOMAS DOUTHIT is a member of two relay teams for the Sharks.
Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

freestyle, second; 50-yard freestyle, heat winner, first; 100-yard butterfly, fourth; 100-yard breaststroke, third; 200-yard individual medley, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, fourth.

Gavin Smull, 15-18, 100-yard backstroke second; 100-yard butterfly, second; 200-yard individual medley, second; 200-yard medley relay, fourth; 400-yard freestyle third; 200-yard freestyle, third.

Book Review

Book Review from the St. Francis Library

Mount Vernon Love Story

By Mary Higgins Clark

Mary Higgins Clark's interest in George Washington was first sparked by a radio series she was writing in the 1960s, on American presidents.

Always a lover of history, she wrote this biographical novel, her first book, and titled it *Aspire to the Heavens*, the family motto of Washington's mother. The book was published in 1969. Its recent discovery by a Washington family descendent led to this reissue under its new title.

In researching Washington's life, Mary Higgins Clark was surprised to find the engaging man behind the pious legend. He was a giant of a man in every way, starting with his physical height. He was the best

dancer in the colony of Virginia and also a master horseman.

She dispels the widespread belief that although George Washington married an older woman, a widow, his true love was Sally Carey Fairfax, his best friend's wife. Martha Dandridge Custis was older, but only by three months. Mary Higgins Clark describes their relationship from their first meeting, their closeness and his tenderness toward her two children. Martha shared his life in every way, crossing the British lines to join him in Boston and enduring with him the bitter hardship of the winter in Valley Forge.

In *Mount Vernon Love Story*, Mary Higgins Clark tells the story of a rare marriage and brings to life the human side of the man who became the "father of our country."