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At the Game



JOEL MCATEE (30) protects Adam Peter (54) as he goes for the ball. Photo by Doug Ross

Game skills get better

By Betty Jean Winston
Oakley scored in double figures in each quarter of the basketball game on Friday night and handed the Lady Indians a 64-40 Northwest Kansas League defeat. St. Francis put in over 10 points in two of the quarters but did not have the same consistency.

McKenzie Grace and Lauren Ross led the Saintry Ladies in scoring with 10 points each. Grace accounted for one three pointer, two other baskets and three free throws. She was 66.7 percent from two-point range (2/3) and 50 percent from the line (3/6). Ross was 4-of-6 from the field for eight points and then 2-of-4 from the line. She also collected stats of 66.7 and 50 percent respectively.

The team percentage from two-point range was 40 percent while Oakley had 56.8 percent. Another Lady Indian, Erin Neitzel, was 66.7 percent from the field (2/3) and she was the only player to be 100 percent with free throws (2/2). Being 50 percent from the field were Megan Rice, making 4-of-8 attempts and Maddie Knodel with 1-of-2.

Defensively Ross had seven rebounds with four of them defensive. Grace also had four defensive boards while Knodel collected two from each end of the court. Saintry had 26 boards while Oakley managed 27.

Danielle Flemming had three assists and Ross three steals to lead in those categories.

"I felt we have gotten better in many areas," Coach Ted Busse said.

"Oakley was a big team with three players over 6 feet."

St. Francis is playing in the Oberlin Invitational this week with games on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

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Scoring: Grace 10, Ross 10, Rice 8, Neitzel 6, Alecia Zimbelman 4, Knodel 2

St. Francis wrestlers open season with double dual

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high wrestling season opened with a double dual on Thursday in Oakley. Opponents were Rawlins County/Atwood and Oakley.

St. Francis won 8-of-15 against Rawlins County and 7-of-28 against Oakley.

"I'm pretty happy with what we did in Oakley," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "We have a lot to learn but I'm confident that we'll get there."

The team will be involved in the Goodland Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 21, before competing with Oberlin and Hoxie in Hoxie on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Wrestlers coming home from Oakley Thursday having won all of their matches were Alex Long, two wins; Garrett Figgins, one win; Matt Raile, one win; Drew Zwegardt, one win; Adam Guthmiller, two wins; Brett Lampe, one win; Cody Sherlock, one win; Darris Keller, two wins and Freddie Pacheco, one win.

Team totals vs Rawlins County
Team statistics with St. Francis

Team totals vs Oakley
Team statistics with St. Francis

School Schedule

Thursday: junior high girls basketball, Hoxie, here, 4 p.m.

Friday: high school basketball, Oberlin Invitational, semi-finals; high school wrestling, Prairie Classic, Hays, 3

Saturday: high school wrestling, Prairie Classic, Hays; high school basketball, Oberlin Invitational, finals; junior high



MADDIE KNODEL (41) and Talisa Voorhies (12) play defense against Oakley. Photos courtesy of Doug Ross

Rebounding: Ross 7, Grace 4, Zimbelman 3, Rice 2, Flemming 1, Knodel 4, Talisa Voorhies 3, Sheryl Miller 1, Sam Marin 1.

Indians lose game Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians played an exciting basketball game with Oakley on Friday night with a number of Oakley free throws deciding the outcome. The final score was Oakley 66, St. Francis 50.

"This was a lot closer game than the score indicates," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "We got down early by 10 and fought back to tie it up. We got down again by eight and then fought back. In the fourth quarter, they got to the line and made 12 free throws to close out the game."

St. Francis was 39.8 percent from the field. They made 3-of-7 from three point range and 16-of-24 from the remainder of the field. "JD Hawkins played great for

us outside scoring 15 points and Joel McAtee continues to dominate in the paint and shoot great free throws scoring 17 points," Coach Cassidy said.

J. McAtee had the best field goal percentage with 55.6 making 5-of-9 while Hawkins was 3-of-5 from outside for nine points and 3-of-6 from the remainder of the field for a total percentage of 54.5.

Adam Peter was 100 percent from the free-throw line with 2-of-2 while J. McAtee was 77.8 percent with 7-of-9.

Saintry had 24 deflections with eight players adding to the total. Hawkins and J. McAtee each had six.

The team collected 26 rebounds with most of them (17) being de-

fensive boards. Peter and Levi Weeden had six each.

AJ McAtee had four steals and AJ McAtee and J. McAtee led in assists with three each.

"Every one that played contributed," Coach Cassidy said.

"Oakley has a guard named Mykel Rodriguez that is the best player we have seen this year. He scored 23 points and had 11 assists."

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Scoring: J. McAtee 17, Hawkins 15, AJ McAtee 6, Peter 6, Heath Owens 4, Ted Crabtree 2.

Rebounding: Weeden 6, Peter 6, J. McAtee 5, Hawkins 2, Owens 2, Crabtree 1.

Junior high teams open season with basketball games in Colby

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis junior high basketball teams opened their season in Colby on Thursday, Jan. 12. The St. Francis girls had a short practice time before the first game, beginning winter sports on Jan. 3 and playing on Jan. 12.

The A-team and B-team were both defeated by Colby with scores of 41-8 and 51-11 respectively.

A-team - Colby 41, St. Francis 8

"We had many 'first game' difficulties," Coach David Morrow said. "For most of the girls that played in this game, it was their first junior high basketball contest, and that usually brings a certain amount of anxiety with it. You could tell in the second half that we were starting to settle down play better."

"Though this Colby team was pretty good, we feel like we'll be able to compete much better if we see them later in the season."

"Kaycee Williams and Sarah Trembly handled the ball most of the time for us and scored half our points. Aly Marin scored the other half."

"Now that we have the first game behind us, we can start working on things that we need to improve upon to make us more competitive this season."

B Team - Colby 51, St. Francis 11

"The B-team for Colby was a very good one," Coach Morrow said.

"You could tell these kids have been on the court a lot and were very skilled for their age."

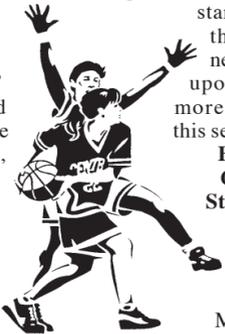
"That being said, we made a lot of mistakes that made it difficult to compete with them. As with the A-game players, many of our kids in the B-game were seeing competition for the first time on a basketball court."

"On a positive note, we seemed to work hard most of the time and try to get into the right places on offense and defense. I think we will see a lot of improvement from this group of players."

Fifth quarter St. Francis 6, Colby 5

"We won the fifth quarter by a score of 6 to 5," Coach Morrow said. "Mikaela Grace and BreAna Zwegardt scored those points."

Saintry will play games with Hoxie at home today (Thursday) at 4 p.m.



Junior Varsity

By Betty Jean Winston

The boys junior varsity basketball team added a game to the win column with they traveled to Oakley on Friday night. The final score was St. Francis 39, Oakley 34.

Although Goodland led after a slow scoring first quarter, St. Francis took over the lead by half-time and held on for the victory.

Keaton Frewen poured in 18 points to lead the way to victory. Scoring: K. Frewen 18, Trent

Kinen 6, Mac Frewen 6, Ethan Zwegardt 3, Travis Havel 2, Nathan Ketzner 2, Brennon Van Allen 2.

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College Sports

Kansas Wesleyan University

Amy Grace had four points and seven rebounds in a Kansas Wesleyan junior varsity basketball game over Tabor junior varsity in Hillsboro.

The next game will be Saturday, Jan. 21 in Salina with Otero Junior College of LaJunta, Colo.