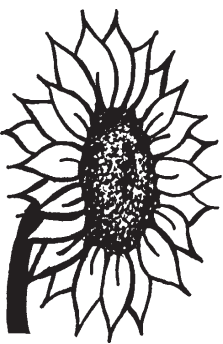


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## At the Game



THE INDIAN BOYS BASKETBALL defense, including JD Hawkins (left) and Ted Crabtree contributed to the Indians win against the Rawlins County Buffs.

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## Indians outscore Rawlins County Buffs

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis added a game to the win column in their last outing before Substate. This sends them into the season-ending playoffs with a confidence builder under their belt.

Rawlins County lost the game to the Indians by a score of 70-58. The Buffs put on their best scoring effort in the final quarter but could not overcome the Indians' early advantage. Sainty was especially effective in the second quarter when they outscored Rawlins County 23-12.

"Joel McAtee had another fantas-

tic game," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "He scored 25 points on 83 percent shooting. He had three three-pointers, seven two-pointers and was 2-of-2 from the line.

"DJ (Hawkins) hustled like always and scored eight points. Ted Crabtree came off the bench and scored 10 points.

"AJ McAtee got into early foul trouble but scored nine points. Levi (Weeden) played another strong game scoring 10 points and getting eight rebounds.

"Adam (Peter) scored six points and did a great job stopping up the middle on defense.

"Heath Owens and Mac (Frewen) played good defense coming off the bench.

"We had them down by 20 points but got into foul trouble in the third quarter. We got out of our offense and they closed it to six points.

"We made some good plays in the fourth quarter to get our 12th win."

Sainty was 36.4 percent from beyond the arc, 53.7 percent from two-point range and 66.7 percent from the free-throw line. With 21 opportunities at the line, the Indians hit 14. Both J. McAtee and Owens were 2-of-2, while AJ McAtee was 3-of-4 and Crabtree 4-of-6.

Under the basket, Sainty controlled the boards, having 38 rebounds compared to 24 for the Buffs. Twenty-five of the Indians rebounds were defensive. They also had 22 deflections, led by J. McAtee, Hawkins, Crabtree and Weeden.

SF 13 23 17 17 70  
RC 14 12 10 22 58

Scoring: J. McAtee 25, Crabtree 10, Weeden 10, AJ McAtee 9, Hawkins 8, Peter 6, Owens 2

Rebounds: J. McAtee 14, Weeden 8, Peter 5, Owens 4, Hawkins 2, Crabtree 2, AJ McAtee 2, Frewen 1.

## Girls victorious over top seeded team in tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis A-team pulled a 30-23 upset victory over Quinter in the first round of the Northwest Kansas League junior high tournament on Monday. It came at the perfect time of the season.

"Every once in a while (sometimes in a great while) in the game of basketball, the ball will bounce your way," Coach David Morrow said. "And on Monday afternoon, Feb. 20, everything this team (the eighth seed in the tournament) did seemed to work and the shots they took fell. This was one of the more exciting junior high games I have seen.

"Quinter, the first seed in the tournament, opened a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Late in that quarter, Sarah Trembly started shooting and making three-point shots. In fact, in the next few minutes of play, Trembly made four three's, shooting an incredible 100 percent from that range.

"Later in the second quarter, Kaycee Williams connected on a three-point shot and made a foul shot later, which allowed us to take a six-point halftime lead.

"Early in the third quarter, our

starting post player, Lexee Reichert fouled out and to take her place, Brittney Stately came into the game to play great defense and contribute four third-quarter points.

"Christina Hilt, also playing the post position, contributed great defensive effort and some key rebounds.

"Late in the game, as the score tightened, Aly Marin and Jodie Hilt both came up with some great plays on defense. Hilt had several key steals in the last few minutes of the game and converted one of them into a layup.

"I don't keep official game stats, but I believe we were 5-of-8 from the three-point line. We were also 9-of-21 from the free throw line.

"The bottom line was that we played all aspects of our game efficiently and generally gave a gutsy effort. We were able to limit turnovers and run or offense more patiently. For the eighth grade players, this was their first win, and what a win it was! Hopefully we will take this momentum into Oakley, where we will play the final two games of our season.

Scoring: Trembly 14, Williams 5, Hilt 5, Stately 5, Marin 1

## Sainty earns 1-point win in final game

By Betty Jean Winston

An upbeat experience ended the boys junior varsity basketball season. They traveled to Atwood to take on the Rawlins County Buffs on Tuesday, Feb. 22, and came home with a one-point victory, 53-52.

A fourth quarter spurt, where St. Francis outscored Rawlins County 16-10, gave the Indians the win.

The team was paced by Ted Crabtree and Brennon Van Allen

with 11 and 10 points respectively. The players have gained experience this year, with several of them, working to move up to the varsity next year.

SF 15 08 13 16 53  
RC 12 16 14 10 52

Scoring: Crabtree 11, Van Allen 10, Mac Frewen 8, Keaton Frewen 8, Trent Kinen 7, Nate Ketzner 5, Travis Havel 2, Jon Finley 1, RL Walz 1.

## Exciting finish to overtime period

By Betty Jean Winston

The Sainty junior varsity girls provided a lot of excitement in Atwood on Feb. 22 when they defeated the Lady Buffs in a last-minute victory. The game was nearing the end of an overtime period when a free-throw sealed the win.

"We couldn't have written a better storybook ending for the season finale," Coach Larry Flemming said. "We played an even first quarter, built a nine point lead at half, only had a four-point edge by the end of the third quarter, went down by six during the fourth quarter and then came back to tie the game at the end of regulation.

"The overtime was a see-saw battle and the game was tied with 6 seconds left on the clock. Andrea Holzwarth was fouled and went to the line to shoot two free throws. She was unable to connect on the first shot but made the second one to put Sainty ahead by one point.

"Rawlins County tried to get the ball up court for a shot but time expired and we were able to get out of there with the hard-fought victory."

Sidnee Crabtree pushed 24 points through the basket to have one of the teams highest scoring nights of the season. Under the basket, Kattie Ford pulled down 10 rebounds and Crabtree led in steals with four.

The team had a 57 percent success with free throws making, 13-of-23. They also had 14 defensive boards and eight offensive ones for a total of 22. Twenty-one turnovers were recorded while they had 13 steals and collected two assists.

"The primary factor in our win tonight was that these girls believed in themselves," Coach Flemming said. "This was so evident in the fourth quarter and in the overtime! They played with the kind of confidence, pride, determination and intensity it took to compete!! We were all so proud of their efforts!!"

The team ended the season with a 4-9 record.

SF 08 14 06 14 05 47  
RC 06 07 09 18 04 46

Scoring: Crabtree 24, Ford 8, Holzwarth 7, Elizabeth Gienger 6, Holly Keller 2.

Leading rebounders: Ford 10, Crabtree 4.

Leading in steals: Crabtree 4, Holzwarth 2, Gienger 2.

## Ladies lose the contest

By Betty Jean Winston

Rawlins County scored in double figures in every quarter while the Lady Indians had a cold night putting only single digits on the board. The result was a 46-19 win by the Lady Buffs.

Tuesday night, Feb. 22, the Sainty Ladies finished the regular season in Atwood with this loss. Results from post-season play which began on Monday will be published next week.

Holding on to the ball in Atwood also caused the Lady Indians problems as they were responsible for 32 turnovers.

"Turnovers really hurt us," Coach Ted Busse said.

On the plus side, McKenzie Grace led the scoring with eight points. Other leaders for the night saw Alecia Zimbelman hitting 2-of-3 from the floor for 66.7 percent and Grace being 4-of-4 from the charity line for 100 percent.

Two players, Talisa Voorhies and Lauren Ross led in rebounds with five each. Grace led in steals with three with Ross having the only two assists recorded during the evening.

The Ladies were 25 percent (7-of-28) from the field and 50 percent (5/10) from the free-throw line. In the field, Rawlins County did not



MEGAN RICE looks for an open player hoping to set up an offensive basket.

Photo courtesy of Doug Ross

allow the Sainty Ladies many good scoring attempts.

Final season statistics will be published in March.

SF 06 05 04 04 19  
RC 13 10 13 10 46

Scoring: Grace 8, Zimbelman 4, Voorhies 2, Danielle Flemming 2,

Maddie Knodel 2, Ross 1

Rebounding: Voorhies 5, Ross 5, Zimbelman 3, Megan Rice 3, Knodel 3, Grace 2, Flemming 1