



# At the Game



INDIAN JOEL MCATEE (5/in the center) is swarmed by a number of Cowboys Friday evening. McAtee rushed for 68 yards and scored 14 points for St. Francis. *Herald photo by Casey McCormick*

## Indians defeat Cowboys in home opener Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

Were the Indians ready for the football game on Friday night? Indications are they went on the field prepared to make things happen. Those who were late and didn't see the first 5 minutes of play, you missed some very focused action by St. Francis.

When the clock said 7 minutes remaining in the first quarter, the Indians already had 22 points, had recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass. The win was a total team effort as both the offense and defense were playing heads-up football. The final score was St. Francis 55, Goodland 6.

"I think that both weeks we have come out ready to play," Coach Tim Lambert said.

"The score was inflated due to the number of turnovers giving us good field position. The Indians took advantage of them, sometimes you make your own luck.

"We are not near the shape or form we want to be though."

The action began with a kick by Levi Weeden leaving Goodland on the 20-yard line to begin play. The Cowboys offensive action did not last long as St. Francis had the ball back shortly thereafter when Sam Sowers recovered a fumble giving the ball to the Indians.

An example of the focus of the St. Francis players took place immediately.

On the second play from scrimmage good blocking helped Jordan Gienger reach the end zone for the first Indian score. Joel McAtee had a successful conversion run and the Indians were ahead 8-0.

The second Goodland offensive series was also cut short. This time Nathan Ketzner intercepted a Goodland pass and the Indians had the ball in good field position one more time.

A 25-yard pass from quarterback Ted Crabtree to Adam Peter resulted in the second touchdown of the night. The time on the clock showed 9:03 and even without a successful conversion attempt the scoreboard read 14-0 and Sainty was not done yet.

The Cowboys began moving the ball on their next series. Play started on the 19-yard line and two passes put them on the 29-yard line, which gave them their initial first down of the evening. After an opening run, two incomplete passes forced them to punt the ball away, stopping their forward motion.

It looked like David Guthmiller had a touchdown for the Indians during their next series of play. He broke away for a long run from scrimmage but stepped out of bounds on the 13-yard line and Sainty began their next action from there.

An offside called against Goodland put the ball inside the 10-yard line and McAtee went in for six more points.

Crabtree added two points on the after-touchdown run and Sainty fans could see 22 points on the scoreboard. The first 5 minutes of play were pretty explosive.

The scoring calmed down during the remainder of the first quarter. St. Francis picked up some yardage and had a first down, but then lost the ball on a fumble. They also had some successes, including a backfield stop of the Goodland quarterback by AJ McAtee.

St. Francis was moving the ball as the quarter ended and they continued the action when the second frame began. The first touchdown of this period was scored by Gienger from the 8-yard line. Crabtree added two points on the after run and Sainty had earned 30 points.

The clock showed 7:26 when the next score came on a 43-yard run by J. McAtee. There was one more touchdown by Sainty before halftime and it began as a result of a Goodland fumble on the St. Francis punt. The ball was recovered by AJ McAtee.

The Indians had been using some liberal substitutions as the game progressed and the final home touchdown of the first half was a 4-yard run by freshman Trent Raile.

Gienger kicked the extra point and the score had moved to Sainty 43, Goodland 0.

Goodland scored their lone touchdown of the evening shortly before halftime and the teams went into the locker room 43-6.

Touchdowns scored in the second half included one on a 10-yard run by Guthmiller in the third quarter and one as a result of Gienger recovering a fumble in the end zone. There were some nice individual attempts along with continued team play including a fumble recovery by BJ Killingsworth.

Many substitutes saw action throughout the game.

With a number of players contributing, the rushing was led by Gienger with 95 yards on seven attempts. He averaged 13.6 yards per attempt. Crabtree was successful on the only pass he attempted during the evening for a total of 26 yards and a touchdown. The receiver was Peter. Twenty players helped with the tackling with Weeden having 12. AJ McAtee and Weeden each had a sack. The Indians, as a team, collected 11 first downs.

### Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Goodland: first downs: 11/5; rushing attempts and net yardage: 47 attempts for 295 yards/27 attempts for 62 yards; passing yardage: 26/67; total offense: 321/129; fumbles lost: 1/4; penalties: three for 30 yards/five for 129 yards.

### Individual stats

Rushing: Gienger, 95 yards on seven attempts; Guthmiller 82 yards on 13 attempts; J. McAtee, 68 yards on eight attempts; T. Raile, 37 yards on seven attempts; Drew Zweygardt, 5 yards on four attempts; Crabtree, 4 yards on two attempts; Jesse Pacheco, 2 yards on two attempts; Trent Kinen, 2 yards on four attempts.

Passing: Crabtree, one attempt, one completion, 26 yards.

Pass receivers: Peter, one for 26 yards.

Kickoffs: Weeden, eight for 385 yards, a 48.1-yard average; Matt Raile, two for 70 yards, a 30-yard average.

Kickoff return: AJ McAtee, one for 7 yards

Punts: Mac Frewen, one for 20

yards

Punt returns: AJ McAtee, one for 45 yards; Crabtree, two for 23 yards.

Place kicking: Gienger, four attempts, one extra point.

Scoring: Gienger 19, J. McAtee 14, Peter 6, Guthmiller 6, T. Raile 6, Crabtree 4.

Fumble recoveries: AJ McAtee, Killingsworth, J. McAtee, Gienger, Sowers, one each

Pass interceptions: AJ McAtee, Ketzner

Tackles: Weeden 12, AJ McAtee 9, Gienger 9, Crabtree 8, Killingsworth 8, J. McAtee 8, Peter 6, Justin Sherlock 6, Russell Rogers 5, Keaton Frewen 3, Mac Frewen 3, Brennon Wilger 2, Brady Frewen 2, Ketzner 2, Sowers 2, T. Raile 2, Pacheco 1, Scott Ford 1, Terrence Lamb 1, Kinen 1

### Area scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams include: St. Francis 55, Goodland 6; Decatur Community/Oberlin 33, Hoxie 12; Oakley 35, Rawlins County/Atwood 0; Concordia 26, Colby 3; LaCrosse 41, Quinter 22.

## C-Team Volleyball

By Betty Jean Winston

C-team volleyball players had a busy week as they attended a quadrangular in Colby on Tuesday, Sept. 5, with Oberlin, Wallace County and Colby and competed with Cheylin, Dundy County and Wallace County in St. Francis.

On Sept. 5, St. Francis suffered three losses by the following scores (St. Francis listed first): vs. Oberlin: 9-25, 25-18, 6-15; vs. Wallace County: 24-26, 25-14, 14-16 and vs. Colby: 13-25, 16-25. St. Francis took both Oberlin and Wallace County to three games by winning the second

set in each match.

Saturday the action was on the home court but the young Lady Indians again finishing the day with three losses. Final scores were: vs. Cheylin: 26-24, 24-26, 13-15; vs. Dundy County: 14-25, 20-25; vs. Wallace County: 20-25, 25-18, 6-15. Again St. Francis took two of the teams, Cheylin and Wallace County to three games.

"As you can see from the scores of last week's matches, we are starting a bad habit of losing matches by only 2 points!" Coach Talley Morrow said.

"If we can cut out just two or three mistakes per game, we'll come out on top.

"This team is coming along nicely in their communication with each other on the court, though there is still improvement to be made. If the girls will give it all they have, heart and mind, they will find that they can beat any of the teams we have played so far. They will get another chance at most of them, so I hope they'll find within themselves to 'want' the game and work together to overcome the scoreboard.

### Junior Varsity

By Betty Jean Winston

Colby, St. Francis and Oberlin junior varsity volleyball teams competed in a triangular in Colby last week.

The match with Colby was tied a game apiece going into the third set on Tuesday, Sept. 5, but Colby outscored St. Francis and earned the match win. The final scores with Colby were 14-25, 25-21 and 10-25.

Oberlin won the match against St. Francis in two games although the Lady Indians bounced back to compete more closely in the second game. Oberlin won the match 9-25, 25-27.

"Last week we got off to a fast start and that was part of why the young Lady Indians won," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "Against both Oberlin and Colby we got off to very slow starts. When you spot your opponent five or six points at the start of the game it is very hard to win.

"Both of the teams we played are very good. They passed and hit well. We struggled on the attack, so much of both matches we were on the defensive.

As is always true for a St. Francis team, the young ladies played very hard. Several times we returned balls that were nearly impossible to play.

"Because these young ladies work hard they will continue to improve.

"We will continue to work on passing and developing a more consistent serve."

## School Schedule

Thursday: junior high football, junior high volleyball, Oakley, here, 4:30 p.m.; school board

Friday: high school football, St. Francis at Colby, 7 p.m.

### Homecoming week

Monday: high school junior varsity football, Colby, here, 5:30 p.m.; seniors paint the street, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: junior high volleyball, Rawlins County, here, 4:30 p.m.; junior high football has been rescheduled; bonfire behind high school, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: high school volleyball, St. Francis, Dundy County and Imperial at St. Francis, 4 p.m.; junior high football, 5:30 p.m. Rawlins County, here, (rescheduled from Tuesday)

## Junior High

By Betty Jean Winston

Quinter and St. Francis met in junior high volleyball action on Thursday, Sept. 7, in Quinter. This was the second outing of the season for the St. Francis teams, and their first on the road.

### A-team 21-25, 25-15, 15-9

In A-team action, St. Francis won the second and third games and took the match over Quinter. This was a comeback as Quinter was successful in game one.

"The girls played really well," Coach Terri Orth said. "It was fun to see them working together."

The following scoring took place.

Game one: Lexee Reichert 3, Christian Hilt 3, Mikaela Grace 2, Aly Marin 1.

Game two: Shayla Hilt 5, Marin 5, Reichert 3, Jodie Hilt 3.

Game three: Reichert 4, Aubree Schleppe 2, S. Hilt 1, J. Hilt 1.

### B-team 16-25, 23-25

Although St. Francis came within two points in the final set, the match ended up in the win column for Quinter.

"We do really well in the beginning, but toward 15-16 or 17 points we began to panic and get nervous," Coach Kande Raile said. "We just need to finish!"

The following scoring took place.

Game one: Trista Orth 3, Allison Grice 2, Lexi Hilt 2, Christina Schoenroge 1.

Game two: Kaitlin Figgins 9, Caitlin Northrup 4, Orth 1.

The B-team played a 'for fun' game following the match with Figgins having 2 points, Grice 1 and Chauntell Peter 1.

### College Sports

#### Football

Garden City Community College - Tanner Kinen -The Garden City BroncoBusters were defeated by Butler County Community College 29-7 on Sept. 2 giving them a 1-1 record. The team had an open weekend on Sept. 9 but will face Dodge City Community College on Sept. 16. Dodge City is 0-2.

Sterling College - Seth Swihart, Gabe Smull - Sterling College a member of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC), defeated McPherson 43-15 in their opening contest. Next on the schedule is the home opener against Southwestern College on Saturday.

#### Volleyball

Ally Reichert, a 2006 St. Francis High School graduate, is playing volleyball for McCook Community College. The McCook Daily Gazette fall sports section tells that the college has a new coach this year, Gary Payne. McCook Community College met Colby Community College on Wednesday, Sept. 6, with Colby winning 30-23, 30-28 and 30-15.

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The junior high football team moved their record to 2-0 on Thursday afternoon when they visited Quinter. The final score was St. Francis 20, Quinter 6.

"Again I thought we played pretty well in Quinter, a town that seems to get farther away every year," Coach Jeff Beims said. "I think it's in New Jersey.

"Our guys stepped up their effort defensively this week. We still need to get better in our pass coverage and we had a couple mental mistakes, but overall we're getting better.

"Offensively, we had flashes of brilliance intermingled with

missed blocks, fumbles and penalties.

"We need to take better care of the ball in the future, but in the final analysis we did more things right than wrong."

The Indians scored in the first quarter on a Garrett Figgins 8-yard run. This was the only Sainty score in the first half.

The second half saw Adam Guthmiller score on a 47-yard run in the first quarter and Cody Sherlock on a 54-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The only successful conversion points were score following the Guthmiller touchdown when Brett Lampe went in on a rushing play.

## Bowling News

### Wednesday Afternoon 9-6

Team standings: Sunshine Girls 4-0, Kale's Girls 2-2, Kathy's Cater Cats 2-2, Lodge Sleepers 2-2, Windmill Restaurant 2-2

High game (scratch): Janice Krien 162, Debbie Bush 162, Linda Yonkey 157

High series (scratch): Krien 471, Bush 421, Yonkey 410