

At the Game



INDIAN DEFENSE STOPS RUNNER - Joel McAtee (5) and Sam Sowers (74) show their defensive skills against the Plainsmen on Friday night.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

Indians suffer first loss of the campaign on Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians' record moved to 3-1 following a 20-16 loss to Oakley in the Homecoming game on Friday night. The game was played on Greene Field. "We felt like our effort was there," Coach Tim Lambert said. "But our assignments and execu-

tion was less than to be desired.

"We played a really good football team."

Oakley chose to have St. Francis begin the game on offense on Friday night. AJ McAtee, who received the kickoff, handed it to Ted Crabtree, but Oakley was on him immediately.

After a penalty for illegal blocking, St. Francis began play on their own 6-yard line. Joel McAtee recorded a first down on the third play from scrimmage and it seemed like the Indians were ready to move. Unfortunately the next series, which began with having to recover their own

fumble, saw the offense stymied and Sainty was forced to punt on fourth down.

The play went back and forth during most of the first quarter as on the next series Oakley had a first down but lost the ball on their second series due to an incomplete pass on fourth down.

It was near the end of the first quarter when Oakley began a successful drive. With the help of a 33-yard pass play, the Plainsmen scored with 50 second remaining. The Indians picked off the pass into the end zone on the conversion attempt but the quarter ended Oakley 6, St. Francis 0. For the first time this year, Sainty was at the low end of the score early in the game.

During the second quarter, the Indians played more focused football. They not only prevented Oakley from scoring but they put the ball in the end zone for two touchdowns and on two successful conversion attempts.

The Indians put a nice 72-yard drive together in which they collected several first downs. It took most of the first half of the quarter but at 8:17 on the time clock, Sainty had their first score. J. McAtee went in from the 3-yard line. He also scored the two after-touchdown points.

Oakley's offense was not having as much success following the Sainty score. Not only was the Sainty defense stronger but, on one occasion, Oakley had a series-ending face mask call against them forcing them to punt.

The other Sainty score was posted with 2 minutes remaining until halftime. Play began on the 45-yard line with Jordan Gienger, J. McAtee and David Guthmiller handling the ball on the rushing attack.

Guthmiller went in from the 2-yard line for the final St. Francis touchdown. McAtee had a successful run for the conversion points and Sainty had a 16-6 advantage at halftime.

Oakley came out of the locker room the second half and spent a lot of time controlling the ball. They scored one touchdown in the third quarter and the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter.

The third quarter saw Sainty having trouble putting a number of good offensive plays together. Therefore, they were forced to punt the ball before an extended drive could be completed. There were several good defensive plays by the Indians including Crabtree diverting a pass and AJ McAtee reaching the Oakley backfield for a stop on Oakley's touchdown drive. It took the Plainsmen four plays to get the touchdown after they reached the 7-yard line on a long pass. This put the score St. Francis 16, Oakley 14. The Indians still were in the lead.

The final Oakley touchdown, the winning one, was near the end of the game. Sainty had held the Plainsmen forcing them to at-



tempt a field goal which failed to go between the upright.

The Indians could not execute a first down giving Oakley one more opportunity and they took advantage of it. A complete pass to the 4-yard line and a rushing play into the end zone told the story.

"We have plenty of things we can work on, which is a good thing," Coach Lambert said.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Oakley: first downs: 13/9; rushing yardage: 192/154; passing yardage 20/73; total offense: 212/227; punts: five for 168 yards and a 33.6-yard average/three 87 yards and a 29-yard average; fumbles lost: 0/0; penalties: two for 15 yards/seven for 55 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: J. McAtee, 84 yards on 18 attempts; Guthmiller, 73 yards on 18 attempts; Gienger, 29 yards on 11 attempts; Crabtree, 6 yards on five attempts.

Passing: Crabtree, six attempts, two completions, 20 yards, one interception

Pass receiving: AJ McAtee, one for 12 yards; J. McAtee, one for 8 yards. Kickoffs: Levi Weeden, three for 105 yards; a 35-yard average

Kickoff returns: Crabtree, three for 36 yards, a 12 yard average

Punts: Mac Frewen, five for 168 yards or a 33.6-yard average

Punt returns: Crabtree, one for 7 yards

Pass interception: Adam Peter, one

Scoring: J. McAtee, 10; Guthmiller, 6.

Tackles: Weeden 21, AJ McAtee 11, J. McAtee 11, Gienger 11, Peter 10, Nathan Ketzner 9, Russell Rogers 9, Sam Sowers 9, Crabtree 7, Brennon Wilger 6, M. Frewen 5, Brady Frewen 2, Jesse Pacheco 1, Keaton Frewen 1

Area scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams: Oakley 20, St. Francis 16; Scott City 47, Goodland 20; Oberlin 32, Quinter 19; Rawlins County 30, Colby 10

Sainty wins another game

By Betty Jean Winston

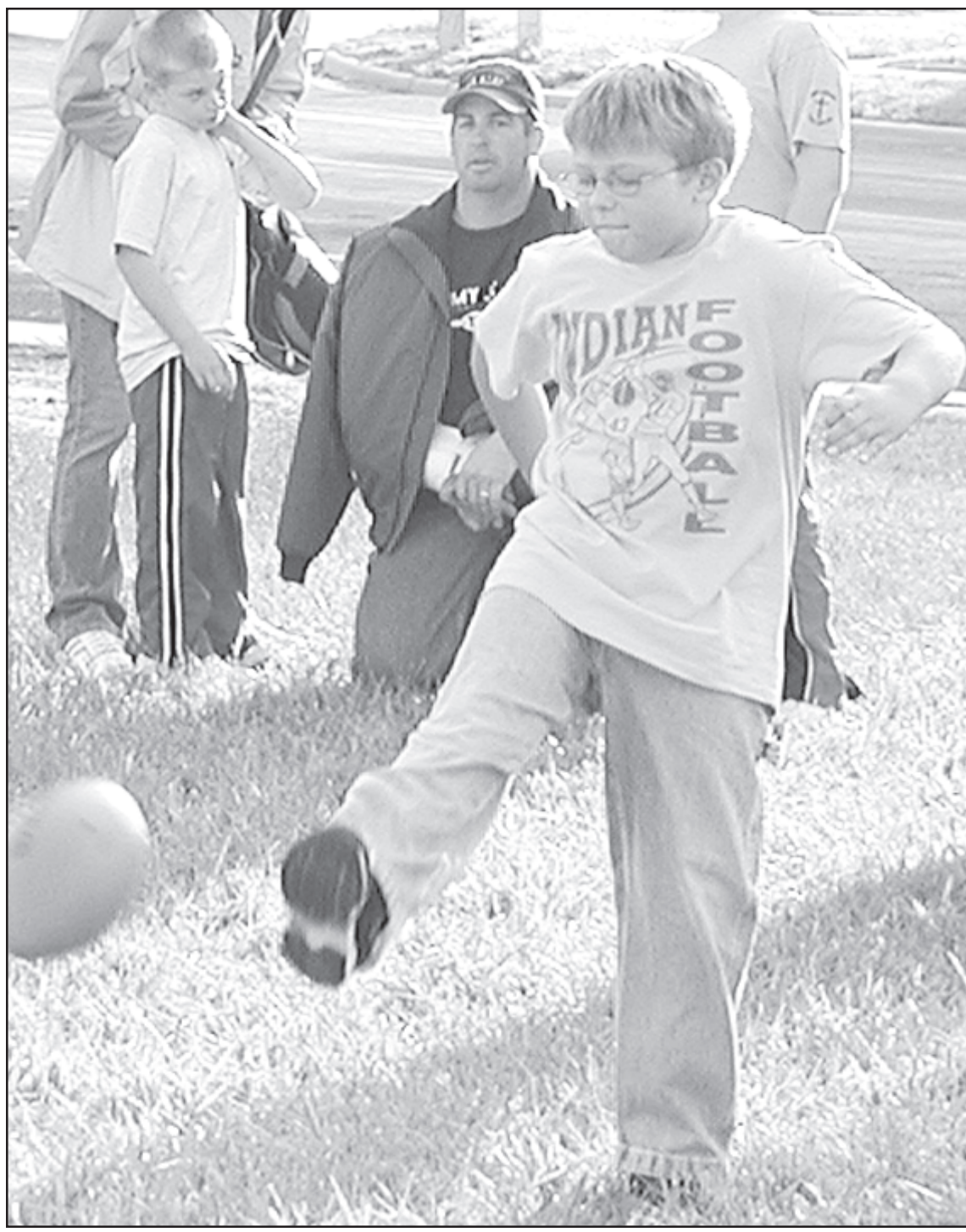
By a 20-12 score, the St. Francis junior varsity posted a win over Colby on Sept. 18.

"We didn't play with very much enthusiasm the first three quarters of this game and we played from behind most of the game, but we started to play with fire in the fourth quarter and we started playing 'Indian Football' and came away with the win." Coach Ted Busse said.

In the second quarter Trent Raile scored on a 35-yard run.

The fourth quarter scored came on a 2-yard run by Raile with two point conversion on a pass from Trent Kinen to Josh carpenter. Raile entered the end zone from 3-yards out to complete the scoring.

"We have to come out of the gates with more fire like we showed in the fourth quarter or we will struggle," Coach Brett "Pete" Petersen.



PUTTING EVERYTHING INTO IT! Jude Faulkender put his foot into the ball at the Punt, Pass and Kick contest held Friday evening.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Association sponsors contest

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County sponsored Punt, Pass and Kick competition was held Friday evening prior to the St. Francis/Oakley football game.

The following youth participated.

Girls, age 8 and 9: (1) Kyla

Bandel; (2) Kailey Shay.

Boys, age 8 and 9: (1) Devon Janicke; (2) Jude Faulkender; (3) Shakotah Blanka; Lane Hobrock, participated

Boys age 10 and 11: (1) Walker Janicke; (2) Mason Schiltz; (3) Lane Hoffman; Joey McCormick, Wyatt Landenberger and Riley

Shay participated.

Boys, age 12 and 13: (1) Josh Robinson; (2) Isaac Schiltz; (3) Zach Gienger; Josh Teeters, Dylan Peter, Lucas Carmichael and Dillion Straub participated.

First place winners will advance to Sectionals in Scott City with date and time to be announced.

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