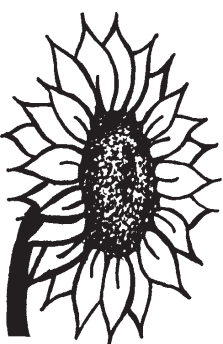


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At the Game

Indians
win 49-0

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians sputtered early in the football game on Friday night but came away with a major victory. Moving their record to 4-1, St. Francis overcame early turnovers to post a decisive 49-0 win. Hoxie also recorded several fumbles during the evening.

"There was some hard hitting and the ball popped out," Coach Tim Lambert said.

"We were a little lethargic at first but we settled down and played well. Hoxie came over ready to play."

The St. Francis/Hoxie game was the midpoint of the regular season, with the three district games appearing over the horizon. Sainty plays Quinter on Friday in Quinter and then begins the march to become one of two teams from District 14 to move into post-season play. St. Francis, Syracuse, Wichita County/Leoti and Rawlins County/Atwood make up District 14.

"Quinter looks like a pretty good football team," Coach Lambert said. "Turnovers cost them a couple of games. If they play error-free football they will collect more wins. "It will be a good test for our kids, after the long bus ride."

The number of St. Francis passes surprised fans on Friday night. The offensive scoring included two touchdowns and one successful conversion play through the air. The team had 65 passing yards with quarterback Ted Crabtree completed four-of-five attempts. Receivers included AJ McAtee, Adam Peter and Joel McAtee. Josh Carpenter received the pass from reserve quarterback Trent Kinen for the after-touchdown completion.

Play began with Levi Weeden kicking for St. Francis as Hoxie chose to receive the ball. They had their opening series of downs stopped by a fumble which was recovered by Joel McAtee giving the ball to the Sainty Indians. Unfortunately, the same things happened to St. Francis as they lost the ball due to a fumble on their second play from scrimmage.

Hoxie recovered their own fumble in the next series of play but were forced to punt as penalty yardage hampered their attempt to make a first down.

Play in the first quarter went back and forth with neither team keeping the ball for an extended period of time.

Things changed near the end of the quarter when the St. Francis defense showed their muscle. J. McAtee and Russell Rogers forced Hoxie back and on the next play Rogers again caught Hoxie in the backfield and Sainty received the ball on downs.

This time on the second play from



NUMBER 26, JORDAN GIENGER works his way around the pile up to gain yardage for the Indians. Sainty successfully defeated Hoxie to move their record to 4-1.

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scrimmage J. McAtee, who broke a tackle along the way, raced 55-yards for the first score of the evening. Sainty ended the quarter with a 6-0 advantage and a lead they would not relinquish.

The second quarter belonged to St. Francis. Although Hoxie had the ball at the beginning, St. Francis broke up a pass on a fourth-and-22 attempt and was in possession of the ball the majority of time preceding the halftime break.

They scored at 8:04 on a pass play from Crabtree to AJ McAtee with J. McAtee adding two after-touchdown points.

Weeden recovered a Hoxie fumble shortly thereafter giving Sainty good field position. A short drive was finalized when J. McAtee scored with 6:25 on the clock. This put St. Francis up 20-2.

The final touchdown of the quarter came on a longer drive that included three first downs, showing the Sainty team was playing well both offensively and defensively. Converting on a fourth-down play, which is a Sainty trademark, kept the forward action going.

The score was 28-0 when the two teams went to the locker room at halftime.

The Sainty Indians dominated again in the third quarter, with the result being two more Sainty touchdowns. Crabtree went in on a quarterback keeper for the first score and the second score was a result of Sainty taking advantage of a pass interception by Jesse Pacheco.

Pacheco also knocked down a

Hoxie pass late in the quarter.

After Pacheco's interception, Sainty had Kinen in as quarterback and Drew Zwegardt, Talon Jones, Matt Raile and Trent Raile, along with Pacheco taking turns in the backfield. The young Indians were moving the ball and the outcome was a touchdown by T. Raile. The competed conversion pass from Kinen to Carpenter made the Sainty score standing at 42 points.

Raile also went in for the final touchdown of the evening with a good kick from Jordan Gienger making the final score 49-0.

Sainty had a rushing yardage of 352, along with the passing yardage of 65 for a total offense of 417 yards. J. McAtee led the rushing with 158 yards on nine attempts for a 17.6 yard per carry average. David Guthmiller and Gienger, along with J. McAtee carried the ball the majority of the time early in the game.

Twenty-four players recorded tackles during the evening with Weeden leading with 14. BJ Killingsworth, J. McAtee, Justin Sherlock, Weeden and Rogers each collected sacks.

Team stats

St. Francis listed first followed by Hoxie: first downs: 13/4; rushing yardage: 352/5; passing yardage 65/50; total offense: 417/55; fumbles lost: 3/3; penalties: four for 40 yards/seven for 45 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: J. McAtee, 158 yards on nine attempts; T. Raile, 55 yards on five attempts; Guthmiller, 36 yards on 10 attempts; Gienger, 30

yards on eight attempts; Crabtree, 27 yards on four attempts; Zwegardt, 19 yards on six attempts; Jones, 18 yards on five attempts; Pacheco 11 yards on one attempt, M. Raile, 1 yard on one attempt; Kinen had one attempt.

Passing: Crabtree, five attempts, four completions, 65 yards, no interceptions

Pass receiving: AJ McAtee, two for 42 yards; J. McAtee, one for 19 yards; Peter, one for 4 yards.

Place kicking: Gienger, two attempts, one completion Kickoffs: Levi Weeden, six for 258 yards, a 43-yard average; M. Raile, two for 72 yards, a 36-yard average

Kickoff returns: AJ McAtee, one for 2 yards

Fumble recoveries: J. McAtee, one; Gienger, one; Weeden, one

Pass interception: Pacheco, one

Scoring: J. McAtee, 20; T. Raile 12; AJ McAtee 6; Crabtree 6 Gienger 3; Carpenter 2.

Tackles: Weeden 14, J. McAtee 9, Gienger 8, Peter 6, Rogers 6, Sam Sowers 6, AJ McAtee 5, Pacheco 5, Sherlock 5, MacFrewen 5, Crabtree 4, Killingsworth 3, Kinen 2, Brennon Wilger 2, T. Raile 2, Alex Long 1, Zwegardt 1, Carpenter 1, Keaton Frewen 1, M. Raile 1, Ketzner 1, Jones 1, Terrence Lamb 1, Tyler Larson 1.

Area scores

Weekend scores involving Northwest Kansas League teams: St. Francis 49, Hoxie 0; Oakley 28, Colby 6; Atwood 34, Oberlin 28 (overtime); Ness City/Dighton 16, Quinter 12; Hays over Goodland.



THE DEFENSE WAS TOUGH Friday night. Here Joel McAtee is about to reach the rummer and record one of his nien tackles of the evening.

Junior high plays two games

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis played both Hoxie and Rawlins County/Atwood in junior high football action during the week of Sept. 25. The Rawlins County game was a makeup of a rained out game which was to be held on Thursday, Sept. 21.

The record of the St. Francis team following the Hoxie game is 4-1, as Hoxie proved to be the one team which has outscored St. Francis this year.

St. Francis 32, Rawlins County 0

"Occasionally, when dealing with young men, you wonder if they are ever going to understand what you are trying to teach them," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Then, when you're about to throw up your hands that glorious light bulb goes on in their heads, and they show you they have actually been listening. It

is a rewarding feeling for the coaches and the kids.

"Our boys got rewarded Monday. Our offensive and defensive lines really came up big for us. We find ourselves undefeated at the half way point of the season with a huge game in Hoxie this week, that might well determine the league champions. Stay tuned..."

Scoring for St. Francis in the first quarter were Garrett Figgins on a 16-yard run and Adam Guthmiller on a 27-yard run. Guthmiller scored the conversion run after the first touchdown.

Guthmiller scored again in the second quarter, this time on a 3-yard run. Figgins went in from 40-yard out for the fourth score of the game.

The last touchdown was made in the fourth quarter on a 33-yard run by Figgins.

Hoxie 28, St. Francis 6

Guthmiller scored the six points for St. Francis on a 65-yard kick return in this contest. It was during the second quarter.

"We talk a lot to our team about the design of the system we play, emphasizing that the only two things that can really stop us are penalties and turnovers. It doesn't matter who you're playing essentially, as long as everyone takes care of their business, the only one that can beat us is ourselves," Coach Beims said.

"We certainly beat ourselves against Hoxie Thursday. Twice we were in the "red zone" about to score, and turned the ball over. Both turnovers resulted in Hoxie touchdowns.

"One need only do the math to realize that is at least a 24-point swing and, when you examine the final score, not much more needs to be said.

School Schedule

Thursday: high school volleyball, Holyoke, Wray, St. Francis at Holyoke, 4:30 p.m.

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

Monday: high school junior varsity football, Quinter at St. Francis,

4 p.m.; junior high volleyball, Colby at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.; junior high football, Colby at St. Francis, 6:30 p.m.; no school, teacher inservice.

Tuesday: high school volleyball, Wallace county, Triplains, St.

Francis at Sharon Springs, 3 p.m.; board of education meeting, 8 p.m.;

Schedule change

The junior high football game in Holyoke scheduled to be played on Oct. 12 has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Junior Varsity

Triangular with Cheylin and Decatur Community

By Betty Jean Winston

Volleyball action between junior varsity teams from St. Francis, Cheylin and Decatur Community was held on Tuesday night, Sept. 2 in Oberlin. St. Francis posted a win over the Cheylin team but fell to Decatur Community in three games.

The scores in the Cheylin match were 25-19, 25-17 while the outcome of the Decatur Community match included scores of 25-19, 22-25

and 14-16.

"These were both very exciting matches," Coach Jeff Olofson. "Cheylin played very well against us and the games went back and forth. We had balanced scoring from all the servers and this made a big difference. If each girl can score a couple of points when they serve we can generally play even with teams. It is when we get to serve and then miss or score no points that the other team can run off points against us.

"The Oberlin match was also

close. Oberlin plays excellent defense but the young Lady Indians matched them through most of the match. In the last game we missed three serves and made a couple of crucial defensive cover errors.

"As always I was very proud of the work ethic of these young ladies. They play hard and good things happen when a team plays with heart and enthusiasm. I continue to see improvement in the play of all the athletes."

Oberlin Tournament

20-25 and 12-15.

"This was a very long and unproductive day for the young Lady Indians. One of the things I have tried to emphasize is developing some consistency in play but Saturday we were extremely inconsistent," Coach Jeff Olofson said.

"We would play great for a play or two then make several mental mistakes. We missed serves just as we were closing in on the other team. If the young ladies weren't

trying hard it would be easy to explain but they really do hustle on every play.

"The teams we faced were all good teams. Norton had one of the best servers we have faced this year and we passed her serves reasonably well.

"The junior varsity has two week left in their season and we will work on becoming more consistent in play."

