

Basketball squad wins game at home

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indian basketball team put another game in the win column when they defeated Rawlins County 54-42 on Monday, Dec. 18. Saintry pulled out to a 10-0 advantage early in the game but when the Buffs began playing, they shut the Indians down. Saintry went into halftime with a one-point (14/13) lead.

"We knew when Atwood beat Hoxie Friday night that we would be in for a tough game," Coach Ward Cassidy said. "They packed in their zone and made us shoot from outside. The first half we couldn't buy a basket but we played really good defense.

"We opened the second half with Levi (Weeden) making two straight threes, then AJ McAttee made three long shots, and Ted Crabtree added one more.

"We got some great fast breaks off our defense and managed to hold on for the win.

"All eight guys that played did some good things but AJ McAttee had a fantastic game scoring 25 points and playing tremendous defense.

"Weeden and Crabtree also

scored in double figures with 10 each.

"To be six and one with our late start and assorted injuries just shows what competitors all the guys are," Coach Cassidy said. "When we shoot the ball we can really play."

The Indians finished with a 36.4 field-goal percentage and a 80 percent from the free-throw line (8-10).

AJ had a 75 percent field-goal average making 3-of-4 from beyond the arc and 6-of-9 from two-point range. He was 4-of-6 from the line. Joel McAttee, Weeden and Crabtree each were 100 percent from the line but were limited to one or two attempts.

Under the basket, J. McAttee and Adam Peter each had six rebounds. The team had an outstanding 40 deflections with Weeden leading with 11.

SF 10 04 23 17 54
RC 04 09 16 13 42

Scoring: AJ McAttee 25, Weeden 10, Crabtree 10, J. McAttee 5, Peter 2, Nathan Ketzner 2.

Rebounding: J. McAttee 6, Peter 6, Weeden 5, Crabtree 5, AJ McAttee 4, Mac Frewen 4, Ketzner 1.



TED CRABTREE PASSES the ball between two Buffalo defenders. Crabtree scored double figures (10) along with a three

pointer. He helped in the Indian victory.

Photo courtesy of Doug Ross

Lady Indians battle in loss to Rawlins County

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis Lady Indians were defeated 42-35 by Rawlins County on Monday, Dec. 18, in a hard-fought battle.

The Saintry Ladies kept the Lady Buffs from scoring a field goal in the fourth quarter but they collected nine points from the free-throw line to take the seven-point victory.

"We played good defense and pounded the offensive boards better than we have been," Coach Ted Busse said.

Scoring in the first quarter was what carried the Lady Buffs through the game. They had 14 points compared to six for St. Francis.

"We gave them too many offensive boards for points in the first half that led to most of their points in the first quarter," Coach Busse said.

Lauren Ross was 7-of-10 from the free-throw line for a 70 percent. She added six two-point shots for a total of 13 points. She also led the rebounding with nine, seven of them offensive.

Of Saintry's 35 rebounds, 21 of them were offensive. Besides Ross with nine, Alecia Zimbelman had seven and Holly Keller six.

Sidnee Crabtree had the only three-pointer connect although Saintry had nine attempts from beyond the arc.

Ross and Zimbelman each had five steals out of a team total of 15.

The Lady Buffs had a 40-percent field-goal average compared to 24.1 for Saintry. Rawlins County was also 58.8 percent from the free-throw line (10/17) compared to 42.1 for the Lady Indians (8/19).

"I do feel that we did get better and that is always the goal," Coach Busse said.

The team will hit the floor immediately at the beginning of January, actually Jan. 2, the night before school resumes on the 3rd. They will travel to Atwood to meet the Rawlins County Buffs.

SF 06 12 11 06 35

RC 14 11 08 09 42

Scoring: Ross 13, Flemming 6, Zimbelman 5, Crabtree 5, Keller 2, Joni Pevler 2, Elizabeth Gienger 2.

Rebounding: Ross 9, Zimbelman 7, Keller 6, Danielle Flemming 4, Crabtree 3, Gienger 3, Joni Pevler 2, Andrea Holzwarth 1.



SIDNEE CRABTREE moves down the court as Lauren Ross backs her up.

Photo courtesy of Doug Ross

Saintry junior varsity falls to Lady Buffs

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis Ladies junior varsity team played basketball on Monday, Dec. 18, in a rescheduled game with Rawlins County. The Lady Buffs won the outing 18-14 in two quarters.

Saintry got off to a slow start, having a two-point first quarter. The period ended Rawlins County 10, St. Francis 2. Saintry picked things up by scoring 12 points in the next frame but it was not enough for the win.

"The girls continue to work hard on their skills and this will help immensely toward achieving their goals," said Coach Larry Flemming.

No free-throw opportunities



were given St. Francis. They ended the game with 15 rebounds, six steals and four assists.

Leading scores were Sidnee Crabtree 6, Jamie Pevler 4, Andrea Holzwarth 2, Kattie Ford 2.

Joni Pevler led the rebounding with five and Elizabeth Gienger had three. Gienger also had four steals.

The team has a 2-2 record following this game.

St. Francis News

Christmas guests of Neil and Nancy McCumber were their son, Steve and his family of Aurora, Colo., and their daughter, Linda and her husband of Raytown, Mo.

Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday afternoon guest of LaVera Beringer. Guests of LaVera on Wednesday were Amelia Myer, Jerry and Alma Myer of Bethune. The Myers were LaVera's guest at the Windmill Restaurant.

Sunday dinner guests at the George Brimer home in Goodland were hosts, Rudy and Nancy Zimbelman, Eldon and Dorothy Palmer, George Brimer, Don Zimbelman and Mary Harper, Mike, Ginger and Dusti Chadwick, all of Goodland; Leon and Darlene Merklin, Dennis and Heather Merklin, Bradley Merklin and Pat Rose, Christopher Merklin and friend Desirae, all of St. Francis; Tammy Taylor, Brian, Jeff and Tenna of Colorado Springs, Jim and Debbie Satrah, Nicole, Curtis and Aaron of Ogallah, Mike and Cindy Mitchell, Kimberly, Andrew and Justin of Wilber, Neb.

Sunday evening guests at the Leon Merklin home were Dennis and Mary Merklin, Heather, Chris and Desirae, Bradley Merklin and Pat Rose, David and Dana Rose and Dawson, Mike and Cindy Mitchell, Kimberly, Andrew and Justin of Wilber, Neb.

Betty Confer joined the group on Christmas Day. The Mitchell's and Mrs. Confer traveled to Wray Monday afternoon to the home of Mike's sister and family, Sara and Richie

Beckman. The Mitchell's returned to their home on Tuesday.

Holiday house guests of Billy and Karen Krien were Troy and Jan Krien, Jessie and Jamie; Kelly Allen, Bridgette and Kyle; Todd Krien, Tyler Krien and Marilyn Krien. They all visited Bill and Leone Krien.

A Christmas holiday vacation was enjoyed by Betty Jean Winston. She attended a Christmas Eve dinner and gift exchange with Shawn, Leigh, Chase and Miles Legere in Overland Park and a Christmas Day dinner and gift exchange with Dan, Cindy, Jean and J.J. Winston in Ellsworth.

Obituaries

Edwin Otto Lauer

May 5, 1925 - Dec. 14, 2006

Eddie O. Lauer was born May 5, 1925, on a farm 15 miles northwest of St. Francis, Kan., to Christina (Magstadt) and Adam Lauer. Eddie died on Dec. 14, 2006, at his home in St. Francis.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, Edwin (who died in infancy), Fred and Rueben; and four sisters, Emma Schield, Anna Harsch, Ella Terrell and Barbara Laws.

Eddie was baptized in the Lutheran Church in St. Francis on June 21, 1925. He was confirmed into the American Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Francis on June 25, 1939. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church at the time of his death.

Eddie graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1942. While in high school, Eddie worked at a service station for Ted Smith and this is how he met his wife Florice (PeeWee) who was the Smith family baby sitter. Eddie and PeeWee were married in St. Francis on Oct. 1, 1944. Their only son Roger was born Oct. 17, 1945.

As a child, Eddie hated farming, but when both his brothers went into the service, Eddie gave up going to college so he could help his dad on the farm.

Then in 1949, Eddie worked for the Bureau of Reclamation when Bonny Dam was being planned. He did part-time survey work in the afternoons.

Also in 1949, the Lauer's bought the cleaning shop on Main Street in St. Francis. Eddie worked with PeeWee in the shop until 1961 when he began working for the ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service). He started work as a reporter measuring wheat, making farm storage loans, and being a commodity inspector...basically he did "a little bit of everything." When the ASCS office began

aerial photography (measuring from a photo map instead of measuring from the ground) the outdoor work began to slow down and he had to make a decision...either work a few months out of the year outside or go inside to desk work. In 1980, Eddie was appointed as Cheyenne County Executive Director and he maintained that position until he retired in 1986 after 25 years with the ASCS.

In 1973, Eddie's brother Fred developed leukemia and needed help on the farm so Eddie helped him out by doing some of the farming after he got off of work. In 1974, he took over operating the farm and continued farming until semi-retirement in 2002. Eddie continued raising cattle up to the time of his death.

Golfing was Eddie's favorite sport until back pain wouldn't let him play anymore so then he started fishing. He usually caught a lot of fish and held an annual fish fry at Riverside Recreation for several years. He also loved to hunt...ducks, geese, deer, rabbits, you name it.

Left to mourn his passing are: his wife of 62 years, Florice (PeeWee) of St. Francis, his son, Roger and wife, Darlene of St. Francis, grandson, Gerald and wife, Dawn of St. Francis and their children, Kоди and Tyler, grandson, Greg and wife, Maribeth of Parker, Colo., and their children, Dylan, Alex and Cooper, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis, with Pastor Ken Hart officiating. Internment was at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Pall bearers were friends, Pete Gienger, Bud McCall, Pete Kinen, Tony Gienger, Larry Carmichael and Mark Jenik.

The family has designated memorials for Peace Lutheran Church, Cheyenne County Hospital and Riverside Recreation.

Kenneth Lloyd Peck

Oct. 4, 1916 - Dec. 21, 2006

Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Kenneth Lloyd Peck, 90, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 4, 1916, in Wymore, Neb., the only child of Robert and Dencie (Harris) Peck. The family moved to Bird City in 1917, where Kenneth grew up and attended the local schools, graduating from Bird City High School.

On April 5, 1939, he married Viola Kehlbeck. He served in the United States Army from October 1943 to January 1946, stationed in Europe with the 17th Base Post Office.

The Pecks moved to Atwood in 1946, where he worked at the post office. In 1951, they moved to Goodland where Kenneth continued working as assistant postmaster in the post office, retiring in 1972 after 35 years of service.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where he had served as treasurer. Other memberships included Lutheran Brotherhood, Veterans of Foreign Wars - Lowell Coleman Post 1133, Goodland Elks Lodge 1528 and Promenader Square Dance

Club. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, playing cards and square dancing. He was especially proud of his nine grandchildren.

In 2002, the Pecks moved to Wheatridge Acres and later to the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a grandson, Brian VanAllen, and a great-grandson, David Baney.

Surviving family includes his wife, Viola Peck, Goodland; two sons, Doug Peck and his wife, Cheryl, Goodland; Kenneth Peck Jr. and his wife, Patty, Winter Springs, Fla.; two daughters, Barbara VanAllen and her husband, Robert, Wheeler; Rebecca Baney and her husband, Rick, Des Moines, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Dec. 28, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, with Reverend H.A. Lycett officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Kenneth Peck Memorial, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Extension Notes

K-State offers tips for sledding safety

It's winter in Kansas and Cheyenne County has already seen measurable snowfall.

To many, a good snowfall means a day of sledding. Sledding equipment available at many retail stores ranges from toboggans to snow disks. For the sake of rider safety, each type of sled is designed to be used in a certain position — either lying down or sitting upright. To help keep snow play safe, use these simple tips:

- Insist that children wear a bicycle helmet for sledding. In addition, wear thick gloves or mittens and warm, waterproof boots.
- Sleds should ride lying down with feet in front. If you sled down-

hill head first, you greatly increase the risk of head injury. Snow disks and plastic sliders are designed for the rider to sit upright. No one should ever ride while standing up.

- Children, ages 5 to 9, are most susceptible to sledding injuries. Parents of young children should not let them sled alone.

- Make sure the sledding path is free of hazards such as trees, fences, rocks, wire or bare spots, and does not cross a road or touch older children to check for these hazards.

- Only sled during daylight hours.
- Do not sled on icy hills. The hills should be snow-covered.

- Never hitch a sled behind a moving vehicle. The results can be deadly.

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Student News

Kansas Wesleyan University

Amy Grace of St. Francis was among the 145 students who were named to the dean's honor roll at Kansas Wesleyan University for the fall 2006 semester. Students who have a semester grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 and who have no incompletes are listed on the dean's honor roll at the end of each semester.

