

At the Game

Sainty defeats Hayes Center in overtime

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Lady Indian fans were cheering Friday night when the final buzzer sounded. In an overtime period, senior Sidnee Crabtree put a shot from the corner through the hoop for a 42-39 victory. Although Hayes Center had pulled ahead early in the overtime, Sainty came back and tied the score. Coach Larry Flemming called a timeout and the Sainty Ladies had 3 seconds to complete the play for the win. It was a good victory, the second of the year for St. Francis.

Joni Pevler had sent the game into overtime with a three-pointer to tie the game at 39-39 with just seconds remaining in regulation time. Each team had possession of the ball in the final seconds but turnovers were a problem.

The Lady Indians led at the end of the first period, 9-7, the score was tied at half time and Sainty went into the final period with a 25-22 margin.

Both St. Francis and Hayes Center have had a tough time putting games in the win column

this season. Each entered the game with just one win.

It was a battle every play of the game between two evenly matched teams.

"The team deserved this victory!!!!!!", Coach Flemming said. "They work very hard in practice and continue to improve their skills."

"It's our job as a coach to provide the girls with as many opportunities as possible to compete. The play we ran with only 3 seconds on the clock in overtime was a prime example. They knew when they left the huddle that they were going to take advantage of the situation. When the team believes in themselves lots of good things happen!!!!!!"

Sainty had four three-pointers connect, 13 regular field goals and four free-throws. They were not quite as sharp at the line as some games (4-11) but Elizabeth Gienger was 2-of-2.

The 34 rebounds and 16 steals helped cement the win, but 21 turnovers were a concern.

Crabtree scored 17 points for the home team and Gienger led



TRYING FOR A SCORE – Joni Pevler (12) aims for a score . Andrea Holzwarth (15) and Jami Pevler (11) await the outcome. Also pictured is Aubree Schleppe, St. Francis cheerleader.
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in rebounding with seven. All 10 players who participated collected at least one board.

Gienger and Crabtree each had four steals.

SF	9	4	12	8	9	42
HC	7	6	9	11	6	39

Scoring: Crabtree 17, Holzwarth 6, Joni Pevler 5, Jami Pevler 4, Christina Hilt 3,

Aly Marin 3, Elizabeth Gienger 2, Sarah Trembly 2,

Rebounding: Gienger 7, Holzwarth 6, Crabtree 4, Trembly 4, Marin 4, Jami Pevler

2, Joni Pevler 2, Jodie Hilt 2, Shayla Hilt 2, C. Hilt 1.



WORKING THE BALL IN was Matt Raile. In the back is Trent Raile, 23, and to the right is Sam Sowers, 54.
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Indians play extra contest

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The St. Francis Indian basketball team played two games the week of Jan. 19. The Hayes Center Cardinals arrived Tuesday night with their strong team which had only one loss for the year. St. Francis played an 18-point fourth quarter but could not outscore the Cardinals. The final was Hayes Center 74, St. Francis 48.

An additional game was added to the schedule on Saturday when St. Francis played Decatur Community to help give teams involved in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament three games each. The final score of this game was a close Decatur Community 69, St. Francis 65.

Hayes Center 74, St. Francis 48
Hayes Center, which is ranked in their class in Nebraska, displayed why they have a winning record on Tuesday night.

They outscored the Indians in every quarter, never letting up on the pressure until the final buzzer.

Trent Kinen with 14 points and Matt Raile with 10 were the leading scorers for Sainty. Kinen had four three-pointers and one other basket to make his total of 14 while M. Raile was 4-of-4 from the free-throw line to add to his two three pointers for his total.

The team as a whole was 9-of-14 at the line, 7-of-20 from outside and 9-of-21 from two-point range. There overall shooting percentage was 39 percent.

Trent Raile with eight rebounds was followed by M. Raile with seven, Kinen with six and Brett Lampe with five. The team had nine offensive boards, 23 defensive ones for a total of 32.

They added seven steals to their defensive stats, along with blocked shots by Kinen and M. Raile.

Twenty-two turnovers affected the offensive play.

SF	9	13	8	18	48
HC	18	17	18	21	74

Scoring: Kinen 14, M. Raile 10, Lampe 8, T. Raile 8, Drew Zwegardt 4, Jacob Riedel 2, Alex Long 2.

Rebounding: T. Raile 8, M. Raile 7, Kinen 6, Lampe 5, D. Zwegardt 2, Riedel 1, Long 1, Ethan Zwegardt 1, Sam Sowers 1.

Decatur Community 69, St. Francis 65

In this game the Indians scored in double figures in every quarter, making it one of their more consistent scoring games. Although the lead went back and forth between the Red Devils and Indians, Decatur Community was ahead at the end when it counted.

The Indians began the game with a 9-0 advantage but when the Red Devils got started they pulled ahead. Sainty came back and led 16-15 after the first quarter.

St. Francis had a good second

quarter to hold a 36-29 advantage. Decatur Community had a scoring spurt in the third to go ahead but the Indians closed the gap and held a 48-46 lead after three.

The last half of the final period saw the teams fight for the lead. Successful free-throws proved to be very important. With less than 2 minutes left, a free throw by Kinen tied the score at 65 but Red Devils came up with a basket and two free throws to take the win.

M. Raile had 22 points, Kinen 20 and T. Raile 10 in this game.

Kinen had 10 rebounds, and T. Raile three steals to lead in defensive stats.

SF	16	20	12	17	65
DC	15	14	17	23	69

Scoring: M. Raile 22, Kinen 20, T. Raile 10, D. Zwegardt 7, Sowers 4, Lampe 2.

Rebounding: Kinen 10, T. Raile 9, Sowers 6, M. Raile 4, D. Zwegardt .

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