

At the Game



SHAYLA HILT (19) bumps the ball while teammates, Christina Hilt (l to r) Mikaela Grace and Aly Marin, move into position for the next reception. Photo courtesy of Robert Grace

Tournament set for St. Francis on Thursday at 2 p.m.

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The St. Francis junior high volleyball team will be among those playing in the B-team tournament on Thursday. The Northwest Kansas League B-team tourney, scheduled in St. Francis, will be the concluding event of the year. Junior high A-teams will finish their year at the tournament in Colby.

The complete St. Francis squad will be taking part in the B-team event, said Coach Tina Elliott.

"There are just 12 players and, with the sickness going around and a few girls with aches and pains, plus the fact that the majority of the team are seventh graders, it was decided we not send a team to Colby," she said. "If we would not have six players at one of the tournament we would have to forfeit."

The St. Francis roster includes Bailey Merklin, Rande Grover and Aly Schlepp, eighth graders, and Valerie Wurm, Brianna Cooks, Dallas Reed, Ashlee Orth, McKayla Taylor, Mariah Beikman, Kyla Bandel, Echo Jones

and Justice Wiley, seventh graders.

League schools playing in St. Francis besides the Lady Indians will be B-teams from Oakley, Oberlin, Goodland, Hoxie, Colby, Quinter and Rawlins County.

Both school gyms will be used with pool play opening at 2 p.m.

St. Francis will be playing against Goodland in the grade school in game one while Oakley will meet Oberlin at the high school in game one. Game two will see Hoxie and Colby playing at the grade school and Quinter and Rawlins County at the high school.

Match winners will move to the winners' bracket to place first through fourth and losers will play for fifth through eighth place.

Team records include Oakley 9-1, Rawlins County 7-2, Hoxie 5-4, Goodland 5-6, St. Francis 2-3, Colby 3-6, Quinter 3-6, Oberlin 2-8.

As this is the final event of the year, St. Francis fans are encouraged to attend and support the Lady Indians.

Volleyball substate set for Saturday

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Volleyball substate playoffs are taking place on Saturday with the Lady Indians attending the Plainville tournament.

"We are excited to head into substate action," Coach Talley Morrow said. "The Lady Indians are climbing their way into a great program."

"We look forward to every challenge that is ahead of us and we celebrate the obstacles we have overcome this season."

"We appreciate all the support we have received from the community and we can't wait to get back together for next year's season."

Squads from Rawlins County/Atwood, Ellis, Hill City, Oakley, Decatur Community/Oberlin, Plainsville, Stockton, St. Francis, and Trego Community/WaKeeney will be involved in the Plainville meet.

Seedings for the tournament were not finalized until after *The Herald's* deadline. Check Indian News or the school's webpage for additional details.

Ten Lady Indians will represent St. Francis including Aly Marin Aubree Schlepp, Jodie Hilt, Mikaela Grace, Sarah Trembly, Kaitlin Figgins, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Kaycee Williams and Dale Northrup.

This is a single-elimination tournament so only the winners advance. Semi-finals and finals follow as teams advance from the opening rounds.

Other 2A substates will take place at Herington, Moundridge, Onaga, Oskaloosa, Pittsburg, St. Mary's Colgan, Solomon and Sublette.

The winners of these eight substates will play in the state tournament to be held in Hays on Saturday, Oct. 31.

St. Francis Round Robin

After a loss to Hitchcock County (22-25, 17-25) in the first set, the Lady Indians collected wins over Hayes Center (25-17, 25-16) and Cheylin (25-17, 25-17). At this point in the season, St. Francis had a 10-16 record.

The day ended with Hitchcock County being 3-0, St. Francis 2-1, Hayes Center 1-2 and Cheylin 0-4.

vs Hitchcock County 22-25, 17-25.

St. Francis was 88 percent at the service line in this match which the Ladies lost 22-25, 17-25. Four players were 100 percent. Only three aces were scored with C. Hilt having two of them and Aly Marin one.

Jodie Hilt earned 26 points in the serve-receive category. Thirteen of the 26 had the highest rating by Coach Morrow.

Ten kills were collected with Mikaela Grace having four, Kaitlin Figgins three, C. Hilt 2 and Marin one.

The team was 97 percent in assists and 75 percent on attacks.

Team leaders were C. Hilt with two aces, and she and Marin had the most serving attempts, Hilt was 9-of-9 and Marin 9-of-10; Grace had the most kills with four and Aubree Schlepp and Figgins each had five blocks.

vs Hayes Center 25-17, 25-16

The Lady Indians added to the win column with a 25-17, 25-16 match win over Hayes Center.

Team leaders included C. Hilt with two aces; Grace with 15 serving attempts of which she was successful 14 times; Figgins, C. Hilt and Grace had three kills each and Figgins and Grace had two stuffs each.

The team was below their goal

of 90 percent serving in this match. They ended up with 86 percent with 43-of-50 being good.

The team had six blocks with Grace and Figgins each having two and Kaycee Williams and Schlepp with one apiece. J. Hilt again led the team in serve receive attempts with 13-of-20 having a three rating.

vs Cheylin 25-17, 25-17

Playing against Cheylin, the Saintry Ladies earned another two-set match win. The final scores were 25-17, 25-17.

This round robin did not see the

usual 90 percent serves which the team has as their goal. In this match they were 42-of-49 for 86 percent. Schlepp was 9-of-10 to earn her spot as a leader by Coach Morrow.

"Wow," said Coach Morrow, concerning Marin's six aces. Also having aces were Shayla Hilt with two and Schlepp, C. Hilt and Figgins with one each.

Grace was the team leader with seven kills and Schlepp and Kaitlin had two stuffs each.

The team was 95 percent on assists and 90 percent on attacks.

Final match played

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The volleyball season is over for the junior varsity team. They met Wallace County on Tuesday, Oct. 13 for the final match. The evening ended with a loss for St. Francis to the tune of 15-25, 22-25.

"The junior varsity match started like virtually every other match

this year," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "We got off to a painfully slow start. Eventually we started to play but by then it was too late in that set."

"The second set went better but in the end Wallace County served a little better than we did."

The final record for the team was 5 wins and 20 losses.

Good Luck Lady Indians!



2009 VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Back row: Alyssa Lee, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Aubree Schlepp, Kaycee Williams, Dale Northrup, Mikaela Grace, Aly Marin, Sarah Trembly, Jodie Hilt; middle row: Coach Jeff Olofson, manager Emily Mullins, Tilyn Bell, Lexi Hilt, Trista Orth, Kaitlin Figgins, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Hayley Brown, Caitlin Northrup, Christina Schoenrogge, Coach Talley Morrow; front row: Nariah Hamilton, Laura Brunk, Clarice Neitzel, Jandy Dunn, Aubrey Mills, Krissy Harris, Aly Northrup, manager Taylor Archibald, manager Allison Grice.

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