

# At the Game

## Indians win two games at home

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The week of Jan. 10 saw the Sainty boys varsity basketball team play at home twice and win twice. On Tuesday night they met the Idalia Wolves and pulled out a 67-66 victory. This was a very close contest with Idalia scoring 27 points in the fourth quarter to nearly steal the win. The crowd had an exciting evening of cheering on the Indians.

On Friday night, St. Francis scored a Northwest Kansas League win when they topped Oakley 54-47. The Indians are now 2-2 in league play with wins over Rawlins County and Oakley and losses to Decatur Community and Hoxie.

This week the team is involved in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Oberlin. Sainty is in a pool with Decatur Community and Hoxie. The other pool consists of Quinter, Oakley and Rawlins County. The final placing games will be held on Saturday when teams from the two pools meet. Results will be printed in next week's Herald.

"We had a couple great wins for our program last week," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Now we need to take our show on the road in the league tournament. I have heard a lot of comments about how fun these boys are to watch. If you think they're fun here, you ought to see them in Oberlin..."

they are FANTastic. Come join us this weekend. We feed off your noise."

### Vs Idalia

In this nail-biting 67-66 win over Idalia the lead went back and forth in the second half. After Idalia had the advantage early in the game the Indians overtook them by half time with a 29-26 margin. Sainty pulled away further in the third quarter but the Wolves came roaring back and the two teams fought until the end of the final frame with each of them having the lead at one point or another.

"What a great win this was for our guys, and a testament to their character," Coach Jeff Beims said. "After a couple of tough losses last week, it would have been easy for these guys to 'check it in.' Vince Lambardi once said, 'Its not whether you get knocked down, but whether you get back up.' Not only did these guys get back up, but they were in a foul mood when they got there."

Seven players hit for at least one point in the game with Isaac Schiltz leading the way with 35. Seven players helped the team defensively with rebounds with Dylan Peter having 10. Also contributing to the defensive action were the five players who collected steals, led by Jonathan Butler and I. Schiltz with four each and offensively six players helped with assists. The players



ZACH ZWEYGARDT plays tough defense against the Oakley Plainsmen on Friday night.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

also adjusted when Brett Lampe was called out on fouls

"We could talk about individual or team statistics which were stellar against Idalia, but I'm more inclined to appreciate the intestinal fortitude of a group of young men who refuse to be anybody's doormat," Coach Beims said.

S 11 18 20 18 67  
I 15 11 13 27 66

Scoring: I. Schiltz 35, Peter 13, Garrett Figgins 9, Butler 6, Mason Schiltz 2, Keegan Sherlock 1, Brett Lampe 1.

Rebounding: Peter 10, I. Schiltz 4, Butler 3, Figgins 3, Matt Tygart 2, Sherlock 2, Lampe 1.

### Vs Oakley

The 54-47 win over the Oakley Plainsmen Friday night made it two in a row for the Indians in

their first week of home games since the Christmas break. It was a good way to go into the league tournament in Oberlin this week.

Oakley led at the end of the first quarter (14-12) but after that the Indians maintained their quarter advantage until the final buzzer. Although the lead was not large, Sainty was over Oakley by four points in the second quarter, three points in the third and two in the fourth.

"Oakley was another good win for us," Coach Beims said. "Although maybe not as exciting as Tuesday's win against Idalia, it was still a solid win for a team looking to prove it belongs in the discussion. Oakley is down a bit this year from where they've been in year's past (this is only the

second time we've beaten them in the last 10 years), but then that's what people have been saying about us, too.

"We always seem to get Oakley's best shot, and Friday was no different. Down the stretch we did the little things right (except make free throws...UGH!). We took care of the ball, we rebounded well, and we defended well. All of which made it difficult for Oakley to make a run on us late."

Three players scored in double figures, Peter with 18, I. Schiltz with 15 and Figgins with 14. This was a double-double game for Peter as he was in double figures in both scoring and rebounding and led the team in both categories.

Sainty was 61 percent in their field goals hitting 23-of-38. This

included 21-of-31 two's, 2-of-7 three's and 6-of-15 from the line. Zach Zweygardt was 100 percent from the line with 2-of-2.

Oakley did have the advantage in steals as the Indians had 16 turnovers and only four steals for the game.

Thirty rebounds were recorded with 11 of them being offensive boards. Peter collected 10 of them and the only Indian block of the game.

S 12 15 16 11 54  
O 14 11 13 09 47

Scoring: Peter 18, I. Schiltz 15, Figgins 14, Lampe 5, Zweygardt 2.

Rebounding: Peter 10, Figgins 9, Lampe 5, I. Schiltz 4, Zweygardt 2.

## Lady Indians split games with a win against Idalia

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The Lady Indians split their games this week. Tuesday night in St. Francis the Ladies defeated Idalia 59-40 in a non-league outing. The Sainty Ladies were at home again on Friday night where they lost a league contest to the Lady Plainsmen from Oakley. The final score was 66-34.

This puts the Ladies 0-4 in league play as they have lost to Rawlins County, Decatur Community, Hoxie and Oakley, the only league team they have not met is Quinter and they will play them on Friday, Feb. 25, in Quinter.

This week the first Northwest Kansas League Tournament is being held. Sites will be changing each year with the tournament in Oberlin this week. St. Francis is in the pool with Oakley and Rawlins County. Monday they played Oakley and on Tuesday they are slated to meet Rawlins County. On Saturday there will be games for final placings with the team matching up with the teams in the other pool (Hoxie, Quinter and Decatur Community). The tournament will be featured in the Herald next week.

### Vs Idalia

The Idalia Lady Wolves arrived in St. Francis on Tuesday, Jan. 11, for a game with the Lady Indians. By a score of 59-40, Sainty earned their fourth victory.

Sarah Trembly poured 18 points through the hoop with six field goals (two of them three's) and a perfect 4-of-4 from the line. She also had two rebounds, two steals and one assist.

Kaitlin Figgins also hit for double figures in this contest, having 13 points. She had six two-pointers and one free-throw. Figgins also tied with Jalyn McCauley in rebounds with eight.

Sainty hit 40 percent from the field (25/62) and 50 percent from the line.

Sainty went into the lead in this game when they had a better scoring first and third frame. The Lady Indians did have a slow second quarter, scoring only nine points.

"What an up and down game tonight was!" Coach Dinkel said. "We did some good things, made strides in the right direction, and took a few steps back in other areas (mainly our defense)."

"Hopefully, we'll get some things changed during practice, up the intensity, and get re-focused for Friday."

This is a hard time of the year, said the coach. There's not a lot of time to "fix" mistakes during practice.

"Hopefully, we'll utilize that time to really take care of what needs fixed and keep after it," she said.

Rebounds in this game included 20 offensive and 23 defensive for a total of 43 which is more than in most contests. Eight players collected boards.

S 14 09 18 18 59  
I 06 13 05 16 40

Scoring: Trembly 18, Figgins 13, Mikaela Grace 9, Jodie Hilt 5, McCauley 4, Shayla Hilt 4, Christina Hilt 4, Aly Marin 2.

Rebounding: McCauley 8, Figgins 8, Grace 7, C. Hilt 6, J. Hilt

5, S. Hilt 5, Trembly 2, Marin 2.

### Vs Oakley

Oakley defeated St. Francis by the score of 66-34 on Friday night.

The Lady Indians started much stronger than in some contest but then had three quarters where they managed less than 10 point each.

Figgins led the scoring, managing 12 points as the result of five two-point field goals and two free throws. Trembly added 10 points from three field goals (two of them three's) and being 2-of-2 from the free-throw line. Five other player contributed with the team hitting 13-of-43 for 30 percent from the field and 6-of-15 for 40 percent from the line.

"We played against a very solid team," Coach Dinkel said. "We played very well in the first half, but came out in the second half and played less aggressive defense and didn't look to shoot as much."

"We've got to hit our big girls inside and give them the opportunity to score when we are up against teams that are smaller than us. Hopefully, we'll improve on this as the year progresses."

Figgins pulled down the most rebounds with six and collected one block.

Only three steals were recorded with J. Hilt, C. Hilt and Marin each having one.

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O 18 14 19 15 66

Scoring: Figgins 12, Trembly 10, Grace 3, J. Hilt 3, McCauley 2, S. Hilt 2, Marin 2.

Rebounding: Figgins 6, McCauley 4, C. Hilt 3, Marin 3, Grace 2, Trembly 2.



KAITLIN FIGGINS works her way to the basket during a recent game.

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## Coming Soon:



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## Wrestlers begin busy schedule

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The junior high wrestlers are preparing for their first competition, which takes place today (Thursday). The team will compete with Rawlins County beginning at 5 p.m. in St. Francis.

The team includes five eighth graders and nine seventh graders.

The Decatur Community quad and the Norton competition are new this year, replacing meets with former league teams Colby and Goodland. The Northwest Kansas League Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 22 in Oberlin.

Coaching the team again this year will be Steve Jenkins, head coach, with Bruce Swihart as assistant coach. Adam Guthmiller is a student coach.

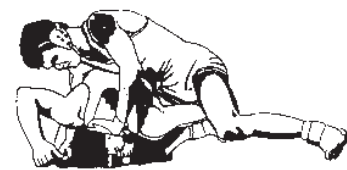
### Roster

Eighth grade: Riley Shay, Tanner Gilliland, Cade Bracelin, Jon Hoard and Shakotah Blanka.

Seventh grade: Phillip White, Clay Cassaw, Travis Rogers, Garrett Brunk, Lane Hobrock, Justin Pacheco, Austin Patton, Blake Meyer, Jude Faulkender and Jesse Jenkins.

### Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 20: Rawlins County, here;



Thursday, Jan. 27: Hoxie, there;

Thursday, Jan. 3: St. Francis, Phillipsburg, Rawlins County, Decatur Community at Oberlin.

Thursday, Feb. 10: St. Francis, Norton, Stockton, Smith Center, Ellis at Norton;

Thursday, Feb. 17: St. Francis, Hoxie, Trego, Oakley, Rawlins County at Atwood

Tuesday, Feb. 22: Northwest Kansas League at Oberlin.