



## The Saint Francis Herald

# At the Game

## Boys basketball team plays make-up games

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What a busy week. Two make-up games and a regular season contest had the Indians playing on Monday and Tuesday at home and Friday on the road.

The Monday night game was a make-up game with Wallace County/Sharon Springs. This game had fans on their feet with excitement but the Wildcats pulled out a 60-56 victory in a non-league contest.

Tuesday night things turned around and Sainty scored a 58-47 win over Triplains/Btwester.

Friday in the final Northwest Kansas League contest, Sainty met a strong Quinter Bulldog team and lost 77-41. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 17-3 record.

St. Francis moves into substate action with an 8-12 record.

### Vs Wallace County

This was an exciting game throughout as the lead began changing back-and-forth in the first quarter. The Indians went ahead at one point in the middle of the quarter and then with a last second shot had the advantage 14-12.

The second quarter belonged to the Wildcats as they moved in front midway through the period and used three-pointers to gain a 38-30 advantage by half time.

The Indians moved back to within two points during the third quarter but by the end of the period Wallace County was up 52-43.

Sainty was definitely in the game in the fourth quarter and came within one point during the period. They found it necessary to foul the Wildcats to gain possession of the ball but when the final buzzer sounded Wallace County had a 60-56 win.

"The loss to Sharon Springs was a frustrating loss, because we played pretty well, but just couldn't cool off their shooters," Coach Jeff Beims said.

The Indians had 30 rebounds Monday night with 11 offensive and 19 defensive. Dylan Peter led the way with 13. The Indians collected only three steals in the game with Brett Lampe having two of them.

"We were kind of soft defensively in the first half, but I thought we played much better team defense in the second half," Coach Beims said.

"We rebounded well, looked to get out in transition, ran our offen-



ST. FRANCIS INDIAN GARRETT FIGGINS (with ball) is being guarded very closely in action in St. Francis. Matt Tygart (41), Brett Lampe (21) and Jonathan Butler (4) are there to help the Indians retain ownership of the ball.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

sive sets well, and kept turnovers to a minimum."

Four players hit in double figures in this game with Garrett Figgins having 17, Peter 12 (he was in double figures in both scoring and rebounding for a double-double night), Jonathan Butler 12 and Isaac Schiltz 11.

"We didn't shoot particularly well from beyond the arch, hitting only 2 of 13, and free throw percentage has been a frustration for us off and on all year," Coach Beims said.

"As fans, we often look at the shots made or missed in the last 2 minutes of a game, when in fact that lay up we missed in the second quarter, or the front end of a 1 and 1 we missed in the third are just as culpable for a loss."

S 14 16 13 13 56  
W 12 26 14 08 60

Scoring: Figgins 17, Butler 12, Peter 12, Schiltz 11, Lampe 2, Matt Tygart 2.

Rebounding: Peter 13, Schiltz 6, Figgins 5, Lampe 4, Tygart 1, Butler 1.

### Vs Triplains/Brewster

The Indians came back after the Monday night defeat and outscored Triplains/Brewster 58-47. The Indians put the most points, 20, through the hoop in the final quarter.

"I guess it was good to get a win, but I was not at all pleased with our effort Tuesday night," Coach Beims said. "Due to shrinking numbers Brewster is just not the team they were a few years ago, and our guys thought they could just coast to a victory. We aren't good enough to coast to a victory."

"Our successes have come this year from a willingness to outwork our opponents and do the little things that don't show up on a stat sheet. Things like good defense, rebounding, and winning the fight for loose balls. We sort of let Brewster do whatever they wanted assuming

that we would eventually outscore them. Although we did, it was a much closer affair than I would have liked."

Peter led the team in this contest, scoring 19 points. He hit on two of his three three-point attempts and on all three of his free-throw opportunities plus 7-of-11 from two-point range. Schiltz added 11 points from five two-pointers and hitting his only free-throw attempt. The team was 8-11 from the line.

The rebounding was also led by Peter who had 15 for the game. This was the second contest in a row he had led collecting boards.

The team had 10 steals, 10 assists and two blocks.

S 12 17 09 20 58  
B 10 06 14 17 47

Scoring: Peter 19, Schiltz 11, Butler 7, Figgins 6, Lampe 6, Zweygardt 5, Tygart 4.

Rebounding: Peter 15, Lampe 6, Figgins 3, Schiltz 3, Butler 1.

### Vs Quinter

The Indians finished the up-and-down week with a loss to Quinter, a league opponent. The final score was 77-41.

The first quarter told the story as Sainty was outscored 50-15 by halftime. They did put 18 points on the board from successful shots in the third quarter but Quinter outmatched them with 20 points so there was no gain.

Schiltz with 17 points led the team in this game. He was 3-of-6 from beyond the arch for 50 percent and 9 points. He also hit both of his free-throw attempts. The Indians only had four attempts at the line for the entire game.

Having the best field-goal percentage was Figgins, who hit 6-of-7 for 86 percent

"Quinter was about as disappointing a loss as we have had in a while," Coach Beims said. "As usual, Quinter has a good team, but so

do we. Yet we reverted back to our old ways against them. We turned the ball over 16 times in the first half, and were outscored 29-4 in the second quarter as a result."

Sainty had seven steals in all against Quinter. Butler had three of them.

Under the basket, the Indians managed 22 rebounds with Peter leading with seven.

"We have done a good job of beating the press all year, yet against Quinter we turned the ball over repeatedly, completely abandoning everything we've practiced this year. In other words, we lost our composure. If we want to be considered a good team, we cannot let those kind of things happen."

Although the coach said the team has had some frustrating losses in the last couple weeks, he remains confident that this team has the potential to turn it around.

"Stay tuned," he said.

## Ladies outscore opponents

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The week of Feb. 21 saw the Lady Indians add two wins and a loss to their season record. The wins were over Wallace County (66-61) and Triplains/Brewster (40-33) while the loss was to Northwest Kansas League opponent, Quinter (42-44). The Quinter loss was a very close game but the loss kept the Lady Indians from having a 3-0 successful week.

The Ladies moved into substate play on Tuesday night in Atwood against the Rawlins County Lady Buffs with a 7-13 record

### Vs Wallace County

In the first make-up game played the week of Feb. 21, St. Francis met Wallace County. This game, originally scheduled for Feb. 8, ended with the Lady Indians scoring a 66-61 victory. This was an exciting win for the Ladies on their home court.

Wallace County led the scoring in the first period and also at half time but during the second quarter the Sainty Ladies narrowed the gap by increasing their offensive output. They also held the Lady Wildcats to fewer points than in the first quarter. Near the end of the second frame, Sainty and Wallace County exchanged the lead more than once. The first half ended with Wallace County ahead.

The third quarter saw Sainty move ahead by having a 20-point period and the score after three was St. Francis 46, Wallace County 41.

The St. Francis crowd was cheering the Lady Indians on during the fourth quarter, especially near the end when the score went back and forth and at times was tied. The two teams used fouling as a device to gain possession of the ball and when the final buzzer sounded Sainty had the 66-61 win.

"What a great game!" Coach Susan Dinkel said. "This is the first time since December

that we have had a complete game. I was extremely pleased with the team. They fought hard when we were down during the first half to go into half time down by 1. Then, we came out and were just aggressive on defense.

Three players led the scoring for Sainty with Aly Marin having 13, Mikaela Grace 12 and Kaitlin Figgins 10. Two 20-point periods in the last half was one of the better halves this year.

The team collected a total of 42 rebounds for the game with Grace having a double double night adding 12 rebounds to her 12 points.

"I believe that we had more rebounds this game than we've had in a long time," Coach Dinkel said. "I hope this type of play continues into next week."

Six steals were recorded in the game with Sarah Trembly having three and Jodie Hilt, Christina Hilt and Marin, one each.

S 12 14 20 20 66  
W 19 10 12 20 61

Scoring: Marin 13, Grace 12, Figgins 10, Trembly 9, C. Hilt 9, J. Hilt 6, Jalyn McCauley 5, S. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: Grace 12, Figgins 9, Marin 9, J. Hilt 6, C. Hilt 3, McCauley 2, S. Hilt 1.

### Vs Triplains/Brewster

The second make-up game of the week was on Tuesday night with Brewster/Triplains. This 40-33 victory gave the Lady Indians their second win in two nights. The Sainty Ladies had also defeated Triplains/Brewster on Dec. 11 by the score of 49-39 during the Tumbleweed Classic Tournament.

In the Tuesday battle the Sainty Ladies began the game behind as they had on Monday night. It was not until in the second period that they tied the game and went ahead and by half time had a 25-22 advantage

The Brewster scoring was very low in the third period as they had only two points but St. Francis did not pull away

by a large amount as they had only eight points. Neither team was in double figures in the fourth quarter either, with Brewster having nine and Sainty seven.

"Although this would typically be the type of game that our girls would be successful with (very aggressive game), we just struggled getting offensive boards and putting our 4-foot shots in the basket," Coach Dinkel said. "We played great defense at times, but, we just couldn't get things flowing offensively."

The Lady Indian scoring was distributed among nine players, showing a team effort. Marin was high with seven points.

The team members shared the rebounding duties also. Grace had seven to lead the eight players who contributed.

S 10 15 08 07 40  
B 13 09 02 09 33

Scoring: Marin 7, Figgins 6, J. Hilt 5, Grace 5, Trembly 5, S. Hilt 4, Clarice Neitzel 3, McCauley 2, C. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: Grace 7, J. Hilt 4, C. Hilt 4, Trembly 3, S. Hilt 3, McCauley 3, Figgins 2, Marin 1.

### Vs Quinter

"It was a hard-fought game, but in the end, we just couldn't get the victory," Coach Dinkel said.

The final score in the last regular-season game was Lady Bulldogs 44, Lady Indians 42.

"In this contest, Figgins was the leading scorer with 14 points. She collected five field goals for 10 points and added 4 free throws for the additional four points.

"We had the lead, but just had mental lapses where we would foul, turn the ball over, and forget to rebound," Coach Dinkel said. "All those things added together and Quinter capitalized on them."

St. Francis was ahead by two points after one quarter, six points at halftime and three points after the third quarter.

Quinter came up with 18 points in the final frame to shift the power to their side of the scoreboard.



SENIOR JODI HILT puts pressure on her opponent, hoping to hinder her advancement down the court.

Herald staff photo by Kristi Guthmiller

"We had an opportunity to tie in the last 3 seconds, took a great shot, but it just went off the rim," Coach Dinkel said. "Playing four close games in 7 days is a hard task for any team to do."

Grace and Figgins led in rebounds with seven each while C. Hilt had the most steals with four.

S 10 13 06 13 42  
Q 08 09 09 18 44

Scoring: Figgins 14, Grace 6, S. Hilt 6, J. Hilt 5, C. Hilt 4, Marin 3, McCauley 2, Trembly 2.

Rebounding: Grace 7, Figgins 7, C. Hilt 5, McCauley 2, J. Hilt 2, S. Hilt 2, Marin 2, Trembly 1.