

At the Game

Team loses several seniors by graduation

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The first substate game for the Lady Indians took place on Tuesday, March 1. St. Francis was placed in the Oberlin 2A substate and traveled to Atwood for the opening game. A loss to the Lady Buffs of Rawlins County finished the season for the Sainty Ladies with Rawlins County moving on in the playoffs. The final score was Rawlins County 56, St. Francis 32.

With the closing of the season, Mikaela Grace, Christina Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Aly Marin, Jalyn McCauley and Sarah Trembly played their last high school basketball contest. The record for the season was 7-14. An overview of the year will be published in the March 17 issue of *The Herald*.

"It is unfortunate that we had to complete our season playing the way we played Tuesday night..." Coach Susan Dinkel said. "It appeared as though we were just 'going through the motions' on offense, not really setting great screens, not rotating, not moving. It was almost as though we were in a thick mud that wouldn't release our feet!"

As happened when the Lady Indians met the Lady Buffs earlier in the season, Chvatal of Rawlins County, who is 6 foot, 2 inches, was able to score a number of points, in this game it was 27. She also was the leading rebounder for the opponents with 12.

Sainty fell behind in the score in the first quarter and was down 32-14 at the half. The gap widened to 24 points before the final buzzer.

J. Hilt had nine points for Sainty, with five of the points coming at the line. Sainty had 22 attempts from the line, hitting 14 of them, with J. Hilt having the most with 5-of-6 for 83 percent. McCauley was perfect at the line with 2-of-2 and the team as a whole was 64 percent.

Hitting eight points each for the Ladies were Trembly and Kaitlin Figgins.

The team tried to catch up with 10 three-point attempts but they were not successful in hitting the hoop.

"Defensively, we struggled inside against their big girl (Chvatal)," Coach Dinkel said. "We just couldn't stop her. Our guards did a great job pressuring their guards, and I was certainly pleased with that aspect of our game."

Sainty had 19 rebounds, and 10 steals compared to 15 turnovers. J. Hilt and Figgins each had four boards.

S 08 06 10 08 32
R 12 20 14 10 56
Scoring: J. Hilt 9, Trembly 8, Figgins 8, Marin 3, McCauley 2, C. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: Figgins 4, J. Hilt 4, Grace 3, McCauley 2, Clarice Neitzel 2, Laura Brunk 1, S. Hilt 1, C. Hilt 1, Marin 1.



SHAYLA HILT is one of the senior on the Lady Indian team this year. She has been active in basketball since she entered junior high.
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Monday Night Mixed 2/21

Team standing: Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing.

High game (scratch): Merklin Construction; (handicap): Merklin Construction, Earl's Mowing, ABC-Z.

High game men (scratch): Eddie Zuege, Earl Hankins, Arrie Cox; (handicap): Zuege, Hankins, Cox.

High series women (scratch): Zuege, Hankins, Cox; (handicap): Zuege, Hankins, David Morris.

High game women (scratch): Pat Rose, Janice Krien, Dorothy Hankins; (handicap): Rose, Vickie Cox, Krien.

High series women (scratch): Krien, Rose, Hankins; (handicap): Krien, Cox, Hankins.

Wednesday Night Men 2/23

Team standing: 2001 Electronics, Idalia JV, Haigler 1, Krien Steel, Cheyenne Bowl, Wright and Wong, Haigler 2, Bonanza Ford.

High game (scratch): 2001 Electronics; (handicap): 2001 Electronics.

High game men (scratch): Bill Carpenter, Bob Lippert; (handicap): Carpenter, Lippert, Chris Zuege.

High series men (scratch): Lippert, Carpenter, Eddie Zuege; (handicap): Lippert, Carpenter, Darrell Webster.

Ladies Night Out 2/24

Team standing: Yehas, Wray Meat Packing, Bier's Maids, Wright Carpet, Bankwest, Strikers, Dundy Ag.

High game (scratch): Wray Meat Packing; (handicap): Bankwest.

High game women (scratch): Renea Mathies, Nancy Vernon; (handicap): Mathies, Vernon, S ally Priest, Mathies, Connie Brown.

High series women (scratch): Mathies, Vernon, Mary Bier; (handicap): Mathies, Vernon, Brown.

Monday Night Mixed 2/28

Team standing: Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing.

High game (scratch): ABC-Z, (handicap): Western State Bank.

High game men (scratch): Eddie Zuege, Brad Merklin, Earl Hankins; (handicap): Zuege, Scott Wacker, Hankins.

High series men (scratch): Zuege, Hankins, Arrie Cox; (handicap): Zuege, Wacker, Merklin.

High game women (scratch): Janice Krien, Pat Rose, Rachel Schmidt; (handicap): Schmidt, Krien, Rose.

High series women (scratch): Amelia Zuege, Krien, Connie Wilger; (handicap): Schmidt, Wilger, Maggie Smith.



DYLAN PETER SCORES 10 points for Sainty in sub-state game in Leoti.

Herald photo by Krisit Guthmiller

Three seniors play their final game for St. Francis

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Three Indians played their last game for St. Francis last night in Leoti. The seniors, Brett Lampe, Garrett Figgins and Zach Zwegardt, and the rest of the team, were involved in the opening round of substate action in Leoti against Wichita County. Substate is a single elimination tournament and St. Francis was eliminated by Wichita County. The final score was 69-46.

"We just forgot to show up against Leoti Monday night," Coach Jeff Beims said. "They scored 14 points before we even got on the board, and from then on it was an uphill affair."

When you fall behind so early in the game the pressure is on. Wichita County did not let up widening the distance

between the two teams on the scoreboard.

Seven players scored for St. Francis with Jonathan Butler having 13 and Dylan Peter 10. Butler and Peter both used outside shooting to earn the highest point totals. They each were 2-of-3 from outside the arch for six of their points.

"We were absolutely destroyed on the boards early in the game, which hindered any chance of a come back," Coach Beims said. "To our boys' credit, they never gave up, but I don't think their heart was in it."

Five rebounds were collected by Butler, who was the team leader.

The team had only five steals compared to 22 turnovers.

"We talked a lot about changing the culture of Indian basketball

this season," Coach Beims said. "There seems to be a prevailing attitude among players, patrons and even opponents that St. Francis teams are always poor to 'middlin'."

"Occasionally they get a group of kids that have talent, but generally they aren't very good. We wanted to change that perception this year."

"In some cases I think we did, when you look at the body of work of the entire season. However, when it counted down the stretch, whatever 'swagger' we had disappeared."

S 08 15 10 13 46
W 20 20 17 12 69

Scoring: Butler 13, Peter 10, Lampe 7, Isaac Schiltz 5, Mason Schiltz 2, Matt Tygart 1.
Rebounding: Bulter 5, Schiltz 3, Peter 2, Figgins 2, Lampe 1,

Junior varsity finishes year

The junior varsity Lady Indians played their last home games of the season on Monday night and Tuesday night, Feb. 21 and 22. They were both make-up games from early in February.

Sainty defeated Wallace County 41-35 on Monday night. Against Brewster/Triplains the next night, in a two quarter game, the final score was St. Francis 22, Brewster/Triplains 12. Tuesday night was Parents' Night.

Vs Wallace County

St. Francis had a slow start against Wallace County but picked up their scoring by the second quarter and earned a 41-35 win.

"This was a great game for our girls," Coach David Morrow said. "After a terrible first quarter, we were able to tighten up our defense and hold the Wildcats to single digits in the remaining three quarters of play."

"It was fun to watch the ladies take control of the game in the second half. Aly (Schlepp), Clarice

(Neitzel) and Laura (Brunk) were able to jump start our offense and get us into a better flow."

The end of the game found the team once again in the position of having to make free throws to preserve a victory, said the coach. Rande Grover stepped up and made all of her four free throws in the last few moments of the contest.

"Every girl on the team contributed to this win," Coach Morrow said. "Our two smallest players, Shelby Cassaw and Aubrey Mills, both played great defense and contributed important baskets. Shelby's basket, ironically, came from the post area. Aubrey scored on a steal and lay-up."

Scoring:
S 07 12 10 12 41
W 14 03 10 08 35

Scoring: Neitzel 13, Schlepp 11, Brunk 7, Grover 6; Mills 2; Cassaw 2.

Vs Brewster/Triplains

This shortened contest saw the

Lady Indians finish a successful home stand, by earning their second victory in a row. The final score was 22-12.

"For the second night in a row we had a slow start," Coach Morrow said. "Brewster/Triplains had some quickness in one position that gave us fits. Once we got our bearings, however, we played much better and took control of the game."

It was a great experience getting to play against essentially varsity players, the coach said. The Sainty girls learned how to defend against that speed just a little better, and had to play tough in the lane to work against some taller players, said the coach.

"As poorly as the ladies and I felt we played throughout most of the contest, we still managed to take a 10-point win," Coach Morrow said.

Neitzel led the scoring for the evening with 11 points.

S 08 14 22
B 05 07 12

Girls have winning season

The junior high basketball teams played in the Northwest Kansas League tournament the week of Feb. 21. The opening games were played on Monday and the championship games on Thursday.

Both team had a winning record this year and provided a lot of excitement for their fans.

The A-team finished the tournament in second place and the B-team in third place.

A-Team

The A-team defeated Decatur Community in the opening game by the score of 29-26. The Sainty team was defeated in the championship game by Hoxie with a final score of 58-28.

"We played a hard-fought game against Oberlin for the third time this season," Coach Ted Busse said. "We were behind for three and a half quarters before we took the lead and finished the deal."

Leading the scoring were Kyla Bandel with eight points and Justice Wiley with seven.

"I was extremely proud of these girls in this game as we fought hard and played hard to earn the victory.

S 05 07 04 13 29
D 08 10 06 02 26

Scoring: Bandel 8, Wiley 7, Mckayla Taylor 5, Echo Jones 3, Dallas Reed 2, Ashlee Orth 2, Mariah Beikman.

Quarter scores and team scoring was not available for the Hoxie game but the final score was Hoxie 58, St. Francis 28.

"In the championship game (with Hoxie) I felt we were 'mentally beat' and did not play with the confidence, desire and intensity to compete with Hoxie," Coach Busse said. "But with that said we played better basketball the last three quarters of this game. These eighth grade girls have some talent and potential and if they want to put a bunch of extra time into the game then they could have a good future."

B-team

The B-team lost to Rawlins County 30-16 in the first game but on Thursday they scored a 48-25 victory over Hoxie.

"We had a good day at the league basketball tournament in Atwood," Coach Busse said.

We got off to a slow start vs

Rawlins County as I believe we missed five lay-ups to start the game in the first quarter and we didn't find the basket until 1 minute in the second quarter. When that happens, it makes it tough to recover."

S 00 02 10 04 16
The Sainty Ladies were behind 13-2 at half time, 19-12 at the end of three and lost 30-16.

Scoring: McKenzie Taylor 5, Kylie Sherlock 5, Journey Lee 2, Emily Elfers 2, Sydney Sundstrom 2.

The season ended on a high note when the B-team defeated Hoxie 48-25 for third place.

"When we played Hoxie I was extremely pleased with our intensity and desire to compete and it showed as we beat a team that we had lost to earlier," Coach Busse said. "What a good and fun way to finish the season."

S 12 16 10 10 48
H 09 06 02 07 25

Scoring: McKenzie Taylor 30, Sundstrom 4, Sherlock 4, Reed 4, Lee 2, Elfers 2, Kattie Jenik 2.