

# At the Game



THE FOOTBALL team plays during the soap scrimmage held on Friday night at Greene Field.

Herald staff photos by Leslie McCormick

## Indian football team plays first game Friday

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Nine returning letter winners step on the football field this fall. The first varsity game will be on Colby Eagle territory Friday evening. Game time is 7 p.m.

Returning letter winners are: seniors - Martin Hnizdil, Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper and Ty Zwegardt; juniors - Zach Gienger, Dylan Peter, Dillion Straub, Dylan Wolaver and Thomas Douthit.

Hnizdil, Peter, Douthit and Gienger also received Northwest Kansas League Honors following the 2010 season.

Team captains are Gienger, Zwegardt and Peter.

There are seven seniors leading this year's team. The senior class has really stepped up as leaders, said Coach Nathan Smith.

Seniors include: Ty Zwegardt, Jon Butler, Brock Zwegardt, Martin Hnizdil, Paul Nelson, Sam Reed and Gavin Cooper.

We have a great group of kids out for football this year, said Coach Nathan Smith. They have been working hard and the coaching staff is looking forward to the season.

The kids spent the summer in the weight room. The program, "Powerzone," designed by Doug Boucher, was used.

"It is the program we used while I was at Smith Center during the team's state champion runs," he said.

The team travels to Colby on Friday. Colby is a non-district game and Eagle numbers are a lot more than those on the Indian team.

"They don't have to fight the numbers game that we have here at St. Francis," Coach Smith said. "They have lots of kids to pick from but I think we have quality kids here and that will benefit us in the long run."

Other non-district teams the Indians will be meeting are; Norton, Holyoke and Wray. The non-district teams will be played the first four games of the season with Colby and Wray being played away and Norton and Holyoke playing at Greene Field in St. Francis.

This year there are only six teams in the Northwest Kansas League. St. Francis, Rawlins County, Oakley and Oberlin/Decatur Community play 11-man while Hoxie and Quinter play 8-man football.

Next year, the league will expand and include Leoti which will have an 11-man team. Other new league schools with 8-man teams are Wallace County, Greeley County and Dighton.

Listed on the roster as quarterbacks are Butler and Sherlock. Returning on the line are Hnizdil and Straub; tight ends returning are Gienger and Peter; and in the backfield, Ty Zwegardt and Douthit.

The team roster includes: Seniors are listed above. Juniors: Casey Keller, Keegan Sherlock, Tyler Raby, Dylan Wolaver, Thomas Douthit, Dylan Peter, Michael Leibbrandt, Dillion Straub, Kaleb Zwick, Lucas Carmichael, Zach Gienger, Tony Meyer, Gus Jardine, Blaine Guggenmos, Foster Grant and Steven Nelson.

Sophomores: Derek Queen, Lane Hoffman, Wyatt Landenberger, Logan Lampe, Austin White, Gaten Cooper, Lenny Oliveras, Scott Warren and Matt White.

Freshmen: Cade Bracelin, Matt Howell, Kyler Zwegardt, Jon Hoard and Shakotah Blanka.

Coaches are Nathan Smith, Steve Jenkins, Hoagie Carmichael and Devin Dinkel.

Managers are David Leibbrandt, Eric Nelson and Taylor Archibald.



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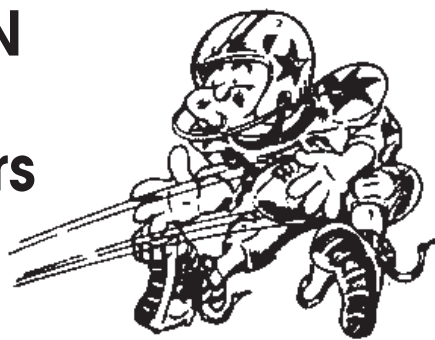
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