

At the Game

Sainty Indians lose non-league game

The first football game of the season found the Sainty Indians battling the Colby Eagles on Friday on the Eagle's home field. Colby, a non-league team, earned the win with a final score of 26-2. Colby scored 6 points in the first quarter, 14 in the third quarter and another 6 in the fourth quarter.

Junior, Foster Grant, scored the two Sainty points from a safety in the second quarter. Grant was also selected as Player of the Week by the MaxPreps website. He is a first year starter with little varsity playing time in the past. Foster was a force on defense and always found himself around the ball.

"We had some young kids get thrown into their first varsity game and for the most part they played alright," said Coach Nathan Smith.

The coaching staff knew coming into the season we'd have a lot of new kids playing that didn't have varsity playing experience, he said, but if and when things come together we're going to be a pretty good team.

Twice, the Sainty team was close to the goal line but couldn't put the ball over.

"We've got to find a way to get points on the board when we get into the red zone," Coach Smith said. "Coming away empty on two trips inside the 10-yard line in the first half changed the game."

The defense, he said, for the most part played sound.

The team had 165 yards of rushing in 47 attempts. Thomas Douthit led the way with 83 yards. Following were Dylan Wolaver with 53 yards, Jonathan Butler, 16, and Cade Bracelin, 10.

Butler completed a 25-yard pass to Dylan Wolaver.

Leading tacklers were Grant and Steven Nelson, with three



THOMAS DOUTHIT, 35, carried the ball for the Indians. Blocking for him is Scott Warren, 73, and Dillion Straub, 57.

each; Butler, Wolaver, Thomas Douthit and Dillion Straub each had two. Douthit led assists with 10 and Martin Hnizdil, eight.

Grant had one sack and

intercepted the ball. The Indians were forced to punt four times with Bracelin doing the kicking.

Kaleb Zwick was injured

The Indians will meet Norton on Greene Field Friday with game time starting at 7 p.m.

and carried off the field on a stretcher. He was treated for a head injury and released. He will need to undergo tests before he can resume playing.

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"We'll continue to work to be the best football team we can be," Coach Smith said. "This year's team was kind of a mystery going into the season as even the

coaching staff wasn't sure what we'd have on a Friday night but now we've seen what we are and can go to work to correct what needs fixed!"

The Indians will play the Norton Bluejays, also a non-league school, on Friday on Greene Field. The Bluejays beat Ellis 38-7 on Friday. The Indians will play two more non-league games, Holyoke, Colo., on Sept. 16, and Wray, Colo., on Sept. 23. The first Northwest Kansas League game will be with Oberlin on Sept. 30, at Oberlin.

Friday, Sainty fans are urged to come early to enjoy the booster club meal of hot dogs and hamburgers. They will be serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. leaving plenty of time for fans to find a seat in the grandstand and support the Indians on their home field.

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Lady Indians begin season

By Karen Krien

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The Lady Indians opened the volleyball season on Tuesday, Aug. 30, with a win over Golden Plains (25-18, 24-26, 25-9) and a loss to Hoxie (7-25, 17-25).

We played Hoxie really well, said Coach Talley Morrow. The varsity team is inexperienced on the varsity court, so it was eye-opening for a few of us, but our hustle was terrific and we scrambled for every ball.

Kaitlin Figgins is the only returning letter winner with 6 out of the 8 serves good and four were aces in the Hoxie game and Lexi Hilt had 23 of 27 sets being successful.

In the Golden Plains game, Laura Brunk had 24 of 25 serves that were good and three were aces. Lexi Hilt had 49 sets for 100 percent and 20 assist kills.

In the Hoxie match, Jacquelyn Ketzner had three digs and, in the Golden Plains match, Justice Wiley had six.

This is a busy week for the Ladies as they met Colby and Decatur Community/Oberlin here on Tuesday night (details next week) and will meet Wauneta/Palisade today (Thursday).

vs Golden Plains
25-18, 24-26, 25-18

The Lady Indians got their first win! Coach Morrow said. We played cohesively and went after each point, one at a time. I know that if they play as well as they did in this match, they will be able to contend with anybody!

The team has a goal of having 90 percent of their serves being successful. In this game they were 59 of 65 for 91 percent. Besides Brunk with 24 of 25, Hilt had 12 of 12 and Figgins had eight of 10.

Those having aces were Brunk, three; Figgins, two; and both Hilt and Ketzner had one each.

Justice Wiley had six digs. She



LEXI HILT sets the ball in a recent match.

Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

was followed by Figgins, Brunk and Caitlin Northrup with two each.

vs Hoxie 7-25, 17-25

Aces were hard to come by in this match, with only four made

by Figgins. Figgins also walked away with five kills.

"Come support us at our home matches next week and our upcoming tournaments!" Coach Morrow said.

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