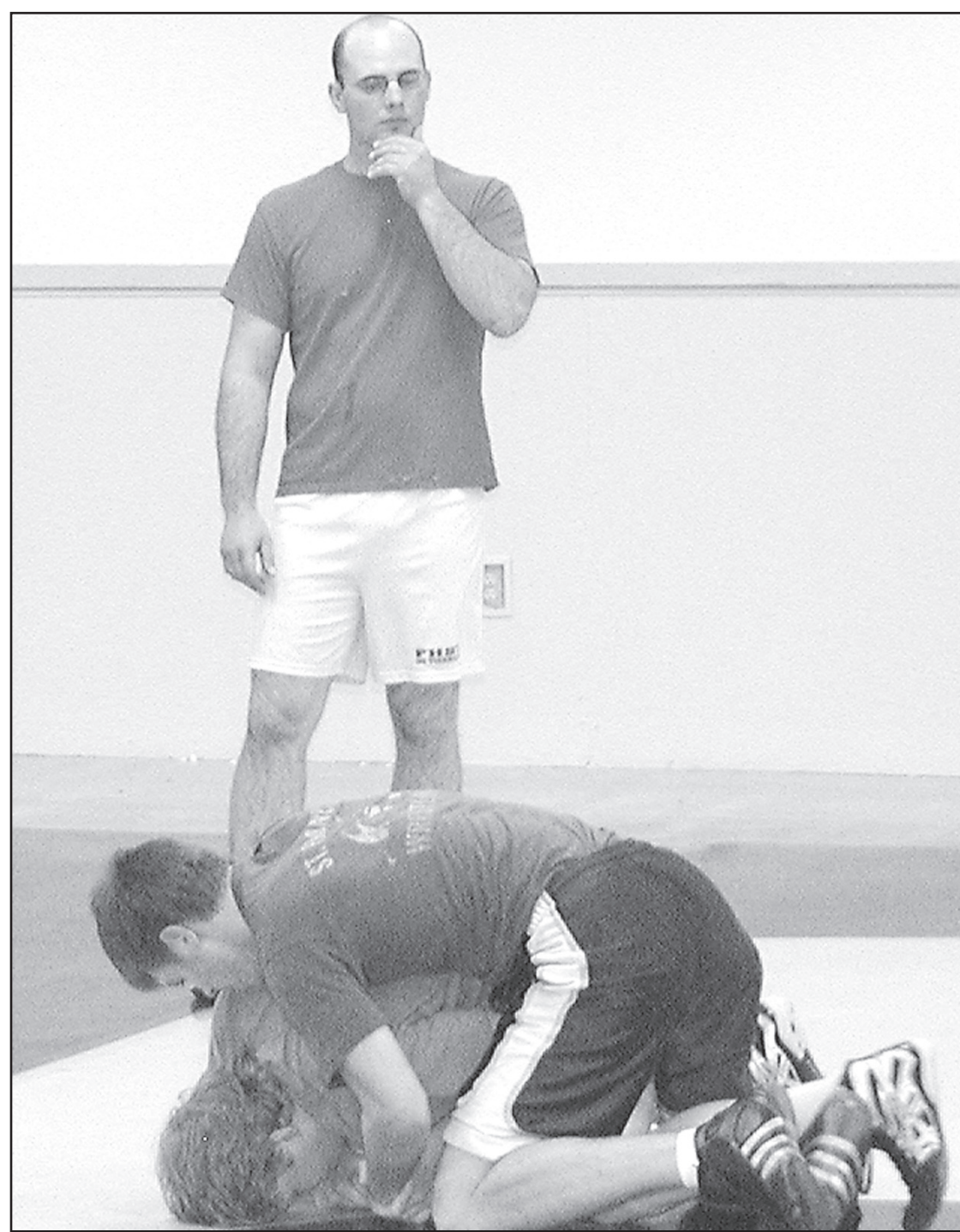




# At the Game

## Winter sports begin Thursday



**KYLE BUFFINGTON**, assistant wrestling coach, watches **Blaine Guggenmos** and **Logan Lampe** during practice on Monday. The team has a lot of wrestlers returning this year and all of them will compete in the Gabel/ Jenkins St. Francis Invitational wrestling tournament this Saturday.

*Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala*



**THE HIGH SCHOOL** girls basketball team started out practice with a light-hearted pick-up game on Monday afternoon. **Clarice Netzel** and **Kaitlin Figgins** fight for a rebound as **Coach Susan Dinkel** gets out of the way of flying elbows. The basketball teams will play their first game at home on Thursday against Dundy County.

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## Senior plays on all-league team

Kaitlin Figgins, senior on the St. Francis Community High School volleyball team, was a member of one of four teams that played in the



**Figgins**

annual 2011 Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Classic held Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Community Building in Colby.

Figgins was a member of the Black Team, which placed third. Other members of her team were Haley Dinkel, Hill City; Megan Heier, Wheatland/Grinnell; Tangie Hileman, Smith Center; Madison Orr, Phillipsburg; Allison Seib, Ness City; Jade Kruse, Heartland Christian; Mallorie Thibault, Osborne; Kellie Young, Weskan; Michaela Bienhoff, Thunder

Ridge and Emilie Taylor, Thomas More Prep-Hays. Their coach was Natausha Dreher, TMP.

Members of the Blue team were Erin Terrell, Norton; Alica Barnett, Healy; Michaela Sasse, Smith Center; Kiah Blau, Oberlin; Raegan Vanderplas, Phillipsburg; Kelsey Atchison, Thunder Ridge; Ashleigh Seib, Ness City; Shelby Heim, Hoxie; Brooke Hemmert, Oakley; Haley Dix, Stockton and Rachel Juenemann, Colby. Their coach was Christy Juenemann, Hoxie.

The Blue Team defeated the Orange Team 25-17, 25-22 in their first match. Playing for the Orange Team were Samara Rehfeld, Weskan; Kelli Rourke, Russell; M'Lynn Hinger, Goodland; Mackenzie Mense, Hoxie; Molly Schleicher, Stockton; Jenna Lang, Thomas More Prep-Hays; Ashlyn Thibault, Osborne; Jori Mote, Weskan; Kylie Stoecklein, Ness

City and Haley Pletcher, Sharon Springs. Their coach was Renelle Mooney, Russell.

In the other initial match, the White Team defeated the Black Team 25-20, 25-18. Members of the White Team were Carrie Pilkington, Oakley; Kelsey Keith, Hill City; Victoria Fuller, Smith Center; Kenzie Stoecklein, Ness City; Lauren Kuykendall, Weskan; Abbey Wolters, Atwood; Mackenzie Weiser, Oakley; Haley Thompson, Phillipsburg; Prairee Marlier, Lakeside; Casie Winchell, Thunder Ridge and Morgan Bell, Colby. Their coach was Morgan Welsh, Weskan.

The Blue Team advanced to the finals versus the White Team where they lost 17-25, 24-26 to place runner-up.

The Black Team defeated the Orange Team 25-17, 25-21 to place third.

## Junior high team plays Atwood

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The junior high boys basketball team traveled to Atwood on Monday, Nov. 21 to play the Buffaloes. The A and B team both won their games, while the C-Team lost.

"We made this game a lot more exciting than it really needed to be," Coach David Morrow said of the A-Team game. "Throughout the contest, we missed no fewer than 15 shots from the post area. We simply didn't score as many easy baskets as we needed to in the contest."

After being tied 12 up with Rawlins County at the end of the second quarter, Saintry pulled ahead and won the contest 30-22.

"We finally took control of the game by a series of truly bizarre events," Coach Morrow said. "After Carl Fabre scored a lay-up, the ball was in-bounded directly to Justin Pacheco, who made the easy basket. In the next instant, the ball was passed once again to Pacheco, who scored another basket from the post area. In about 10 seconds, we went from a tied score to being up by six points. Garrett Brunk's defense and transition play helped

to seal the game. Between Brunk and Fabre, we had plenty of opportunities to score points in the transition game."

Scoring for the team was Carl Fabre with 13 points, Garrett Brunk with seven points, Justin Pacheco scored four points and Taylor Rogers, Lane Hobrock and Jakob Church all scored two points apiece.

### B-Team

The B-Team Indians also outscored Rawlins County the entire game, winning 38-12.

"In this game, we were committed to working on things that would make us better basketball players," Coach Morrow said. "We played a lot of man-to-man defense, which for some reason is uncommon in this league. Rawlins County played very well against it at times, but we were able to exert some pressure and stay in control of the game. In the second half, a defensive switch got us going in the transition game, allowing us to run the floor and shoot some layups."

"Taylor Rogers practically exploded in the second half," Coach Morrow said. "All 17 of his points were scored in the third and

fourth quarters. Our other three guards, Travis Rogers, Quinton Cravens and Joel Hill all played very well in this game. When the opportunity to run the floor came to them, these guys took control and started scoring some points. Chris Hoard and Joel Hill both shot 100 percent from the line. It was a great effort by this group of guys."

Taylor Rogers led the B-Team with 17 points, Joel Hill had eight, Quinton Cravens had six, Austin Patton had four, Travis Rogers and Chris Hoard both scored two points apiece and Francisco Fernandez scored one point.

### C-Team

The C-Team lost out to the Buffaloes in two quarters by a score of 9-8.

"We lost the C-team contest to a very motivated Rawlins County team," Coach Morrow said. "We were not very sharp on offense and didn't get some of our shots to fall very well. In the final few moments, we had a couple of chances to win, but couldn't get a great shot at the basket. Chris Hoard scored all of our points."

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