

# At the Game

## Sainty wins close game over Hoxie

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Sainty worked hard on their home court on Friday, Jan. 6, to win against the Hoxie Indians 67-61.

Both teams were ahead and behind at times in the first quarter, which ended tied up 22 all. Sainty pulled ahead in the second quarter, but Hoxie kept it competitive and both teams were neck and neck throughout the game.

"This was a big win for us against Hoxie Friday night," Coach Jeff Beims said. "It puts us right at the top of the league standings, and a half game out of the top spot in our sub-state. As for the game itself I could not be more proud of these young men. They stepped up and beat a very good Hoxie team with great defense, rebounding and execution on offense. What I appreciated about this victory is that it was a total team effort. There wasn't any one player who had eye popping stats. We all just did our job."

Stats for the Indians were Isaac Schiltz with 23 points and one

rebound, Matt Tygart with 16 points and nine rebounds, Dylan Peter with 11 points and four rebounds, Mason Schiltz with nine points and five rebounds, Jonathan Butler with eight points and two rebounds and Wyatt Landenberger with one rebound.

"With a team like Hoxie, as the adage goes, you can't really stop them, you just hope to contain them," Coach Beims said. "When you look at the last minute and 11 seconds of the game Friday night, we blew that adage out the door. Our guys flat shut them down when the game was on the line, then hit our free throws when they were forced to foul us. They really had only one decent look at the basket and that was a three pointer they hit from 25 feet out, and our rebounding efforts left them with very few second chances.

"It was a good win, but it was after all, just one win. If we want to be in the hunt at the end of the year, we have to continue to bring this kind of team aggression and intensity to every game we play."

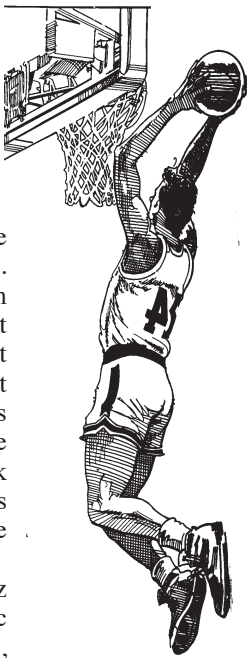
### vs. Golden Plains

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The boys basketball team won their first game back after the holiday break on home court against the Golden Plains Bulldogs by a score of 77-40. Sainty pulled into the lead early, ending the first half 43-17, and held onto it the whole game.

"It's good to get back home after a long stretch of road games, especially when we can play like this," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Golden Plains is down this year, but I'm always concerned our boys will take the night off when we play teams like this. We did not do that against Golden Plains. We came out fast offensively scoring a whopping 26 points in the first quarter and forcing them to make some defensive adjustments that I don't think they were comfortable with. Our defense was outstanding for most of the game and we really dominated the glass throughout."

Stats for the Indians were Mason Schiltz with 22 points and nine rebounds, Isaac Schiltz got 17 points and two rebounds, Dylan Peter got eight points and seven rebounds, Kyler Zwegardt got seven points and five rebounds, Jonathan Butler got six points and one rebound, Cade Bracelin got four points and two rebounds, Jacob Baxter got four points and three rebounds, Matt Tygart got four points and four rebounds,



Keegan Sherlock got two points and one rebound, Wyatt Landenberger got two points and Steven Nelson got one point and three rebounds. Joey McCormick got one rebound. "Certainly, we were supposed to win this

game, but it's good to see us really dominate," Coach Beims said. "We have a tough stretch ahead that will determine a lot about how the post season shapes up for us, but this was a great way to start the new year."



**MATT TYGART made another two with this shot at the Hoxie game played Friday in St. Francis. Ready for a rebound was Dylan Peter, #45.**

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**LADY INDIANS Justice Wiley and Mariah Beikman fight for the ball against a Hoxie Indian in last Friday's game.**

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## Girls basketball team lose to Hoxie Indians

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The Lady Indians faced off against the Hoxie Indians last Friday on home court, losing 70-30. The girls fell into a big hole on the scoreboard that they could never manage to climb out of.

"We played a great Hoxie team," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "You can tell that they spend a lot of time playing basketball in their off season."

Stats for the Lady Indians were Kaitlin Figgins with eight points and 11 rebounds, Clarice Neitzel with seven points and one rebound, Aly Schlepp with four points and six rebounds, Kyla Bandel with three points, Jenna Hill with three points and two rebounds, Laura Brunk with three points and four rebounds and Justice Wiley with two points and two rebounds.

"Offensively, we struggled from the field," Coach Dinkel said. "Defensively, we were just too slow getting back. We also got into foul trouble early in

the game, with several players having two fouls going into half time. When a team gets into foul trouble, we play passively from that point on. And, when going against a team that is that quick, and can see the court better than most teams, it makes it very difficult to win."

### Junior varsity

The junior varsity team lost out to Hoxie 52-17.

"Playing a team like Hoxie reveals every weakness in your game," Coach David Morrow said. "We had trouble handling their pressure, running up and down the court with them and defending the basket when they had the ball. They have a very good squad and represent a pretty good model of how to be extremely competitive in the sport."

"That being said, Hoxie is the exception, not the norm, in this league. We have had a competitive games in every contest we've played except this one. I think we learned a thing or two about breaking pressure Friday, and hopefully those lessons will benefit us later in the season."

Scoring for the junior varsity team were Aubry Mills with six points, both Kayla Bandel and Justice Wiley scored four points, Aly Schlepp scored two points and McKayla Taylor scored one point.

"You can't take anything away from our kids with regard to their effort," Coach Morrow said. "We played hard and ran up and down the court with them, but we aren't on the same plane skill-wise. I love our kids and appreciate the fact that they're here with us representing the school and giving up their time to compete in the sport of basketball."

## Lady Indians lose to Golden Plains on home court

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The Lady Indians squared off against the Golden Plains Bulldogs on Tuesday, Jan. 3 on home court. Sainty started the game strong, leading 13-9 at the end of the first quarter, but they gave up ten points to Golden Plains in the second quarter that they were never able to make up. The Lady Indians lost to the Bulldogs, the final score 50-44.

"I was very pleased with our effort at the start of the game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "Unfortunately, our focus left us when it came to the second quarter. Golden Plains put a lot of pressure on us and we just didn't react well. We had several turnovers and just acted like fish out of water. We stopped scoring and really began to play lazy."

"In the second half, we put

quite a bit of pressure on, but we just couldn't get anything going. We had dug ourselves into a hole and struggled to claw our way out of it. I think we finally got down by two, but then played lazy defense and they capitalized on it. Laura Brunk's defensive effort should be recognized. I was very pleased with her play."

Stats for Sainty were Kaitlin Figgins with 23 points and 15 rebounds, Aly Schlepp with seven points and 10 rebounds, Laura Brunk got six points and six rebounds, Clarice Neitzel, five points and one rebound, Kayla Bandel, three points and three rebounds and Jenna Hill, four rebounds.

"As a team, we must remember to do the little things each and every time down the court - especially box out," Coach Dinkel said. "We should have

had at least 10 more rebounds than we did have defensively. We aren't a bunch of high jumpers, so we must do a better job of getting our bodies into position for those boards. It's just something we must work on during practice, and fortunately for us, tomorrow is another day and we can practice that."

### Junior varsity

The junior varsity team lost a close battle to the Bulldogs, losing 32-31.

"Tuesday's game against the Bulldogs was both encouraging and disappointing," Coach David Morrow said. "It was great to see our kids fight back from a 10-point deficit and take the lead in the last few minutes of the contest. To do that, we had to pick up or intensity, refrain from fouling and create some turnovers with good defensive

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