

At the Game

Boys basketball win in Idalia, lose to Plainsmen

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The Sainty high school boys traveled to Oakley and took on the Plainsmen in basketball on Friday. Sainty found themselves trailing 21-11 by the end of the first quarter and were never able to capture the lead, losing the game 70-50.

"The loss to Oakley Friday night can be attributed to a couple things," Coach Jeff Beims said. "First, they were hungry for a win and couldn't seem to miss in the first half. Despite their record, Oakley is a good team and I was afraid we might be catching them at just the wrong time. That certainly seemed to be the case, at least at first glance. As it turns out though, our unwillingness to work defensively, especially in the lane, was our real downfall. Put bluntly, we gave a half-hearted effort at best. Once again, we are not good enough to assume a victory than will it to be so. We have to fight every fight as if it were our last. We fought this fight with one glove on, after having left our mouthpiece in the locker room. As a result we got bloodied up by a quality opponent. Somebody forgot to tell Oakley they were supposed to 'take a dive.'"

Stats for the Indians were Isaac Schiltz with 18 points and five rebounds, Mason Schiltz with 11 points and six rebounds, Dylan Peter, 10 points and five rebounds, Matt Tygart, six points and five rebounds, Cade Bracelin, three points and two rebounds, Jonathan Butler, two points and two rebounds and Wyatt Landenberger, one rebound.

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vs. Idalia

The high school boys basketball team traveled to Idalia on Tuesday, Jan. 10. The Indians beat the Wolves 49-6. Sainty pulled ahead in the first quarter 29-1 and kept the lead the whole game.

Stats for the Indians were Dylan Peter with seven points and three rebounds, Steven Nelson with six



JONATHAN BUTLER shoots a free throw in the game against Hoxie while Isaac Schiltz stays back to keep Hoxie from a quick score after regaining possession. Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

points and seven rebounds, Matt Tygart with six points and three rebounds, Isaac Schiltz with six points, Wyatt Landenberger with five points, Mason Schiltz with five points and two rebounds, Cade Bracelin with four points and three rebounds, Jacob

Baxter with four points and two rebounds, Jonathan Butler with two points and five rebounds, Joey McCormick with two points, Kyler Zwegardt with two points and five rebounds, Lenny Olivares got two rebounds and Caleb Frink got one.



SOPHOMORE ALY Schlepp fends off an opponent from the Decatur Community Red Devils to claim a rebound as teammate Justice Wiley stays out of the fray. Herald photo by Susan May

Lady Indians beat Wolves, lose against Oakley team

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Sainty's high school girls' basketball team faced off against the Oakley girls on Friday, Jan. 13, losing the game 64-29.

"It's really hard to write comments down sometimes," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "People always give Kansas State coach Frank Martin a hard time for how hard he is on his players. Honestly, those people who give him a hard time have apparently never been a head coach!"

"Sometimes, it is very difficult to come up with very many positives, especially when you have a loss like we had Friday night.

"One of the things we did do well was break their press. We did a decent job of looking to the middle of the floor in order to do that.

"Our defense obviously struggled, as well as our shooting. We missed way too many shots, and didn't get as many put up as I would have liked to have seen.

"We worked hard during practice last week to break down our offense, but, we still can't seem to remember to run through it completely. We hurry up with our shot selection and

often times only do the initial down screen.

"In order to be good, we must continue to run through it. We also need someone to step up and crash the boards. We don't seem to have anyone stepping up to get in double digits in the rebounding column.

"Needless to say, we get to play Rawlins County again and we usually play them pretty tough. I hope there will be no exception this time. Our girls need to do a better job of believing in their

abilities and believe that they can win. When they finally start believing, then, progress will start being made."

Stats for the Ladies were Kaitlin Figgins with 16 points and six rebounds, Laura Brunk with five points and two rebounds, Kyla Bandel with four points and Aly Schlepp four points and four rebounds.

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Indians vs. Idalia

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The Lady Indians faced the Idalia Wolves on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Idalia ended the first quarter in the lead 13-9, then Sainty kept pace in the second quarter and after half time created a sizable lead, finishing the game 55-46.

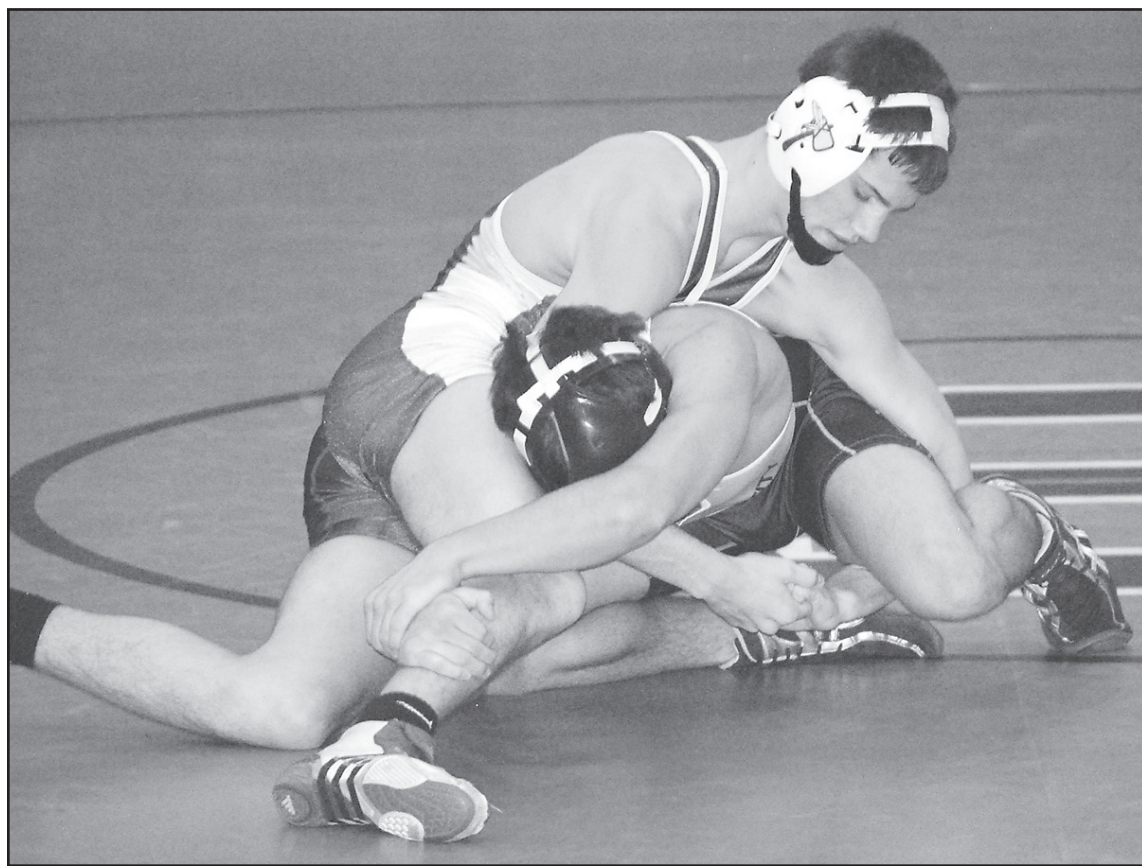
"We played a pretty good game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We got down in the first half but turned the pressure up in the second half. We were fortunate enough to be able to capitalize on a few turnovers to put us in the lead.

"I was pleased with many of the younger players for stepping up and playing aggressively, something that they have been hesitant to do.

"I was not pleased with how we ran our offense, if that's what you want to call it. We didn't work very hard. We would set the first screen and then we were done. We just have to do a better job of running it, giving us the opportunity to score more easy buckets.

"Overall though, it was a great win for us."

Stats for the Lady Indians were Kaitlin Figgins with 16 points and 10 rebounds, Clarice Neitzel with 15 points and six rebounds, Justice Wiley, 10 points and four rebounds, Laura Brunk, five points and seven rebounds, Kyla Bandel, five points and three rebounds, Aly Schlepp, three points, Jenna Hill, one point and four rebounds and McKayla Taylor, one rebound.



AUSTIN WHITE maneuvers against his opponent at the wrestling tournament in Sterling, Colo. last Saturday. White is a sophomore this year and wrestles at 132 pounds.

Wrestling team places second at tournament in Sterling

The Indian wrestlers competed in the Sterling Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 14. The team came in second out of five teams, defeating University High School (Greeley, Colo.), Merino and Akron, but losing out to host Sterling, Colo.

"Good tournament for the guys," Coach Nathan Smith said. "We wrestled short handed with Hoffman, Lampe and Hoard still coming back from injuries. Thomas Douthit was attending the stock show in Denver and Derek Queen was home sick so we had a lot of open weights. Dylan Wolaver wrestled sick all day, Matt Howell separated his shoulder in his second match and

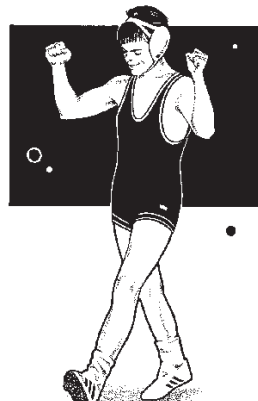
Matt White battled a back injury most of the day. With all that, the kids that were there competed well. We beat some good teams and put ourselves in position to win the tournament. At full strength, the Sterling dual would have been a good one."

Individual dual scores and winning wrestlers were:
St. Francis vs. University, 39-36
113 Casey Keller
138 Mikey Leibbrandt
145 Erik Nelson
152 Dylan Wolaver
182 Zach Gienger
220 Paul Nelson
285 Shakota Blanka
St. Francis vs. Merino, 34-24
132 Austin White

138 Mikey Leibbrandt
145 Erik Nelson
182 Zach Gienger
220 Paul Nelson
285 Shakota Blanka
St. Francis vs. Akron, 33-30
120 Matt White
138 Mikey Leibbrandt
145 Erik Nelson
152 Dylan Wolaver
182 Zach Gienger
195 Jon Hoard
St. Francis vs. Sterling, 18-48
113 Casey Keller
132 Austin White
220 Paul Nelson
"We dual in Atwood Thursday night in what looks like it should be a very competitive dual," Coach Smith said.

Coach picks wrestlers of the week

Junior High
Practice: Austin Patton
High School
Mikey Leibbrandt
Practice: Erik Nelson



Junior high girls start season with a win

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The junior high Lady Indians started off their season on home court last Thursday against the Decatur Community Red Devils. Both girls teams won close games, the A-Team winning 26-25 and the seventh grade and the B-Team won 11-9.

"We won the B game in overtime and I thought the overtime period is when we played our best basketball," Coach Ted Busse said.

Leading scorer for the B-Team Indians was Katie Schmid with

seven points. Both Alexis Frink and Emily Elfers scored two points.

On the A-Team, McKenzie Taylor scored 11 points, Kylie Sherlock scored six points, Journey Lee scored five points and CarolEve Harris scored four points.

"We were glad to earn the win, and with that said, we have many things to work on to get better," Coach Busse said of the A-Team game.

The junior high girls will travel to Oakley on Thursday to take on the Plainsmen.