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At the Game



FRESHMAN KYLA Bandel takes a shot against the Dundy County Tigers.

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Sainty girls lose to Weskan

By Nathan Fiala

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"We played very well in the second Kaitlin Figgins, three points and

Indians battle Coyotes, lose in an overtime

By Nathan Fiala nfiala@nwkansas.com Sainty high school boys varsity basketball team hosted the Weskan Coyotes on Tuesday, Jan. 24. It was a close game with Weskan leading one quarter, then Sainty the next. The game extended into overtime, where Weskan pulled ahead to win the game 79-76.

"We couldn't muster a last second shot to beat Weskan like we did Atwood," Coach Jeff Beims said. "We shouldn't have needed one, but we decided that we were going to take the night off, at least when it pertained to rebounding. Weskan pulled down almost 20 offensive rebounds, which they converted into 23 points. I'm no mathematician, but I do know a little about basketball and you will rarely win when you allow an opponent to do that."

Stats for the Indians were Dylan Peter with 22 points and 16 rebounds, Isaac Schiltz with 22 points and five rebounds, Jonathan Butler, 15 points and three rebounds, Mason Schiltz, six points and two rebounds, Cade Bracelin, five points and one rebound, Wyatt Landenberger, two points, Kyler Zweygardt, two points, and Matt Tygart, two points and three rebounds. The basketball teams will travel to Brewster on Tuesday and play at 6:30.



SOPHOMORE MASON Schiltz keeps his guard up against an opponent. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Junior varsity girls win

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nfiala@nwkansas.com The Lady Indians' junior varsity squad squared off

19-18. "This was a great game rebounds turned into fast-break time not expired, would have for these ladies for a couple opportunities. On offense, won the game for them. of reasons," Coach David Kyla Bandel and Aly Schlepp "Though Neitzel isn't a Morrow said. "First of all, we had great first-quarter efforts. regular player on the junior won! We've been on the wrong Those two played very well in varsity team, we were happy to end of the score too much our half-court offense. Schlepp lately and this game gave us an had some good perimeter shots opportunity to get back some and Bandel worked her way momentum. We also played a into the post area for good much more disciplined game, scoring drives. limiting the number of fouls we committed. "Our players came out of scoring run that allowed them Neitzel both scored two points the gate and built a 13-4 lead to capture the lead late in the apiece. by the end of the first quarter. game. Down by one point Much of that was due to playing with under 10 seconds left,

good defense and fighting for Clarice Neitzel drove down defensive rebounds. Justice the court into the middle of Wiley played very well in the the lane and made a contested post area on defense and got jump shot to take the one-point against Weskan on Jan. 13 and many important rebounds in lead. Moments after the buzzer won a close two-quarter game the critical last few moments sounded, a Weskan player made of the game. Some of those a three-point shot which, had

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court on Jan. 24. Sainty got off to a slow start, finding themselves in a hole at the end of the first quarter and the deficit increased to 35-11 by halftime. Sainty came out a little stronger in the third quarter, one." but the Coyotes' lead was too great to overcome and Sainty lost 59-30.

"This was one of those games where we just didn't play

half, but when you allow them to three rebounds, Kyla Bandel, The Lady Indians battled the get so far ahead in the first half two points and two rebounds, Weskan Coyotes on Sainty's home as we did, it makes it difficult to Justice Wiley, two points and four overcome that. We must become a better first half team. We must also do a better job running our offense and not taking the first available shot, which might not be a good

Stats for the Lady Indians were Aly Schlepp with eight points and seven rebounds, Clarice Neitzel with seven points and two rebounds, Jenna Hill, four points passionately throughout the entire and three rebounds, Laura Brunk, game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. four points and three rebounds,

rebounds.

"I have to remind myself that although I have two seniors and three juniors, really only one of our players has had a huge amount of varsity experience, competing against many teams who have played together for quite some time. We are growing as a team and are getting quite a bit of court time from all of our players."

170 Hoxie was open to

182 Zach Gienger lost to

195 Hoxie was open to Jon

220 Paul Nelson was pinned

by Washington who pinned

285 Shakotah Blanka was

It was also Senior Night.

Manager Caitlin Northrup and

Paul Nelson and their parents

pinned by Schippers in the

Salmans by an 11-3 decision.

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first period.

have her for the few moments she played. Overall, I was very proud of our girls."

Scoring for the team were Kyla Bandel with eight points, "In the second quarter, Aly Schlepp with seven, and Weskan was able to go on a Aubrey Mills and Clarice

Wrestling team finishes well despite illnesses, injuries

The St. Francis wrestling Indians were: team hosted the Hoxie Indians on Jan. 26. Sainty had one Hoffman open weight and lost the duel 40-30.

"We moved some kids around trying to win the by Heim in the first period. dual and it played out like the coaches thought," Coach Nathan Smith said. "We were by Sealock in the first period. ahead by two points going into the 220 pound match. We gave to Jones by a 6-4 decision. ourselves a chance to beat the number two team in the state, Ochs. we just couldn't capitalize. For the most part I think our kids Nelson. competed well against a more experienced line-up."

Individual results for the decision.

in the Western Kansas Challenge Tournament in Smith Center on Jan. 28. The tournament involved teams from the Northwest Osborne 7. Kansas League and the Mid-Continent League. Fourteen teams participated in the tournament. Phillipsburg won had a exciting weekend going the tournament championship 3-1 on Saturday. Matt White at with 149 1/2 points. Decatur 120 had a tough draw going 0-2. Community and Smith Center Austin White at 132 lost in the were close behind with 141 and 140 points respectively. Point and lost a heartbreaker for third. totals and placings for the other Mikey Leibbrandt is closing the teams were: 4th-Plainville 126; gap on the best 138 pounders in 5th- Norton 112 1/2; 6th- St.

106 Hoxie was open to Lane Derek Queen.

113 Casey Keller pinned Storer in the first period.

120 Matt White was pinned

126 Both teams open. 132 Austin White was pinned Paul Nelson in the second

138 Michael Leibbrandt lost 145 St. Francis was open to

152 Hoxie was open to Erik

160 Dylan Wolaver lost were recognized before the to Yergey-Dible by a 11-6 wrestling began.

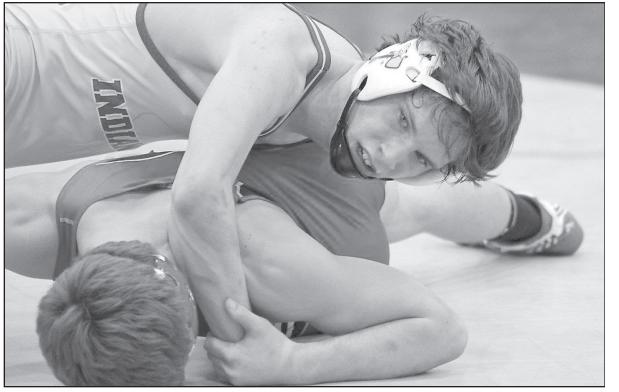
Western Kansas Challenge Tournament

63; 10th-Ellis 57; 11th-Hill City 30; 12th- Trego Community 18; 13th- Stockton 16; and 14th-

"Had some kids wrestle really good this weekend," Coach Nathan Smith said."Casey Keller semi finals, won his next match 321A. Mikey went 3-1 on the Francis 101; 7th-Hoxie 84; 8th- weekend, losing to Dusin of

The wrestling team competed Oakley 74; 9th- Rawlins County Phillipsburg 4-1 in the semi finals before battling back to earn third place. Erik Nelson went 1-2 at 145 earning fifth place. Dylan Wolaver finished 1-1 at 152 losing a close match in the finals to Wiesner of Plainville. At 160, Derek Queen did a nice job of getting to the medal round with a pin over Naegele of Osborne and finished sixth. At 182, Zach Gienger defeated the number six ranked wrestler in the state to advance to the finals. Both Paul Nelson and Shakota Blanka finished fifth going 1-2." Individual results were:

113 Keller 3rd



DYLAN WOLAVER strains to pin his opponent from Hoxie on Jan. 26.

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132 A. White 4th 138 Leibbrandt 3rd 145 E. Nelson 5th 152 Wolaver 2nd 160 Queen 6th 182 Gienger 2nd 220 P. Nelson 5th 285 Blanka 5th "The tournament ran great,"

Coach Smith said. "It was nice to get Lane Hoffman and Thomas have full brackets in most cases Douthit back. With them, our linewith quality kids. We won some big up is slowing getting back to full. matches that should help when we Logan Lampe, Matt Howell, Blaine go to seed our kids in two weeks at Guggenmos and Jon Hoard are Lakin for the regional tournament. continuing to recover from injuries We finished sixth overall and were and hopefully will be back by the the second highest finisher from end of the season." the NWKL. This week we should

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