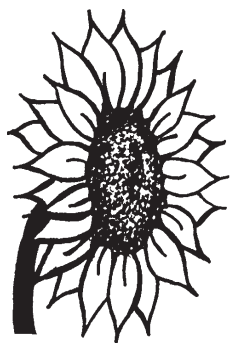


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At the Game



Girls' team wins over Titan Ladies

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The Lady Indians faced the Triplains-Brewster Titans in Brewster on Jan. 31. Sainty started the game with a strong lead, 34-18 at halftime. The Titans did outscore Sainty in the second half, but Sainty's lead was too great and they won the game 64-52.

"What a great game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We did an excellent job running our offense and controlling the tempo of the game. I was extremely pleased at our girls running the court and looking to fast break.

"We made great decisions on our choices for our shots and I am definitely pleased with that aspect of the game. We made a few minor adjustments to defense on Monday in practice, some of which confused the players.

"Therefore, Triplains-Brewster had more offensive rebounds than I would have liked to have seen, but we will review the defensive positioning more today and hopefully eliminate some of that confusion. Overall though, It was a great game to watch!"

Stats for Sainty were Kaitlin Figgins with 19 points and 14 rebounds, Clarice Neitzel with 15 points, Aly Schlepp, nine points and six rebounds, Kyla Bandel, six points and four rebounds, Laura Brunk, six points and two rebounds, Jenna Hill, three points and four rebounds, Mariah Beikman, two points and one rebound, and both Aubrey Mills and Justice Wiley scored two points.

ALY SCHLEPP raced down the court in a recent game. In the Triplains-Brewster game, she racked up nine points and six rebounds.
Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller



INDIAN MATT TYGART and his Eagles opponent jump for the ball in recent competition. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Junior high girls' play in several games

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The junior high Lady Indians traveled to Atwood on Jan. 26 to play the Rawlins County Buffaloes. The A-Team lost to the Buffaloes 35-20 and the B-Team lost 0-14.

"Our intensity level wasn't very high at the start of this game and we never could get on track," Coach Ted Busse said of the A-Team game. "We never boxed out in this game and when that happens you give the other team opportunities to score that they should not have."

Rawlins County took the lead in the first quarter and kept it the whole A-Team game, scoring 12 points in the last quarter.

Scoring for Sainty were McKenzie Taylor with six points, Kylie Sherlock and Alexis Frink both scored four points, and Carol Eve Harris, Emily Elfers and Sidney Sundstrom all scored two points each.

In the B-Team game, both teams were tied at the end of the first quarter but Rawlins County

charged ahead 14-8 by halftime. Atwood continued to score while Sainty struggled.

"We played with more intensity in this game but we had trouble running an offense which makes it tough to score," Coach Busse said.

Scoring for Sainty were Frink with 10 points and both Jenna Confer and Harris scored two points.

vs. Hoxie

The junior high girls' basketball team hosted the Hoxie Indians on Feb. 2. Both the A and B teams lost to Hoxie.

In the A-Team game, Hoxie jumped in the lead early on, outscoring Sainty by 14 points at the end of the first half. Sainty could not mount a comeback and Hoxie won 51-15.

Scoring for the A-Team were Taylor with nine points, Harris, Sherlock and Frink each scored two points.

In the B-Team game, the girls couldn't find a way to score in the first quarter and were trailing 16-4 at the half. At the end of the third quarter, Hoxie led 28-6. Sainty made up a lot of lost ground in the

fourth quarter, but they still lost, the final score 30-21.

Elfers, Jenik and Sundstrom each scored four points in the B-Team game. Frink made a three-pointer and Taylor, Schmid and Sherlock each scored two points.

vs. Rawlins County

Sainty's junior high girls hosted the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Monday, Jan. 6. The results were split, the Sainty winning the B-Team game but losing the A-Team game.

In the A-Team game, Atwood jumped into the lead 10-3 by the end of the first quarter. Sainty worked hard to catch up, but they were still trailing by five at halftime. Sainty continued to catch up in the second half, tying it up at 21 points each with a little over five minutes left in the last quarter. The Buffaloes pulled and won the game 34-23.

"We played with some passion in this game and because of the higher level of intensity we improved in this game," Coach Busse said. "What I was most definitely pleased with was the fact that we

were still playing hard until the buzzer. I hope we have an opportunity to play them again."

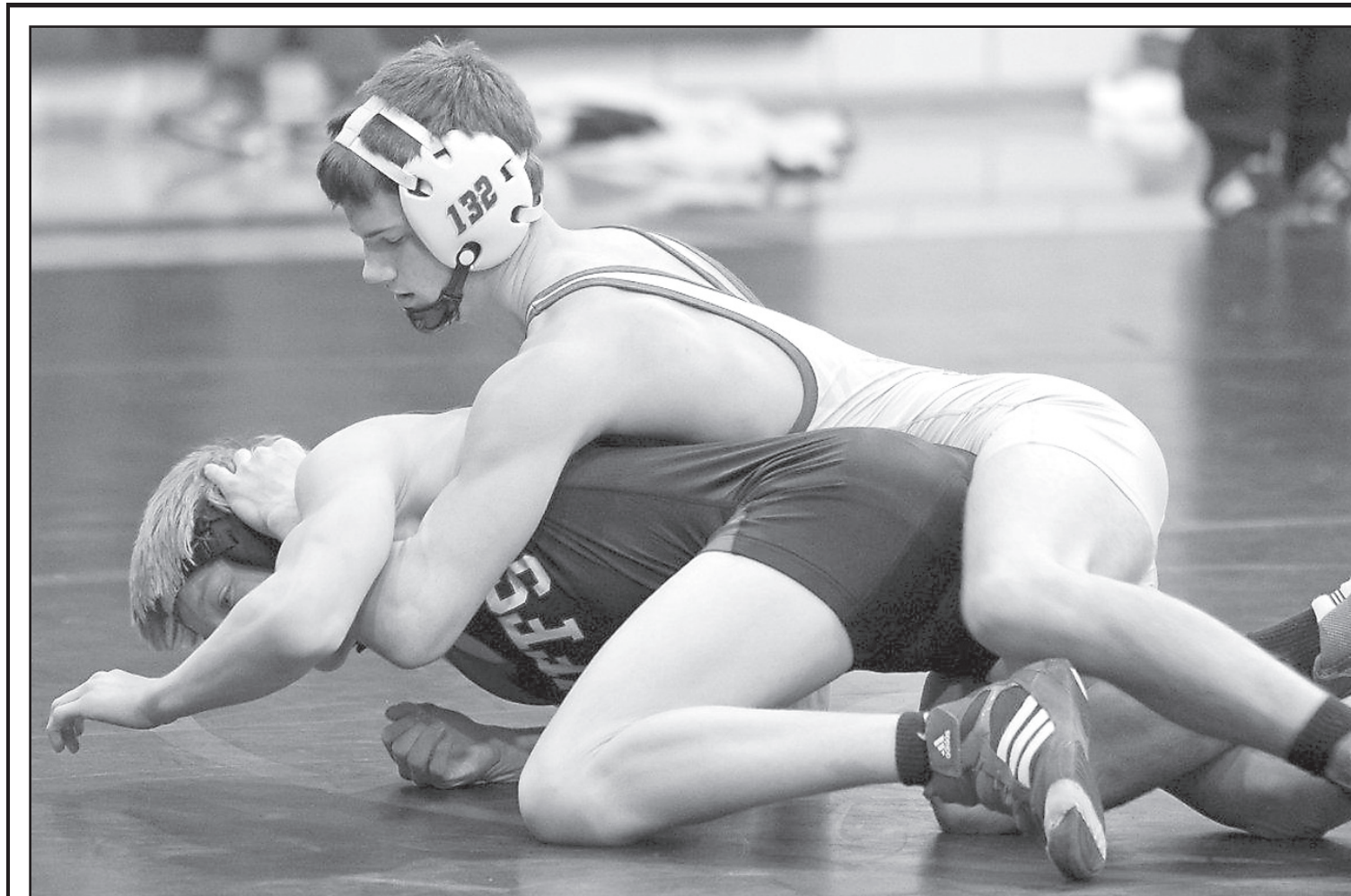
Scoring for the Lady Indians were Taylor with nine points, Sherlock with seven points, Reed with three points, and Journey Lee and Sundstrom scored two points each.

The B-Team game was only two quarters due to limited players. Atwood pulled ahead 4-2 at the end of the first quarter. Jenik made a three point shot in the second quarter to make the score 5-4 for Sainty. Atwood pulled ahead again but Frink made a three-pointer in the last moments of the game, the final score 10-9 for the Lady Indians.

"We earned a hard fought win and I was pleased with the girls efforts to keep playing," Coach Busse said.

Scoring for Sainty were Frink with five points, Jenik with three and Schmid with two.

The team will play Quinter in the high school gym at 4 p.m. on Thursday.



INCLEMENT WEATHER cancelled the Phillipsburg Invitation which was scheduled for Saturday. Sophomore Austin White is pictured wrestling in the Rawlins County dual held on Jan. 19 in St. Francis. Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

Titans win over Sainty boys' team

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The Indians traveled to Brewster on Tuesday, Jan. 31, to play the Triplains-Brewster Titans. Sainty earned a big lead in the first quarter 23-8 and continued playing well, winning the game 66-29.

"I thought we got rolling again against Brewster," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Although their record really doesn't reflect it, Brewster is not a bad team. We got up on them early but then allowed them to hang around through the first half. In the third quarter, we did what good teams are supposed to do. We extended a 16 point halftime lead to a 31 point lead at the end of the quarter, and finished the deal."

Stats for Sainty were Dylan Pe-

ter with 19 points and six rebounds, Isaac Schiltz with 17 points and five rebounds, Matt Tygart, eight points and five rebounds, Mason Schiltz, six points and one rebound, Kyler Zwegardt, five points and five rebounds, Cade Bracelin, four points and one rebound, Keegan Sherlock, three points, Jonathan Butler, two points and two rebounds, Jacob Baxter, two points and three rebounds, and Steven Nelson, one rebound.

"The last four games of the regular season are essentially play-off games as we jockey for position in the sub-state bracket, and they are all against quality opponents," Coach Beims said.

The Indians will travel to Sharon Springs on Tuesday, Feb. 7, and play at 4 p.m.

Junior varsity girls win two in a row

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The Indians traveled to Brewster on Jan. 31 for some basketball action. The junior varsity girls' played two quarters against the Triplains-Brewster Titans' junior varsity team and won 27-10.

"This was the second win in a row for this young team, and in some ways, it was our best performance," coach David Morrow said. "The ladies played some very smart ball and made some great decisions in the transition game that led to easy scores. They were also very disciplined and refrained from taking themselves out of the game due to excessive fouling.

"Aubrey Mills had a great scoring effort, making three field goals

for six points. Mariah Beikman also had a good night. She scored a basket and made it to the line later."

Scoring for the Lady Indians were Clarice Neitzel, Aly Schlepp and Aubrey Mills with six points each, Justice Wiley with four points, Kyla Bandel with three and Mariah Beikman with two.

"Experience is beginning to pay off for these kids," Coach Morrow said. "Most of them get some varsity minutes each night and their game smarts are beginning to grow. That being said, some of these younger players came into their first year of basketball being pretty good already. If they continue to grow and work on their skills, they'll be fun to watch."