



# At the Game

## Sainty boys win first game

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The Indian football team started the season with a win against the Holyoke Dragons on Friday with a final score of 28-15.

"Being the first game of the season, I could not have been more thrilled with our efforts and the win," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "We knew we would make lots of mistakes, but we knew we needed to have lots of effort to offset those mistakes."

The game was evenly-matched at first, with St. Francis fumbling on their first possession and Holyoke unable to pass to the end-zone on theirs. Neither team scored in the first quarter.

Despite penalties, Holyoke was able to score early in the second

quarter. The Indians answered back quickly when Mikey Leibbrandt ran the kickoff back 86 yards to score. Thomas Douthit ran in the conversion to take the lead 8-7.

The Dragons were unable to score in their next series, but the Indians were fruitful when they regained possession, with Dylan Wolaver scoring on a 14 yard run, the score now 14-7.

In the second half, the Dragons received the kick-off and were able to score again and also completed the conversion, taking the lead 15-14.

After an on-side kick the Indians fell on, Leibbrandt scored on a 40-yard run and took the lead again 20-15.

Holyoke was unable to score again in the game and Douthit had

a solid 45-yard run to score, and also got the conversion to make the final score 28-15.

"This Holyoke team was a better team than we have seen in the past couple seasons," Coach Buffington said. "They gave us a great challenge and now we know what we must work on to become a better team."

"We talked everyday at practice since the beginning about how important it is to have this first game a win to get us off on the right foot heading into the season," Coach Buffington said. "I couldn't be more proud of these young men, but they know as well as the coaches know, we need to be humble about every win and simply press on to the next challenge."

The Indians will travel to Benkelman, Neb. on Friday to take on the Dundy County / Stratton Tigers. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. central time.

### Stats

Dylan Wolaver had 20 carries for 154 yards with one touchdown. Thomas Douthit had 17 carries for 120 yards with one touchdown. Mikey Leibbrandt had eight carries for 71 yards for two touchdowns and two kick-off returns totaling 96 yards. Derek Queen had five carries for thirty yards. Cade Bracelin had five carries for eight yards, five kick-offs for 161 total yards with 32.2 yards average, and one punt for 30 yards. Wyatt Landenberger had one carry for seven yards and one punt return for 10 yards.

## Young players win first

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The junior high Indian football squad won their first game of the season against the Holyoke Dragons on Thursday, Aug. 30, at Greene Field.

In the first half, Taylor Rogers scored first for the Indians and Joel Hill ran in the conversion. Rogers also got the second Indian touchdown on a 79-yard run. J.R. Landenberger scored by returning a punt and Rogers ran in the conversion to make the halftime score 22-0.

In the fourth quarter, Dalton Straub snagged an interception that set up Rogers to score again. With Landenberger's conversion, the final score of the game was 30-0.

The junior high boys will go on the play Wichita County in Leoti.



QUINTON CRAVENS, 14, carried the ball in the game against Holyoke. The team won the game 30-0.  
Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala



CLARICE NEITZEL, one of the leading players, serves the ball during the home matches last Tuesday.

## Volleyball games held in St. Francis

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The Lady Indians hosted their season opener against Hoxie and Golden Plains on Tuesday, Aug. 28, losing both matches.

In the first match against the Hoxie Lady Indians, Sainty lost the first set 25-16, but won their second set 25-23, with kills from Clarice Neitzel and Aly Schleppe, and an ace from McKayla Taylor.

Sainty started the third set evenly matched with Hoxie, but started making errors, which Hoxie was able to capitalize on to win the third set 25-11 to take the match.

Neitzel led the team in kills with five, Laura Brunk and Schleppe both had four, and Justice Wiley had one.

Against the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs, Rande Grover was able to gain the lead 8-7 with a dump set, but Golden Plains quickly regained the lead as Sainty made errors. Neitzel, Schleppe and Brunk had kills that shortened the point gap, and Taylor served strong, but the close match was lost by Sainty 25-23.

Despite strong serving and a kill from Wiley, Sainty was behind Golden Plains the entire set and lost 25-15, losing the match.

Wiley had two kills, and Neitzel, Brunk and Schleppe each had one.

"Even though the scores didn't come out like we would want them to, I thought we played a strong game, considering we are young and working on a new defense," Coach Talley Morrow said. "More than half of our team is new to the varsity court and when you have

seriously competitive opponents like we do, it takes a 'baptism of fire' to get through the first night, transitioning from Junior High or JV ball.

"I'm proud of the girls and the way they have performed so far. We always have work to do... who doesn't? Now we know specifically where we are weak and where we are strong. Thank you for your support Tuesday night. We appreciate it so very much!!"

### Junior Varsity

The junior varsity squad lost their first set against Golden Plains 25-17, won their second set 25-20 and lost their third set 15-12, ultimately losing the match. They lost to Hoxie in two sets, 25-13 and 25-17.

"This was the opening night for the young Lady Indians," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "We are very young, with Freshmen in several key positions, so it took awhile to work out how to play. As the evening progressed, we settled down and played well in the last sets."

"Hoxie served against us extremely well," Coach Olofson said. "We passed the ball but rarely well enough for the setter to give us good sets. We gave Hoxie too many free balls and they took advantage of them."

"Golden Plains also served well but we had more success passing and this helped our offense," Coach Olofson said. "Our serving all night was good but we will need to improve as this is an area where we can score points. We will also be working on our passing as this must improve for us to have regular success."

## Hunters urged to watch for dove bands

Sept. 1 marked the start of the 2012 hunting seasons with dove season opening day. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism officials remind

dove hunters to check harvested doves for leg bands.

For the last 10 years, biologists in Kansas, as well as those in most other states, have banded

mourning doves each summer in an effort to gain information about population size, harvest, and migration patterns.

Dove bands, small aluminum

rings with unique nine-digit codes attached around the lower leg, are smaller versions of the leg bands used on ducks and geese that hunters may be more familiar with. The Wildlife Department staff and volunteers banded more than 3,000 doves in 2012, and more than 20,000 in the last 10 years all across the state.

The majority of banded doves recovered in Kansas were banded in Kansas, with birds banded in Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska also commonly harvested. Birds banded in Kansas are also frequently recovered in Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, and as far away as southern Mexico.

Banded doves should be reported using the toll free phone number (800-327-BAND) or website printed on the band www.reportband.gov. Banding data is an important component of bird research that benefits both bird populations as well as hunters. By reporting bands, hunters are helping Kansas better manage dove populations.

## Public library has successful summer program with 50 kids

The St. Francis Public Library's programs "Dream Big, Read," have concluded for the summer. There were 50 children enrolled in the Summer Fun Sessions.

Amy Busse did an excellent job with the sessions, said Pat Leibbrandt, librarian.

There were 31 enrolled in the reading program. The program was very competitive as many of the children read several books.

For every 10 books that were read, a prize was given. Once a week, there was a drawing for a Dairy

King treat.

There was a tie for the top reader. Those readers were Mckenzie Breese and London Breese. They had the privilege of selecting a new book.

The top girl was Allison Rice and the top boy was Jayce Landers. They each won a Pizza Hut gift certificate.

"We really had a fun and exciting summer at the library," Mrs. Leibbrandt said. "We congratulate everyone that participated."

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on Monday, Sept. 3  
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See you all when we get back.

### Thank You

Thank you! Sincere thanks to the staff at Cheyenne County Hospital and Dr. Allard for the excellent care and therapy I received while recovering from foot surgery. Thank you to the many family and friends that stopped in to visit me. It kept my spirits high. And finally a thank you to Pastor Nelson for the visits (both in Denver and in St. Francis) and then many prayers said on my behalf by Peace Lutheran congregation for healing. I have a long road of recovery ahead and it is a blessing to be part of this caring community. God's blessing to each. Deloris Knorr

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