

Sainty suffers first loss of season to Stanton County

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The Indian football team endured their first loss of the year in a shut-out by the Stanton County Trojans 36-0.

Sainty was able to move the ball at the away game in Johnson, but were plagued by mistakes that Stanton County benefited from every time, either scoring or gaining considerable yardage. The Trojans scored once in the first quarter and twice in the second to go into the locker room at halftime 22-0. The Sainty defense was able to keep Stanton County from scoring at all in the third quarter, but the Trojans scored twice again in the fourth quarter to end the game 36-0.

"We ran into a great team this week with Stanton County," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "They are a 2A state-ranked team and they certainly played the part."

"Even though the score board showed it wasn't a very close game, it was actually a very close contest physically," Coach Buffington said. "We knew this game would test us in even aspect of the game and for the most part we showed up to play. The thing of it is, it's hard to play yourselves as well as the other team on the field and we simply struggled tackling in the open field. Stanton County only scored one touchdown which they actually drove the ball on us, the rest were big runs that totaled up to 257 yards of offense for Stanton which could have been reduced with better tackling. Take away the big plays, and our own faults on offense and this is a different game."

"With all that said, making up excuses won't change the past," Coach Buffington said. "What is done is done and we simply must find the good in this game to build on and learn from the bad. As this season continues to press on with good teams yet to play, these men will have their character continued to be tested and I know they will all persevere."

The stats in the game paint a different picture. Mikey Leibbrandt led the team in rushing yards with 14 carries for 76 yards. Thomas Douthit had 20 carries and 69 yards and one reception for four yards. Lane Hoffman had five



QUARTERBACK LANE HOFFMAN scrambles in the backfield against the Dundey County Stratton Tigers.

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carries for 32 yards and was 2/7 for passing. Dylan Wolaver had seven carries for 10 yards. Wyatt Landenberger had two carries for nine yards. Derek Queen had one carry for five yards. Steven Nelson had one reception for 15 yards. Cade Bracelin had four punts for a total of 141 yards and one kick-off for 36 yards. Foster Grant had two kick returns for 21 yards and Landenberger had three returns

for 20 yards. Total offense yardage was 230 yards for St. Francis, compared to Stanton County's 451. St. Francis had 11 first downs, Stanton County had nine.

The Indians will square off against the Wray Eagles this Friday on Green Field for their homecoming game. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

Youth football league fun for grade school

The St. Francis youth football league has started their season strong with a 2-0 record so far. The team plays on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. and are hosting a double header this week against the Wray orange and blue youth teams.

We've got 19 kids out in grades four through six this year, Coach Ryan Culwell said. We're in an instruction league that the Wray Elk's club started a couple years ago that allows the coach on the field with the kids. The games are 12-minute quarters with a continuous clock and there are no kick-offs, the ball starts on the 35-yard line.

Drew Kaup and Matt Brown are coaching along with Ryan Culwell this season. Participants are: Jordan Raby, Tayton Weeter, Bryce Hays, Connor Keller, Cody Baxter, Wyatt Hilt, Draven Houtman, Tiernan Poling, (sixth grade); Seth Mills, Isaiah Lee, Brady Dinkel, (fifth grade); Kobe Tice, Jesse Baxter, Shadryon Blanka, Colton Neitzel, Adam Krien, Brody Kaup, Garin Cooper (fourth grade).

The junior high team will next play on Thursday against the Decatur Community Red Devils, hosting the game on Green Field at 4 p.m.

The St. Francis youth team beat the Benkelman team by a score of 22-16 the first week. Additional information about the teams and schedule can be found online at wrayelks.org.



ECHO JONES almost collides with her teammate as she goes for the ball in the Sept. 6 home volleyball match against the Wauneta-Palisade Lady Broncos.

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Lady Indians beat Dighton, lose to Wallace and Rawlins Counties

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The Lady Indians earned their first victory of the year last week against the Dighton Lady Hornets in a quad at Sharon Springs. Sainty also faced off against the Wallace County Lady Wildcats and the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes but lost to both teams.

Sainty played Wallace County first in the day, losing in two sets 25-12 and 25-22. Notable stats were Clarice Neitzel with four kills, Justice Wiley with three and Echo Jones and Aly Schlepp with one apiece. Schlepp also served four aces.

The team won in three sets against Dighton (25-19, 25-23, 25-13). Schlepp performed well, leading the team in attacks with 22, scoring eight kills and three blocks. Neitzel was 15 for 15 serving with two aces. Wiley had four kills in the match. Jones had two and Laura Brunk had one.

The Lady Indians did not fare well against Rawlins County, losing in two sets 25-13 and 25-18.

"Boy, it sure felt good to get our first win," Coach Talley Morrow said. "All around, it wasn't our very best night of play so far, which tells me we should get more wins in the near future, but we did have some improvements on our

front-row defense, so we were all really happy about that. Aly was really on with blocking and our back-row defense was backing her up well when she wasn't in place."

"Overall, we are where we are, but we're going to keep working to improve our play and earn more wins," Coach Morrow said.

Junior Varsity

The junior varsity squad went up against the Rawlins County junior varsity, only to lose in two sets 25-20 and 25-13.

"The junior varsity actually got off to a decent start but we ran into an extremely good server," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "We could not get a good pass and the result was she scored too many points. In the second set of the junior varsity match the same thing happened."

"When we struggle with passing it is very hard for us to do anything else right," Coach Olofson said. "We will be working on serve receive as this is an area that needs definite improvement. I would also like to see more aggressive serving but it is hard for the young ladies to be aggressive without serving out of bounds."

C-Team

The Sainty C-Team also defeated Dighton in three sets for their first win of the year. Dighton won the first set by three, then Sainty came

back 25-20 and 25-7.

"The C team had their first match and it was a very good one," Coach Olofson said. "For once it was our serving that kept us in the match. Dighton had balanced scoring in the first set and we played even. In the second set we had very good serves and this put Dighton in the position of scrambling to get the ball over. When we received free balls we finally had a chance to play offense and set up attacks. In the last set we served smart and aggressively and were able to take the match."

"We got contributions from every C team player," Coach Olofson said. "The young ladies still need to work on getting into defensive position as this is a major problem during sets. We will react and play hard but we have to scramble to get to the ball because we are out of position."

The teams will play again at home on Thursday, starting at 4 p.m. They square off against Benkelman and Imperial.

Good Bye Summer ... Hello Fall!!!!
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Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

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