

At the Game

Indians lose to Red Devils

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The Indians played football against the Decatur Community Red Devils on Greene Field last Friday night. Sainty lost the game 33-8 and have moved to a 2-3 record so far this season.

Shortly after receiving the opening kickoff, Decatur Community scored with a 62-yard run. The one-point kick was good and the Red Devils took the lead 7-0 with over 10 minutes still left in the first quarter.

After a touchback on the kickoff, the Indians fumbled on their first possession, but were able to recover it. By the fourth down, they were forced to punt.

Zach Gienger was able to recover the ball for the Indians quickly after a fumble, but the Indians did the same the next play to return possession back to Decatur Community.

The Red Devils were able to come within scoring distance on the next possession, but the Indian defence remained strong and Mikey Leibbrandt defended a swing pass on fourth and eight to stop Decatur Community from scoring.

Sainty remained constant on the field; a strong defense with an offense that had break-away plays but were not able to create the yardage they needed by fourth down.

Late in the first half, Decatur Community scored again with a 16-yard pass. The kick was good and the Red Devils furthered their lead 14-0.

After Sainty again handed over possession with a punt, Decatur Community relentlessly approached the goal line again and the Red Devil quarterback scored with a two-yard dive to make the halftime score 20-0.

After returning the kickoff to the 35-yard line, kick returner Foster Grant was taken out of the game due to a knee injury. Leibbrandt again ran strong for the Indians, and again unable to make significant gains in downs, Sainty turned over possession.

Decatur Community continued with big gains, and lineman Dillion Straub was also injured and removed from the game. After the injury timeout, the Red Devils scored off a 40-yard dash, the score 26-0.

The Indians punted, the Red Devils came close to scoring again with a pass that was dropped in the endzone. The Indians punted again.

Shortly in the fourth quarter, Decatur Community scored again after a big break and short dive. The kick was good and the score was 33-0.

Again Sainty punted after coming up short on downs, but the Red Devils blocked it and took over on the Indians 23-yard line. Stopping the Red Devils from scoring, Sainty took over. Leibbrandt and Thomas Douthit again had strong runs and moved the ball, and Douthit got the Indians on the scoreboard with a 41-yard run. He also ran in the two-point conversion to end up at the game's final score 33-8.



MIKEY LEIBBRANDT holds off and out runs defenders from the Decatur Community Red Devils in last Friday's home game. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

"This game against Oberlin certainly was not the way I visualized us starting off district play," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "For whatever reason, we simply were not mentally ready to play this game. Oberlin has been beat on early this season

by big powerhouses and they were ready to get things back on track. They are a good, well coached football team and they wanted the win much worse than we did."

"Even though, we got beat on, we still had great hustle and

effort," Coach Buffington said. "Games like this happen from time to time, but there is still no excuse for it. We have to look within ourselves to turn things back around. I don't know what it will take for these young men to realize how good they really

are. It's not easy to be a good football team. One thing about it, I wouldn't trade a single one of these young men for anyone else because we are all Indians and we will get through it together."

Sainty will play in Oakley at 7 p.m. this Friday night.

Volleyball team beats Cheylin

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The Lady Indians went to Oberlin on Tuesday, Sept. 25, and faced off against the Lady Red Devils and the Cheylin Lady Cougars. The team lost to Decatur Community in two sets 25-16 and 28-26, but overcame Cheylin in two sets 25-8 and 25-22 to earn their second win of the season.

"It was so great to get another win," Coach Talley Morrow said. "We have completely changed up our offense, with a new setter and adding a libero, and after one day of practicing it, we put it into play tonight and proved that we made a good move in making such major changes. We needed a boost in our passing, setting and attacking stats and to score more points in our sets in order to move toward achieving wins, so I spent the weekend 'spinning the wheel' and came up with a new plan that is going to work for us. We have a lot of 'clean-up' to do to make our new offense a well-oiled machine, but the players are excited about it and willing to learn their new positions. I'm really proud of the girls and how they played tonight and how they handled major change with little time to rehearse. Good job, Ladies!"

The junior varsity squad only played the Oberlin team, as Cheylin didn't have enough players to field a junior varsity team. The junior Lady Indians lost out to the Lady Red Devils



LAURA BRUNK bumps a volleyball during the home matches on Thursday, Sept. 20. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

25-7 and 25-16.

"As Cheylin does not have enough girls out to field a junior varsity, we had only one match," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "The match was over fairly quickly as the young Lady Indians did not pass well and the Red Devils capitalized on this. They out

served us and we could do little to get out of the hole. For young volleyball teams, serve receive and serving define the game and we did not do either well enough to compete. As our season winds down we will continue to work on these very important aspects of the game."

Post-season sports announced

The post-season of fall sports is already fast approaching, and Sainty will be competing in three categories: football, volleyball and golf.

St. Francis is in the Class 2-1A District 7 11-man football district, along with Ellis, Leoti-Wichita County, Oakley and Oberlin-Decatur Community. The top two teams in district play advance to the next round of playoffs. District 7 teams will then play District 8 teams. District 8 teams this year are: Elkhart, Johnson-Stanton County, Meade, Sublette and Syracuse.

The Lady Indians will play at the 1A Division 1 substate

tournament, held in Wakeeney, on Oct. 20. Other teams in the substate are Atwood-Rawlins County, Hoxie, Logan, Quinter and Wakeeney-Trego Community. The winner of this tournament will advance to the Kansas State Volleyball Tournament in Hays at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University on Oct. 26-27.

Kyla Bandel plays for St. Francis in golf and will play at the regional tournament in Cimarron on Monday, Oct. 8. She will face competition from Cimarron, Holcomb, Lakin, Medicine Lodge, Syracuse and Oakley. The top three teams, and top five individuals not in the top

three teams, will advance to the state tournament in Cheney on Oct. 15.

Helpful Hints

Go to basic items in your kitchen like salt and use it for:

- Remove dirt from leafy vegetables, such as spinach. Wash the vegetables in a bath of salt water.

- Prevent frost from accumulating inside car windows. Rub the glass with a solution of 2 teaspoons of salt in 1 gallon of hot water. Wipe dry.

- Keep shells from cracking when boiling eggs. Add a few pinches of salt to the water.

Junior high beats Benkelman

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The junior high Indians' football team faced the Tigers in Benkelman, Neb. on Thursday, Sept. 27, and scored a big 44-6 win to remain undefeated this season.

Taylor Rogers scored first with a 35-yard run. He scored again when the Indians regained possession with a 40-yard run. Quarterback Quinton Cravens took in the conversion points and the score was 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Rogers

again scored for the Indians with an eight-yard run. Joel Hill scored the conversion points. The Indians held a sizable 22-0 lead at halftime.

Hill received a pass from Cravens to score a touchdown, and also caught a pitch from Tate Busse to advance the score. Hill also scored the fifth Sainty touchdown of the game with a 32-yard run. Rogers scored the conversion to make the score 38-0 in the third quarter.

Luke Lampe scored the final touchdown for the Indians with a three-yard dive.

Dundy County finally got on the board with a two-yard jaunt in the last 48 seconds of the game, the final score 44-6.

"We had some very well executed plays on offense set up because of very good blocking up front," Coach Ted Busse said of the win. "We had some very good plays on defense, and some 'big hits' that you don't always see or hear at the junior high level. We can't wait for practice so we can continue to get better."

The junior high team will compete in Goodland this Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

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