

# At the Game

## Indians lose to Oakley, season moves to 2-4

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The Indian football team traveled to Oakley on Friday, Oct. 5, to play the Plainsmen. Despite a strong defensive showing, the Indians weren't able to gain much ground against Oakley offensively and lost the contest 30-6.

The Indians received the opening kickoff, and Thomas Douthit was able to gain significant yardage for the team, but a 4th and 2 dive by Mikey Leibbrandt came up short, giving the ball back to the Plainsmen.

Oakley was able to string runs together on their possession to get on the scoreboard. Their conversion was unsuccessful but the Plainsmen led 6-0 with 4:10 left in the first quarter.

Foster Grant had a good kickoff return, but the yards he gained were taken back by a block-in-the-back penalty. Saintry's offense then fumbled to return the ball to Oakley. The Indian defense held and regained possession on downs.

Leibbrandt gained a first down with a run in the next series, but again a fumble, that the Indians did recover, slowed down the forward momentum and Oakley regained possession deep in Indian territory.

The Plainsmen rammed the ball down the field and were able to

score in four downs. Oakley led 12-0.

The Indians received the kickoff and fumbled in two snaps with Oakley recovering the ball. On the next play, Oakley scored on a 35-yard run. The score now 18-0.

The Indians again mishandled and fumbled the ball on their next series, getting nowhere. When Oakley took over, they committed a holding penalty that set them back. They passed, trying to make up ground, but Dylan Wolaver intercepted it and ran it to the Indian 41-yard line.

Douthit, Leibbrandt and Wolaver gained yards for the Indians, but an incomplete pass on 4th and 9 again returned possession to Oakley. Oakley was unable to score again before the half.

Oakley received the kick after halftime and shortly scored again. The Indians punted at the end of their next possession. Grant and Leibbrandt made big plays on defense to keep the Plainsmen from scoring again and regained possession.

Deep in their own territory, Douthit was able to break away to give the Indians a little more space, but again the Indians fumbled and the Plainsmen recovered the ball. The Plainsmen again scored on their series, running away with the game 30-0.

With 10 minutes left on the clock,

the Indians scored on a run by Douthit, helped along by good gains by Wolaver, Leibbrandt and Lane Hoffman. The score now 30-6.

Oakley had the ball again but the Indian defense kept them from scoring.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Indian Quarterback Lane Hoffman ran for the first down but was hit hard and knocked out. He was taken to the Oakley hospital and released that night. When the game resumed, the Indians were long on yards and short on downs and attempted to punt, but it was blocked and Oakley ran the clock out.

"There is not a whole lot to say about the game this week with Oakley," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "We played a much more mentally tough and physical game than a week ago with Oberlin, but we simply could not handle the ball. We, ourselves continue to be the team that beats us. We played well enough to win this ball game if you take the fumbles out. The main thing is that we are continuing to battle each and every week and even though our record may not show it, we are having success in becoming men."

The Indians move to a 2-4 record this season, 0-2 in district play, and will host the Ellis Railroaders on Greene Field this Friday, starting at 7 p.m.



THOMAS DOUTHIT avoids defenders in Saintry's football game against the Oakley Plainsmen last Friday. Saintry lost the game 30-6.  
Herald photo by Christi Guthmiller

# Junior high team is undefeated

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The junior high Indian football team won against the Goodland Mustangs on Thursday, Oct. 4, to finish their season undefeated.

Playing in Goodland, the Mustangs scored first against

Saintry in the second quarter, but the Indians came right back when Taylor Rogers returned the kickoff to the end zone on an 82-yard run. Qunition Cravens ran in the conversion points to take the lead 8-6.

Goodland was able to make

ground with their passing game, but the Indian defense did regain possession before the Mustangs could score again.

On their drive before the end of the first half, Saintry made some big advancements on runs by Rogers, Cravens and Tate Busse, but two fumbles, that were recovered by Saintry, and a holding penalty kept the Indians short of the goal line before the end of the first half.

After receiving the kickoff at the start of the second half, Goodland again relied on their passing game to advance the ball, but a strong Indian defense and pass coverage by Luke Lampe allowed the Indians to regain possession once again. Runs by Rogers, Lampe and Joel Hill added up to a score again for Saintry. The pass for the extra points was incomplete, the score 14-6.

The next series was much the same, with Goodland turning over the ball on downs and the Rogers-Lampe-Hill trio powering the ball to the end zone again. The Indians led 22-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Cravens had a pass interception to cut the Mustang drive short, but ended up returning possession of the ball back to the Mustangs after coming up short on downs. Goodland continued to pass, making big gains, but ultimately coming up short, returning possession.

After gains by Lampe and Rogers, Hill scored again for the Indians. The conversion failed, the score 28-6.

Goodland took to the air again and this time the pass was intercepted and ran back by Rogers. The final score was 34-6.



A TOUGH DEFENSIVE battle happened on Greene Field on Monday when Saintry's junior varsity football team won over Oakley. The final score was 36-0.  
Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

# Golfer takes first

Kyla Bandel, St. Francis high school golfer, took second place at the Syracuse Golf Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 4. Bandel had a score of 83, one stroke off the winning score of 82 by a golfer from Ulyssess. There were 52 total girls participating in the tournament from nine schools.

Bandel plays with the Colby team during the regular season as St. Francis does not have a team.

Bandel also took the individual

championship at the 3-2-1A Regional Golf Tournament in Cimarron with a 91 in 18 holes. She shot a 46 in the first round and improved by a stroke in the second. The second place score was a 93, shot by a Syracuse golfer. Syracuse also took the team championship.

Bandel will go on to compete at the 3-2-1A State Golf Tournament in Cheney on Monday, Oct. 15.

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1 p.m. MDT Barbecue at Country Schoolhouse  
3:30 p.m. Tumbleweed/Spook Parade at Schoolhouse  
(No motorized vehicles)

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