



CADE BRACELIN breaks away with the ball in Friday's home game against the Ellis Railroaders. Saintry won the game 38-22.

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## Indians beat Ellis at home

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The Indians hosted the Ellis Railroaders on Friday, Oct. 12, and competed well, earning a win 38-22.

Before the game started, "Senior Night" activities took place, with senior athletes, managers, cheerleaders and pom members recognized. The seniors recognized high school custodian Harvey Forsythe and principal Scott Carmichael as well.

Saintry received the opening, on-side kick and started on the Indian 45-yard line. Two plays later, Mikey Leibbrandt scored on a 53-yard run.

Ellis utilized their passing game to gain ground on their first possession. They reached the 10-yard line before the Saintry defense was able to stop them and take the ball back on downs.

Deep in their own territory, Saintry punted, but it was short and only gained them a yard when Ellis took over. The Saintry defense stayed strong again and took the ball back in four downs on the seven-yard line.

Saintry again punted after their next four downs. When Ellis took over, a tackle in the backfield by Steven Nelson for a loss was followed by a Foster Grant interception that he took to the 34-yard line.

Leibbrandt earned the Indians a new set of downs, but they didn't quite make it and turned over the ball to Ellis. Ellis' next series also fell short.

Thomas Douthit caught a pass for eight yards, then scored on a 31-yard run.

Ellis returned the ball to Saintry on downs after the kickoff, and the Indians did the same after their series fell short.

The Indians led 12-0 at halftime.

Ellis received the ball but were short on downs and turned it back to Saintry. Saintry punted at the end of their series. Ellis, still relying on their passing game, was able to make significant gains with two passes that connected, and a 20-yard touchdown run put Ellis on the scoreboard.

The Indians stayed on the ground the next series, and runs by Leibbrandt, Douthit and Bracelin eventually added up to another touchdown. Leibbrandt also scored the conversion points, moving the score to 20-6.

Ellis tried to take to the air for yards again, this time getting met by Leibbrandt, who scored after returning an interception 40-yards.

Dylan Peter had a couple of big plays on defense, forcing an incomplete pass and knocking down a second. Ellis hung in there though and despite dropped throws, Ellis scored again on a 25-yard run. Ellis was successful on their conversion points after multiple ref calls and the score was 26-14 at the end of the third quarter.

Saintry earned a first down running, but fumbled to Ellis. Douthit snagged an interception and scored, but the down was replayed due to illegal participation. The next play, Ellis scored on a 46-yard run. The Railroaders also scored on a quarterback run to threaten Saintry's lead 26-22.

Saintry took the next four minutes to take the ball to their own endzone from the Indian 37-yard line. The conversion failed, the Indians led by ten.

Defensive pressure from the Indians led to a Nelson interception and return to the 13. Leibbrandt

ran it into the endzone on the next play to make the final score 38-22 with five minutes left to play.

Ellis was unable to advance the ball significantly on the next series and turned it over and Saintry ran the clock down by running the ball.

Mikey Leibbrandt led the team in yards with 178 yards in 17 carries. He also scored three touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

Thomas Douthit had 111 yards in 19 carries. He also had one reception for seven yards and scored two touchdowns.

Cade Bracelin had 65 yards in 14 carries and scored one touchdown.

Clay Cassaw had three carries for three yards and was one for two passing.

Team stats were 357 rushing yards, compared to Ellis' 132, and Saintry had seven passing yards while Ellis had 163.

"This was a great win against Ellis," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "We finally played the game that we have been looking for all year long. We handled the ball really well and made relatively few mistakes. Ellis is a great football team and we simply played our style of football and beat them head to head. The effort these men put out on the field is a true testament to their real character that is emerging from within them. The past several games haven't gone our way and it could have been easy for these men to let their moral drop and finish out the season on a downward slide but each week they continue to play with passion because of their love for the game and it paid huge dividends this week." Saintry will travel to Leoti on Friday, Oct. 19.

# Lady Indians do well in Sharon Springs, lose at league

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On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Lady Indians went to Sharon Springs to participate in a quad with the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans, the Wallace County Lady Wildcats and the Wichita County Lady Indians. Saintry won against Triplains-Brewster in three matches, losing the first 25-17 but winning the second and third 25-12 and 27-25. Saintry also won against the Wichita County Lady Indians.

"It was surprising this evening because we came out really flat-footed in the first set against Triplains-Brewster," Coach Talley Morrow said. "That gym is dark and closed-in and we just don't like to play there, really. But, we came out and brought our A-game in the second and third sets to win the match. I was really pleased with our exciting comeback."

"We also played quite well against Leoti, whom we had not seen yet this season," Coach Morrow said. "It was really good to beat them, also, especially since they were a pretty good team."

"To end the evening, we fought in a great first set with Wallace County, losing by only two points," Coach Morrow said. "It was a disappointing loss, though, and at that point we just didn't recover emotionally. According to our stats, our second set was pretty good, but we made too many mistakes and let them get under our skin, so we lost that one by 11 points."

"But all in all, we are a much-improved team, fun to watch, and working to solve our weaknesses at every practice," Coach Morrow said. "I'm very proud to coach these girls."

### Junior Varsity

The junior varsity had mixed results on the day, beating Triplains-Brewster in two sets 25-15 and 25-23 but losing to Wichita County 25-18 and 25-22.

"We had a typical roller coaster ride for the last matches of the season," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "Against Wichita County we started out slowly. We never really found the best method to start our matches so we always seemed to be climbing out of a self generated hole. We played much better in the second set but it was too late to change the outcome."

"In the first set of the second match, we outplayed and out served TriPlain/Brewster," Coach Olofson said. "In the second set the young Lady Indians lost focus for a short time and we almost lost the set. As most of the season's victories came in the last few weeks, the young ladies showed marked improvement in their

skills and volleyball knowledge. They need to work on some of the intangibles that will help them in any competitive environment but they are young and they will continue to get better."

The junior varsity season record was four wins and 13 losses. The C team had one win.

### Northwest Kansas League Tournament

The Lady Indians' volleyball team traveled to Oakley for the Northwest Kansas League Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 13. Ten teams all together competed in two pools of five teams, with the top two teams from both pools face off for the championship. Saintry lost all four matches they played on the day.

### Decatur Community

Saintry first faced off against the Decatur Community Lady Red Devils. Saintry jumped out to a 3-1 lead early in the first set, thanks to a kill by Laura Brunk and errors by the Lady Red Devils. Saintry errors allowed Decatur Community to turn the lead in their favor 5-3. Kills from Aly Schlepp and Justice Wiley tied the set up 6-all, and Saintry stayed tied with Decatur Community up until 9-all, when the Lady Red Devils were able to pull ahead due to Lady Indian errors. Schlepp had a kill, and errors of Decatur Community's own let Saintry catch up to within a point of their lead, but 14-13 was as close as it got. The Lady Red Devils won 25-15.

Saintry again took the lead early in the second set, but as Decatur Community chipped away and came to tie the game 8-8, the Lady Red Devils jumped ahead 16-8. Decatur Community won the set 25-17.

### Dighton

It was a tight game with Dighton, both teams falling behind and pulling ahead until the end. Dighton pulled ahead 14-10 from Saintry errors, but errors of their own and two kills by Kyla Bandel tied it up 14-all. Dighton pulled ahead again and then committed four consecutive errors, giving Saintry a 20-18 lead. Dighton then scored seven points on four kills, a stuff, and ace and only one Saintry error to take the set.

The teams were again evenly-matched in the second set. Saintry took a 15-10 lead on kills from Brunk and Schlepp, but the team was soon eclipsed by eight straight points in Dighton's favor. Saintry was able to tie it up 20-all, but came no closer to the lead. The final score to take the match was 25-22.

### Oakley

Saintry fell in a big hole 11-3 early on against the Lady

Plainsmen, but a run of points score by Bandel, Wiley and Schlepp brought the score to a more manageable 18-14. Saintry came within one point of the lead, 19-18, from a Schlepp kill and Oakley errors, but Oakley ended up winning the set 25-22.

Saintry won the second set against Oakley. Early in the game, both teams were tied up, but Saintry eventually inched their way to a five point lead, 15-10. Kills by Bailey Merklin and McKayla Taylor later in the game increased the Saintry lead to nine points, 22-13. Oakley made a big run and almost caught up but an Oakley net violation and kill by Bandel ended the set in favor of Saintry, 25-23.

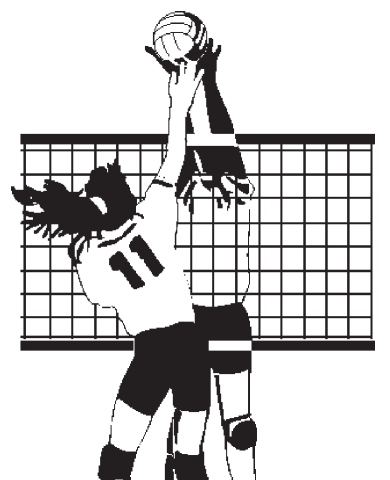
Oakley jumped out to a 6-1 lead right away in the third set. Saintry caught right up and tied it 7-all on kills from Echo Jones and Wiley, and Oakley mistakes. Another Wiley kill took the lead for the Indians and they made it to 12-9 before Oakley battled back and took the lead 16-13. Saintry was able to tie it up, then take the lead 19-16, then 21-17. Oakley took a timeout and after that break, Oakley got seven points and Saintry only one. Oakley won the set 25-22.

### Wallace County

Saintry was again even with their last opponent of the day, Wallace County, in the early points of the set. Wallace County jumped out to a three-point lead but Saintry took it back with kills by Schlepp and Brunk, 14-13. Bandel had a dump set kill to help increase Saintry's lead to 18-15. Wallace County took the lead again and the teams went into extended play. Saintry took the lead 26-25 off a tip from Bandel, but ultimately lost the set 30-28.

The final game against Wallace County was close in points again, neither team ever gaining a large spread. Saintry led by 22-20 towards the end of the game, but out-of-bounds hits cost them the match, the final score 25-22.

The Lady Indians will travel to WaKeeney on Saturday, Oct. 20, for the Substate Volleyball Tournament.



## Fall Sports Corrections

# St. Francis Volleyball 12

**#11 Echo Jones**  
Sophomore  
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**#17 Alexis Frink**  
Freshman  
Parents: Leslie McKinney  
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**Sounds Like Wedding Bells**

**ACROSS**

- Bouncers' requests
- "R.U.R." playwright
- "Rabbit food"
- Teachers' org.
- Beyond's partner
- Two-dimensional
- If actress Tyne married Chicago politico Richard, she'd be Tyne
- Upper crust
- "Don't fire \_\_\_ fired upon"
- Orthodontist's device
- Caught in the act
- Guinness suffix
- Gaelic tongue
- 1/2 fl. oz.
- Dr. Scholl's products
- Felix's roommate
- Director Preminger
- Pew area
- Scuff up
- If artist Yoko married skater Apolo, she'd be Yoko
- Palindromic Bobbey
- Jillions
- Moffo or Pavlova
- Politico Lott
- Wanted-poster figures
- Mason's job
- Native Canadian
- KLM rival
- In the proverbial cellar
- City south of Elizabeth, NJ
- Grosse \_\_, MI
- Siouan tribesmen
- If skater Sasha married director Ethan, she'd be Sasha
- Look for water
- If singer Cleo married actor Nathan, she'd be Cleo
- Kitty starter
- Word before XING
- Gossipy sort
- Mortise mate
- Impromptu percussion
- A sib
- Cornell's city
- Hunter or Bayh
- Shipped off
- Actor Epps
- Mall event
- If singer Sheryl married actor Russell, she'd be Sheryl
- Won \_\_ soup
- Quadrennial candidate Ralph
- 4th-qr. followers, sometimes
- Most tangy
- Dig fang
- Candy brand
- Facet
- Brit's weight
- Battery terminal
- Beef on the hoof
- On tenterhooks
- Closing passage
- Get from \_\_ (progress a bit)
- MBA subj.
- Till stack
- "\_\_ Master's Voice"

**DOWN**

- Pakistan's chief river
- Colonial diplomat Silas
- Explorer Sieur de La \_\_
- Ill-bred sorts
- Puts down
- Capitol Hill figure
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- Chan films regular \_\_ Luke
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