

At the Game

Indians win over Healy

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The Sagebrush Classic Tournament got underway on Tuesday, Dec. 4, in Brewster. The St. Francis Indians boy's basketball team played the Healy Eagles in the opening round and came home with a victory. The decisive 77-23 win advanced the boys team to the championship side of the tournament bracket. St. Francis boys head basketball coach Mr. Jeff Beims said "When we defend and rebound, we can run. If we get lazy on the defensive end, we can't."

In the second round semi final game on Friday Dec. 7, the St. Francis Indians ran into a talented, well-executing Stockton Tiger basketball team in Brewster. The Indians played hard, but lost the contest 53-79. "Stockton has a really nice team this year," said Coach Beims. "They have several guys who are a threat from the perimeter, and two quality big men to fill up the paint. Sometimes you just have to tip your hat to the better team and move on."

The last and final round of the Sagebrush shootout played on Saturday, Dec 8, the Indians lost to a very adverse Stratton basketball team 56-60. The Indians played well but got into foul trouble and as the boys fouled out, Stratton started hitting some of the 38 free-throws they shot to eventually steal the win.

"These young men didn't whine, they didn't complain, they just played hard for 32 minutes, when it seemed the world was against them. Even if we don't win another game all season, I'm proud to stand with this group of young men. If it's going to be "us against the world," so be it. I got my money on us," said Coach Beims.



STEVEN NELSON, 12, takes a shot at the basket during the game against Stockton during the Sagebrush Tournament.

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KYLA BANDEL, 22, guards her opponent during the Sagebrush tournament held over the weekend. Also pictured is Clarice Neitzel, 15.

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Ladies win one, lose one

The St. Francis Lady Indian's basketball team earned their first win of the young season in Brewster on Tuesday, Dec. 4. The Lady Indians defeated Healy in a lop-sided contest in the opening round of the Brewster Sagebrush Classic basketball tournament.

By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Indians were leading 24-0 and by the end of the first half led 34-10. With substitute players playing most of the second half, the margin did not advance much, but many play-

ers received valuable minutes. The Lady Indians won their first game of the season and advanced to the championship side of the bracket with a 52-19 win.

In the second round of the Sagebrush shootout played Friday Dec. 7, the Lady Indians lost to Stockton 33-58. "We didn't play very well at all. We shot the ball poorly and just weren't intense defensively. Offensively we didn't run our plays correctly and became passive" said Lady Indian's head basketball coach

Mrs. Susan Dinkel.

In the final round on Saturday Dec. 8, the Lady Indians basketball team was defeated by Triplains/Brewster (T/B) in the third place game held in Brewster. The Lady Indians turned in their best performance of the young season, but lost the contest, 38-49. "We played better but we were out rebounded by a taller team and we fouled quite a bit in the last few minutes of the game adding to the loss," said Coach Dinkel

Wrestlers attend Colby tourney

The Indians wrestled four dual matches on Friday and three more on Saturday. On Friday, the Indians wrestled teams from Goodland, Concordia, Oakley, and Valley Center. On Saturday, St. Francis had matches against Hays, McPherson, and Hoxie.

"I told the guys on Wednesday that with it being a dual tournament that we most likely would not win a single dual, and we didn't," said Coach Dylan Loyd. "I told them that not because I didn't believe in them but, because with seven open weights out of the possible 14 it's hard to compete against the full teams."

Goodland 60, St. Francis 17
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs- 6-2, escapes 5-1, reversals 1-3, near falls 3-3, wins 3-3, major decisions 0-0, technical falls 1-0, falls 0-3

Individual Results:
106- forfeit to Goodland, 113- forfeit to Goodland, 120- Keller technical fall over Cooper, 126- Cassaw lost by fall to Hernandez, 132- White lost by fall to Bahe, 138- Lampe won by a 6-4 decision over Milke, 145- Guggenmos lost by fall to House, 152- forfeit to Goodland, 160- Leibbrandt won by 1-0 decision over Whisnant, 170- forfeit to Goodland, 182- forfeit to Goodland, 195- Forfeit to Goodland, 220- forfeit to Goodland, 285- Blanka won by forfeit.

Concordia 40, St. Francis 36
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 5-6, escapes 1-1, reversals 1-0, near falls 6-3, wins 5-1, major decisions 0-1, technical falls 0-0, falls 5-0.

Individual Results:
106- forfeit to Concordia, 113- forfeit to Concordia, 120- Keller won by fall over Sprague, 132- White won by fall over Knapp, 138- Lampe lost by a 13-1 major decision to Hake, 145- Guggenmos won by fall over Edwards, 152- Open to Concordia, 160- Leibbrandt won by fall over Payeur, 170- forfeit to Concordia, 182- both teams open, 195- forfeit to Concordia, 220- forfeit to Concordia, 285- Blanka won by fall over Guevara.

Oakley 51, St. Francis 21
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs- 6-4, escapes 3-5, reversals 1-1, nearfalls 2-2, wins 2-2, major decisions 0-0, technical falls 0-0,

falls 1-1

Individual Results
106- forfeit to Oakley, 113- both teams opens, 120- Keller won by 10-4 decision over Rains, 126- Cassaw won by forfeit, 132- White won by forfeit, 138- Lampe lost by 11-6 decision to Flipse, 145- Guggenmos won by fall over Dirks, 152- forfeit to Oakley, 160- Leibbrandt lost by fall to Faulkendar, 170- forfeit to Oakley, 182- forfeit to Oakley, 195- forfeit to Oakley, 220- forfeit to Oakley, 285- Blanka won by fall.

Valley Center 69, St. Francis 3

Team Totals
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 1-8, escapes 1-3, reversals 1-1, nearfalls 0-4, wins 1-6, major decisions 0-0, technical falls 0-0, falls 0-3

Individual Results:
106- forfeit to Valley Center, 113- forfeit to Valley Center, 120- Keller lost by a 5-1 decision to Holle, 126- Cassaw won by 4-0 decision to Turkelli, 132- White lost by 5-0 decision to Ortiz, 138- Lampe lost by fall to Boone, 145- Guggenmos lost by fall to Vanduser, 152- forfeit to Valley Center, 160- Leibbrandt lost by 7-1 decision to Bluml, 170- forfeit to Valley Center, 182- forfeit to Valley Center, 195- Forfeit to Valley Center, 220- forfeit to Valley Center, 285- Blanka lost by fall to Sander.

Hays 47, St. Francis 19
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 4-4, escapes 1-6, reversals 1-1, nearfalls 6-7, wins 4-4, major decisions 1-0, technical falls 0-1, falls 2-1

Individual Results:
106- forfeit to Hays, 113- forfeit to Hays, 120- Keller won by 4-2 decision over Waddell, 126- Cassaw won by a 13-0 decision over Kohl, 132- White won by fall over McKinney, 138- Lampe lost by a 6-4 decision to Albert, 145- Guggenmos lost by 17-0 technical fall to Sedbrook, 152- Leibbrandt lost by 6-1 decision to Franco, 160- Hobrock won by fall over Drylie, 170- forfeit to Hays, 182- forfeit to Hays, 195- forfeit to Hays, 220- forfeit to Hays, 285- Blanka lost by fall to Scott.

McPherson 43, St. Francis 36
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 7-7, escapes 1-3, reversals 2-0, nearfalls 9-4, wins 5-2, major decisions 0-1, technical falls 0-0,



LOGAN LAMPE has his opponent in a cradle and is racking up points for the Indians.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

falls 4-0

Individual Results
106- forfeit to McPherson, 113- forfeit to McPherson, 120- Keller won by forfeit, 126- Cassaw lost by a 10-8 OT decision to Boswell, 132- White won by fall over Taylor, 138- Lampe won by a fall over Hein, 145- Guggenmos lost by 14-4 decision to Graber, 152- Leibbrandt won by fall over Stites, 160- Hobrock won by fall over Baldwin, 170- forfeit to McPherson, 182- forfeit to McPherson, 195- forfeit to McPherson, 220- forfeit to McPherson, 285- Blanka won by fall over McKinney.

Hoxie 38, St. Francis 24
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 3-9, escapes 3-2, reversals 0-0, nearfalls 2-8, wins 2-4, major decisions 0-0, technical falls 0-1, falls 2-2

Individual Results
106- forfeit to Hoxie, 113- both

teams open, 120- Keller won by fall over Storer, 126- Cassaw lost by fall to Heim, 132- White won by fall over Rowh, 138- Lampe lost by fall to Bainter, 145- Guggenmos won by forfeit, 152- Leibbrandt won by forfeit, 160- Hobrock lost by 16-1 technical fall to Ochs, 170- both teams open, 182- forfeit to Hoxie, 195- forfeit to Hoxie, 220- both teams open, 285- Blanka lost by a 5-3 OT decision to Colson.

Team Totals:
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 9-1, escapes 1-4, reversals 2-0, nearfalls 15-0, wins 5-0, major decision 2-0, technical falls 0-0, falls 3-0

Individual Results:
106- both teams open, 113- Forfeit to Oakley, 120- White fall over Lagneau, 126- Cassaw won by forfeit, 132- both teams open, 138- White won by 14-5 decision over Flipse, 145- Lampe won by

fall over Dirks, 152- Open to Oakley, 160- Leibbrandt won by 9-0 major decision over Faulkendar, 170- Forfeit to Oakley, 182- Forfeit to Oakley, 195- Forfeit to Oakley, 220- both teams open, 285- Blanka won by fall over Rains.

Coaches Awards
Most Exciting match- Blanka fall over Rains to win the dual against Oakley, Coaches award- Lane Hobrock, practice wrestler- Clay Cassaw, best freshman performance- Cassaw/Hobrock, best junior varsity performance- Guggenmos/Hobrock, best sophomore performance- Blanka key match award- Cassaw fall over Sprague (Concordia) most outstanding performance- Casey Keller

Wrestler of the week St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected Casey Keller as the wrestler of the week. Casey went 6-1 this weekend at the very tough Colby dual tournament.

Junior high girls beat Atwood

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Last Monday, Dec 3, the junior high girls basketball teams traveled to Atwood to compete against the Rawlins County teams. The St. Francis B team won a close game by a score of 22-19. The A team lost to Rawlins County 20-35.

St. Francis trailed in the B team contest 6-8 after one period and 10-12 at halftime. The Lady Indians gained the lead in the third

period and were up by one point (15-14) when the quarter closed. The Ladies held on for a 22-19 victory.

Scoring for the Lady Indians in the B team game were Emileigh Dinkel (8), Zoe Sunstrom (7), Reagan Beims (4), and Madi Tice (3).

The A team trailed 4-6 after one quarter and slipped to an 8-13 deficit at the halftime break. St. Francis scored 10 points in the third period, but gave up 12 to

Rawlins County to make the third period score 18-25. The Lady Indians could only earn 2 points in the final period, and lost the game 20-35.

Scoring for the Lady Indians in the A team contest were Katie Schmid (7), Emileigh Dinkel (5), Zoe Sundstrom (4), Madi Tice (2), and Jylian Laten (2).

The junior high girls will play Decatur Community at home on Dec. 17

Indians defeated by Colby

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The St. Francis Indian wrestlers traveled to Colby on Thursday, Dec. 6, to compete with teams from Colby and Oakley. The Indians were soundly defeated by Colby and won a close match over Oakley.

St. Francis was defeated by a strong Colby team 3-75. Austin White, at 132 pounds, recorded the only win in the match for the Indians in the dual.

"I told the guys that this would be our busiest week of the year and I didn't prove us wrong," said Dylan Loyd, St. Francis head wrestling coach. "Thursday night we dualed both Colby and Oakley. Against Colby we came out pretty flat. You can't take anything away from Colby, because they are a great team but, I don't think we wrestled up to our abilities."

Team totals
Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: take-downs 1-12, escapes 5-3, reversals 0-0, nearfalls 1-4, wins 1-5, major decisions 0-0, technical falls 0-0, falls 0-3.

Individual results
106- Forfeit to Colby, 113- Forfeit to Colby, 120- Forfeit to Colby, 126- Cassaw lost by fall to Reed, 132- White won by 6-0 decision over Holzmeister, 138- Lampe lost by fall to Shull, 145- Guggenmos lost by fall to Finley, 152- Forfeit to Colby, 160- Leibbrandt lost by 5-0 decision to Woofter, 170- Forfeit to Colby, 182- Forfeit to Colby, 195- Forfeit to Colby, 220- Forfeit to Colby, 285- Blanka lost by fall to Bieberle.

St. Francis vs. Oakley,
The Indians won 32-30. The only points scored by Oakley in the dual were from forfeited points due to an incomplete Indian roster.

Winning matches for the Indians were: Philip White fall at 120; Clay Cassaw fall at 126; Austin White fall at 132; Logan Lampe fall at 138; Mikey Leibbrandt - 9-0 decision at 160; Shakotah Blanka - fall at 285.