

At the Game

Wrestlers compete well at Wray tournament

The St. Francis wrestling team competed in the Wray Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday Dec. 14. The Indians wrestled very well throughout the day and seven Indians placed in the top four positions.

Placing in the tournament were: Casey Keller - 4th at 120 lbs.; Clay Cassaw - 2nd at 126 lbs.; Austin White - 4th at 132 lbs.; Logan Lampe - 4th at 138 lbs.; Mikey Leibbrandt - 2nd at 152 lbs.; Dylan Wolaver - 2nd at 160 lbs.; and Zach Gienger - 2nd at 182 lbs.

Individual results:
 106- open
 113- open
 120- Casey Keller (placed fourth) won by a fall over Kline, Sedgwick County; lost by a 8-4 decision to Aagesen, Yuma; won by a 2-0 decision over Rockwell, Wray; lost by a 8-3 decision to Pureco-Diaz, Wray.
 126- Clay Cassaw (placed second) won by a fall over Herrell, Fowler; won by a 11-3 major decision over Skelton, Yuma; lost by a fall to Tarin, Wray
 132- Austin White (placed fourth) won by a fall over Hinkle, Fowler; lost by a 9-3 decision to

White, Highland; won by a 7-5 overtime decision over Smith, Calhan; lost by a 6-2 decision to Churchwell, Wray
 138- Logan Lampe (placed fourth) won by a 17-9 major decision over Ban, Kiowa; lost by a fall to Leifheit, Yuma; won by a 16-3 major decision Beckman, Wray; won by a 3-0 decision over Hernandez, Yuma; won by a 9-8 decision Hasting, Merino; lost by a default to Leifheit, Yuma
 138- Matt Howell won by a fall over Hinkle, Yuma; lost by a fall to Trujilo, Highland; won by a fall over Overton, Highland; lost by a 10-0 major decision to Ban, Kiowa
 145- Blaine Guggenmos won by a 12-6 decision over Willis, Kiowa; lost by a 12-11 decision to Egan, Merino; won by a 12-8 decision over Conger, Merino; lost by a 1-0 decision to Dominguez, Yuma
 152- Mikey Leibbrandt (placed second) won by a fall over Patterson, Akron; won by a fall over Valenton, Yuma; won by a 8-0 major decision over Harper, Calhan; lost by a fall to Price, Highland
 160- Lane Hobrock lost by a fall to Krueger, Sedgwick County; won



DYLAN WOLAVER works for a pin at the Wray Invitational wrestling tournament held on Saturday.
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by a fall over Fehrenbah, Stratton; lost by a 5-3 decision to Volmer, Merino
 160- Dylan Wolaver (placed second) won by a fall over Schultz, Wray; won by a 12-10 Leonhart, Yuma; lost by a 10-7 decision to Spear, Akron
 182- Zach Gienger (placed second) won by a fall over Steckman, Sedgwick County, won by a 15-3 major decision over Lutz, Highland; lost by a fall to VanDuren, Fleming.
 Twelve teams competed in the tournament with St. Francis placing 6th overall in the team standings.
Team results:
 1st - Wray 155; 2nd - Highland 136 1/2; 3rd - Yuma 117; 4th Fowler 109 1/2; 5th - Akron 105; 6th -

St. Francis 103 1/2; 7th - Merino 64 1/2; 8th - Sedgwick County/ Fleming 52; 9th - Kiowa 43; 10th - Calhan 24; 11th - Stratton 21; and 12th Holyoke 11.
 "We wrestled extremely well the whole day up until the final round. We kind of wrestled flat in the first and second and third and fourth place matches, but that happens," said Dylan Loyd, Sainty wrestling coach. "All of the mistakes we have made have been technical mistakes, which can easily be fixed. So, there is no need to hit the panic button."
 "I truly believe that we are where we need to be right now. I tell the kids every week that the season is a marathon, not a sprint."
 The key is to show improvements each week, he said, and we have

done exactly that.
 The break has come at an opportune time for us, he said. We are beat up right now! We've been dealing with a lot of injuries and sickness so far this season, and I'm hoping that over this break we can get healthy.
 "It will be a lot of fun to see what we can do when we get all of our wrestlers healthy, should be very exciting and I'm really looking forward to it."
 "As we go into the holiday's it gives the guys a chance to be able to spend some time with their families, relax a little, and truly remember why we celebrate this special holiday. We have a lot to be thankful for and from a coach's standpoint I couldn't ask

for a better group of young men. Looking forward to continue to battle each day and grow together as a team and get to where we need and want to be."
Coaches awards
 Most exciting match Wolaver 12-10 decision over Leonhart, Yuma; Coaches award, Logan Lampe; Practice wrestler Thomas Doughit; Best freshman performance, Clay Cassaw; Best junior varsity performance, Matt Howell; Best sophomore performance, Matt Howell; Key match award, Austin White's come from behind decision over Smith of Calhan; Most outstanding performance, Cassaw, Leibbrandt, Wolaver, Gienger, all finalist at the Wray Tournament.



VALERIE WURM looks to pass the ball to a team mate at the game against Oakley.
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Young teams beat Oakley

The Oakley High School basketball teams were in St. Francis on Friday, Dec. 14, for Northwest Kansas League competition. St. Francis junior varsity boys won the game, 47-39.

At the high school, St. Francis took a 4-2 lead early in the first quarter. The Indians were ahead at the end of the first quarter, 9-8.

The Indians played well and good defense caused several Plainsmen turnovers, upon which the Indians capitalized. The Indian advantage moved to 10 points, 23-13, on a steal and basket. The Indians led 25-13 at half.

The Indians started the third period with baskets taking the lead to 31-13. The Indians became complacent with the lead and committed several turnovers throughout the late third and early fourth quarters. The Plainsmen were slowly chipping away at the lead.

Oakley cut the lead to 43-37 with about one and a half minutes to go in the contest. Oakley began fouling the Indians, effectively controlling the clock. After the the Indians missed two more free throws at the 50 second mark. Travis Rogers made a steal and converted it to a basket with 42 seconds left. Travis then made two free throws on the next Indian possession to seal a 47-39 win.

The C team boys played two quarters at the grade school and won a close game over Oakley 19-18.



WAITING FOR AN OPENING — Jacob Baxter looks to pass the ball to Cade Bracelin during the game held on Friday night against Oakley.
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Ladies run into tough Plainsmen

The Oakley Lady Plainsmen defeated the Lady Indians soundly at home on Dec. 14. The Lady Indians had difficulties against the Lady Plainsmen defense and lost the varsity contest 22-59.

"We were very sluggish when we stepped onto the court. We had a couple of girls that had been sick throughout the week, so that didn't help," said girls' head coach, Susan Dinkel. "We just didn't play aggressively until later in the game." Oakley led 0-9 four minutes into the game. St. Francis trailed 0-16 before a three pointer by Kyla Bandel got the Lady Indians on the scoreboard. A basket by Clarice Neitzel moved the score to 5-20 at the

end of the first period. The second period was much the same. The Lady Plainsmen moved the ball efficiently resulting in points. The Lady Indians were down 11-40 at halftime.

Third quarter baskets by Justice Wiley and Valerie Wurm helped keep the spread at 30 points. The score was 18-50 after three quarters. The fourth period was played with a running clock due to the 30-point rule. The Lady Indians were defeated by the Lady Plainsmen 22-59.

Individual scoring:
 Clarice Neitzel 10; Aubry Mills 2; Kyla Bandel, 3; Valerie Wurm, 2; Laura Brunk, 3; Justice Wiley, 2.

Junior high girls beat Oberlin

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 The St. Francis junior high Lady Indians A team beat the Oberlin Lady Red Devil 's team on Monday, Dec. 17. The A-team came out ready for a win, as at the end of the first half the score was 18-5. Hannah Bracelin was the high scorer for the night with 14 points and Katie Schmid led with 9 rebounds.

The Lady Indians dominated the Lady Red Devils the entire game and won the contest with a final score of 33-18.

Individual scores:
 Hannah Bracelin, 14; Zoe Sundstrom, 8; Katie Schmid, 6; Jenna Confer, 4; and Madi Tice, 1

The junior high Lady Indian B-team lost a close game against Oberlin on Monday, Dec. 17 by

a score of 11-12.

The girls fought tough and got physical as they pushed towards an attempt to win but fell short in the fourth quarter.

Individual scoring:
 Emileigh Dinkel, 4; Jessica Pacheco, 3; Reagan Beims and Jylian Laten each had 2. Janeth Perez led the team with 7 total rebounds. .

Indians lose to powerful Oakley Plainsmen team

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 Oakley quickly took control of the varsity boys contest from the tip off.

A three pointer by Dylan Peter finally got the Indians on the scoreboard (3-5) three minutes into the contest. An amazing steal and basket by Mason Schiltz moved the score to 5-10 at the 3:30 mark. Three point shots by Steven Nelson and Dylan Peter allowed the Indians to trail 12-19 after the first period.

Wyatt Landenberger moved the score to 14-23 with 5:46 left in period two. The Indians were having difficulty stopping the

Plainsmen from scoring inside on post moves fought for offensive rebounds. The Plainsmen scored even when they shot from the perimeter. The Indians struggled and found themselves in trouble, trailing 22-39 at halftime.

Oakley continued to have control of the game. "We allowed Oakley to do what they wanted most of the night" said boys' head coach Mr. Jeff Beims, "The size of the Plainsmen frontline was taking a toll on the Indian's offensive effectiveness as well." the coach said. A basket by Wyatt Landenberger got the Indians within twenty but before the end of the third period the score was

34-60.
 Much of the fourth period was played with a running clock after the score spread reached thirty points. The Indians lost to a good Oakley team 40-72.

The Indians did have three players in double figures. Mason Schiltz, Wyatt Landenberger, and Dylan Peter each scored 11 points. The Indians had trouble scoring against good and big defense applied by the Plainsmen. The Indians only shot 8-26 (31%) from two-point range and 5-13 (38%) from three-point range. The Indians were 9-14 (64%) from the line. Mason Schiltz led the Indians with six rebounds.