

At the Game

Boys team suffers loss in close game against Indians

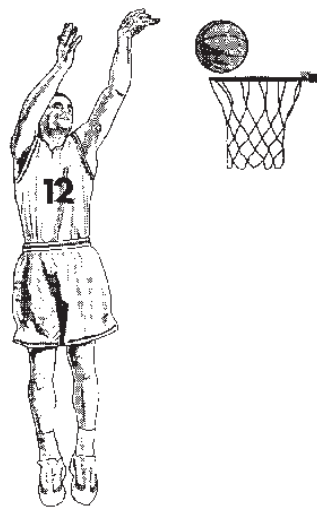
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The St. Francis Indians lost a close game on Friday against a very competitive Wichita County Indians. The varsity team lost the spectacular game 41-45.

The Indians led after the first period because of a steal and basket by Wyatt Landenberger and a basket by Mason Schiltz with two seconds left in the period.

The Indians developed a seven point lead with baskets by Steven Nelson, Cade Bracelin and by the end of the half the score was 25-18.

The third quarter is where the Indians seemed plagued with turnovers. The seven point lead disappeared quickly. "We played great in the first half, but came out flat and sloppy in the third period and it cost us the game" said Coach Jeff Beims. "The fact is, except for the first four minutes of the second half, we won every aspect but in a tight game those



four minutes made the difference between a win and a loss" he also said.

The Indians played well throughout most of the game but only shot 50 percent. Dylan Peter led the Indians with 14 points and nine rebounds. Cade Bracelin had nine and Mason Schiltz had seven.



MASON SCHILTZ looks to pass the ball to one of his teammates in a game before Christmas. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Lady Indians split games with Wichita County

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The Wichita County Lady Indians defeated the St. Francis Lady Indians in high school girls basketball on Friday, January 4. St. Francis fell behind early, but gradually worked their way back as the game progressed. The final score was Wichita County 55, St. Francis 51.

The Lady Indian's head basketball coach Mrs. Susan Dinkel said "We started the game playing lazy. We didn't move our feet and struggled to get the momentum in our favor. All of the players that played in the game scored. That's something that rarely happens for us, so that was exciting to see."

The Lady Indian's had three players in double figures. Kyla Bandel 16, Clarice Neitzel, 13 and Justice Wiley 11.

Junior Varsity

The junior varsity girls defeated Wichita County in a two quarter game 19-17. The ladies played very well throughout this contest and were able to capture the first win of the season. "Every Lady Indian that took the floor against Wichita County contributed in this win" said Coach David Morrow. "They attacked the basket very effectively. I am proud of the girls and the way they fought" Mr. Morrow also said.

Individual scoring for the Lady Indians Emily Elfers 4; Journey Lee, 3; Kayla Reed 6; Mariah Beikman 4; Sydney Sundstrum 2.



KYLA BANDEL took the ball down the court in a recent game. Aubrey Mills is making sure she is there if needed. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Indians lose in overtime

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The junior varsity Indian's were playing some of the best ball of the season and by the end of the quarter were leading 17-6. Neither team scored much in the second quarter but the Indian's went into the locker room at half time leading 20-13

The Indian's seemed to struggle in the third period falling behind 26-31. The fourth quarter was exciting and a comeback started with a basket by Dillion Straub. A free throw by Joey McCormick move the Indians within one. A basket by Cade Bracelin put the Indians on top 36-35. With eight seconds left the Indians committed a foul allowing Wichita County a chance to shoot free throws. The game was now tied and moved into overtime. A steal by Cade Bracelin and another Indian basket gave St. Francis a four point advantage with two minutes left. Wichita County would score again with only eight seconds left to steal the win 40-41.



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