



At the Game

Sainty boys advance in league tournament

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The St. Francis Indians and the Rawlins County Buffaloes each had records of 3-6 this year when the NWKL Tournament was seeded. St. Francis earned the home court due to a coin flip. The home court was just enough to help the Indians advance from the "play-in" game to bracket play, as the Indians earned a come-from-behind 54-47 win on Monday night, January 14.

Both teams struggled in the first period, getting limited shot attempts due to turnovers and sloppy play. Dylan Peter scored the first Indian basket of the game on a post move. Rawlins County eventually took a 3-4 lead on an offensive rebound basket about 6 minutes into the contest. St. Francis trailed 3-8 after one quarter of play.

Rawlins County opened the second period with a basket, but Mason Schiltz answered with a three pointer, at 6:35, to make the score 6-10. The Indians fell behind by

10 points, 6-16, with 4:13 left in the first half. Driving to the basket Dylan Peter cut the deficit to eight, but Rawlins County countered with a three point shot. A basket by Cade Bracelin trimmed a Buffalo double-digit lead to nine (10-19). The Indians trailed 10-21 at halftime.

In the third period, Mason Schiltz made a pass setting up a Keegan Sherlock basket to cut the lead to single digits. Schiltz scored on the next Indian possession to move the score to 14-21, with 6:41 on the clock. Two free throws by Dylan Peter further trimmed the lead. On the next Indian possession, a pass from Kyler Zwegardt to Dylan Peter resulted in two more points, and the Indians were within two, 27-29. A steal and basket by Mason Schiltz gave the Indians a five-point advantage. The next Indian possession resulted in a basket by Kyler Zwegardt, off an assist by Dylan Peter. The Indians were up 36-29. The Indians had scored 28 points in the period, nearly tripling their first half out-

put. Dylan Peter scored 18 in the quarter, seven more than the entire Rawlins County team.

In the final period, Rawlins County fought back and pulled within one point, 38-37. After consecutive baskets by Cade Bracelin, the Indians advanced their lead, 44-39. Rawlins County cut the lead to three, but at 3:58, the fifth foul on the Buffaloes' James Peterson, limited the Rawlins County team both offensively and defensively. Steven Nelson banked in a three-pointer to make the score 48-43. Rawlins County began fouling in an attempt to extend the game. St. Francis missed four consecutive free throws before Keegan Sherlock swished two to put the Indians ahead 50-45 with one minute to go. Two free throws by Dylan Peter, plus two by Mason Schiltz, sealed a 54-47 win for the Indians.

Dylan Peter scored 27 points in the contest. Mason Schiltz added 9. The Indians were 11-20 from the free-throw line.

Indians Win Over Idalia Wolves

The Idalia Wolves could not stay with the Indian basketball teams on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Both Indian teams easily defeated the Wolves by large margins.

In varsity action, Steve Nelson opened the game with a steal and lay-in to start the Indian scoring. The Indians then turned the ball over on four of their next six possessions.

A stern time-out, called by Coach Jeff Beims, seemed to refocus the Indians, and the team took a 9-0 lead, with just over four

minutes played, on a three pointer by Mason Schiltz. An assist from Dylan Peter to Kyler Zwegardt resulted in the next basket. A lob pass by Nelson to Schiltz for two more put the Indians ahead 13-0. The first quarter closed with the Indians ahead 18-0.

With several substitute players seeing a lot of the playing time in the second period, the Indians continued to increase their lead. Jacob Baxter made a nice pass to Schiltz on a backdoor cut to open the second period scoring. The

Indians offense slowed a bit early in the period, but scored 10 more points in the final four minutes to take a 34-3 lead into halftime.

Substitute players saw most of the second half action. The Indians opened the second half with quick baskets by Dillion Staub and Baxter on post moves. A good pass from Dillion Straub to Joey McCormick moved the score to 44-5. Baxter scored (assist Caleb Frink) to give the Indians a 51-7 lead after three periods.

The fourth quarter was played



MASON SCHILTZ takes the ball down the court Monday night. Dylan Peter is also pictured. The Indians won the game against the Buffaloes, 54-47.

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with a running clock due to the 30-point rule. The Indians won the contest 63-15.

Schiltz scored 14 points to lead the Indian attack. Straub and Baxter both turned in fine performanc-

es scoring 11 and 13 respectively. Zwegardt added 8 points. The Indians were 10 of 18 from the free-throw line.

Idalia was led by sophomore Dalton Shaffer with 7 points. The

Wolves could only connect on 2 of 10 attempts from the line. In the junior varsity game, the Indians easily out-played the Wolves; winning 27-4.

Idalia defeats Lady Indians

The Idalia Lady Wolves defeated the Lady Indians in both contests played in St. Francis on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The Lady Indians got off to very poor starts in both games and could not recover from early deficits.

In the varsity game, the Lady Indians failed to score in the first quarter of play and trailed 0-14 when the period closed. The Lady Indians committed numerous turnovers and gave up several second chance baskets to the taller Lady Wolves.

Aubrey Mills banked in a shot with 6:38 left in the second period to get the Lady Indians on the scoreboard. Mariah Beikman swished a free throw, at 3:23, to move the score to 3-21.

The Lady Indians trailed 5-25 after a basket by Clarice Neitzel with 1:53 remaining in the first half. A drive by Valerie Wurm advanced the scoreboard to 9-27. The Lady Indians trailed at halftime 12-28.

The Lady Indians cut the deficit to 14 on a nice pass from Kyla Bandel to set up a basket by Laura Brunk. A steal and basket by Brunk at 4:53, got the Lady Indians within 13 points (18-31).

The Lady Indians were competing harder, and playing better, but still trailed by the same margin established in the first period. The Lady Indians trailed 20-34 after three quarters of play.

The Lady Wolves scored several easy baskets early in the fourth period to take 20-40 lead with 6:45 remaining in the game. After trailing by 26 points, a basket by Brunk on a baseline drive moved the score to 24-48. Brunk scored again, off a good pass by Neitzel, and made the additional free throw to trim the deficit to 27-50.

Brunk later scored, on a rebound basket, to get the Lady Indians within 20, 31-50. The Lady Indians lost to a tall and talented team from Idalia, 36-51.

Freshman Reagan Schaffer led the Lady Wolves in scoring with 15 points. Senior Emma Devittore added 11, and freshman Jenny Terrell added 8. The Lady Wolves shot a dismal 9-27 from the free



JUSTICE WILEY looks for an open team mate to pass to in a recent game.

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throw line. Of the 37 rebounds the Lady Wolves gathered, Terrell collected 14 and Shaffer grabbed 12. The Lady Wolves were 20 of 58 from the floor. Laura Brunk

had an outstanding game for the Lady Indians, netting her a career high of 17 points. The Lady Indians were 16 of 27 from the free-throw line.

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ZACK GIENGER, wrestling at 185 pounds, did well in the Sterling, Colo., dual tournament held Saturday.

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Junior high girls B-team wins consolation round

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In the B team contest on Thursday, the Sainty junior high Lady Indians lost to Rawlins County 10-27.

They trailed 3-5 after one quarter, but fell behind in the second period 5-15. St. Francis did not score in the third period and trailed 5-19 going into the final quarter.

Scoring for St. Francis were Emileigh Dinkel 5, Reagan Beims 2, Jylian Laten 2, and Jessica Pacheco 1.

The St. Francis B team girls played Wallace County (Sharon Springs) on Saturday, Jan. 12 in the second round of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. The game was held in the varsity gym at Quinter High School and the Lady Indians handled the Wallace County girls easily with a big win 26-8. Scoring in the contest were Emileigh Dinkel 10; Jylian Laten, 8; Malory Mills, Reagan Beims, Jessica Pacheco, Janeth Perez all with 2 points each.

In the consolation championship game, the ladies won the contest 37-25 over Leoti. The ladies played well as a team and scored effectively. Leading the way to victory for the Indians was Emileigh Dinkel with 23, followed by Jylian Laten with 7, Reagan Beims scored 6, and Jessica Pacheco with 1.

The junior high girls basketball teams lost both of

their games in the opening round of the Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tournament on Thursday, Jan. 10. The girls played the second and third round games on Saturday, Jan. 12.

In the A team bracket, St. Francis lost to Dighton 8-36 on Thursday. St. Francis got off to a slow start, trailing 0-8 after one period of play.

The Lady Indians got on the scoreboard in the second period, scoring 5 points, but the deficit increased to 23 points by halftime. The Lady Indians were scoreless in the third period and trailed 5-32 after three quarters.

The A team lost to a good Dighton team 8-36. Scoring for St. Francis in the A team game were Zoe Sundstrom 3, Katie Schmid 3, and Hanna Bracelin 2.

In the second round of the tournament held on Saturday January 12, the Lady Indians lost to Greeley County (Tribune) 23-28. Scoring for the Lady Indians were Zoe Sundstrom 9; Hanna Bracelin, 8; Katie Schmid, 5. The Lady Indians continued on in the tournament to round three and played a very hard fought game against Leoti. The ladies came close but lost by a point 25-26. Hanna Bracelin was the high scorer in the contest with 9 points, followed by Zoe Sundstrom and Katie Schmid both with 5 points, Jenna Confer, 4 points and McKayla Rogers, 2.