

At the Game

Indian wrestlers lose close match

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The St. Francis Indian boys wrestling team fought several tough matches on Thursday Jan.16 here in St. Francis against a very competitive Atwood/Rawlins County wrestling team. The Indians lost the competition by only three points. The final score was Rawlins County 39 St. Francis 36

Team Totals

St. Francis wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: Takedowns 8-9, escapes 5-4, reversals 0-2, nearfalls 7-2, wins 4-4, major decisions 0-0, technical falls 0-0, falls 4-1.

Individual results

106- forfeit to Atwood; 113- forfeit to Atwood; 120- Casey Keller lost by a 4-2 decision to Migchelbrink; 126- Clay Cassaw lost by fall to Mizer; 132- Austin White won by forfeit; 138- Logan Lampe lost by a 5-3 decision to Markland; 145- Justin Pacheco lost by a 10-6 decision to McCain; 152- Mikey Leibbrandt won by forfeit; 160- Dylan Wolaver won by a fall over Reuber; 170- Lane Hobrock won by fall over Portschy; 182- Zach Gienger won by a fall over Merida; 195-

Thomas Douthit won by fall over Sattler; 220- forfeit to Atwood; 285- forfeit to Atwood

"This really was a good dual with some good matches, said Dylan Loyd, St Francis Indian's head wrestling coach. "Atwood has themselves a pretty tough team, they have a couple of high quality kids. We wrestled pretty well for the most part; there definitely are something's that we need to work on.

"We have got to get better on our feet. I think this is an area that we really didn't perform well Thursday. We still struggle with picking up the intensity on our feet, I feel like sometimes maybe we try to rush things instead of working a good set-up to a shot but, we battled them tough.

"We have a short week, we travel to Hoxie on Thursday night to take on a tough Hoxie team, and then Saturday we head to Oberlin for the Western Kansas Tournament of Champions. It will be a very tough week/weekend but, after this weekend we should have a pretty good feel of where we are at as a team.

"Thursday night really was a neat deal though. We had the kids club, junior high, and high school all



THOMAS DOUTHIT prepares to pin his opponent at last Thursday nights dual against Rawlins County.

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come together in one setting as one big family and get to support one another which I think is a pretty neat deal. The fan support we had at our first home dual was tremendous!"

Coaches awards
Most Exciting match- Hobrock by fall over Portschy.
Coach Award- Lane Hobrock.
Practice Wrestler- Casey

Keller.
Best Freshman Performance- Lane Hobrock.
Key Match Award- Lane Hobrock's fall over Portschy.

Most Outstanding Performance- Hobrock, Wolaver, Gienger, Douthit – all were able to pin their opponents in the dual Thursday night.

Boys win game over Wichita County

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The St. Francis Indians defeated the Wichita County Indians 43-42 in an exciting contest on Saturday, January 19th, in the 7th place game of the Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tournament.

Dylan Peter opened the contest with a basket, which Wichita County quickly answered. A shot from the right corner by Kyler Zwegardt gave the Indians a 4-2 lead. Steven Nelson scored on an offensive rebound, at the 1:32 mark, to get the Indians within five (6-11). After a couple of turnovers, the Indians trailed 6-15 after one period of play.

Cade Bracelin opened the second quarter with three-point shot. Mason Schiltz scored on an offensive rebound. A nice pass from Wyatt Landenberger to Cade Bracelin, in transition, resulted in two more. The Indians were within four, 17-21, with 52 seconds left in the half. Wichita County connected on a three pointer with 6 seconds left in the half to close the first half scoring. The Indians trailed at halftime, 17-24.

Wyatt Landenberger connected on the first shot of the second half, to cut the lead to 20-24. At 4:01, Kyler Zwegardt was fouled on an offensive rebound and made one of the throws to get the Indians within two, 22-24. A steal and basket by Mason Schiltz tied the game at 24. A good post move basket by Cade Bracelin, tied the contest at 28. A three pointer by Wichita County, with three seconds left, cut the St. Francis lead to one point at the end of three quarters, 32-31.

St Francis opened the final period with a turnover, upon which Wichita County capitalized. Dylan Peter returned the lead to



DYLAN PETER defends against an open lane to the basket.

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the Indians when he scored on a nice pass from Keegan Sherlock (34-33). Cade Bracelin scored consecutive baskets to put the Indians in front 38-35. A three point shot by Wyatt Landenberger moved the scoreboard to 41-37. The next two St. Francis possessions ended in turnovers, but Wichita County only scored once. The game became tied at 41-all with just over a minute to play. At 1:06, Wyatt Landenberger made two free throws to put the Indians in front 43-41. The Indians committed a foul with 54 seconds left, but Wichita County missed the free throws. Again, the Indians fouled. With 18 seconds

left, Wichita County made one-of-two to pull within one point, 43-42. A jump ball was called on the rebound, resulting in a St. Francis possession with 17 seconds left. Wichita County fouled Dylan Peter, but Dylan could not connect on the free throws. Before Wichita County could score, the time ran out. The Indians played well, turning in possibly their best performance of the season, and earned a hard-fought victory, 43-42.

Cade Bracelin led the Indian scoring with 15 points. Wyatt Landenberger added 8, and Dylan Peter 7. The Indians were 6 of 13 from the free throw line.

period with a basket by Dylan Peter off a nice pass by Wyatt Landenberger. Wallace County then followed with 7 unanswered points. A three pointer by Mason Schiltz, at 5:04, made the score 11-22. Unfortunately for the Indians, the point spread continued to grow. A basket by Jacob Baxter, moved the score to 19-33. The Indians trailed 21-37 at halftime.

The Indians looked alive in the third period. Kyler Zwegardt scored off a pass from Dylan Peter to trim the lead. Before long, the Indians were within eight points, 33-41. Keegan Sherlock drew a charge on a Wildcat at 4:46. An excellent pass from Wyatt Landenberger, leading to a Kyler Zwegardt basket, got the Indians

within six, 37-43, with 3:30 remaining in the third period. A three by Dylan Peter made the score 43-50 after three quarters of play.

The Indians pulled within six points, 44-50. Two free throws by Kyler Zwegardt got the Indians within nine, but the Indians lost the contest to an a tough Wallace County team 52-62. Although the Indians had played well in the second half, they could not recover from their early game start

Dylan Peter and Kyler Zwegardt lead the Indians in scoring with 20 and 17 respectively. The Indians were 13 of 24 from the free throw line.

Lady Indians win game

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The St. Francis Lady Indians and the Wichita County (Leoti) Lady Indians matched up in the ninth place game of the Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 19. St. Francis turned in a good performance and defeated Wichita County 58-36.

The Indians jumped out to a 12-8 lead after one quarter of play and got the Wichita County girls into some early foul trouble. Capitalizing on the advantages they found offensively, the Lady Indians earned a 28-18 halftime lead.

Clarice Neitzel had an outstanding performance in the contest, leading all scorers with 30 points. Clarice also gathered in 9 rebounds. Justice Wiley had a double-double with 11 points and 14 rebounds. Laura Brunk scored 6 points in the contest.

The Lady Indians outscored Wichita County in every quarter. The Lady Indians led 46-25 after a dominating third period, and went on to win the game 58-36.

The Lady Indians made good on 27 of 55 two-point attempts and 2 of 9 three-point attempts in the contest. St. Francis made 18 of 36 from the free throw line, collected 12 steals, and had 27 turnovers.

"We played a well rounded game. I was extremely pleased with our efforts during the game," said Susan Dinkel, Lady Indian head coach. "We looked for the open man, didn't force too many passes, and just played a well-executed, smart game. It was fun to watch, as well as coach!"

Individual player scoring: Neitzel: 30, Wiley: 11, Brunk 6, Mills 4, Bandel 2, Beikman: 3, Fernandez 1.



AUBREY MILLS takes the ball down court

Final results of the league tournament

The St. Francis Indians lost the consolation semi-final contest in the Northwest Kansas League Basketball Tournament in Leoti on Friday, Jan. 18. The Indians got off to a very sluggish start in the game and never quite recovered against a good Wallace County team. The Indians were defeated 52-62.

The Indians trailed by five before Dylan Peter put the Indians on the scoreboard at 5:24 in the first period. A free throw by Kyler Zwegardt, at 3:38, moved the score to 3-9. The Indians trailed 4-15 until a bucket by Dylan Peter, with 18 seconds left, closed out the first quarter with the score 6-15.

The Indians opened the second

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