



VALERIE WURM takes her time setting up the next play.
Herald photos by Kristi Guthmiller

Lady Indians lose to tough Dighton team

The Dighton Lady Hornets defeated the St. Francis Lady Indians in high school basketball on Friday, January 25, in Dighton. In both the junior varsity and varsity games, the Lady Hornets jumped out to early leads and were never threatened. The varsity Lady Indians were defeated by a score of 33-57.

In varsity action, Dighton jumped out to a 0-7 lead just over three minutes into the contest. The Lady Hornets executed well offensively, earned close shots, and hit the boards aggressively to earn a 0-13 lead at the 2:57 mark of the first period. Justice Wiley made a nice pass, that resulted in a basket by Clarice Neitzel, to get the Lady Indians on the board at 2:12. The Lady Indians trailed 2-16 after one period of play.

The Lady Indians faired a bit better in the first part of the second period, getting 5 points in the first four minutes. But at halftime the Lady Indians were down 9-29.

The Dighton Lady Hornets scored several quick baskets early in the third period, leading 10-37 at the

5:32 mark. Clarice Neitzel scored a two, and Kyla Bandel nailed a trey, to move the score to 15-39 with 1:45 left in the third period. Kyla scored the final Lady Indian basket of the period, on a nice drive, to make the score 19-43 at the end of the third quarter.

An assist by Valerie Wurm led to another Neitzel basket, at 4:54, to advance the scoreboard to 23-47. The Lady Indians reduced the spread to twenty, 27-47, with 4:19 left, but could get no closer. The Lady Indians lost to a good Dighton team, 33-57.

Lady Indians head coach Susan Dinkel said "We really struggled getting going offensively. They did a great job playing help defense and we just got frustrated and quit working hard to get open. Again, our second half was much better than our first, yet we couldn't overcome our deficit."

Individual scoring:
Neitzel: 15
Bandel: 15
Fernandez: 2
Lee: 1

Junior varsity girls play Rawlins County

The junior varsity Lady Indians lost to Rawlins County in a three quarter game on January 22. Several individuals played well at certain times in this game, but overall the ladies struggled and couldn't put together a good enough performance to win.

Mariah Beikman had a solid performance on defense, and Kylie Sherlock was able to lead us in scoring by attacking the basket when she had the opportunity. This was Kylie's first junior varsity game since injuring her knee earlier in the season.

Down by only five points after two quarters, the ladies tried to pressure the Buffs into some turnovers but we were tired and had a hard time keeping up. "Now that we have the league tournament out of the way, we'll be playing junior varsity games on every competition date. More time together on the court will help us gel as a team" said coach David Morrow

Scoring by quarters:
SF 4 10 18
R.C. 12 15 28

Individual scoring:
Aby Fernandez, 2; Journey Lee, 2; Valerie Wurm, 2; Kylie Sherlock, 6; Mariah Beikman, 2; Sydney Sundstrum, 2; Justice Wiley, 2.

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The ladies played hard but still lost the contest to Dighton 15-33 in three quarter play on January 25. "The highlight of the game was the fact that by the end of the contest, our girls were starting to create some scoring opportunities by attacking off the dribble and use the offense a little better. The girls played better defensively by that time, though the first two quarters revealed some things we need to work on" said coach David Morrow

"These kids worked hard all throughout the game. Though we didn't play all that well at times, I never got the impression that they weren't playing with intensity." The junior varsity Lady Indians are a very young team, playing mostly freshmen and a couple of sophomores. "In the long run we're going to become much better by playing against older girls, but our growing pains are significant at the moment" Coach Morrow also said. "If these ladies continue to work and play together, we're going to win some games against tough opponents"

Scoring by quarters:
SF 2 11 15
Dighton 8 20 33

Individual scoring:
Aby Fernandez, 2; Journey Lee, 4; Kylie Sherlock, 2; Kayla Reed, 2; Mariah Beikman, 2; Justice Wiley, 3.

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Indians compete in Oberlin tourney

By Scott E. Knebel
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The St. Francis Indians traveled to Oberlin on Saturday January 24 to compete in the Northwest Kansas League.

"This was by the far the toughest tournament that we have been to this year. It was a good preview of what our regional is going to be like here in just a few short weeks. I personally like how they have combined the Northwest Kansas League and Mid-Continent League into one very tough tournament." said head coach Dylan Loyd "Being a wrestling fan you look back through the years and a NWKL or MCL school has won the state championship 58 times since 1930. That is a very strong tradition that we have out here in western Kansas and one that I am very proud of. Our results from the weekend are kind of mixed in my opinion. Every kid had some good moments and some bad. I think we all were a little shell shocked on just how tough the tournament was."

Team Totals:

St. Francis wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents. Takedowns 27-39, escapes 18-17, reversals 14-10, nearfalls 21-26, wins 18-18, major decisions 1-3, technical falls 0-1, falls 10-6.

Individual Results:

120 - Casey Keller's place is 6th and has scored 8.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Casey Keller (St. Francis) 21-10 received a bye () (Bye) Quarterfinal - Casey Keller (St. Francis) 21-10 won by major decision over Trevor Houser (Plainville) 21-11 (Maj 12-3) Semifinal - Gage Pfeifer (Hill City) 21-5 won by decision over Casey Keller (St. Francis) 21-10 (Dec 6-4) Cons. Semi - Riley Juenemann (Phillipsburg) 29-10 won by decision over Casey Keller (St. Francis) 21-10 (Dec 6-4) 5th Place Match - Macoy Rains (Oakley) 29-9 won by decision over Casey Keller (St. Francis) 21-10 (Dec 7-0)

126 - Clay Cassaw's place is 5th and has scored 13.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Clay Cassaw (St. Francis) 18-10 received a bye () (Bye) Quarterfinal - Clay Cassaw (St. Francis) 18-10 won by pin over Mat Heim (Hoxie) 21-12 (Pin 0:58) Semifinal - Alec Hager (Norton) 23-6 won by pin over Clay Cassaw (St. Francis) 18-10 (Pin 1:58) Cons. Semi - Mason Bannister (Phillipsburg) 22-14 won by decision over Clay Cassaw (St. Francis) 18-10 (Dec 1-0) 5th Place Match - Clay Cassaw (St. Francis) 18-10 won by injury default over Rhett Mizer (Rawlins Co.) 15-5 (I-D 0:00)

132 - Austin White's place is 6th and has scored 11.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Austin White (St. Francis) 21-10 won by pin over Zeke Stone (Tribune) 3-11 (Pin 0:46) Quarterfinal - John Risewick (Norton) 28-3 won by major decision over Austin White (St. Francis) 21-10 (Maj 12-0) Cons. Round 2 - Austin White (St. Francis) 21-10 won by pin over Corbin Schoenthaler (Trego) 7-12 (Pin 0:12) Cons. Round 3 - Austin White (St. Francis) 21-10 won by decision



JUSTIN PACHECO works at getting a hold on his opponent. Herald photos by Kristi Guthmiller

over John Solko (Rawlins Co.) 10-5 (Dec 4-2) Cons. Semi - Clint Rogers (Smith Center) 21-8 won by tech fall over Austin White (St. Francis) 21-10 (TF 16-0) 5th Place Match - Adam Gehring (Plainville) 19-14 won by injury default over Austin White (St. Francis) 21-10 (I-D 0:00)

138 - Logan Lampe's place is unknown and has scored 0.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Wayne Flipse (Oakley) 13-19 won by decision over Logan Lampe (St. Francis) 15-18 (Dec 5-0) Cons. Round 1 - Logan Lampe (St. Francis) 15-18 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Round 2 - Tristan Houser (Plainville) 11-18 won by pin over Logan Lampe (St. Francis) 15-18 (Pin 1:16)

145 - Justin Pacheco's place is unknown and has scored 0.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Jacob Clark (Leoti) 13-13 won by pin over Justin Pacheco (St. Francis) 7-8 (Pin 0:21) Cons. Round 1 - Justin Pacheco (St. Francis) 7-8 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Round 2 - Isaac Coomes (Phillipsburg) 15-17 won by pin over Justin Pacheco (St. Francis) 7-8 (Pin 1:16)

152 - Mikey Leibbrandt's place is 5th and has scored 7.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Mikey Leibbrandt (St. Francis) 25-9 received a bye () (Bye) Quarterfinal - Brad Blew (Phillipsburg) 16-12 won by decision over Mikey Leibbrandt (St. Francis) 25-9 (Dec 4-3) Cons. Round 2 - Mikey Leibbrandt (St. Francis) 25-9 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Round 3 - Mikey Leibbrandt (St. Francis) 25-9 won in overtime over Jared Bohl (Norton) 14-14 (OT 3-1) Cons. Semi - Grant Lambert (Smith Center) 16-13 won by

decision over Mikey Leibbrandt (St. Francis) 25-9 (Dec 7-1) 5th Place Match - Mikey Leibbrandt (St. Francis) 25-9 won by decision over Cody Werner (Plainville) 13-13 (Dec 3-0)

160 - Dylan Wolaver's place is 4th and has scored 18.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Wolaver (St. Francis) 17-5 won by pin over Haden Finley (Trego) 6-16 (Pin 0:59) Quarterfinal - Cody Faulkender (Oakley) 20-8 won by major decision over Dylan Wolaver (St. Francis) 17-5 (Maj 15-4) Cons. Round 2 - Dylan Wolaver (St. Francis) 17-5 won by pin over Cale McDowell (Smith Center) 2-17 (Pin 1:16) Cons. Round 3 - Dylan Wolaver (St. Francis) 17-5 won by pin over Devin Langdon (Tribune) 6-5 (Pin 0:04) Cons. Semi - Dylan Wolaver (St. Francis) 17-5 won by decision over Matt Glading (Oberlin) 20-12 (Dec 1-0) 3rd Place Match - Cody Faulkender (Oakley) 20-8 won by forfeit over Dylan Wolaver (St. Francis) 17-5 (FF)

170 - Lane Hobrock's place is unknown and has scored 0.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Lane Hobrock (St. Francis) 10-11 received a bye () (Bye) Quarterfinal - Cameron Staples (Trego) 19-7 won by pin over Lane Hobrock (St. Francis) 10-11 (Pin 1:06) Cons. Round 2 - Lane Hobrock (St. Francis) 10-11 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Round 3 - Tyrelle Thurman (Leoti) 8-8 won by pin over Lane Hobrock (St. Francis) 10-11 (Pin 0:19))

182 - Zach Gienger's place is 2nd and has scored 22.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Zach Gienger (St. Francis) 17-2 won by pin over Collin Sharpe (Oakley) 7-17 (Pin 1:09) Quarterfinal

- Zach Gienger (St. Francis) 17-2 won by pin over Anthony Merida (Rawlins Co.) 8-10 (Pin 0:19) Semifinal - Zach Gienger (St. Francis) 17-2 won in overtime over Steven Yergey-Dible (Hoxie) 25-5 (OT 7-5) 1st Place Match - Tyler Atwood (Smith Center) 24-1 won by decision over Zach Gienger (St. Francis) 17-2 (Dec 10-3)

195 - Thomas Douthit's place is 3rd and has scored 18.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Thomas Douthit (St. Francis) 8-3 received a bye () (Bye) Quarterfinal - Thomas Douthit (St. Francis) 8-3 won by pin over Brice Mason (Leoti) 20-12 (Pin 0:12) Semifinal - Brandon Salmans (Hoxie) 24-3 won by major decision over Thomas Douthit (St. Francis) 8-3 (Maj 9-1) Cons. Semi - Thomas Douthit (St. Francis) 8-3 won by pin over Konnor Witt (Oberlin) 6-24 (Pin 0:49) 3rd Place Match - Thomas Douthit (St. Francis) 8-3 won by decision over Brice Mason (Leoti) 20-12 (Dec 6-3)

Team Results:

Norton	196.5
Rawlins Co.	63.0
Phillipsburg	171.0
Leoti	61.0
Plainville	164.5
Hill City	57.0
Oberlin	60.0
Trego	44.0
Hoxie	142.0
Ellis	34.5
Smith Center	138.0
Tribune	21.0
Oakley	112.0
Stockton	20.0
St. Francis	97.0
Osborne	3.0

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