



# At the Game

## Sainty boys' team loses to Tribune Jackrabbits

By Kent Kechter

The Indians lost to the Tribune Jackrabbits by a 47-55 score, in Tribune, on Friday evening, Feb. 15. Dylan Peter opened the contest with two free throws. After trading baskets, Tribune scored their next three baskets on offensive rebounds. A trey by Wyatt Landenberger got the Indians within one (7-8) before the Jackrabbits went on a twelve point run, partially fueled by St. Francis turnovers, to close out the quarter. After a Tribune trey at the buzzer, the Indians trailed 7-20 at the end of the first quarter.

The Indians outscored the Jackrabbits in the next three quarters, but could not overcome the early deficit. A Dylan Peter assist, leading to a Cade Bracelin bank shot, trimmed the lead a bit. Peter followed with an offensive rebound basket. After a steal and coast-to-coast basket by Bracelin at 5:35, the Indians moved within seven points (13-20). It appeared as if the Indians might climb back into the lead, but St. Francis committed several turnovers in the last few minutes of the first half. The turnovers allowed Tribune to extend the lead to 13-24. Mason Schiltz scored to trim the lead to 17-24 at 2:45, but then the Indians committed consecutive turnovers, both ending in Jackrabbit baskets. Tribune led 19-33 at halftime.

Steven Nelson opened the second half with a quick basket. Tribune answered with a trey. Dylan Peter scored on an offensive rebound to make the score 23-35. A nice pass by Wyatt Landenberger to Mason Schiltz moved the scoreboard to

27-39 with 3:09 left in the third. A lay-in basket by Cade Bracelin got the Indians within double-digits (32-41) near the end of the third period.

With 7:12 left in the contest, Dylan Peter scored on an offensive rebound (34-41). Cade Bracelin drained a trey, at the five-minute mark, to get the Indians within six (37-43). At 2:43, the margin stood at 37-49. A steal and basket by Wyatt Landenberger, at 2:22, cut the deficit to ten. A basket by Mason Schiltz made the score 41-49 eighteen seconds later. At 1:09, the Indians fouled the Jackrabbits, and the free throws were missed, giving the Indians some hope. The Indians were called for an offensive foul on their next possession when Schiltz took the ball to the goal. St. Francis fouled Tribune again. Tribune missed the throws, but also gained the rebound. Tribune missed the ensuing shot. Dylan Peter fouled out of the contest with 43.2 seconds to play. Tribune made one of the throws to take a 41-50 lead. After an Indian miss, the Indians were forced to foul again. Tribune made both throws to go up 41-52, with 28.5 seconds to go. Wyatt Landenberger drilled a trey at 21.7 (44-52). At 19.2, Steven Nelson fouled out, and Tribune made both free throws. The Indians lost to Tribune 47-55.

The Indians received balanced scoring; getting 11 from Cade Bracelin, 10 each from Mason Schiltz and Dylan Peter, and 9 from Wyatt Landenberger. The Indians were 6-11 from the free throw line.

Tribune was led by A.J. Govert

with 20 points. Troy Wineiger added 15, and Tyler Haberman chipped in 8. The Jackrabbits only made 6 of 13 free throws, but made the last five necessary to seal the win.

The junior varsity boys lost to Tribune 31-32 in a two-quarter contest. Caleb Frink scored on an aggressive drive at 4:10 to give the Indians a 7-6 lead. After Tribune scored on an offensive rebound, at 2:10, the Jackrabbits led 7-12. A trey by Caleb Frink moved the Indians within two at 1:42, but Tribune soon stretched the lead to 10-17. A coast-to-coast drive by Cade Bracelin moved the score to 14-17, but Tribune sank a trey at the first quarter buzzer to make the score 14-20.

Cade Bracelin nailed a trey to open the second quarter. Cade followed with two more baskets, the second on an offensive rebound, to trim the deficit to 22-24 with 4:52 left. At 3:39, Jacob Baxter made two free throws to tie the game at 24-all. After Tribune regained the lead, another Bracelin basket moved the scoreboard to 26-all. With 17.3 seconds left, St. Francis was called for a foul. Tribune missed the charity shots. At 14.1, St. Francis committed a player control foul. With 3.4 seconds left, St. Francis was called for an intentional foul. Again, Tribune missed both free throws. Jacob Baxter stole the inbounds pass to send the game to overtime.

Tribune took just four seconds to score in overtime. Dillion Straub answered with an offensive rebound basket (28-28). Tribune



SENIOR STEVEN NELSON guards his man during the Tribune game on Friday, Feb. 15. Despite the efforts put out by the Indians, they lost the game 47-55. Herald photo by Kent Kechter

made one of two free throws at 2:51 to take a one-point lead. After a Jackrabbit turnover, Dillion Straub made a nice pass to Joey McCormick for an Indian basket (30-29) and the Indians were back

in front. A Tribune free throw was answered by a charity toss by Straub at 1:29 (31-30). The Indians and Jackrabbits then exchanged turnovers. With 7.9 seconds left, a St. Francis foul resulted in two

Tribune free throws. The Indians lost to Tribune 31-32 in overtime.

Cade Bracelin scored 17 points in the two-quarter junior varsity contest. The Indians made 5 of 6 free throws in the contest.



COACH SUSAN BRACELIN talks to the girls during a break. Herald photo by Kent Kechter

## Rabbits run away from ladies

By Kent Kechter

The Tribune Lady Jackrabbits defeated the St. Francis Lady Indians in high school basketball on Friday, Feb. 15, in Tribune. Tribune led from the outset getting two quick baskets from Hannah Whitaker to take a 0-4 lead in the first minute of play. St. Francis got on the scoreboard when Kyla Bandel drained a three-ball at 6:15. Valerie Wurm followed with a basket to give the Lady Indians their only lead of the contest (5-4), as Tribune answered with a trey. With nearly three minutes left in the first quarter, the Lady Indians trailed by eight (5-13). Clarice Neitzel scored, just inside two minutes, to trim the lead to six. The Lady Indians trailed 9-13 after one period.

St. Francis trailed 11-15 after another Neitzel basket, but the lead would soon increase. At 5:02 in the second stanza, the Lady Indians were down 10 points (11-21). A steal by Kyla Bandel resulted in one point after she was fouled taking the ball to the basket. The Lady Indians did not score for several minutes. The

next St. Francis score resulted from a sweet bounce pass by Kyla Bandel to Clarice Neitzel, at 1:06, to move the score to 14-25. The half ended with St. Francis trailing by nine points.

The Lady Jackrabbits scored the first three baskets of the second half. Clarice Neitzel scored at the 5:20 mark to make the score 16-31. Tribune went ahead by 22 before Justice Wiley scored at 2:48 to trim the lead to 20. Tribune answered with an easy score on an out-of-bounds play. The third quarter ended with the score standing at 18-44, and the Lady Rabbits clearly in command.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Jackrabbits continued to extend the lead. The lead grew to more than 25 points, but a trey by Clarice Neitzel, a deuce by Kyla Bandel, and shot from the elbow by Laura Brunk trimmed the deficit to 23 at 3:50. The Lady Indians lost to the Lady Jackrabbits 34-61.

Tribune's Hannah Whitaker lead all scorers with 20 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter. Monica Veleta added 19, Kelli Holthaus 9, and Courtney

Glazer 8. The Lady Rabbits were 4 of 10 from the free throw line and committed 13 fouls. The Lady Rabbits made 28 field goals to St. Francis' 12.

Clarice Neitzel led the Lady Indian scoring with 11 points. Kyla Bandel added 10. St. Francis made 8 of 12 from the stripe and committed 11 fouls.

In the junior varsity game, St. Francis trailed 0-6 before Emily Elfers scored for St. Francis at 2:34. The Lady Indians trailed 2-10 after one period of play.

In the second period, the Lady Indians made the game closer, even narrowing the gap to three points before losing the two-quarter contest. After two baskets by Sydney Sundstrom and a free throw by Kylie Sherlock, the Lady Indians pulled within 14-19 at 1:34. A basket by Journey Lee trimmed the deficit to 16-20 at 1:04. Journey made a free throw with 40 seconds left to make the score 17-20. The Lady Indians lost to Tribune 17-22.

Journey Lee and Sidney Sundstrom each scored 6 points for the Lady Indians. Kelli Holthaus led Tribune with 8 points.

## Indians lead game early but fall to Cheylin Cougars

By Kent Kechter

The St. Francis Indians jumped out to an early lead in the varsity contest played in McDonald on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Indians were up 15-3 after one quarter of play, but could not hold on to earn the victory. Cheylin eventually won the contest 52-59 in an exciting game. With the win, Cheylin moved to 13-4 on the year. St. Francis' record stands at 8-11.

Cheylin nailed a quick trey to open the contest. Then the Indians went on a 15-0 run. Wyatt Landenberger answered the Cougar trey, with a trey for the Indians. Neither team scored much in the first four minutes of the contest, but at 4:05, Mason Schiltz drained a trey to move the score to 6-3. The Indians were deliberate offensively against the Cougar 2-3 zone and worked the ball efficiently to get good shots. Another trey, this one by Dylan Peter, put the Indians in front 9-3. At 2:40, Peter scored on an aggressive offensive rebound, and then banked in another basket at 1:20 to put the Indians ahead by ten. A nice pass from Wyatt Landenberger, setting up a Kyler Zwegardt basket, closed the first period. The Indians looked in command, leading 15-3.

Cheylin scored the first two baskets of the second period, the second coming on a driving lay-up through the Indians' defense. Cheylin cranked up the defensive pressure, using a 1-2-2 full court trap, to harass the Indians. The Indians led 19-8 after a basket by Keegan Sherlock, but were beginning to look a bit unsure in their attack versus the Cheylin defense. A Cougar basket at 4:01 trimmed the lead to 19-12. Dylan Peter answered with a basket, off an assist from Landenberger, but the Cougars soon answered again. After several Indian turnovers, Cheylin moved within four, 21-17, with 2:40 left in the first half. At 2:18, following another Indian miscue, the Cougars were within two points. An assist by Cade Bracelin, leading to a Mason Schiltz trey, held off the Cougar run for the moment. A Keegan Sherlock basket was followed by a Cheylin trey, and then the Indians committed consecutive turnovers to close out the half. The Indians held a narrow 26-24 lead at halftime, but the Cougars appeared to have the momentum.

The second half opened with Steven Nelson getting two quick

baskets, the latter on an offensive rebound, to put the Indians ahead 30-24 at the 6:25 mark. The Cougars soon trimmed the lead to two points. An Indian turnover, leading to a Cheylin trey at 5:09, put the Indians behind for the first time since the opening basket of the game. On the next possession, the Indians again committed a turnover, and Cheylin took a 33-30 lead at 4:54. Kyler Zwegardt scored on the next Indian possession. The Indians used a time out to regroup at 4:03, following another miscue, with the score standing at 32-34. Mason Schiltz tied the contest at 34-all on a rebound basket at 3:38. The Indians committed four more turnovers in the final minutes of the third period and trailed 36-43 with 1:11 left in the quarter. A basket by Jacob Baxter moved the score to 38-43 near the close of the third period.

The Indians cut the margin to three, 40-43, after a block by Baxter and an offensive rebound basket by Mason Schiltz. Another Indian turnover produced two more Cheylin points. The Indians trailed 40-47 at 6:05, after committing two fouls and missing the only two free throws awarded to the Indians in the contest. A trey by Keegan Sherlock moved the score to 43-47. At 4:42, Wyatt Landenberger made an excellent pass to Steven Nelson for a fast-break basket (45-48). Two of the next three Indian possessions resulted in turnovers. The Indians committed fouls on three consecutive Cougar possessions, but the Cougars missed several charity opportunities. At 2:50, Dylan Peter scored on a rebound to make the score 47-51. At 2:14 and 1:43, the Indians fouled the Cougars. Cheylin converted 3 of 4 throws. A fast break basket by the Cougars, moving the score to 47-56, was followed by another St. Francis turnover. With time slipping away, the Indians were forced to foul to preserve the clock. Cheylin made enough free throws to preserve the win. After a trey by Wyatt Landenberger, with 6 seconds left, the Indians fell to the Cougars 52-59.

Dylan Peter led the Indians in scoring with 15 points. Mason Schiltz added 10 and Keegan Sherlock 7. The Indians were 0-2 from the free throw line. The Indians shot 51 percent from the field and gathered 23 rebounds. Dylan Peter grabbed 8 boards

and Mason Schiltz 7.

Adam Orten paced the Cougars with 24 points. Keenan Reeh chipped in 15 and Ty Carmichael 9. The Cougars were 16 of 29 from the charity stripe and were 35% from the field. The Cougars out-rebounded the Indians by three, gathering 26, and committed 10 turnovers.

In junior varsity action, St. Francis lost to Cheylin, 44-47. After trailing early in the contest, a trey by Cade Bracelin gave the Indians a 7-5 lead at 4:42. A basket by Jacob Baxter (assist Caleb Frink) moved the Indians back in front 9-8. St. Francis led 15-12 after one quarter of play.

A trey by Jacob Baxter, at 6:19, gave the Indians a 6-point advantage (18-12), but by 5:30, the Cougars had tied the contest. An assist by Carl Fabre, leading to a Lenny Olivares basket, kept St. Francis in front 20-18. The Indians then committed six consecutive turnovers between 3:52 and 2:19. Cheylin led 22-31 at halftime.

In the third period, Jacob Baxter scored, stole the ball and scored again, and then nailed a trey to tie the game at 36-all with 1:53 left in the quarter. Cheylin answered with a trey to bring the period to a close. St. Francis trailed 36-39 after three periods.

The Indians made several good plays in the early portion of the final period. Dillion Straub scored on an offensive rebound, and then on a post move (assist Caleb Frink). Caleb stole the basketball and made a nice assist on a Jacob Baxter basket to put the Indians ahead 44-43 with 2:49 left. Cheylin answered to take the lead at 2:22. With 58 seconds left, and leading by one, Cheylin called time out. St. Francis fouled with 27 seconds to go. Cheylin missed the free throws, but the Indians did not block out well enough, and the Cougars grabbed the rebound. The Indians fouled again with 10.6 seconds left. Eddie Frisbie sank both free throws to seal the win for the Cougars. The game had been close throughout, but the Cougars earned a narrow three-point win.

The Indians will travel to Tribune on Friday, February 15th, to compete with the Jackrabbits. The Jackrabbits (9-9) are coming off a 69-53 loss to Dighton. On Tuesday, February 19th, the Indians will host Wallace County, in St. Francis.