

At the Game

Football season starts with loss to Holyoke

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The Saint Francis Indians began the 2013 season with a very disappointing loss to the Holyoke Dragons. The Indians were out played in a 28-8 game, Friday night at Greene Field.

The game began with the Indians winning the toss and electing to receive the opening kickoff. During what appeared to be a good run back, Wyatt Landenberger was hit hard by several Dragons, fumbling the ball and Holyoke recovering on the Indians 33-yard line. Working off of a short field, the Dragons Dylan Koch scored a few plays later. The extra point was missed and Holyoke was up 6-0.

On the next possession the Indians were unable to move the ball effectively making only one first down and later were forced to punt. The Indians dug in on the Dragons next possession, holding them to short gains for three downs.

However the Dragons went for it on fourth and long, scoring a touchdown when Quarterback Trevor Dalton hit tight end Logan Tharp in the end zone. The extra point was missed and the Dragons were up 12-0 at the end of the first quarter

In the second quarter, the Indians offense got untracked. After a great punt return by Taylor Rogers, the ball was called back due to an illegal block in the back. The offense drove from their own 33 to a first and goal deep inside Dragon territory with several great runs led by running back Derek Queen and quarterback Clay Cassaw. Tight end Mason Schiltz caught a short pass in the end zone for an Indians score. The extra point was good and St. Francis had sliced the lead to 12-8 at half time.

The Indians did not regain their momentum that ended the first half. Holyoke received the opening kick of the third quarter and drove the length of the field to score. The extra point was good and the Dragons were now up 20-8.

The third quarter saw many Indian chances on both offense and defense plagued by penalties. As the third quarter drew to a close, Holyoke blocked a punt attempt by Cade Bracelin and recovered on the Indians 17-yard line.

The fourth quarter began with the Dragons using the short field to score again. With the extra point, Holyoke was now up 28-8. The Dragons dominated most



WYATT LANDEBERGER gets protection from his teammates as he moves the ball forward against Holyoke at Friday night's game.

of the fourth quarter, with several Indians' drives and defensive stands cut short due to the penalties. The game ended with the final score Holyoke 28, St. Francis 8.

Coach Kyle Buffington, while disappointed in the outcome, was optimistic that the team will overcome this loss.

"The game with Holyoke was not the game I was expecting to see out of these young men for

our season opener," he said. "We started the game with mistakes and we simply became too rattled to overcome them."

"We played well at times and made some good plays throughout the game, but we weren't consistent play after play mainly because we continued to allow penalties and mental mistakes dictate us."

"We have a great group of men that will be able to take this game

no matter how dismal it seems to them right now and be able to learn from their mistakes and efforts. We will recover from this because we just have too much talent not too, and these young men know it."

Top statistics for the Indians include: Passing: Clay Cassaw, three completions for 17 yards and one touchdown. Rushing: Cade Bracelin, 10 carries for 37 yards. Receiving: Mason Schil-

tz, three receptions for 17 yards and one touchdown. Total rushing: 122 yards; Total passing: 17 yards; Total offense: 139 yards. Penalties: 12 for 115 yards.

The next game for the Indians will be at Greene Field this Friday, against the Dundy County-Benkelman Tigers at 7:30 p.m. A hamburger and hot dog feed sponsored by the junior class will start at 5:30 p.m. prior to the game.

Junior high football team sweeps Dragons

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The St. Francis Junior High Indians open the 2013 season with a convincing victory at Holyoke, blanking the Dragons 38-0.

The Indians dominated the entire game scoring in every quarter. Jordan Raby began the rout in the first quarter with a 25 yard run, the extra point was missed and the Indians were up 6-0.

The scoring continued in the second quarter with Tate Busse scoring from five yards out. They successfully made the two-point conversion and were up 14-0.

Later in the quarter Jordan scored again on a 16-yard run and, along with another successful extra point conversion, the Indians were up 22-0 at the half.

As the third quarter began the

Indians never let up as Jordan scored his third touchdown of the game on a 12-yard run off the left side. Tate Busse passed to K.C. Krien for the two-point conversion and the Indians were up 30-0 at the end of the quarter.

The Indians completed the rout in the fourth quarter when Tayton Weeter completed a 17-yard pass to Tate Busse. Jordan Raby ran for the two pointer and the game ended with a very dominating performance by the Indians.

Coach Busse was pleased with the Indians effort.

"We played hard on both offense and defense which allowed us to control the game from start to finish," he said.

The Indian's next game will be at Greene Field on Thursday (tonight) against Leoti at 5:30 p.m.

JV volleyball teams struggle in opener

The St. Francis Lady Indians junior varsity volleyball team began the 2013 season on a down note. Both the C Team and the junior varsity lost their matches to Hoxie.

"The first match was a combination of C-team and junior varsity as neither team had enough players to hold a true C team," said Jeff Olofson, junior varsity girls volleyball coach.

"The lady Indians played

hard, but still have to improve on defense and passing to set up an attack to become more competitive. The good news is that the young ladies have been receptive to new ideas and are willing to try new things."

C Team scores: 25-5; 25-20. JV scores: 25-16; 25-9.

The next match for the junior varsity Lady Indians will be Sept. 19 in Idalia, at 4:30 p.m.

Lady Indians lose matches to Hoxie

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The varsity Lady Indians opened up the 2013 volleyball season with a disappointing home loss to Hoxie. They played very hard and the games were close, but unfortunately the Lady Indians were beaten 25-12 and 25-15.

Although the Lady Indians didn't win a match, there was

some optimism from coach Talley Morrow, "Out players got all of their serves in, a 100 percent serving stat. I was so proud of the way we kept our chins up and our heads in this game. We never stopped playing or gave up."

The next Lady Indians match will be Sept. 9 at home in a tournament against Colby and Oberlin.

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 - Concessions available from Wray Lions Club
 - Helping Hand Club Quilt show
- 1 p.m. Races/games begin; music by The Swinging Seniors; dryland turtle race
- 7 p.m. In the historic Beecher Island Auditorium, Wily Jim Pheiffer

Sunday, Sept. 15th

- 6:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast by the Idalia Lions Club
- 9:45 a.m. Boy Scout flag raising ceremony
- 10 a.m. Sunday Service, Speaker Phil Mitchell, Music by New Harmony led by Willie Sharp
- 1 p.m. Historic Music program featuring Crooked Creek. History speaker, Dave Belke.
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