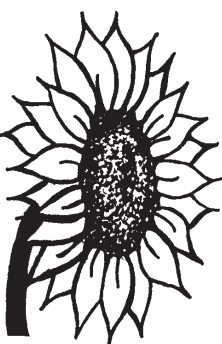


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At the Game



Junior high Indians remain unbeaten

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The Saint Francis junior high Indians kept their winning streak alive and remained unbeaten on Thursday, Oct. 3. They defeated the Dundy County-Stratton Tigers 30-24 in an exciting, well-played game at Greene Field.

In the first quarter the Tigers won the toss and elected to receive the kickoff. On their first play from scrimmage Dundy County converted a long run into the games first points, converted the extra point and was in the lead 8-0.

The Indians missed 4 tackles to allow the touchdown. This was the first time this season that anyone had scored on St. Francis on their opening drive.

Looking a little stunned but gathering themselves the Indians put together a nice scoring drive of their own and scored when Luke Lampe scampered 75 yards for the Indians first touchdown. The extra point was fumbled and the Tigers recovered. St. Francis was down 8-6 midway through the first quarter.

The Tigers next possession started at midfield. The Indians defense and penalties stopped the Tigers next drive on downs at the Indians 42-yard line.

Luke Lampe ran the ball for a short gain on first down. On the next play Jordan Raby fumbled the ball and the Tigers recovered on the Indians 44-yard line. The Tigers next drive was snuffed out when Tate Busse intercepted a Tigers fourth-down pass and had a nice return. This gave the ball back to the Indians offense at the St. Francis 25 yard line. The quarter ended with St. Francis trailing 8-6.

The Indians began the second quarter putting together a long scoring drive with several great runs by Jordan Raby, Jake Faulkender and Luke Lampe. The drive culminated when Tate Busse faked a handoff and ran in for the Indians second score of the game. He then

passed to Coy Cassaw for the extra point and St. Francis was up 14-8.

The Indians tried an onside kick which failed to go 10 yards and the Tigers took over on the Indians 48-yard line. The Indians defense rose up as Jordan Raby stopped the Tigers for no gain, Luke Lampe and Cody Baxter stopped a Tiger runner for a short gain and Luke Lampe and Dalton Straub combined to stop another Tiger run, short of the first-down marker. The Indians took over on downs.

The Indians offense stalled with no gains and a sack for a large loss. On fourth down the Indians lined up to punt. The snap went over the punters head and the Tigers recovered the ball on the Indians 5-yard line. The Indians defense again rose to the occasion made an outstanding defensive stand. On first down Jordan Raby tackled a Tiger runner for a loss of 6 yards. Dalton Straub stopped another Tiger runner at the 7-yard line. On third down the Tigers were stopped for no gain. On fourth and goal the Tigers were again stymied when Tate Busse and Jordan Raby stopped the Tiger runner for another loss. The Tigers turned the ball over on downs.

The Indians offense then took over on their own 10-yard line. After a good 15-yard run by Jordan Raby, and a few short gains they turned the ball over on downs at their own 28-yard line. With the half winding down the Indians defense stopped the Tigers on two consecutive plays and the half ended with St. Francis on top 14-8.

The third quarter began with Tayton Weeter returning the kickoff 16 yards. The Indians offense then put together an impressive drive, marching down the field led by great runs by Jordan Raby, Tayton Weeter and Luke Lampe. Lampe scored the Indians third touchdown of the game when he powered in from 2 1/2 yards out. Jordan Raby scored the extra point and the Indians extended their lead to 22-8.



RUNNING BACK Luke Lampe, 44 makes a great run in the Indians victory over Dundy County Herald Photo by Douglas Sloper

Not to be outdone the Tigers began their first possession of the second half on their own 40-yard line. Led by great runs by Tyler King and Phalen Sanford, the Tigers marched through the Indians defense and scored their second touchdown of the game. The extra point was good and the Indians lead was cut to 22-16.

The Indians next possession began on their own 29-yard line. Jordan Raby and Luke Lampe had a couple of great runs on the drive, but their scoring opportunity ended when Tate Busse was sacked and fumbled, the Tigers recovered at

their own 29 yard line. On their first possession, a long 30 yard run by the Tigers Phalen Sanford was negated when the Tigers were penalized for an illegal block in the back. On the next play Tyler King was tackled in the backfield by Tate Busse for a loss of 10 yards as the third quarter came to a close.

The fourth quarter began as the Indians again made a great defense stand forcing the Tigers to punt. St. Francis took over on their own 43-yard line.

The Indian offense, punching holes in the Tiger defense again, made big gains led by Jordan

Raby and Luke Lampe. On this possession they scored when Luke Lampe drove through the middle of the Tigers defense for the Indians fourth touchdown of the game. Tate Busse ran in the extra point and St. Francis was back up 30-16.

The Tigers returned the kick off to the Indians 44-yard line; then marched down field on a combination of good runs and timely passing to score, when Tyler King muscled into the end zone with 1:29 left in the game. The extra point was good but the Indians led 30-24.

On the kickoff the Tigers

successfully tried and recovered an onside kick and had the ball at the Indians 46-yard line. Two pass attempts were broken up by the Indians defense and on third down, Tiernan Poling intercepted a Tiger pass at the Indians 25-yard line and ended Dundy County chances. St. Francis ran out the clock and came away with an exciting, hard-fought victory 30-24.

The next game will be on Thursday, Oct. 10, when they will face the Goodland Cowboys at Greene Field. Kickoff is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity third in tourney

In junior varsity volleyball action on Saturday, Oct. 5, the St. Francis Lady Indians took on the Oberlin Red Devils, Hoxie Indians, Norton Bluejays and Atwood Buffaloes in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament in Oberlin.

The Lady Indians began tournament play taking on the host Red Devils and bounced them out in two straight sets, 25-18, 25-16. St. Francis took on Hoxie in their next match, and while playing strong lost in two sets 25-12, 25-21.

The Lady Indians next took on the Norton Bluejays. In a very close, exciting three-set match, St. Francis took the first set 26-24, dropped the second 23-25 but took the third set and the match 16-14. The Lady Indians final match of the tournament was against the Atwood Buffaloes. The Lady Indians took the Buffaloes to three sets, taking the first set 25-20, before dropping the next two sets and the match 25-17, 15-10.

Coach Jeff Olofson was very pleased with the efforts that the Lady Indians exhibited throughout the tournament.

"The junior varsity went 2-2 and played well in all sets but the first Hoxie set," he said. "We managed to get third place but we were in the hunt for a tie for first until the last serve. Rawlins County-Atwood junior varsity won the tournament with a 4-0 record.

"Because of the number of matches played, all team members must contribute and they did on Saturday. Every player needed encouragement and their teammates came through in crucial times to help them. We played great defense; much of it of the scramble variety. The other team would attack and we would scramble to get the ball back



LAUREN JOHNSON, 20 sets the ball as teammates Mallery Mills, 5, Jesica Pacheco, 16, and Lindsay Johnson, 19 prepare to assist.

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across the net. A significant percent of the time we were successful.

"We had a number of great attacks which were the result of good passing and setting," he said. "It is nice to say that our serving played an important role in our victories. In the last set of the day against Rawlins County-Atwood

our serve receive was a problem but that was because the Buffaloes served extremely well. I was proud of the hard work and resilience the young ladies exhibited all day."

The next match for the Lady Indians will be in Oakley against the Plainsmen on Tuesday, Oct. 8, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Indians varsity disappoints in tough game against Oberlin

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The Saint Francis Indians had a very disappointing loss to the Oberlin Red Devils 35-0, on Friday night, Oct. 4, in Oberlin.

The Indians started well, taking the opening kickoff and drove to the Red Devils 8-yard line, before the drive stalled.

"We drove the ball right down the field and got stalled out on the 8-yard line and we mentally hit a brick wall at that point," said coach Kyle Buffington.

Oberlin was able to convert Indian mistakes into a 7-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Red Devils took advantage of poor play and continued uncharacteristic mistakes throughout the second quarter by the Indians to score three more times in the second quarter and had a big lead 27-0 at the half.

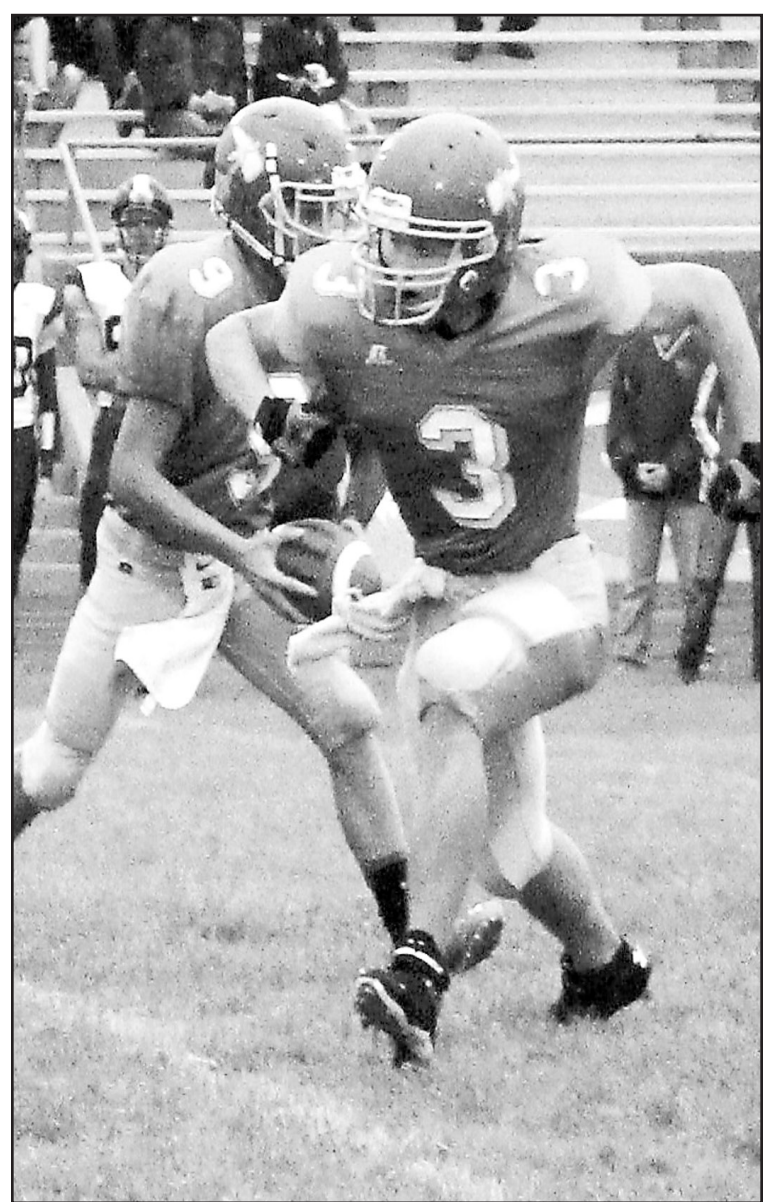
The woes of the first half continued to haunt the Indians in the second half as the offense was unable to put any points on the board. The Red Devils continued to take advantage of Indian miscues and scored in the third and again in the fourth quarter, to put the Indians away.

Coach Buffington was perplexed by the teams performance.

"There is just not a whole lot to say about a game like this one with Oberlin," he said. "We came out playing well. We gave them four turnovers and all of them resulted in points for Oberlin. It's pretty hard to win a football game in that kind of fashion.

"Whether or not the off week in our schedule, or the poor weather, or the injuries we've sustained played a part in our performance or not, it's not an excuse at this point in the season. We have got to be able to play through adversity if we want to compete with good competition."

"One thing I am very proud of about these young men is that they



CLAY CASSAW 9, looks back to hand off to Wyatt Landenberger 2 (not pictured), as Derek Queen 3 leads the running play.

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never quit playing the game. We will be able to get back on track, because we have the character to do so."

Top Rushers: Derek Queen 8 carries, 50 yards; Wyatt Landneberger 12 carries, 30 yards; Cade Bracelin 12 carries, 18 yards.

Passing: Clay Cassaw, 1 of 3 for

35 yards. Receiving: Mason Schiltz , 1 reception for 35 yards.

Total Offense: 131 yards, 96 rushing and 35 passing.

The next game for the Indians starts at 7 p.m. on Friday. This homecoming game will be against the Oakley Plainsmen at Greene Field.