

# At the Game

## Indians embarrassed in Homecoming rout

The Saint Francis Indians hosted the Oakley Plainsmen in Friday night's homecoming game. With a large crowd in attendance the Indians had high hopes of reversing their performance from the last game and knocking off the Plainsman at Greene Field. In a totally dominating performance it was the Plainsmen who ran around, ran through and ran over the Indians 56-0.

In first quarter action, the Indians first possession stalled when Cade Bracelin was stopped on a short fourth down. Oakley took over and on their first possession Darius Herl had a long run for a touchdown. The extra point was converted and the Plainsmen were up 8-0.

The Indians second possession began on their 30-yard line with a good run back on the ensuing Oakley kickoff. Two plays later the exchange between Clay Cassaw and Garrett Brunk was fumbled and the ball was recovered by the Plainsman in the St. Francis 35-yard line. Four plays later Oakley scored their second touchdown of the quarter, converted the extra point and led 16-0.

The Indians third possession started on their own 20 yard line. They were able to move the ball making a first down with a nice run by Garrett Brunk to the 43 yard line. Disaster struck on the next play when running back Derek Queen was hit hard and fumbled at the Indians 47 yard line. Oakley recovered and took over. The Plainsman's offense continued to dominate the Indians defense and marched down the field in 5 plays to score their third touchdown of the quarter, converting the extra point and now led 24-0.

The Indians fourth offensive possession began after a good run back by Taylor Rogers to their own 33-yard line. The offense was unable to move the ball and was forced to punt on fourth down. Oakley took over on the Saintry 42-yard line to end the first quarter.

As the second quarter began, the Plainsmen continue to march downfield on the Indians defense. Overcoming two penalties, they scored again in the middle of the second quarter, missing the extra point and were up 30-0.

The Indians first possession of the second quarter began at the 25-yard line. Again the offense was unable to move the ball and was stopped when quarterback Clay Cassaw was tackled for a big loss.

After a St. Francis punt Oakley took over on the 50-yard line. Two long runs by the Plainsmen got the ball down to the Indians 30. A personal foul penalty on the Indians got the ball down to the 15-yard line. The Plainsmen scored two plays later, missed the extra point and now led 36-0.

Lane Hobrock took the Oakley kickoff and returned the Indians 37-yard line. Another promising Indian drive was cut short by good defensive stops by the Plainsman. Cade Bracelin's punt was short



CADE BRACELIN, 23, runs through the hole opened by Lenny Olivares, 77  
Herald Photo by Douglas Sloper

and Oakley took over on their own 47. Oakley scored again on a long pass from Darius Herl to Braydon Hubert again missed the extra point to extended their lead. The half ended with the Plainsmen up 42-0.

At halftime, due to the lopsided score the coaches agreed to a continuous clock, which meant the clock would not be stopped.

Third quarter play began with Oakley taking possession on the 38-yard line. The Plainsmen again marched downfield and scored again. The extra point was converted and the score was 50-0.

The St. Francis offense again sputtered gaining no ground and was forced into a four-and-out situation. Cade Bracelin punted to the Indians 47 yard line as the

third quarter ended. The final quarter began with another drive by the Oakley which culminated in yet another touchdown for the Plainsmen. The extra point was no good and Oakley led 56-0, which is how the game ended.

The Indians will play the Ellis Railroaders in Ellis on Oct. 18. at 7 p.m.

## Varsity lady Indians fall to Oakley, junior varsity ladies win

The St. Francis Lady Indians varsity and junior varsity went up against the Oakley Plainsmen on Tuesday October 8 in Oakley. The varsity lost their match in four sets. The junior varsity defeated Oakley in two sets.

The Lady Indians were playing a 3 out of 5 set match and got off to a great start, taking the first set 25-23. Unfortunately, the Lady Indians could not keep up the momentum of the first set and dropped the next three sets with close scores of 26-24, 25-20, 25-23.

### Junior varsity

The Lady Indians started sluggish against the Plainsmen but soon picked up their play and took out Oakley in straight sets 25-16, 26-24.

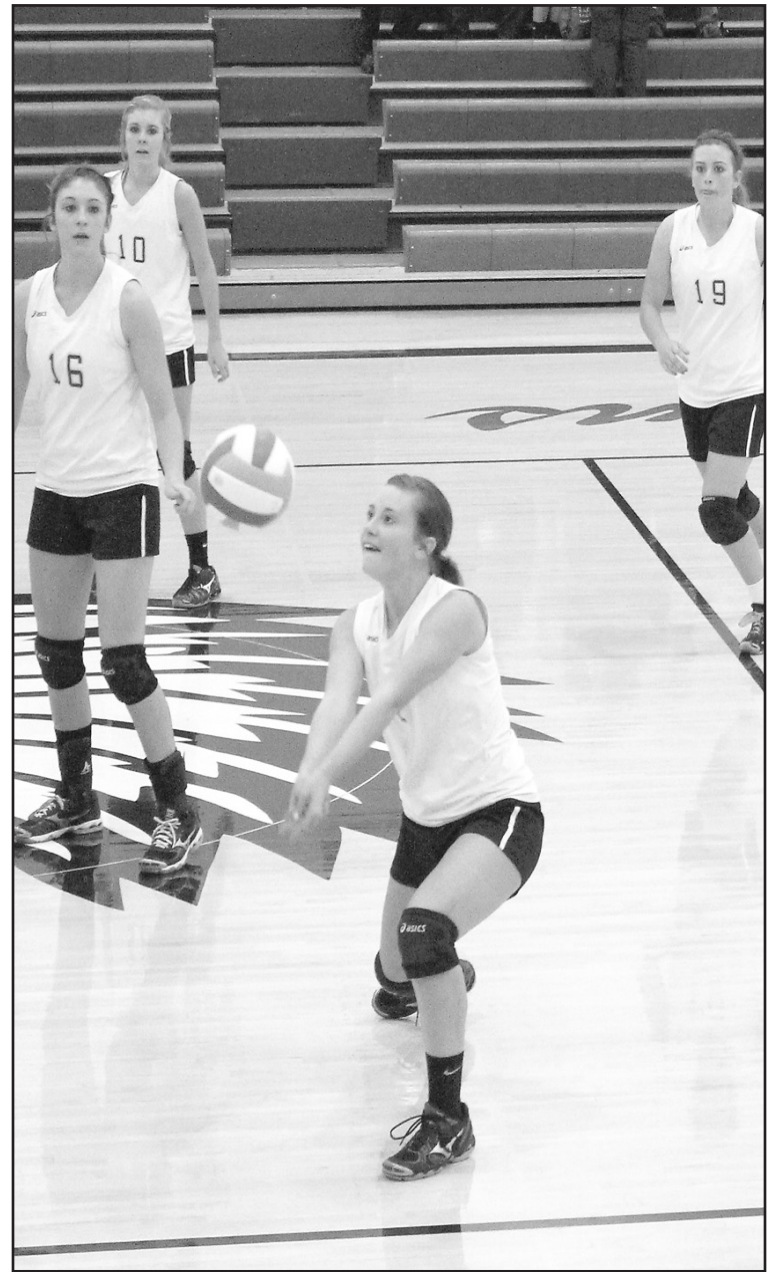
Coach Jeff Olofson was pleased with how the team picked it up after a slow start. "The young Lady Indians had a very slow start in the junior varsity match. I described it as playing in molasses. Once they overcame the sluggish start they played fairly well. Our serving was very good throughout the match and this made it possible for our offense to work. When

Oakley sent free balls to us we were able to execute an attack. What let us down at times was our serve receive and we will work on this until the last day of the season."

The C Team did not fair as well. The St. Francis dropped the first set in a close game 25-23. They rebounded in the second set 25-20. Unfortunately the Lady Indians could not finish off Oakley and dropped the third set 15-8.

Coach Olofson was happy with the team's play, but saw room for improvement, "The C team played a good match but we were not able to come up with good passes in the last set to help us win. Our serving was consistently good but we often overpassed or made the setter chase wild passes. The result was we rarely attacked the ball and Oakley received a lot of free balls.

This was only the second C team match of the season so the young ladies had to work hard to communicate with teammates that they often don't play next to."



MCKAYLA TAYLOR #4, prepares to setup the ball, while Aly Schlepp #16, McKenzie Taylor #10 and Kyla Bandel #19 get ready for the play.  
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## Junior high ladies drop game

The junior high Lady Indians volleyball team went up against the Goodland Cowboys on Thursday, Oct. 10 in St. Francis.

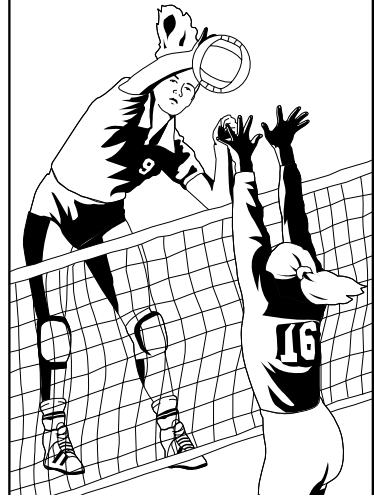
In C team action the Lady Indians had two close matches against the Cowboys, but dropped both sets and the match 25-20, 25-17.

The B team was stretched to three sets, winning the first set 25-14, dropping the second in a close exciting match 25-23. The Lady Indians stepped it up in the third set 15-8 to take their match.

The A team had no problem in their first set winning 25-2. The second was closer but again the Lady Indians came out on top 25-21.

The Lady Indians A teams next match was on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the North West Kansas League A Volleyball Tournament in Leoti, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Lady Indians B team played on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the North West Kansas League B Volleyball Tournament in Wa-Keeney, beginning at 9 a.m.



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