

Lady Indians close out season in sub state tournament

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The St. Francis Lady Indians varsity volleyball season came to a close as they competed in the Sub-State Volleyball Tournament in Hoxie on Saturday, Oct. 26. The Lady Indians were seeded fourth in the tournament. Their first opponent in the tournament was the Quinter Bulldogs, who were seeded fifth.

Coach Talley Morrow said she was very happy with the way the Lady Indians came out and played.

"The girls played amazingly well on Saturday at substate," she said. "Our goal was to play Hoxie and work hard to take them out of the state running. But first, we had to beat Quinter. We had beaten them three times prior, so we were pretty sure we would get that job done, but we never overlook an opponent."

The Lady Indians came out strong and played an exciting close first set with the Bulldogs, losing 25-20.

"Quinter wanted it badly, so they played their best match yet and we lost the first set," said Coach Morrow. "After that, our new-found determination came forth and we won the next two sets which hasn't happened in a

LONG time!!"

In the second set the Indians totally dominated the Bulldogs and crushed them 25-10. St. Francis played a good team game in the third set and dumped the Bulldogs again to take the match 25-17.

The Lady Indians next went up against the number-one seeded Hoxie Indians. St. Francis gave it all and played an extremely competitive first set, losing a heartbreaker 25-22.

"That determination from the previous match hung around for our first set with Hoxie and we earned 22 points on them, but not enough to take the first set," said Coach Morrow. "I am pretty sure we gave them a good-enough scare, because they turned around then and brought out their 'big guns' on the second set and we simply couldn't defend against the attack. But we kept our heads until just the last few points."

The Lady Indians lost the second set and fell easily to Hoxie 25-8.

"I haven't been so proud of these girls as I was on Saturday. It's never fun to end on a loss, but most teams do. Very few can end a season with a 'W' because that's just how brackets work,"



JUSTICE WILEY 9 goes high in the air for a beautiful spike while teammates prepare to defend.

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Morrow said.

"Overall, this volleyball team has made some amazing progress. Their general skills are terrific and they are so fun to watch! I absolutely LOVED coaching them this season and they reminded me of why I do this job and why I love volleyball."

"We, as a team, want to thank our loyal supporters, both parents, students, and volunteers, who helped us grow during this season. I am totally looking forward to next year and anxious to

see what more they can do!!"

Varsity volleyball stats can be found at MaxPreps.com. Some of the matches can be viewed as archives at OpenSpaceSports.com.



Local golfer qualifies for all state team

Kyla Bandel has qualified for the All-State Girls Golf Team by placing 13th out of 87 golfers at the 3-2-1A Girls State Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at the The Golf Club at Southwind in Garden City on Monday, Oct. 21.

Kyla shot a 52 on the front nine and 48 on the back nine for an 18 hole total of 100. By placing in the top twenty, she has made the Kansas All-State Girls Golf Team for the 3-2-1A region for a second year in a row. This was her third year to qualify for state golf action.

To qualify for state competition, Kyla attended the 3-2-1A

regional golf tournament on Oct. 14 in Syracuse, where she placed second.

Kyla has been attending golf tournaments through a cooperative program with the Colby High School's golf program. This is due to St. Francis Community High School not having a high school golf program.

The Golf Club at Southwind is regarded by state golf officials as one of the top courses in Kansas and is the site of the annual Southwest Kansas Pro-Am tournament. Southwind presented a distinct challenge to the 87 players competing in the tournament. The golf course is known for its



Kyla Bandel

unique design and native grasses and gives you the openness feel and ability to swing away. The biggest problem and challenge was the elevated greens. There were lots of bunkers protecting those greens and it was a big challenge, according to the state golf officials.

Junior high A and B teams end season in tournament play

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The junior high Lady Indians A and B teams competed in the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Oct. 22. The A team competed in Leoti and took on the Oberlin Red Devils, Rawlins County (Atwood) Buffaloes, Greeley County (Tribune) Jackrabbits, and Hoxie Indians. The B team went up against the Dighton Hornets, Hoxie Indians, and Oberlin Red Devils in WaKeeney.

Both teams play respectably, with the A team winning two matches and dropping two, while the B team won one match and lost two.

The Lady Indians A team began the tournament taking on the Oberlin Red Devils. St. Francis had a close exciting first set winning 25-22. In the second set, they came out on top 25-17, taking the match in two straight sets.

The Lady Indians did not fare so well in their next match against the Atwood Buffaloes. St. Francis lost in two sets 25-18 and 25-6.

The Lady Indians next opponent was the Tribune Jackrabbits. St. Francis rebounded from their loss to Atwood, and playing solid team volleyball, beat the Jackrab-

bits in the first set 25-17. In the second set, the Lady Indians were stretched to the limit before finally prevailing 29-27.

In their final match of the tournament, St. Francis took on the Hoxie Indians. The Lady Indians ended their tournament play, losing to Hoxie in straights sets 25-16 and 25-15.

The Lady Indians B team began their tournament play by taking on the Dighton Hornets. St. Francis played two hard, close sets against the Hornets, but came out on the losing end in both 25-20 and 25-22.

St. Francis took on the Hoxie Indians in their next match. The Lady Indians played a close first set, losing 25-22, and also lost the second set and the match 25-15.

The Lady Indians closed out their tournament play on a winning note, taking on the Oberlin Red Devils. The Lady Indians crushed the Red Devils in the first set 25-8 and then held off Oberlin in an exciting, drama filled second set, 27-25.

Coach Morgan Strand was happy with the effort the Lady Indians had.

"Our tournament play on

Tuesday was bitter sweet," she said. "The girls played some of the best volleyball I've seen this year, but we ended up with losses due to mental mistakes at crucial moments in quite a few games."

"I was hopeful that we could have entered the tournament on Tuesday with a 3-0 record, but it just wasn't in the cards for us. I was proud of the job that the girls did on Tuesday, it just wasn't the ideal way to end our season," said the coach.

Coach Strand continued her comments.

"I will say that the B team and C team girls really showed tremendous improvement from day one of the volleyball season, though. It would have been nice to end the season with a winning record, but considering where we started we actually finished the season rather well.

"I think the girls show a lot of heart, and I hope that they will continue to improve their athletic careers as they enter high school in the future. I am proud of all that we have accomplished this year and I hope to have chances, in the future, to continue to coach these young athletes."

Junior varsity crushes Oberlin

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The St. Francis junior varsity scored six touchdowns in route to a 42-6 thumping of the Oberlin Red Devils Monday night at Greene Field. With this victory, the Indians finished the season with a very successful 5-1 record.

In the first quarter, after a Taylor Rogers interception, St. Francis put together a 65 yard touchdown drive, capped off on a 3 yard run by Justin Pacheco. The extra point was no good. The Indians were up 6-0, at the end of the first quarter.

St. Francis scored twice in the second quarter. The first score came on an Indians 41-yard drive when Justin Pacheco again ran in from 26-yards out. The

extra point was scored by Taylor Rogers and the Indians were up 14-0.

Oberlin answered back and scored their only touchdown of the game on a long break away run, cutting St. Francis' lead to 14-6.

The Indians bounced back, extending their lead to 22-6, when Justin Pacheco scored from 8-yards out. The extra point was run in by Garrett Brunk. This score finished off another long 59-yard drive for St. Francis.

As the half was winding down, Quinton Cravens intercepted a Red Devils' pass, snuffing out their scoring opportunity. The half came to a close with St. Francis up 22-6.

The Indians scored again in the third quarter on another long

64-yard march down the field, when quarterback Quinton Cravens hit Joel Hill on a 7-yard touchdown completion. The extra point was no good, and St. Francis was up 28-6 at the end of the third quarter.

In fourth quarter action, the Indians completed a 54-yard drive as Garrett Brunk broke through for a long 45-yard touchdown run. The extra point was unsuccessful, and the Indians were now up 34-6.

After a Quinton Cravens interception, St. Francis scored its final touchdown when Justin Pacheco ran in from 22-yards out. Taylor Rogers ran in the extra point and the game ended with the Indians up 42-6.

Congratulations to the junior varsity Indians on a fine season!

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