

At the Game

Varsity season begins at home

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The St. Francis varsity and junior varsity Lady Indians and Indians took on the Oberlin Red Devils on Friday evening, Dec. 6, in St. Francis. The results were very disappointing for the Lady Indians and Indians as both the varsity and junior varsity lost their opening games.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians and Red Devils played a hard first quarter, but both teams had trouble getting the ball to drop into the basket. Many missed opportunities and turnovers led to a low scoring quarter, with the Red Devils up 10-6 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Red Devils began to get their offensive game together and began to pull away, outscoring the Lady Indians 15-7. The Lady Indians shooting woes continued and they still could not get their offense going. The half ended with Oberlin in front 25-13.

As the third quarter progressed, the Lady Indians continued to play hard, but could not keep up with the Red Devils. St Francis continued to lose ground, as their shots rimmed out and just would not fall. Oberlin out scored St. Francis 13-8 and held a 38-21 lead at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Indians gave it their all, but this was just not going to be their night. Oberlin outscored St. Francis 12-9 and took the game 50-30. Coach Susan Dinkel was disappointed but optimistic about this game. "We did many good things during this game. I put a couple of new offenses in this year and we threw something else new at them during the game. They adjusted well and made adjustments throughout the game."

"Unfortunately we were just cold shooting. We were 16 percent from 2 point range, 11 percent from 3 point range and 36 percent from the free throw line. We have



MASON SCHILTZ prepares to pass the ball to a teammate during the game against the Red Devils on Friday evening.

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to double these figures to be able to compete."

High scorers: Kyla Bandel, 20 points; Justice Wiley, 4 points; Kylie Sherlock, 3 points; Mariah Beikman, 2 points; Journey Lee, 1 point.

In junior varsity action the Lady Indians mixed team, consisting of junior varsity and varsity players, were defeated in a low scoring contest, 12-5.

Indians

The Indians did not fair well in their opening game of the new season. They were soundly beaten by Oberlin 61-42. Turnovers and poor shooting were the Indi-

ans downfall.

In the first quarter, the Indians could not catch a break, shot after shot failed to drop. Indian turnovers led to many easy baskets for the Red Devils and they pulled away to a 20-7 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Indian ratcheted up their game in the second quarter and played Oberlin more evenly, but could not cut into the Red Devils lead. Oberlin led 30-15 at the half.

"Shooting only 21 percent in the first half, we dug ourselves a hole we couldn't recover from. Hitting on only 6 of 28 shots in

the first half means we left 10-15 points on the floor," said Coach Jeff Beims.

As the third quarter began the St. Francis seemed determined to cut into the Oberlin lead. The Indians continued to run into the same problems as in the first half. Poor shooting and turnovers crushed their attempts at a comeback. Outlet passes were poorly thrown and intercepted by the Red Devils, setting up scoring opportunities. Oberlin outscored St. Francis 13-8 and pulled away to a 38-21 lead.

In the fourth quarter the Indians mounted a comeback and



JUSTICE WILEY reaches high for the tip-off in the Friday night season opener against Oberlin.

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began to cut into the Oberlin lead. However, once again poorly thrown outlet passes were intercepted to stop the Indians fast break attempts cold. The Indians switched to a full court press, but Oberlin seemed to have an answer to anything St. Francis could throw at them. They were easily able to beat the press and scored easy layup baskets.

"Turnovers hurt us all night. Twenty-three turnovers are 23 times we gave up an opportunity to score, while giving the opponent an extra opportunity. When you add it all up it's a wonder we lost by 19," said Coach Beims. "We are in the process of learning a new system and our guys

rebounded well. Defensively we were pretty good, but I would like to see us play a little more aggressively. I'm confident we will continue to improve in those areas."

High scorers: Wyatt Landenberger, 15 points; Mason Schiltz, 13 points; Cade Bracelin, 5 points; Lenny Olivares, 3 points; Jacob Baxter, 2 points; Jeremiah Neitzel, 2 points; Taylor Rogers, 1 point; Nicky Easter, 1 point.

The next game for the Lady Indians and Indians was Tuesday, Dec. 10. They will be participating in the Sagebrush Classic Tournament against the Stockton Tigers in Brewster. The tournament begins at 3 p.m.

Junior high Indians sweep Leoti

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The St. Francis junior high Indians A and B teams took on the Leoti Braves Thursday evening, Dec. 5, in St. Francis. The A team Lady Indians avenged their only loss of the season defeating the Leoti Braves. The A team Indians continued to roll and remained undefeated. The B team Lady Indians played a close contest but still came out on top. The B team boys had little trouble defeating the Braves in their game.

Lady Indians

In a very sloppy first quarter, both teams were plagued by turnovers, missed passes that slipped through their hands and shots that just wouldn't fall. The only Lady Indians scoring was Madi Tice and Zoe Sundstrom, each scored 2 points. After six minutes of hard fought action the Lady Indians and Leoti Braves were tied 4-4.

In the second quarter, the Lady Indians found their game, holding the Leoti Braves to no baskets and pulled away to a ten point lead, 14-4. Matthison Witzel and Joslyn Ketzner each had 4 points, Lauren Johnson scored 2 points and Madi Tice added a free throw.

The third quarter was almost a repeat of the first. Neither team could get any momentum and were again plagued by missed op-

portunities and turnovers. Both teams scored only 3 points, with St. Francis now leading 17-7.

As the fourth quarter progress, both teams looked more comfortable in their offensive and defensive schemes. The quarter was hard fought, as the Lady Indians held their own and prevailed 26-17.

Leading scorers: Lauren Johnson, 6 points; Joslyn Ketzner, 6 points; Madi Tice, 5 points; Matthison Witzel, 4 points; Zoe Sundstrom, 2 points; Jessica Confer, 2 points; Lindsay Johnson, 1 point.

The Lady Indians B team had a close game, defeating the Leoti Braves B team 26-23. No game statistics were made available for this game.

Indians

The A team Indians got off to a slow start in the first quarter. Turnovers and a tough Brave defense kept the score close. The quarter ended with the Indians in front 9-4.

"Leoti was a much improved team from the first time we played them. They played a really good man-to-man defense the entire game and we struggled some against it," said Coach Rob Schultz.

The second quarter was hard fought, as both teams slugged it out. More fast break opportuni-

ties began to click for the Indians. The Braves were still playing tough and were keeping it close as the half came to a close, with St. Francis still in front, 17-12.

"Leoti effectively broke our full court press in the first half. We had to take the press off, because they were shooting layups at their end," said Coach Schiltz.

In the third quarter, the Indians game began to click, outlet passes were hitting for layups and a pressure defense forced the Braves into several turnovers under their own basket. This resulted in easy layup baskets for the Indians. St. Francis outscored Leoti 14-3 in the quarter and took a commanding 31-15 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Indians continued to dominate in the fourth quarter. With the second team playing most of the quarter the Braves could not make up any ground, and St. Francis completed the victory 41-21.

Coach Schiltz was pleased with how the team responded in the second half. "We made a couple of minor adjustments to the press to begin the second half and the boys picked up the intensity a great deal. The result was a dominating performance in the third quarter. From that point on we pretty much had the game in

control. These guys are really fun to coach," said Coach Schiltz.

Leading scorers: Trayton Doyle, 12 points; Tate Busse, 10 points; Luke Lampe, 7 points; Luin Norris, 6 points; Dalton Straub, 4 points; Martin Beikman, 2 points

In B team action, the Indians crushed the Braves, 41-26. No game statistics were made available for this game.

Bowling News

Wednesday Night Mens Dec. 4

Team Standing: Lampe Motor Sports, The Drunks, Wright & Wrong, Gillywood, Cheyenne Bowl, Haigler 1.

High game (scratch): Wright & Wrong 637, The Drunks 623, Haigler 1 614; (handicap): The Drunks 862, Lampe Motor Sports 832, Wright & Wrong 830.

High series (scratch): Wright & Wrong 1848, Haigler 1 1760, The Drunks 1665; (handicap): Lampe Motor Sports 2436, Wright & Wrong 2427, The Drunks 2382,

High games mens (scratch): Scott Olson 197, Bill Ehrman 188, Adam Wheaton 184; (handicap): Adam Wheaton 241, Bill

Ehrman 235, Danny Brunswig 228.

High series mens (scratch): Scott Olson 510, Bill Ehrman 504, Mike Blecha 490' (handicap): Bill Ehrman 645, Kelly Lampe 636, Danny Brunswig 634.

Most over average game: Adam Wheaton 48

Most over average series: Bill Ehrman 63

Ladies Night Out Dec. 5

Team Standing: Stinkers, Dundy Ag, Wray Meat, The Lodge, Bier, Kathy's Krafts

High game (scratch): Strikers 614, Wray meat 570, Bier 545; (handicap): Wray Meat 817, Strikers 794, Kathy's Krafts 775.

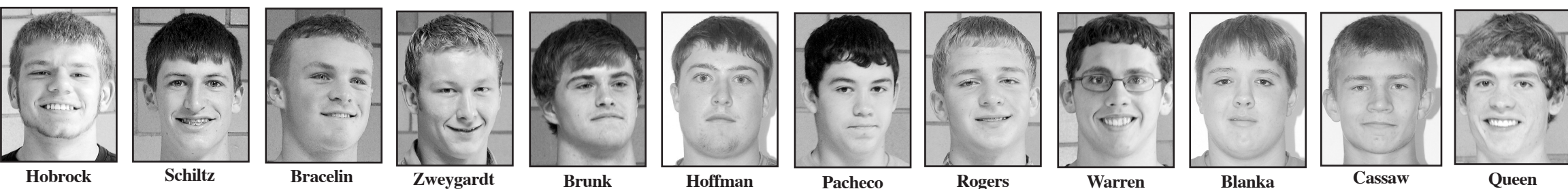
High series (scratch): Strikers 1707, Wray Meat 1589, Dundy Ag 1531; (handicap): Wray Meat 2330, Strikers 2247, Kathy's Krafts 2243.

High game women (scratch): Terry Yost 176, Tammy Overlease 172, Kathy Blecha 170; (handicap): Nikki Gelvin 218, Ilene O'Leary 217, Vicky Harford 215.

High series women (scratch): Tammy Overlease 456, Kathy Blecha 449, Terry Yost 448; (handicap): Patty Cox 622, Nikki Gelvin 604, Jackie Ritchey 587.

Most over average game: Nikki Gelvin 35

Most over average series: Patty Cox 82



Hobrock

Schiltz

Bracelin

Zweygardt

Brunk

Hoffman

Pacheco

Rogers

Warren

Blanka

Cassaw

Queen

Players make Northwest Kansas League football teams

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On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the coaches of the Northwest Kansas League selected the players that they considered to be the most outstanding of the recently completed season. The St. Francis Indians placed 12 players on the list. "I just want to send my personal congratulations to all the young men that

were honored for their hard work and efforts this season," said Kyle Buffington, Indians' head coach. "The Northwest Kansas League teams are voted on by the coaches in our league and it's proof to me that others noticed what all these young men from all around the league put into their respected programs." Voted first team offense: Lane Hobrock, tight end; Mason Schiltz, wide

receiver; Kyler Zweygardt, offensive line.

Second team offense: Cade Bracelin, running back; Scott Warren, offensive line.

Honorable mention offense: Clay Cassaw, quarterback; Derek Queen, running back; Shakotah Blanka, offensive line.

First team defense: Kyler Zweygardt, defensive line.

Second team defense: Taylor Rogers, defensive back; Garrett Brunk, linebacker; Justin Pacheco, linebacker; Cade Bracelin, linebacker; Mason Schiltz, defensive end; Lane Hoffman, defensive line.

Honor mention defense: Lane Hobrock, defensive end.

First team special teams: Cade Bracelin, punter.

Second team special teams: Cade Bracelin, kicker.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished as a team and those who were fortunate enough to be rewarded is just icing on the cake in my eyes," said Coach Buffington.

Congratulations to these players and all the players and coaching staff on a fine season!!