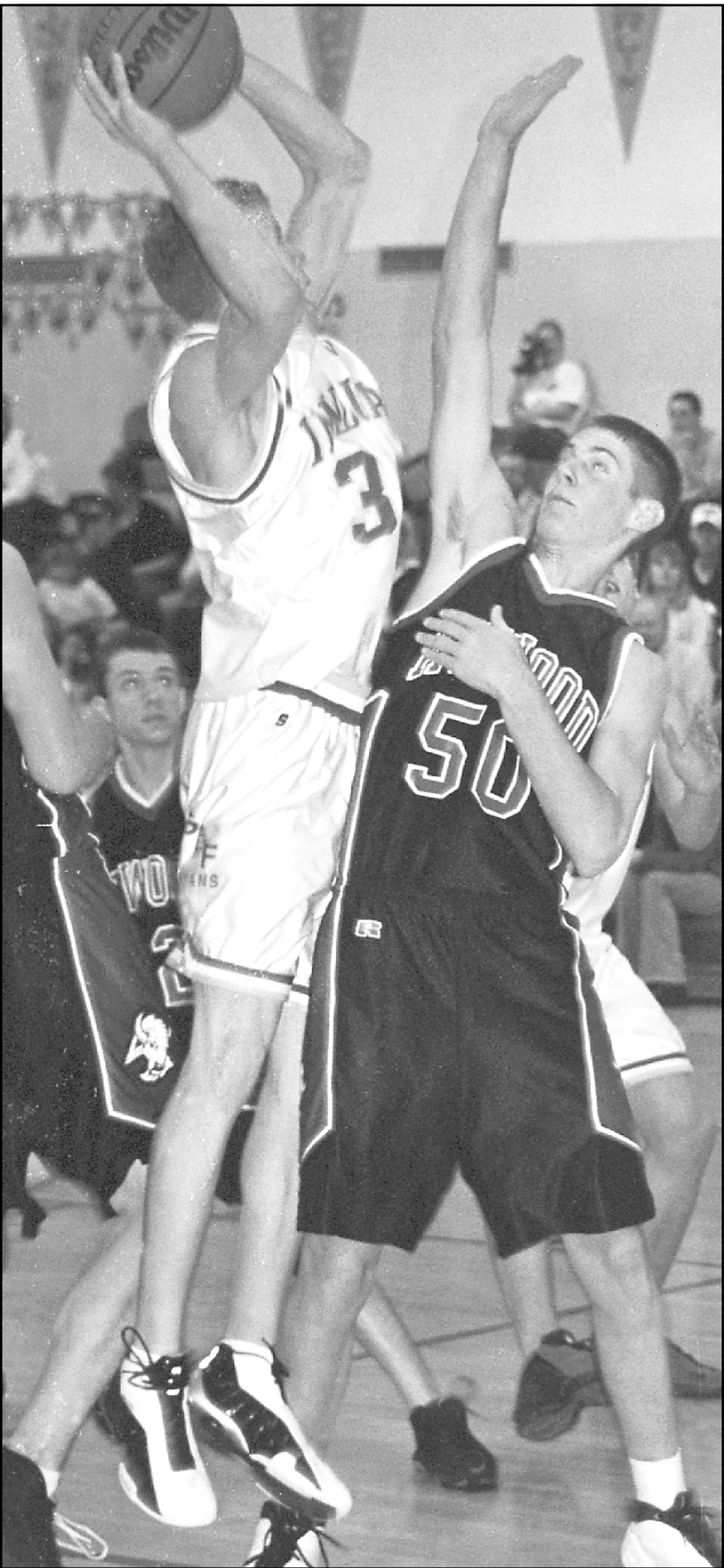


At the Game



UP AND IN — Marcus Dodd uses his height and ability to get off the floor to good advantage.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Indians play well; earn league victory

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis scored their second win of the season Friday night when they defeated Northwest Kansas League opponent Hoxie 77-59. Sainty limited the Hoxie offensive production in the fourth period to have an especially good quarter, scoring 27 points to 11 for Hoxie. At the end of three Sainty had a small 50-48 lead.

"This is a big win," Coach Greg Wolters said. "We really needed a "W" after going 1-6 before the break.

"Hoxie is ranked in the top five in 2A so we knew it would take a great effort just to compete with them.

"The final score is not indicative of how close the game really was. It was a three point game with 4:30 to go. We did a great job of making plays down the stretch. We made some big shots, got stops defensively and made our free throws to get the win.

This win was truly a team effort. Everyone contributed and played hard. All five starters were in double figures scoring - that kind of balance made defending us very difficult. We rebounded better than we have all year."

The starters and their double-digit scoring included Cale Rieger 17, Michael Raile 16, Dustin Dunn 14, Marcus Dodd 14 and Tyler Wolters 14. Sainty put nine free throws through

the hoop in the final quarter with Dunn collecting three, Wolters two and Dodd four. Dodd was also hot from the field during this time with four twos.

Rieger was instrumental in keeping the score close before the final quarter with eight points in the second and seven in the third. Raile had collected 14 of his points in the first three quarters also.

Dunn and Wolters with three each and Rieger with one added important three-pointers throughout the game.

Controlling rebounds is also an important aspect of the game and Sainty had 41 compared to 34 for Hoxie. Dunn led the way with 11.

Other offensive pluses for Sainty were Dunn's 10 assists and Dodd's three blocked shots.

"This win gives us some confidence and momentum going into the weekend (at Oakley Friday and against Holyoke at home)," coach Wolters said.

"We'll continue to work hard to get better."

SF 13 16 21 27 77
H 15 20 13 11 59

Scoring: Rieger 17, Raile 16, Dunn 14, Dodd 14, Wolters 13, Jonathan Roelfs 3.

Rebounding: Dunn 11, Dodd 8, Raile 8, Rieger 7, Roelfs 5, Wolters 2.

Sainty junior varsity struggles against Hoxie

Hoxie defeated the St. Francis girls' junior varsity basketball team 41-32 Friday night.

Kandee Raile was the only Lady Indian scoring in double figures with 10.

"We struggled during the first half of the game," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "We couldn't get any shots to fall and couldn't figure out how to handle their press. We really struggle playing against a zone defense be-

cause we only practice against a man. That is something we definitely need to improve on.

"We played much better during the second half. There just aren't any adjustments you can make when you can't hit any shots."

Scoring: Raile 10, Ashley Holzwarth 6, Allyse Lampe 6, Meredith Knodel 4, Toni Rice 3, Tara Neitzel 2, Amy Grace 1.

League dual win goes to Hoxie

By Betty Jean Winston

"They were a very tough team," Coach Larry Gabel said concerning the Sainty dual 52-18 loss to Northwest Kansas League opponent Hoxie Friday night. "Hoxie is ranked Number One in 3-2-1A.

"I felt like for the most part we wrestled up to our potential, but there are always the exceptions to that rule.

Hoxie controlled the lower weights with Sainty gaining its first win at 152 pounds when Ty Long scored a 9-4 victory. Later Jeremiah Wiley pinned his opponent, Ben Swihart won by decision and Travis Hilt ended the evening with a fall. Long, Wiley and Swihart are all seniors while Hilt is a junior.

Sainty had three open weights which added 18 points to the Hoxie total.

"We can continue training and gain experience and will be much better by the time regionals and state rolls around," said coach Gabel.

The Indians will be at home against Oakley Friday night and then participate in the Sterling Invitational on Saturday. The second half of the season is definitely in full swing.

Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 8-12; escapes 5-6; reversals 3-6; near falls 4-7; wins 4-7; major decisions 0-2; technical falls 0-1; falls 2-3

Individual stats

103: Mario Tafoya lost by a fall to Cale Farber

112: forfeit to Ochs

119: Kevin Brown lost by a 16-0 technical fall to Spillman

125: Brad Davis lost by a fall to Gilliland

130 forfeit to J. Shippers

135: Troy Zwegardt lost by a fall to M. Shippers

140: forfeit to Schamberger

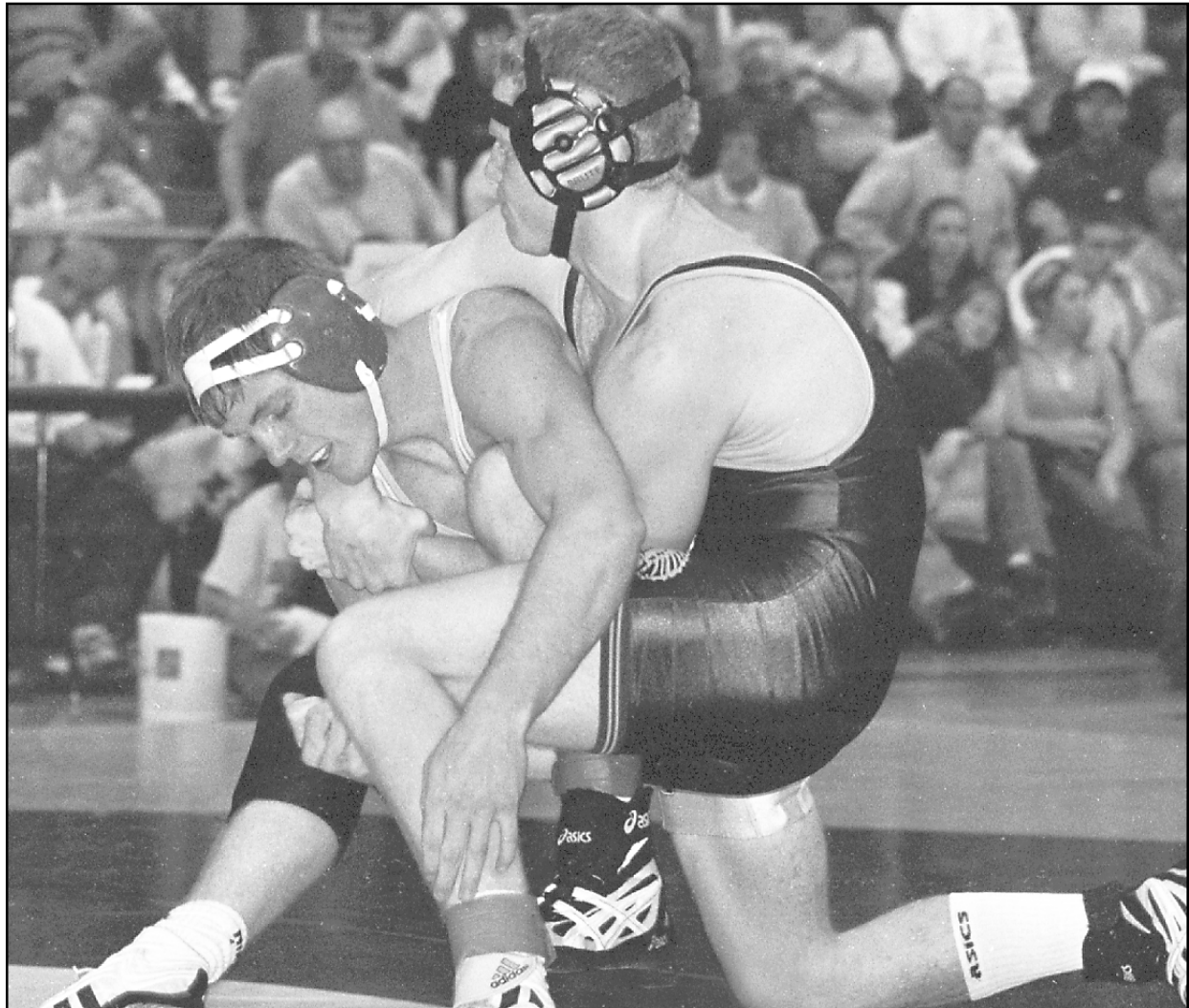
145: Ryan Zwegardt lost by an 11-0 major decision to Cody Farber

152: Long won by a 9-4 decision over Campbell

160: Wiley won by a fall over Gaede

171: Trey Hilt lost by a 12-3 major decision to Lewis

189: Swihart won by an 11-5 decision over J. Cooper



THE INDIANS begin a busy two months as they return to dual and tournament action. Ryan Zwegardt, who wrestles at 145 pounds, is working on a takedown.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt

215: Dallas Walz lost by an 11-6 decision to Pratt

275: Travis Hilt won by a fall over D. Cooper

Coach's Awards

Fastest fall: Wiley over Gaede; most takedowns: Long, Walz, Travis Hilt, 2; most outstanding performance: Wiley over Gaede; key match award: Long over Campbell 9-4; most exciting match, Long over Campbell; practice wrestler, Wiley; coach's award, Gabe Gienger; best freshman performance, Derek Ross over Cressler; best junior varsity performance: Justin Lindsten, Kyle Buffington, Luke Keller; best sophomore performance: Buffington, fall

over Hoxie wrestler

Wrestlers of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected Ty Long and Travis

Hilt as Co-Wrestles of the Week. Ty defeated his Hoxie opponent 9-4 while Travis Hilt earned a fall for the Indians at heavyweight.

C-team swings into action after break

By Betty Jean Winston

The girls C-team played basketball on the road with Atwood on the first day they returned from the Christmas break. They were defeated 37-22. This was their second outing of the year

leaving them with a 1-1 record.

"We were very ugly," coach Susan Dinkel said. "The girls just didn't show up ready to play basketball. I was very frustrated because they didn't seem to know how to play defense or run the press or press break, things we work on everyday in practice.

"I was also very disappointed in their shooting. If there is one thing I have emphasized this year, it has been shooting. We might shoot for half the practice. You wouldn't have been able to tell that tonight. There were bricks, air balls and a lot of blocked shots.

"We just aren't strong enough to shoot over people. Some players really need to get in the weight room.

"On the plus side, our free throws probably kept us in the game. That's probably the first time I've said that and I hope it's not the last."

Meredith Knodel led the scoring for St. Francis with 11 points. Others contributing with the scoring included Amy Grace 5, Chelsey Weeden 3, Janis Dodd 2, Amber Havel 1.

Dundy County 38, St. Francis 19
In action Monday night the St. Francis C-team girls played Dundy County in St. Francis with Dundy County scoring a 38-19 win.

"The girls played pretty well and we had a decent shooting night, we just didn't put up enough shots."

"We finally ran the press like I knew we could but just hadn't executed it in a game before. I think they have finally figured that out, so hopefully that will benefit us later on."

Scoring: Weeden 7, Hannah Sowers 4, Grace 4, Havel 2, Kelsey Dunn 2.

School Schedule

Thursday: junior high girls basketball, at Colby 4 p.m.; junior high wrestling, at Colby, 5:30 p.m.

Friday: high school wrestling, here, Oakley, 6:30 p.m.; high school basketball, Oakley, there, 4:45

Saturday: high school basketball, Holyoke, here, 5 p.m.; high school wrestling, Sterling Invitational, 10 a.m.

Monday: high school basketball, C-team, Dundy County, here, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: high school basketball, Oberlin Tournament, first round

Thursday, Jan. 17: junior high basketball, Hoxie, here, 4:30 p.m.; junior high wrestling, Hoxie, Quinter, here, 5:30 p.m.

Hoxie takes home 62-34 win

By Betty Jean Winston

In Northwest Kansas League basketball action Friday night, St. Francis entertained Hoxie with the visi-

tors taking home the 62-34 victory.

This gives the Sainty ladies a 4-4 overall record and a 0-2 league standing.

"They (Hoxie) are a very good

team," Coach Ted Busse said. "They ran the floor well."

Hoxie had a hot 58 percent from two-point range while St. Francis collected 26 percent.

"We both had about the same number of shooting attempts but we didn't make the shots," coach Busse said.

Sainty also lost opportunities at the free-throw line when they connected on only 4-of-16 attempts for another 25 percent. The good news was that Sainty did a very nice job of not committing fouls so Hoxie had only two chances at the line.

Both teams were a little rusty when it came to turnovers, possibly from having no games during the Christmas break. Sainty had 38 and Hoxie 37.

Sainty pretty much kept up with Hoxie in the first quarter (12-8) but by halftime they were behind 25-12.

The scoring in the first half was very diversified with five players, Sam Coates (a three pointer), Ashley Holzwarth, Kelsey Andrist, Allyse Lampe and Kandee Raile each having one field goal with Lampe also adding a free throw.

The scoring was an even 10-10 in the third quarter but then Hoxie turned up the heat in the fourth outscoring Sainty 27-12.

Coates led the scoring for Sainty with 11 points, while Andrist led the rebounding with seven.

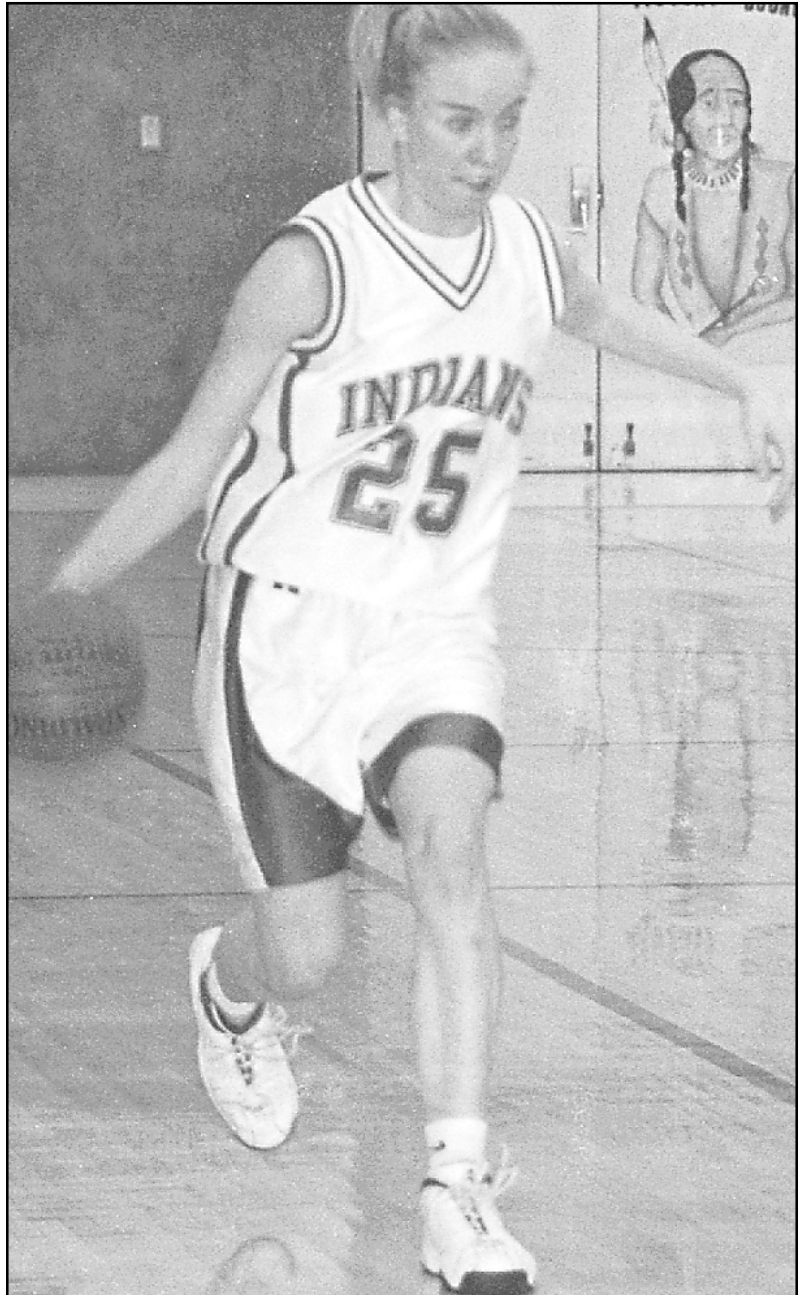
Sainty will travel to Oakley on Friday night.

"That should be a good game," coach Busse said. The Indians meet Holyoke on Saturday evening at home with an early 5 p.m. game time.

SF 08 04 10 12 34
H 12 13 10 27 62

Scoring: Coates 11, Andrist 7, Amber Feikert 6, Lampe 3, Toni Rice 2, Raile 2, Holzwarth 2, Gina Frohlich 1

Rebounding: Andrist 7, Coates 5, Frohlich 4, Lampe 3, Raile 3, Rice 2, Dennon Zimbelman 2, Feikert 1, Tara Neitzel 1, Lori Faulkender 1



SAMANTHA COATES takes the ball down the court for the Lady Indians. The ladies will be playing two games this weekend, traveling to Oakley on Friday night and taking on Holyoke in St. Francis beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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