

# At the Game

## Team excited about beginning season

By Betty Jean Winston

The 41 players who have reported for football practice have a real good attitude and work ethic said Tim Lambert, who is entering his 10th year as head coach of the St. Francis Indians.

"I am also pretty pleased with the shape they were in when they arrived for the first practice session. So far the weather has not been too hot to test them, but I am pleased with where they are at.

Opportunities have arisen for players to fill holes which developed due to graduation. Several of last year's seniors received Northwest Kansas League honors (Dustin Dunn, Ty Long, Darren Workman, Ryan Culwell, Carl Keller, Ben Swihart, Jeremiah Wiley and Darin Brown) and new players need to step up and fill the open positions.

"I'm excited about the potential," Coach Lambert said. "The coaching staff remains the same and they all know what we want to do. There is potential among the players that needs to be tapped. Each coach is familiar with the system."

Rounding out the coaching staff are Steve Jenkins, Scott Carmichael, Ted Busse and Chuck Peters.

With the exception of the freshmen, the players have all been a part of the successful St. Francis football program from one to three years and they know how to work and what it takes to win. In 2001, the team earned the district championship and made it to substate at Claflin after defeating Wichita County in bi-district play, and Stanton County in regional play. Claflin went on to the championship game after defeating the Indians.

The St. Francis schedule this year involves two new teams, Bridgeport, Neb., and South Park High School in Fairplay, Colo., and there are also only eight games scheduled instead of the usual nine. St. Francis will travel to Bridgeport for the opening game of the

season on Friday and that will be followed by a Saturday trip to Fairplay. Missing from the schedule this year are Hill City, WaKeeney and Yuma, Colo.

There is also a change in the teams that make up the 2A district with St. Francis. Hill City is no longer a member of this district but the Oberlin Red Devils are. The district is now composed of St. Francis, Atwood, Hoxie and Oberlin. This will again be a very tough district with strong competition.

The Indians expect to be challenged this year as the last St. Francis football teams were recognized throughout the state for their success. There should be some good football on Greene Field and on the road.

What is different this year is that there are only three opportunities to see the varsity play at home. The first home game will be on Sept. 27 when the Oakley Plainsmen come to town. Scheduled in October are Quinter on the 11th for Homecoming and Atwood on Thursday, Oct. 31 for the final regular season game.

"I expect Atwood to be strong this year," Coach Lambert said.

Atwood is a team that is both a league and district foe. The Buffs have been the final regular season opponent for a number of years and more than once the district title was decided by this contest.

A preview of the team to take the field against Bridgeport Friday shows experience on the line but a relatively new backfield and a new quarterback guiding the Indians.

"We have three experienced linemen in Dallas Walz, Travis Hilt and Brian Draper," Coach Lambert said.

Hilt and Walz are returning starters and also received Northwest Kansas League honorable mention honors following the 2001 campaign. Draper is also an experienced letter winner and the three will be counted on to form the nucleus on the line. Hilt was honored on defense and Walz as an offensive guard.



INDIANS PREPARE for contest with Bridgeport on Friday night by practicing their offensive moves before parents and other fans at the open house. The team members were introduced prior to the scrimmage. Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt

"They have good skill levels," Coach Lambert said.

The backfield lacks a lot of varsity experience although letter winner Kyle Buffington gained more playing time as the season progressed.

"We lost some due to graduation and we need to develop some more," Coach Lambert said. "It will be a different group this year."

When it comes to a running or passing offense, St. Francis will mainly be running again this year.

"When you play a St. Francis team, you know there will be a lot of running," the coach said.

"We have some good potential for quarterback with Jonathan Roelfs and Tyler Voorhies. They were both good competitors at the junior varsity level and Roelfs is a returning varsity letter winner.

The other returning letter winner that received Northwest Kansas League

honors last year is Marcus Dodd who was named at defensive back by the league coaches.

Besides the players already mentioned (Walz, Travis Hilt, Draper, Dodd, Buffington, Roelfs) other returning letter winners include Justin Lindsten, Cale Rieger, Tyler Wolters, Nick Keller, Michael Raile, Jonathan Zwegardt, Chase Collier and Trey Hilt.

"An important key to the season is getting off to a decent start. This allows us to gain confidence. We will be changing some things and it is important for us as coaches to have patience. We have more depth this year so injuries will not hurt us as much.

### Varsity roster

Seniors: Collier, Dodd, D. Walz, Lindsten, Rieger, Wolters, Travis Hilt, Draper

Juniors: Trey Hilt, Raile, J. Zwegardt, Voorhies, Roelfs, Dillan

Zwegardt, Troy Torrence, Luke Keller, N. Keller, Buffington, Dusty Hays, Grant Keller, Trevor Henderson

Sophomores: Tanner Kinen, Seth Swihart, Gabe Gienger, Gabe Walz, Derek Ross, Andrew Feikert, Josh Walters, John McWilliams, Cody Barnhart, Devon Rohweder  
Freshman: Dylan Loyd, Trevor Richard, Matt Brown, Heath Owens, Travis Fiedler, Dalton Hays, Tal Earl, Heath Kibel, J.D. Hawkins, Gabe Smull

### Varsity schedule

Friday, Sept. 6: Bridgeport, Neb., there

Saturday, Sept. 14: South Park High School at Fairplay, Colo., there

Friday, Sept. 20: Goodland, there

Friday, Sept. 27: Oakley, home

Friday, Oct. 11: Quinter, home

Friday, Oct. 18: Oberlin, there

Friday, Oct. 25: Hoxie, there

Thursday, Oct. 31: Atwood, here

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Bi-district

Saturday, Nov. 9: Regional

Friday, Nov. 15 or Saturday, Nov. 16: Sectional

Friday, Nov. 22 or Saturday, Nov. 23: Sub-State

Saturday, Nov. 30: State

**Junior varsity/C-team schedule**

Monday, Sept. 9: junior varsity, Oberlin, here, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19: C-team, Oakley, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 23: junior varsity, Goodland, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30: junior varsity, Oakley, there, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5: C-team, Atwood, here, 10 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 7: junior varsity, Wray, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14: junior varsity, Atwood, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 21: junior varsity, Quinter, there, 4:30 p.m.

## Junior high rosters announced for football/volleyball

By Betty Jean Winston

Junior high volleyball and football action will begin today (Thursday) in Oberlin with the volleyball matches scheduled at 4:30 p.m. and the football game at 5:30 p.m.

The teams have been practicing in anticipation of opening day with the seventh graders beginning six years of sporting activity for the Indians and Lady Indians. The younger players are always a little apprehensive during the first outing of the season but soon gain confidence.

The eighth grade football players will be the most experienced on opening day and will fill many of the positions both offensively and defensively with the younger players gaining experience game by game.

The eighth grade volleyball players have been reviewing their skills and adding new ones to begin their second campaign.

Coaches for volleyball are Terri Orth and Tammi Sherlock while Jeff Beims and David Morrow will be handling the football duties.

### Volleyball roster

Eighth grade: Melissa Burton, Andrea Blair, Mindy Cooper, Danielle Flemming, Brittany Lucas, Megan Rice, Miranda Teeters, Addie Swihart, Alecia Zimbelman, Amy Hilt, Shaina Gohl, Janae Glidewell, Janelle Zwegardt, Lauren Ross.

Seventh grade: Dara Loyd, Ashton Knorr, Sara Miller, Lauren Zwegardt, Teri Walters, Jenice Hartman, Holly Keller, Katie Marin, Katie Ford, Cassie Dankenbring, Jasmine Torrence, Vanelly Gardea.

Managers: Katelyn Jones, Heather Hnizdil

Eighth grade: A.J. McAtee, Joel McAtee, Jordan Gienger, Russell Rogers, Adam Peter, Zach Mills, Mac Frewen, Andy Waite, Levi Weeden, Brennon Wilger, Brady Frewen, Tyler Finley, Travis Havel, Martin Church.

Seventh grade: Ted Crabtree, Gavin Smull, David Guthmiller, Keaton Frewen, Chance Hobrock, Justin Sherlock, R.L. Walz, Corbin Sherlock, John Weems.

Manager: Brandon Rueb

**Football/volleyball schedule**  
Thursday, Sept. 5: Oberlin, there, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12: volleyball/football, Quinter, there, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19: Oakley, here, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26: Atwood, here, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28: volleyball tournament, Hoxie, there, 9 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 30: Oakley, there, football, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 3: Hoxie, there, volleyball/football, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10: volleyball/football, Holyoke, here, 5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14: Colby, here, volleyball, 4:30 p.m., football, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24: Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament, seventh grade, at Atwood; eighth grade, at Goodland, 2 p.m.

Football roster



## College Football

### Southwest Missouri State

Jon Zwegardt had the lead block on the Southwest Missouri State Bears go-ahead touchdown Thursday, Aug. 29 when Southwest Missouri State defeated East Central Oklahoma University Tigers 26-14 at Springfield. The Bears went ahead 13-0 to open the game but East Central Oklahoma scored twice and held a 14-13 advantage with 5 minutes left to play. After the go-ahead touchdown the Bears scored again before the game ended to win by 13. This was a non-conference outing for the Bears.

Two of the Southwest Missouri State games are scheduled to be on television this year and the St. Francis Herald will let St. Francis fans know the dates when available. Zwegardt, whose number is 69, is the starting right guard on offense.

On Saturday the Bears will play Hampton College in Hampton, Va., and the following week will be in Lawrence to play Kansas University.

Trinity International University

Trinity International University football team will take to the field on Saturday, Sept. 7, against Taylor University with the game being played at Deerfield, the home of Trinity.

Ben Swihart, former St. Francis Indian, has a football scholarship at Trinity and is playing tight end.

It is reported that practices are going well with Ben playing some in scrimmages. Being a freshmen at a four-year school, he has not worked his way into the starting lineup at this time.

### Fort Hays State University

Dustin Dunn of St. Francis, Fort Hays State University freshman, is listed as number 42 on the Tiger roster. He is a 6 foot, 1 inch, 215 pound linebacker.

The Tigers play their first game of the season tonight (Thursday) at Emporia. On Sept. 14 they are scheduled to play Washburn.

With a number of the players (not Dunn) falling ill during the preseason the team is working hard to be ready for competition.

## School Menu

Sept. 9-13

Monday: breakfast: muffin, cereal assortment, apple juice, milk; lunch: chicken patty or ham patty, bun, slice of cheese, dill pickle spear, pineapple slices, milk

Tuesday: breakfast: sausage gravy and biscuits, grape juice, milk; lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls with margarine, banana, milk

Wednesday: breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, orange Julius,

milk; lunch: enchilada, corn, tossed salad with dressing, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday: breakfast: coffee cake, cereal assortment, apple juice, milk; lunch: sausage or pepperoni pizza, green beans, cole slaw, peach halves, milk

Friday: breakfast: cereal assortment, buttered toast, grape juice, milk; lunch: hamburger casserole, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot rolls, relish sticks, Rice Krispie treats, milk

Monday/Friday: junior/senior high salad bar

## School Schedule

Thursday, the C-team football game with Goodland has been canceled; junior high volleyball, Oberlin, there, 4:30 p.m.; junior high football, Oberlin, there, 5:30 p.m.

Friday: high school football, Bridgeport, Neb., there, 8 p.m.

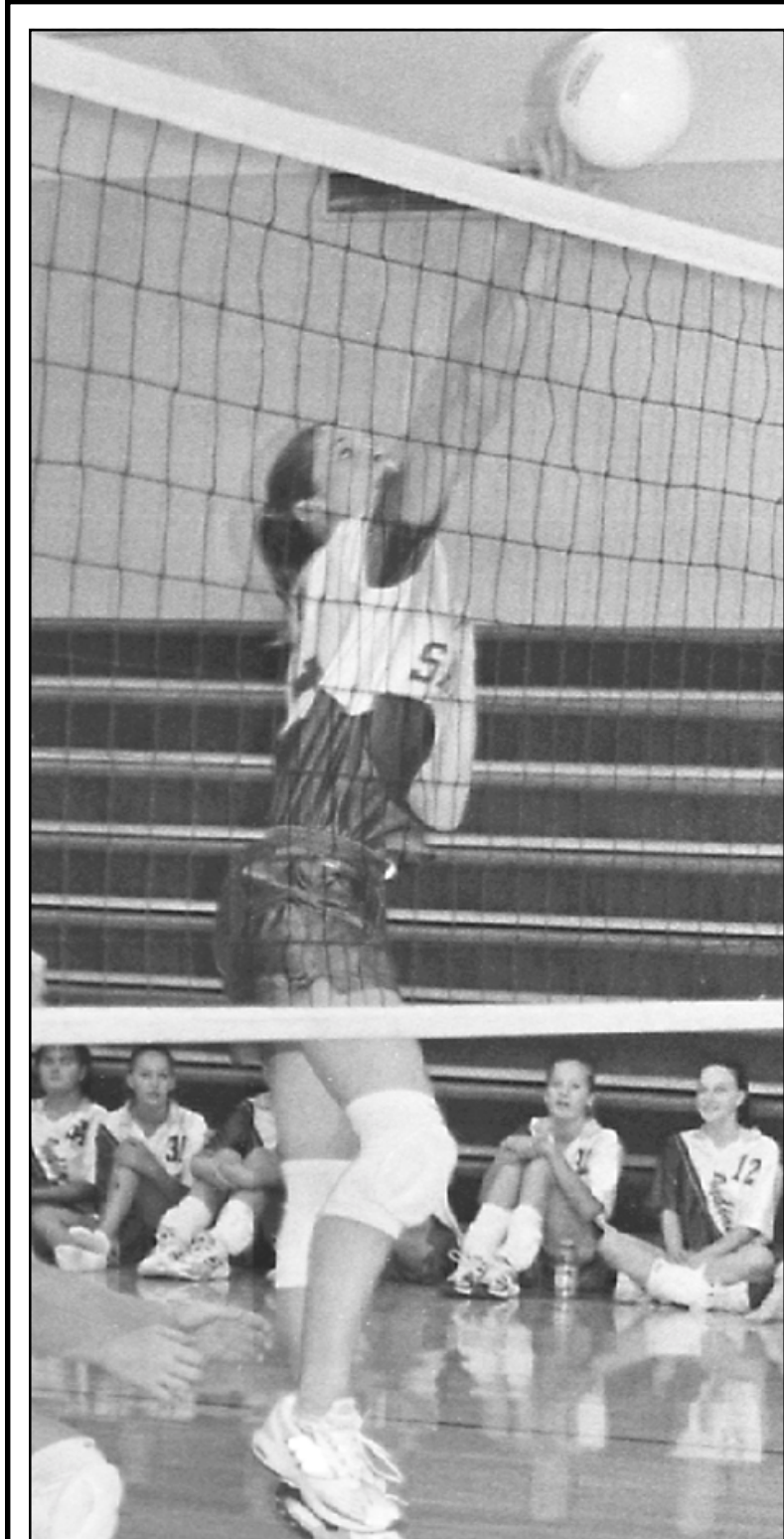
Monday: high school football,

junior varsity, Oberlin, here, 5:30 p.m.; board meeting

Tuesday: high school volleyball, Oberlin, Colby, St. Francis at Oberlin, 4:30 p.m.; school pictures

Wednesday: school pictures

Thursday: junior high volleyball/football, Quinter, there, 4 p.m.



MEREDITH KNODEL plays the net well at the volleyball scrimmage held Friday. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston