

# Indians to invade Oberlin

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Friday night the Hoxie Indians will go on the warpath against Oberlin at Smick Field in the Red Devils' first home football game.

Hoxie's second-year coach, Rich Stephens, will return 13 starters, four of whom earned All-Northwest Kansas League honors last season.

All-league players include 6-1, 220-pound senior defensive end Shannon Bird, who led the Indians in tackles with 54.5 to earn him first team honors; 6-6, 230-pound junior tackle Jon Peltz; 6-3, 220-pound tackle Evan White; and 6-2, 230-pound junior interior lineman Cody Pope.

Stephens' Indians finished last year 3-6 (1-2 in district). His career record is 32-24. He is assisted by Aaron Dardis and Derek Slack.

The Indians have nine returning offensive players to use the flex bone running offense. The team has 10 seniors, 11 juniors, four sophomores and six freshmen.

"The team's work ethic and leadership has been outstanding," Coach Stephens said. "They have been great role models for all of our underclassmen, both on and off the field."

Hoxie coaching staff has said they feel their strength lies with the size of their line and the off-season work that the boys did in the weight room.

On the defensive side, Hoxie will continue to run the 5-2-4 defense using five linemen, two linebackers, and four defensive secondary players.

Coach Stephens says others to watch are senior Pat Eland, a 5-9, 160-pound running back/defensive back, who received honorable all-league mention; senior Garrett Tacha, a 5-7, 160-pound wide receiver/defensive back; junior Joe Ratcliff, a 5-9, 175-pound quarterback/running back/defensive back; senior Quinn Aumiller, a 6-foot, 170-pound, quarterback/free safety, who made all-league second team; senior Clayton Rall, a 5-10, 175-pound fullback/nose tackle;

Senior Kevin Moss, a 5-8, 140-pound wide receiver/defensive back; senior Cody Best, a 5-9, 180-pound center/nose tackle; senior John Graede, a 6-2, 190-pound tight end/linebacker, who received all-league honorable mention;

Junior Josh Taylor, a 5-9, 180-pound center/linebacker; junior Joel Scott, a 6-foot, 140-pound kicker/defensive back; junior Matt Weis, a 6-5, 230-pound offensive/defensive lineman; and sophomore Heath Best, a 6-foot, 170-pound running back/corner back.

"We must finish inside the red zone," said Stephens. "We have one season under our belt together. We should have a better understanding of what we need to do as a staff and as players."

The Indians defeated Colby 14-0 on Friday in Hoxie.

On Friday, the Indians will be in Oberlin for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

# Sainty downs Devils

## Indians beat Oberlin 51-7

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The St. Francis Indians overwhelmed the Oberlin Red Devils 51-7 in the first football game this year for the two high schools.

A backfield combination of Sainty senior David Guthmiller and sophomores Trent Raile and Adam Guthmiller combined for five touchdowns and 257 yards rushing to lead the Indians to victory.

The Indians' wishbone offense ran roughshod over the young and inexperienced Red Devils, averaging 7.3 yards per carry and piling up 415 yards on the ground in 51 carries.

St. Francis senior Ted Crabtree rushed six times for 43 yards and completed one of three passes for 19 yards. He also ran a two-point conversion.

The Indians' first score came with 4 minutes and 7 seconds left in the first quarter when sophomore running back Raile went 25 yards into the end zone.

Senior quarterback Ted Crabtree ran outside for the two-point conversion and Sainty led 8-0.

The home team's second score came with 9:26 left in the second quarter when Raile scored again on an eight-yard run making the score 14-0.

Crabtree hit Keaton Frewen on a pass in the corner of the end zone for another two points.

Guthmiller scored Sainty's third touchdown on a three-yard run with 3:28 left in the first half, making the score 22-0.

Junior Trevor Hilt failed to kick the extra point.

After an intercepted pass from Oberlin freshman quarterback Chad Williams, the Indians marched 53 yards in six plays to score their final touchdown of the first half when Raile made a nine-yard run into the end zone with 34 seconds left.

Hilt missed his second attempt for an extra-point kick.

Oberlin ran two plays with no success, ending the first half with St. Francis ahead 22-0.

The Red Devils' only score came with 4:45 left in the third quarter when junior quarterback Jacob Fortin crossed the goal line on a fourth and goal play in a one-yard quarterback sneak.

Junior Lucas Juenemann kicked the extra point to take the score to



**SOPHOMORE QUARTERBACK TOBY PETERS, No. 27,** ran an option play out of a veer offense on Friday in Oberlin's 51-7 loss to St. Francis.

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28-7.

Five plays later, the Indians scored again with 2:33 left in the third quarter when Raile took an outside pitch and ran 50 yards, untouched, for the touchdown.

Sainty attempted to kick the extra point, but the snap flew over the kicker's head. Hilt quickly picked up the loose ball, scrambled to his right and passed to sophomore Drew Zwegardt for the two-point conversion. The third quarter ended with the score 36-7.

Sainty brought fresh legs into the back field, running sophomores Terrence Lamb, D. Zwegardt, and Adam Guthmiller.

With 8:26 left in the game, sophomore Adam Guthmiller scored on a one-yard plunge up the middle. Sophomore Matt Raile ran for the two-point conversion to take the score to 44-7.

Sainty's final score came with 3:26 left in the game when A. Guthmiller scored again on a 24-yard touchdown run. Hilt kicked the

### -Scorecard-

Smith Center over Norton, 60-0  
Stockton over Osborne, 22-15  
Hoxie over Colby, 14-0  
Palco over Northern Valley, 58-12  
WaKeeney over Ellis, 33-26  
Victoria over Golden Plains, 50-0  
St. Francis over Oberlin, 51-7  
Triplains/Brewster over Wheatland/Grinnell, 34-30  
Goodland over Atwood, 25-8  
Hill City over Quinter, 28-16  
Oakley over Dighton, 62-0  
Cheylin over Hitchcock County, Neb., 6-50

extra point for 51-7.

On offense the Red Devils seemed puzzled at times, lining up incorrectly, jumping offsides and moving in the backfield prior to the snap of the ball, causing penalties. Oberlin also had trouble identifying proper blocking schemes. Most of the game, the Indians penetrated into the Red Devil backfield before

the runners could find a hole to run through.

It wasn't much better on defense, as the Red Devils seemed unable to control the line of scrimmage. Penalties and poor tackling haunted Oberlin throughout the game.

Oberlin did have some good plays including when Jacob Fortin ran an 83-yard punt return for a would-be touchdown, only to have it called back because of a block below the waist.

Junior Sam Stapp stepped up his game, making a nice pass reception for 68 yards and breaking loose down the sideline for a substantial gain, and pounding through the line nine times for 78 yards.

Junior Lucas Juenemann was the leading ground gainer, carrying the ball 10 times for 85 yards.

Fortin carried nine times for 81 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore quarterback Toby Peters made a nice 21-yard run early in the first quarter and finished with six carries for 35 yards. He threw

four passes and completed two for 17 yards.

J. Fortin was one for three passing for 68 yards.

Junior Logan Fortin carried once for a one-yard loss. He caught two passes for 17 yards.

Williams carried once for a one-yard gain and threw once, but the pass was intercepted.

Top tacklers were Everett Urban, Juenemann, Stapp and sophomore Wiley Farr.

But lack of depth and few players plagued the Red Devils and left the team exhausted after the game. Some players lay on their backs as Coach Williams held his post-game team huddle.

The junior varsity game scheduled for Labor Day was canceled.

Oberlin will play host to the Hoxie Indians at 7 p.m. Friday.

#### Scoring by quarters:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
St. Francis	8	20	8	15	51
Oberlin	0	0	7	0	7

# St. Francis junior high downs Oberlin

Oberlin's junior high football squad fell 14-7 to the Indians in St. Francis on Thursday.

The Decatur Community Junior High School squad has seven eighth graders and nine seventh graders.

Saeger Grafel led the Red Devils in rushing carrying the ball 15 times for 79 yards. He scored Oberlin's only touchdown and kicked the extra point.

Oberlin won the coin toss and elected to receive.

The defense stopped the Indians on four plays and Oberlin took over the ball on the St. Francis 35-yard line.

Oberlin marched 65 yards on 10 plays. Grafel scored with 57 seconds left in the first quarter and his kick was good. The Red Devils led 7-0.

Sainty's Ty Zwegardt scampered 40 yards on an outside sweep to score with 7:18 left in the second quarter. The Indians went for the two-point conversion, but were unsuccessful.

Oberlin led 7-6 at the half. Brent Juenemann took the sec-

ond-half opening kickoff on the Oberlin 20 and ran up the middle for a 20-yard return.

Oberlin was not able to score, however, and the teams traded blows, holding each other's offense until late in the fourth quarter.

Oberlin put together a would-be scoring drive but fumbled away the ball with 5:04 left in the game.

The Indians took advantage of the fumble starting its drive on the Oberlin 25. Four plays later Zwegardt scored with 3:14 left in the game. Issac Schiltz ran the two-point conversion to make the score 14-7.

Offensively — Zach May rushed 13 times for 30 yards and had a fumble; Juenemann rushed twice for nine yards; and Kade Brown rushed twice for two yards.

Defensively — Shane McEvoy led the Red Devils with six tackles, an assist and a fumble recovery. He is followed by Ryan Bishop, four tackles and an assist; Z. May, four tackles; Grafel and Juenemann, 3 tackles each; Ryan May and Conner

McHugh, 2 tackles and an assist each; Cody Wurm, Brown and Garrett Berry, 2 tackles each; Tyler Bruggeman, Channing Farr, Jesus Hernandez, Matt Wittman and Dakota Cook, one tackle each.

"We did some good things, but we were not consistent," said Coach Tim Breth. "We didn't take advantage of key opportunities at times. We have something to gauge ourselves on now, so we will go from here."

"We played well the first quarter," said Coach Caleb Howland.

"We need to keep up our intensity. We can improve and we will get better."

"I was very pleased with the group of young men on the football team this week. We played a very tough game against St. Francis and held the lead until late in the fourth quarter. This group of young men do an excellent job of working together as a team and they will continue to improve as the season progresses."

The junior high boys will play host to Oakley at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

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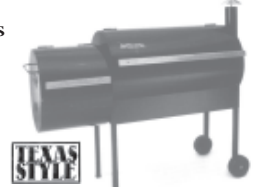


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### Schedules

• Thursday, junior high football vs Oakley	here	5:30 p.m.
• Thursday, junior high volleyball vs Oakley	here	4:30 p.m.
• Thursday, cross country	at Quinter	4:30 p.m.
• Friday, varsity football vs Hoxie	here	7 p.m.
• Saturday, junior varsity volleyball tournament	at Quinter	9 a.m.
• Saturday, volleyball vs Wheatland/Grinnell	at Grainfield	9 a.m.
• Monday, junior varsity football	at Hoxie	5:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, volleyball vs Hill City and Oakley	at Oakley	4:30 p.m.