



At the Game

Sainty to host Oakley on Friday



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The 2011 season opened with contests with Golden Plains on Tuesday, Jan. 3, and Hoxie on Friday, Jan. 7. Sainty was defeated by the Bulldogs from Golden Plains 66-53 and by the Indians from Hoxie 67-50. The team ends this week with a 2-6 record.

The season continues with at least two games a week as Sainty played Idalia on Tuesday night at home (details next week) and will also be hosting Oakley on Friday night. Next week the new Northwest Kansas League Tournament will be held with action beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and continues on Friday and Saturday.

Vs Golden Plains

The Bulldogs outscored the Indians by just a small amount each quarter but it was enough to earn a victory for Golden Plains. The final score was Golden Plains 66, St. Francis 53.

“This was a frustrating loss for us,” Coach Jeff Beims said. “On paper we seemed to have every advantage, but to Golden Plains’ credit, they came out firing on all cylinders, while we sputtered, backfired and died.”

The Indians scored 33 points in the second half compared to 20 in the first half but the Bulldogs also upped their output after halftime to control the game.

“We were as cold shooting as we have been all year, only making two field goals from

inside the arch in the first half,” Coach Beims said.

“The second half was better, but we were trying to make up ground and had to take risks that cost us ultimately.”

There was balanced scoring in this game with four players in double figures. Isaac Schiltz led with 17 points while Dylan Peter had 12, Jonathan Butler 11 and Garrett Figgins 10. The Indians could not take advantage of points from the free-throw line as they had only nine opportunities the complete game. They did made four of the nine with Figgins collecting two.

The team was 38 percent from the field making 20-of-53 attempts.

“For whatever reason, we seem to consistently catch teams and opposing players when they catch fire,” Coach Beims said. “I’m not entirely sure what we can do differently to change that trend, but to just come to expect it and pick up our game accordingly.”

Peter led the rebounding with 11 while Schiltz had two blocked shots and three steals. Both Butler and Brett Lampe had four assists.

S 10 10 16 17 53
G 16 13 19 18 66

Scoring: I. Schiltz 17, Peter 12, Butler 11, Figgins 10, Lampe 3.

Rebounding: Peter 11, Butler 8, Figgins 6, Lampe 3, I. Schiltz 2, Mason Schiltz 1, Martin Hnizdil 1.

Vs Hoxie

Hoxie outscored St. Francis on Friday night by the score of 67-50 in the game which was played on the road.

Hoxie had St. Francis down by 10 points after both the first quarter and at halftime even though St. Francis had cut Hoxie’s advantage part way through the second quarter.

Every time during the game that St. Francis had a scoring run to close the gap, Hoxie came back strong to improve their lead.

“Hoxie was another disappointing loss for us,” Coach Beims said. “For the second game in a row we didn’t shoot particularly well. Hoxie has a young team that gave us some trouble with their press. We didn’t turn it over necessarily, but we were never really able to get into an offensive rhythm.”

“We have got to be more disciplined on both ends of the floor.”

Sainty was 15-of-40 from the field for 38 percent and 15-of-24 from the line.

The leading scorer for St. Francis was Butler, who had 16 points as a result of five field goals (two of them three’s) and being 4-of-6 from the line. Lampe scored 10 points including two three’s and four successful attempts from the line.

The team had a frustrating night defensively, said Coach Beims.



JONATHAN BUTLER playing against Oberlin. He was one of the high scoring players in the Hoxie game.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

“We would defend real well, and then a loose ball or long rebound would get us out of position and lead to easy buckets for them,” he said. “I felt bad for the boys, as there isn’t anything you can do about those situations, but we can not let bad luck climb into our heads.”

Winning basketball games is a combination of physical skills,

court awareness and mental toughness said Coach Beims. I think we have the skill, and we are continually improving our court awareness, but the mental toughness needs some improvement, he said.

Sainty totaled 25 rebounds for the evening with Figgins and Peter having seven each.

I. Schiltz had the only block

and led in steals with five. Butler and Lampe collected three assists each.

Saint had 19 turnovers compared to 16 steals.

S 09 18 13 10 50
H 19 18 12 18 67

Scoring: Butler 16, Lampe 10, I. Schiltz 9, Dylan Peter 7, Garrett Figgins 5, Mason Schiltz 2,

Lady Indians play against two teams and win one

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The Lady Indians split their games the first week of January with a win over Golden Plains on Tuesday night and a loss to Northwest Kansas League opponent Hoxie on Friday evening.

The new year opened with the team on the road for the first two games but will return home for a game with Idalia on Tuesday night and Oakley on Friday night. The Oakley game is a league contest.

The team now has a 3-5 record with wins over Cheylin, Triplains/Brewster and Golden Plains.

players, and hustling.

“I must say, our press at the end of the game really sealed the deal for us. I haven’t seen us run it as well as we did Tuesday night. I hope that continues – we’re a great group when we put the pressure on!”

S 16 08 11 22 57
G 07 12 16 14 49

Scoring: J. Hilt 15, Trembly 10, S. Hilt 10, Figgins 8, Jalyn McCauley 4, Christina Hilt 4, Aly Marin 4, Mikaela Grace 2.

Rebounding: Figgins 8, McCauley 4, Grace 3, C. Hilt 3, S. Hilt 2, Clarice Neitzel 1, Trembly 1, J. Hilt 1, Marin 1.

Vs Hoxie

The Lady Indians had a very slow start in this game, with Hoxie having them down 20-2 after one quarter and 35-10 at half time. The final score was a 63-23 victory for Hoxie.

“Well, there isn’t a lot to be said about this game,” Coach Dinkel said. “We really struggled offensively.”

“On the plus side, that game is behind us, and we have two more games this week. I’m looking forward to seeing how our team ‘rebounds’ after a loss like we had against Hoxie.”

Seven players combined for the 23 Sainty points on Friday night with C. Hilt leading with nine.

At the free-throw line, Sainty was 54 percent, making 13-of-24. Both Trembly and Figgins were 100 percent with 2-of-2 while C. Hilt had 83 percent with 5-of-6.

“With 43 turnovers in a 32-minute game, we obviously didn’t take very good care of the ball,” Coach Dinkel said. “Don’t get me wrong, Hoxie is a good team, but they are a beatable team. Unfortunately, I feel as though we beat ourselves tonight.”

Sainty had 24 rebounds with S. Hilt having six; one blocked shot by Figgins and 13 steals with S. Hilt having four. The steals just did not compare well with the turnovers.

“Defensively, we once again had some bright spots, with a 10-second count and a few



Krissie Harris is guarding one of the Lady Red Devils in the game against Oberlin.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

steals, but, offensively, we just couldn’t get anything going.”

S 02 08 09 04 23
H 20 15 17 11 63

Scoring: C. Hilt 9, McCauley

3, Marin 3, Grace 2, J. Hilt 2, Trembly 2, Figgins 2.

Rebounding: S. Hilt 6, C. Hilt 5, Marin 5, Figgins 3, J. Hilt 2, Trembly 2, McCauley 1.

Indians improved in their skills

The junior varsity Lady Indians had two losses the week after the Christmas break. They were defeated by Golden Plains and Hoxie on the road in both games last week.

Vs Golden Plains

The final score in the Tuesday game with Golden Plains was Lady Bulldogs 48, Lady Indians 25.

Aly Schlepp placed St. Francis in this contest with 10 points.

We had a tough time getting started in this game and didn’t play very well until late in the contest, Coach David Morrow said. Had we played with our normal intensity and toughness, he said, we could maybe have won the game.

“One bright spot was seeing some of our youngest players not only get some valuable playing time, but also demonstrate the improvement in their skills.”

“The ladies and I concluded

that we missed an opportunity on Tuesday night, but we hope to play much better on Friday against Hoxie.”

S 04 02 07 12 25
G 12 15 11 10 48

Scoring: Schlepp 10, Clarice Neitzel 7, Aubrey Mills 4, Randee Grover 2, Krissy Harris 2.

Vs Hoxie

St. Francis lost to Hoxie 63-15 on Friday night.

“Playing a team like Hoxie reveals all of our weaknesses,” Coach Morrow said. “They apply a lot of pressure and make each player on the floor handle the basketball.”

“If ball-handling is weak, competing with a team like this is very difficult. Our effort was good, but we had a lot of things to overcome to make this a competitive game.”

Junior high girls play Oberlin teams

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The junior high girls basketball teams will open their season today (Thursday) when they travel to Oberlin to meet the Decatur County teams.

The home opener will be on Jan. 20 when Oakley visits St. Francis with action beginning at 4 p.m. Sainty will also play in St. Francis two other times during the season. Rawlins County will be here on Jan. 27 and Decatur Community on Feb. 18.

Most junior high basketball games are played on Thursdays. The exceptions will be the Monday game with Rawlins County in Atwood on Feb. 7 and the first round of the league tournament which takes place on Feb. 21.

Coach Ted Busse .will again be leading the team and they is no assistant coach.

The St. Francis roster includes the following seventh and eighth graders:

Seventh grade: Journey Lee, Hannah Stafford, Emily Elfers, McKenzie Taylor, Kayla Reed, Kylie Sherlock, Kattie Jenik, Sydney Sundstrom.

Eighth grade: Dallas Reed, Echo Jones, Ashlee Orth, McKayla Taylor, Kyla Bandel, Justice



Wiley, Valerie Wurm, Mariah Beikman.

Manager: Aby Fernandez.

Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 13: Decatur Community, there;

Thursday, Jan. 20: Oakley, here;

Thursday, Jan. 27: Rawlins County, here;

Thursday, Feb. 3: Hoxie, there;

Monday, Feb. 7: Rawlins County, there;

Thursday, Feb.10: Quinter, there;

Thursday, Feb. 17: Decatur Community, here;

Monday, Feb. 21: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round one;

Thursday, Feb. 24: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, round two.