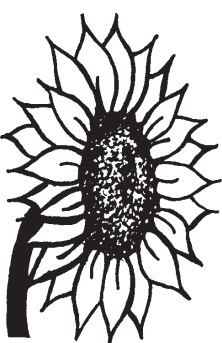


At the Game



FANS ATTENDING the sports open house on Friday evening were introduced to the Indian football players prior to watching a scrimmage. The season opens in Oberlin on Friday night when St. Francis meets the Decatur Community Red Devils.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick.

Sainty anxious for football season to begin

By Betty Jean Winston

The Sectional football game with Smith Center last November may have put a stop to the Indians 2005 football season but 38 players have reported to practice this season to begin a new campaign. They appear willing to work hard.

Interest in football is mounting as the morning and evening temperatures show signs that fall is just around the corner. Traffic increases on College Street when the boys take to the practice field as opening day is always anticipated.

This is a new year and several Indians are stepping up to fill positions left vacant by graduation. For the younger players, experience gained in junior varsity games and as varsity substitutes will be important as they move into varsity positions.

First on the schedule will be a trip to Oberlin to play the Decatur Community Red Devils.

"Oberlin is returning 18 seniors," Coach Tim Lambert said. "It should be a good football game."

St. Francis has developed confidence and a winning attitude on the football field.

"We want to play with confidence but not be overly confident."

Returning players will be counted on to help the coaches instill this attitude in the younger players who will be reporting to the team for the first time.

"I'm looking forward to the sea-

son," Coach Lambert said. "I'm anxious to get underway. Every year plays out differently. We have our ups and downs."

"We have had some good practices. The players have worked pretty hard."

Over the summer, St. Francis athletes made a big commitment to the weight room.

"We should be seeing the fruits of their labors," he said.

Returning letter winners, including players who received league honors following the 2005 season, will bring some experience on the field.

League coaches voted to award honors to Jordan Gienger, first team, offense, running back, second team, defense, lineman; Joel McAtee, first team, offense, running back, second team, defense, linebacker; Brennon Wilger, first team, offense, tackle, first team, defense, lineman; Adam Peter, first team, offense, tight end; Levi Weeden, first team, defense, linebacker, second team, offense, guard; AJ McAtee, second team, defense, back; Russell Rogers, honorable mention, offense, guard; Mac Frewen, honorable mention, offense, tackle. All of these players are seniors.

Other returning letter winners include Ted Crabtree, Josh Carpenter, David Guthmiller, Keaton Frewen, Justin Sherlock, all juniors, and Trevor Hilt, sophomore. Chance

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—Coach Tim Lambert

Hobrock, junior, and Shawn Warren, sophomore, received provisional letters.

"Everyone on the line is returning except the center," Coach Lambert said. "The skill level is better than a year ago."

"In the back field we are returning two pretty good running backs, Jordan Gienger and Joel McAtee. Our new quarterback, Ted Crabtree, led the junior varsity last year and David Guthmiller, will be the new fullback. The skill level in the backfield is also good. Gienger and McAtee are good blockers."

"Everyone knows we will be running the football."

Last year the Indians gained 4,302 yard rushing on 778 attempts.

"Ted (Crabtree) can throw the ball and AJ (McAtee) and Adam (Peter) are both pretty good receivers and have experience."

"Important keys to our season will be to stay healthy and work hard."

Of course injuries always play a role, which means that it is important that other players are available to fill

spots when needed. Depth is important over the season.

Coach Lambert mention at the football/volleyball open house on Friday night, as he has in the past, how important the assistant coaches are to the St. Francis football program.

Consistency is the key. Steve Jenkins, Scott Carmichael and Ted Busse have all worked with Coach Brett Petersen, a former Indian player, is in his second year on the coaching staff. Each of the coaches lead in their specialized areas and mesh their knowledge to give the players a total understanding of the game.

Coach Lambert said there are some good teams in the Northwest Kansas League again this year. Rawlins County should be tough and Oakley is always tough. Hoxie, Oberlin and Colby will field good teams and Quinter will be improved.

In review of last season, after winning three post-season games to become 2A District 13 champions,

Bi-District champions and Regional Champions, the Indians again met a strong Smith Center team in Sectional play. It was Smith Center that also stopped the Indians in 2004.

The final season record in 2005 was 9-3. Early in the season, Sainty lost a couple of games before the team started to jell but when it came time for post-season play, every team had a 0-0 District record, and St. Francis moved forward until Sectionals.

Teams to be playing at Greene Field during the regular season include Goodland on Sept. 8, Oakley on Sept. 22, Hoxie on Sept. 29, Wichita County/Leoti on Oct. 20 and Rawlins County/Atwood on Thursday, Oct. 26.

St. Francis will be playing the same teams in District play as last year, Rawlins County/Atwood, Syracuse and Leoti. The top two teams move on to Bi-District play.

Roster

Seniors: Joel McAtee, Adam Peter, Brady Frewen, AJ McAtee, BJ Killingsworth, Jordan Gienger, Levi Weeden, Mac Frewen, Brennon Wilger, Russell Rogers, Nathan Ketzner

Juniors: Ted Crabtree, Josh Carpenter, David Guthmiller, Keaton Frewen, RL Walz, Justin Sherlock, Chance Hobrock

Sophomore: Trent Kinen, Jesse Pacheco, Trevor Hilt, Tyler Larson,

Scott Ford, Ethan Zwegardt, Lance Owens, Shawn Warren, Sam Sowers, Talon Jones

Freshmen: Darris Keller, Matt Raile, Freddy Pacheco, Terrence Lamb, Trent Raile, Drew Zwegardt, Grady Brunk, Ben Neitzel, Jeff Meyer, Alex Long

Managers: Brittany Lucas, senior; Brandon Rueb, junior; Gavin Smull, junior

Filmer: Corbin Sherlock, junior

Schedule

All games at 7 p.m. except Syracuse and Leoti at 7:30

Sept. 1: Oberlin, there
Sept. 8: Goodland, here
Sept. 15: Colby, there
Sept. 23: Oakley, here
Sept. 29: Hoxie, here
Oct. 6: Quinter, there
Oct. 13: Syracuse, there
Oct. 21: Leoti, here
Oct. 26: Rawlins County, here

Junior Varsity/C-team

Monday, Sept. 4: junior varsity, Oberlin, here, 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 11: junior varsity, Goodland, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 18: junior varsity, Colby, here, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 25: junior varsity, Oakley, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 2: junior varsity, Hoxie, there, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 9: junior varsity, Quinter, here, 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16: junior varsity, Rawlins County, there, 5:30 p.m.

School Menu

Monday 4

Labor Day, no school

Tuesday 5

Breakfast: sausage and pancake bites, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, sour cream, seasoned rice, pineapple slices, fortune cookie, milk

Wednesday 6

Breakfast: ham, egg and cheese breakfast muffin, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: hot hamburgers, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered peas, peach crisp with topping, milk

Thursday 7

Breakfast: waffles, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: Italian dunkers, cheesy breadsticks, corn, chocolate cake, pears, milk

Friday 8

Breakfast: breakfast hot pocket, juice, cereal assortment, milk

Lunch: cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, garlic toast, apple wedges with caramel sauce, milk

• Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school



VOLLEYBALL GIRLS, including Andrea Blair, above, show their skills at the open house.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Volleyball/football games begin for junior high today

By Betty Jean Winston

The season opens today (Thursday) for the junior high volleyball and football squads. The contests will be in Oberlin with the volleyball beginning at 4:30 and the football at 5:30.

Jeff Beims will again be leading the football squad with David Morrow as assistant. Seven games are on the schedule with six of them against Northwest Kansas League teams and the seventh grade is with Holyoke, Colo.

Terri Orth is heading the volleyball squad and this year she will be assisted by Kande Raile. The junior high squad is divided into an A-team and a B-team. The season has six duals on the schedule and two tournaments, one in Hoxie and the other the league tournaments.

Following are the rosters and schedules for this season's activities.

Volleyball

Seventh grade: Caitlin Northrup, Lexi Hilt, Trista Orth, Ashlynn Lambert, Hayley Brown, Chauntell Peter, Kaitlin Figgins, Allison Grice, Christina Schoenroge.

Eighth grade: Mikaela Grace, Alyssa Lee, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Aubree Schlepp, Jodie Hilt, Alyson Marin, Sarah Trembly,



Allea Reichert.

Volleyball

Thursday, Aug. 31: Oberlin, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Quinter, there, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14: Oakley, here, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19: Rawlins County/Atwood, here, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23: Hoxie Tournament, 9 a.m....

Thursday, Sept. 28, Hoxie, there, 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 9: Colby, here, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19: Northwest Kansas League Tournament, B-team at Goodland, A-team at Rawlins County/Atwood, 2 p.m.

Football

Seventh grade: Dylan Lauer, Lucas Raile, Brock Zwegardt, Ty Zwegardt, Isaac Schiltz, Gavin Cooper, Martin Hnizdil, Nathan Lamb, Ross Nicklos, Sam Reed,

Josh Robinson, Demetrius Tomlin,

Jonathan Butler, Matthew Tygart

Eighth grade: Brett Lampe, Cody Sherlock, Garrett Figgins, Adam Guthmiller, Brendan Finley, Tyler Lauer, Zach Zwegardt, Alex Draper, Trevor Reed, Brooks Hobrock, Ryan Owens, Robbie Herman, Michael Adams, Cody Killingsworth, Ricky Bussell, Brandon Keeker, Tye Gilliland

Football

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Tuesday, Sept. 19: Rawlins County/Atwood, here, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28: Hoxie, there, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12: Holyoke, there, 5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19: Colby, here, 6:30 p.m.