



At the Game

Lady Indians defeat opponent Thursday at home

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What a busy week the varsity volleyball team had. The good news was that both the Tuesday and Thursday matches were at home so the time on the road was only on Saturday.

Tuesday involved a triangular with Decatur Community/Oberlin and Colby. The Ladies suffered two losses with their record at that point being 1-3. The Ladies went into the match with a 1-1 record, defeating Golden Plains and losing to Hoxie on Aug. 31.

On Thursday, the Lady Indians recorded a three-set match with a win over Wauneta/Palisade, raising their record to 2-3.

Saturday the team traveled to Grinnell to participate in the Gove County Tournament. They defeated Trego and Sharon Springs and lost to Decatur Community/Oberlin and Hoxie. When the weekend ended the team carried a 4-5 record. Additional details of the tournament will be in next week's Herald.

Tuesday

vs Decatur Community

This was a two set loss with final scores of 15-25, 12-25.

"I always look forward to seeing this opponent," Coach Talley Morrow said. "They are tough and have a well-established tradition of beating anyone who plays them. We played against them alright, but it's never good enough. We missed too many serves and allowed one of their servers (Blau) to make a seven-point run against us."

Jodie Hilt had 17 very good serve-serve attempts. Each of these receptions received the best rating, a three. Mikaela Grace was 100 percent on her serving in this match to pace the team and she also led in kills with five and had a 11-of-13 attack.

Shayla Hilt and Aly Marin were 93 percent and 92 percent respectively on their assists.

The team's service percentage was 85 percent, not quite the 90 percent they are aiming for. Their assist percent was 93 percent, higher than the goal of 90 percent.

Leading in good digs were J. Hilt with 14 good ones, Marin with 12 good ones and Christina Hilt and Kaitlin Figgins with 10 good ones each.

"Every time we play them though, we learn something new and figure out a new way to handle them," Coach Morrow said. "We will do better against them every time we play them."

vs Colby

The Lady Indians lost to the Lady Eagles in three sets, 27-29, 25-23 and 17-25.

Aubree Schlepp was 18-of-19 on her serves in this match for 95 percent. J. Hilt was 2.3 out of a perfect 3.0 in her serve receives. In assists, Marin was 49-of-50 and S. Hilt 47-of-49 for 98 and 96 percent respectively.

Having aces in this match were Schlepp with three, C. Hilt and Figgins with two each.

Ten good blocks were recorded with Grace and Schlepp each having three.

The team was 86 percent serving and 96 percent in assists.

"The surprise element was gone this time," Coach Morrow said. "After beating Colby handily at League last October, they weren't going to let it be easy for us to do that again this time."

"The first and second sets were two-point games where we should have taken them, but we had to play them in three, and by the third set, we lost ground and the point spread was bigger," added Coach Morrow. "In each set that we lost, we had three service errors and that makes a big difference not only on the scoreboard, but in our momentum and emotional stability."

"Colby is beatable and we will do better to take them next time."

Thursday

vs Wauneta/Palisade

In the second home outing in a week, the Sainty Ladies scored a 25-14, 25-9, 25-20 match win.

In this match the serving measured up the team's goal of 90 percent. S. Hilt was 16-of-16 to lead the team. Also being 100 percent was Sarah Trembly with 7-of-7.

A number of aces were recorded in this match, nine to be exact.



TEAM PLACES SECOND - The junior varsity volleyball team placed second at the Wichita County Tournament on Saturday. Christina Schoenrogge returns the ball while Lexi Hilt (8) and Clarice Neitzel (25) are in position to assist if needed.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

act. They were accounted for by Grace, Schlepp, and S. Hilt with two each and C. Hilt, Trembly and Marin with one each.

"This evening was a terrific one for the Lady Indians," Coach Morrow said. "We came out swinging and they didn't know how to handle us."

The team's goal is to have a 30-percent kill goal and in this match Figgins earned a 40-percent rate.

Grace was near goal with a 29-percent rate. The team had a total of 23 kills and also 79 good digs. J. Hilt had 24 good digs and Grace and C. Hilt had 13 good digs each.

"We have been working hard on our defensive strategies, but we've also been working out a major offensive strategy and it worked for us tonight!" Coach Morrow said.

"Grace and Figgins can domi-

nate anyone's defense when this happens and we enjoyed this big win. Notice that we won all three sets...we played this Nebraska team according to their state association regulations, the best 3 of 5 sets to 25 points.

"Thank you for supporting your Lady Indian Volleyballers at home last week!!"

Team plays twice



The younger high school volleyball players had the advantage of opening on the home court on Tuesday, Sept. 7, when they met C-teams from Colby and Decatur Community High School.

The C-team does not have competition available at every scheduled event, which was the case against Golden Plains and Hoxie a week ago.

The Sainty Ladies were defeated by Colby 14-25, 21-25 and by Decatur Community 21-25, 22-25.

"This was the opener for the C team," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "It always takes time to get started in the very first set and this was no exception. Missed serves and miscommunication were two key problems."

"In the Decatur Community match the play was better. The young ladies still need to work on court communication as many served balls ended up between two players," added Coach Olofson. "We will work on attack skills and communication in practice during the coming weeks."

Golfer places in tourney

Jalyn McCauley participated with the Colby High School golf team at the tournament held in Goodland on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The weather was nice and the Colby team took advantage of it by placing first for the day. This was an 18-hole tournament which involved both junior varsity and varsity players.

As a member of the varsity, McCauley placed second for the ladies team with a score of 92.



Football team eliminates fumbles and has few penalties

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The Bluejays struck early Friday night and continued their scoring in each quarter to down the Indians 48-16. The game, the second one of the season, was played in Norton. The Bluejays are top rated in 3A so the Indians expected a tough battle.

"Norton is a good football team," Indian coach Nate Smith said. "They make the big plays. Their defense played really well, they went for the ball."

After receiving the opening kickoff, Norton opened their first offensive drive with a pass play which resulted in a 64-yard touchdown. The pass receiver caught the ball and raced to the end zone for the touchdown. A successful conversion kick made the score 7-0 for the Bluejays.

The first three touchdowns of the game were all scored on break-away runs. Besides the opening touchdown, the Bluejays and the Indians each made touchdowns early in the game on long runs.

The Indian's first series was ended when they did not convert a first down and the next Norton offensive series was also stopped, forcing them to punt.

"Early in the game we played good defense," Coach Smith said. "When we stopped now and then it cost us."

St. Francis managed to complete at least one first down during their next series but they could not consistently gain the yards needed to continue down field. The first

quarter ended with the 7-0 score.

In the second quarter the Indians were forced to punt to the Bluejays. On the first play of the series, the Norton runner carried the ball 71 yards for their second score. Another after-touchdown kick was on target making the score 14-0.

It was at this point that St. Francis put a touchdown on the scoreboard. They were deep in Norton territory following the kickoff, making Garrett Figgins' run nearly the length of the field, 94-yards, for the payoff. Ty Zwegardt scrambled for the 2-point conversion. Midway through the second half the Indians were only down by one touchdown (6 points).

Unfortunately this did not last long, as Norton began a successful drive immediately. Rather than having a break-out play, this series moved more slowly, although a pass completion helped gain yardage. The clock said 2:37 following the successful conversion kick and Norton moved ahead 21-8.

The Indians converted one fourth-down attempt in their next series but later turned the ball over to Norton with just second left before half time. And the Bluejays made quick work of scoring. This time it was on a 45-yard play. For the first time the conversion kick failed and the score stood at 27-8 when the teams entered the half-time break.

The second half began with the Bluejays kicking off to St. Francis and the Indians were on their way to the goal line with action con-



QUARTERBACK Brett Lampe carries the ball for the Indians in a recent football game.

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tinuing down to the 14-yard line when they were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

"Our offense can do a better

job of controlling the ball, which would help our defense," Coach Smith said.

Norton began a series in which

they moved the ball well with Brooks Hobrock blocking a pass attempt as they neared the goal line. Shortly thereafter they entered the end zone for their fifth score of the game, giving them a 34-8 advantage.

The next Norton score came on a 4-yard run. This also happened in the third quarter, making the score at the end of three quarters, Norton 41, St. Francis 8.

Fourth quarter action saw the Indians hold the Bluejays in their first scoring attempt of the quarter but Sainty also failed to score on their next series.

Norton's final score came midway through the quarter when they went into the end zone from 8-yards out. A good kick gave the Bluejays 48 points, which was their final score of the evening.

St. Francis had one more score which included a nice run by Zwegardt to move into Bluejay territory. Sherlock converted a fourth-down play during this drive. Zwegardt completed the scoring drive with a 28-yard run and he also ran for the conversion points. There was less than 2 minutes left to play at this point and no additional scoring took place.

"A plus is that we had better ball control than in the last game," Coach Smith said. "We had no fumbles and only one penalty."

The Indians rushed for a total of 356 yards with Figgins leading the way with 143 yards. Zwegardt added 80 yards.

Hobrock and Zach Gienger each had nine tackles out of the

total of 54 with Hobrock having one sack.

Zwegardt added 10 points on the scoreboard with a touchdown and two conversions while Figgins had one touchdown.

Figgins also does the punting for the team and he had six punts for 223 yards.

Results for the teams in District Seven show Oakley (2-0), Decatur Community/Oberlin (1-1) and Ellis (1-1) winning and Rawlins County (0-2) and St. Francis (0-2). The outcome of the Wichita County/Cimarrion game was unavailable but Wichita County won the first week.

St. Francis will travel to Holyoke, Colo., on Friday evening.

"We are a little dinged up right now but not long term," Coach Smith said. "We have some young kids who are really ready to play and this will give them a chance. Holyoke plays an offense similar to us and this will help our young guys become more familiar with it. Holyoke is a young team which has competed with Chase County and Hayden."

Both St. Francis and Holyoke will carry a 0-2 record into Friday night's competition.

"We have played some quality opponents which will help us get better and better in the long run as long as the kids don't hang their head."

Correction

Last week's Herald incorrectly said Cody Killingsworth scored the final Indian touchdown when it was Cody Sherlock.