

JV Girls Lose in Overtime By Kaycie Clapp

The Lady Bulldogs played their second game in two days when they hosted the St. Francis Lady Indians on January 10. The JV girls were the first to play in the afternoon and played hard but lost their first game of the season in overtime.

St. Francis took a lead the first quarter with 10 points to the Lady 'Dogs 6. The home town girls pushed hard to double their points in the second with 12 points as the defense held the Lady Indians to 3. Leading 18-13, the Lady Bulldogs came out flat in the third only managing one basket from Kaylie Schaben. The Lady Indians put in four to close the Lady 'Dogs lead to 20-17 by the end of the quarter.

Both teams were determined and picked up their pace in the fourth quarter. A basket from Carmen Sepulveda extended the lead for GP, but a couple of free throws from St. Francis closed the gap. Ana Bermudez answered with a GP bucket and Morgan Ritter gave the Lady 'Dogs a 7 point lead. The Lady Indians didn't give up as they made a free throw and hit a three.

Bermudez sat down with five fouls midway through the fourth but the younger girls continued to play hard. After the Lady Indians narrowed the spread to one, Schaben hit again and Jennifer Esparza scored two free throws to maintain a five point lead as the minutes clicked down.

During the last minute of play, the Lady Indians stepped to the free throw line for three points and made a final basket to tie the game up at 30 with 25 seconds to play. After a time out with 10 seconds remaining, St. Francis got the ball, but a missed shot was rebounded by Maggi Nieman for the Bulldogs. She pushed the ball down the floor, but the buzzer sounded sending them into overtime.

St. Francis took over in the extra four minutes scoring first. Nieman fouled out as the remaining team members continued to work the floor. The Lady Indians pulled ahead 36-30 before Schaben got a bucket to fall. She was fouled on the shot so stepped to the free throw line for an extra point. After burning one more time out with seconds on the clock, the Lady Indians made one more basket for the 38-33 win. Kaylie Schaben finished the game with 11 points. Six points were scored by both Ana Bermudez and Morgan Ritter. Sierra Finlay had 4, and Maggi Nieman, Jennifer Esparza, and Carmen Sepulveda each scored 2.

This was the JV girls first loss of the season. "We had a lot of problems with our passes," said Sierra Finlay. "We will not let this loss set us back. We will continue to work hard and play our best game." The Lady Bulldogs will continue their season in Logan on January 13.