

Boys off to a good start

Joe Stoddard

This year the boys' basketball team is off to a great start with a win at Stanfield by one point. Justin Lomeli led the Indians with 15 points and Josh Zahl led in rebounds. This year also marks the return of Coach Greene. He hasn't coached basketball at Touchet since 2001. He says that the team has worked hard to prepare for the season. "I like the positive stuff that is going on." The seniors Josh Zahl, Miguel Castillo, Andy Lundberg, Jeremy Groat, Jason Sansom, and Andy Easton have been good leaders and set solid

examples for younger players. Rounding out this year varsity squad is: Jason Drake, Justin Lomeli, Joe Stoddard, Will Bermoy, Patrick Ingham, Aldaberto Castillo, and Brandon Wilkes. The junior varsity includes: Joe Haggberg, Pedro Rodriguez, Miguel Preciado, Aaric Easton, Alberto Pedroza, Sergio Velazco, Salvador Rodriguez, Jacob Moore, Brian Pisca, Bryce Palmer, Matthew Villalpando, and Daniel Hansing.



Girls Fired up for Basketball

Katrina Plucker

This year's 2004-2005 girls' basketball team is hoping to fulfill high expectations of making it to state in this coming season. All the girls are excited for this basketball season and ready to play. Everybody on the team is focused and knows what is expected of them.

The leading roles on the team are the four captains, Sadie Short, Chelsie Schaefer, Sonja Kelsay, and Lacey Mayberry. I interviewed Chelsie and Sadie for their input on the basketball team. Chelsie said, "I am very excited for this season and want to go to Spokane for state. She also told me "we look d**** good."

The girls play well together. They have quick defense and always try. They never give up.

Sadie has told me that the team chemistry

is one of the best qualities about our team. She said, "Everybody gets along with everybody and we play as a team, not as an individual." That would be a good thing. "As a team captain," she says, "I try to stay motivated and positive."

I also decided to find out what coach Tim McKeown's thoughts are on his team and what he expects out of them. Tim's expectations are the same as the rest of his team. He said, "I think we will come out first in league and will make it to state. I think it's going to be a good year. I have a very good team with lots of heart."

The basketball team's record is 3-1. Their only loss is to Liberty Christian on December 10. It was a tough loss but the team bounced back to beat Echo on the 11th. It's going to be a good season in a tough league.



Lady Indians a Success

Sharee Burrowes

This year the 2004 volleyball team finished with a 10-4 league record. To begin the volleyball season, Touchet placed first at the Burbank Invitational Tournament, a feat never accomplished by our team before. Touchet placed 5th at the Garfield Palouse tournament. Katrina Plucker said "the tournament at Burbank was fun to be a part of because we got first place for the first time ever."

When the girls competed at Waitsburg High School for seeding to the district tournament, the day wasn't a happy one. At first the girls played well against DeSales, but fell short and lost 1-3. Then the Lady Indians had to face Dayton again, and also played well at first but couldn't pull through and lost 1-3. This placed the Indians in 4th place. The following week and weekend the girls competed at districts. The ladies went in as the number four seed, which put them in a tough bracket. They had to play the number one seed from the Whitman county league. The Indians won the first game, and lost the last three. After that game was over, Touchet went on to play Lacrosse-Washtucna. The Indians pulled through and beat Lacrosse in three games. The following Saturday, Touchet traveled to Pullman High School to play Tekoa-Oaksdale, who beat the ladies 1-3. This ended the ladies season, and sent DeSales to state where they placed fourth, and Pomeroy finished in third. Good job Lady Indians on a successful season and a special thanks to the senior girls, Chelsie Schaefer, Sadie Short, and Lacey Mayberry! We will miss you!

