

# Annual wrestling tournament is set for Saturday in Norton

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The annual J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament is set for Saturday in the Norton Community High School Memorial Gym.

Teams from Atwood, Beloit, Hoxie, Leoti, Quinter, Russell, Scott City, Smith Center, Norton and Cozad, Neb. will begin competition at 10 a.m.

Round One will start things out at 10 a.m. on three mats. A 10 minute break will be held after the first round. The Championship Semi-finals will begin at 11:30 a.m. on two mats. At the same time, the Consolation Quarter-finals will begin on the third mat.

After a 20-minute break, the Consolation Semi-finals will begin at 2 p.m. on three mats.

A 30-minute break will be held after the Consolation Semi-finals. The Consolation Finals for third and fourth will begin at 3:30 p.m. on two mats.

At around 5 p.m., Norton's former state wrestling medal winners from 1944, 1954, 1974 and 1984 will be honored. The 1944 team placed fourth in the state tournament, the 1974 team finished third in the state tournament and the 1984 team placed seventh in the Class 4A state tournament.

The pep band will play the national anthem and the cheerleaders and dance team will perform.

The Championship Finals will follow on one mat around 5:30 p.m.

All times are estimated and may vary according to the progress of the tournament.

Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class. An "Outstanding Wrestler" will be chosen by vote of the coaches.

This is Norton's 39th annual wrestling tournament and the seventh held in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton, the former longtime wrestling coach at the school.

Six state ranked teams from Kansas and one from Nebraska are among the ten competing teams. Hoxie is the defending Class 3-2-1A state champion and is ranked No. 1 this season. Hoxie has also won the Durham Tournament the last seven years.

Norton is currently ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 3-2-1A. The Blue Jays placed second in last year's state tournament and are undefeated so far this season in tournaments and duals.

Beloit is ranked No. 8 and Smith Center and Atwood are tied for the No. 9 ranking in Class 3-2-1A.

Scott City is ranked No. 5 in the state in Class 4A.

Cozad is ranked No. 4 in the state of Nebraska in Class B.

"The teams in this tournament are very tough and there will be some outstanding wrestlers competing," said Coach Johnson.

During the Christmas holiday, the Norton wrestlers had several two-a-day practices and Coach Johnson hopes they helped get his team in better physical condition.

Twenty-four wrestlers ranked in the state of Kansas and five ranked in the state of Nebraska are members of teams competing in the tournament.

Five Cozad wrestlers are state ranked — Micah Chrisinger, junior, No. 1 at 103; Joel Pflaster, junior, No. 4 at 130; Andrew Chrisinger, senior, No. 3 at 135; Justin Lemmer, junior, No. 4 at 140 and Logan Hart, senior, No. 6 at 145.

Eight Hoxie wrestlers are state ranked — Cale Farber, junior, No. 1 at 119; Tyler Baker, sophomore, No. 2 at 125; Mat Gilliland, senior, No. 1 at 140; Jason Schippers, senior, No. 1 at 145; Matt Schippers, senior, No. 1 at 152; Doug Campbell, senior, No. 5 at 160; Ryan Shipley, senior, No. 5 at 171; Tim Erwin, junior, No. 4 at 215.

Baker, Gilliland and Matt Schippers are returning state champions. Jason Schippers and

Farber were state runnersup last year and Shipley placed fourth in the state tourney last season.

Norton has seven state ranked wrestlers — Clay Madden, sophomore, No. 1 at 112; Luke Pfannenstiel, sophomore, No. 6 at 125; James Annon, senior, No. 1 at 130; Lance Roe, sophomore, No. 4 at 135; Jordon Haussermann, senior, No. 6 at 152; Bo Pfannenstiel, senior, No. 4 at 171; Michael Sprigg, junior, No. 2 at 275.

Madden and Annon were state champions last season, Sprigg was a runnerup and Luke Pfannenstiel, Roe and Bo Pfannenstiel, were No. 5 in the state tournament and Haussermann competed in the state tourney. Madden and Luke Pfannenstiel are injured and will not wrestle on Saturday.

State ranked wrestlers from Smith Center are Austin Kingsbury, junior, No. 3 at 160 and Lucas Scott, senior, No. 2 at 189. Scott was fourth in the state last year and Kingsbury was fifth.

Atwood wrestlers who are state ranked — Jeff Horinek, senior, No. 1 at 215 and Heath Klein, No. 4 at 275. Horinek is a returning state champion and Klein was fifth in the state tourney last season.

State ranked wrestlers from Beloit — Tracy Jordan, senior, No. 2 at 135 and Matt Wright, senior, No. 2 at 140. Jordan and Wright each placed fifth in the state tourney last year.

Three Scott City wrestlers are state ranked in Class 4A — Rees McKinney, senior, No. 2 at 140; Brice Eisenhour, senior, No. 3 at 145 and Guy Miller, sophomore, No. 1 at 215.

## Norton lineup

Wrestling on Saturday for the Norton Blue Jays and their season records so far will be: Kent Mann, fr., 1-0, 103; Nathan Broeckelman, fr., 8-6, 112; Jon Harding, soph., 6-1, 119; Curtis Black, sr., 5-5, 125; James Annon,

sr., 12-0, 130; Lance Roe, soph., 11-2, 135; Scott Goldsby, sr., 9-3, 140; Jeremy Harding, soph., 2-2, 145; Jordon Haussermann, sr., 10-4, 152; C.J. Thiele, sr., 6-3, 160; Bo Pfannenstiel, sr., 5-1, 171; Josh Green, sr., 3-3, 189; Michael Sprigg, jr., 8-2, 275.

Senior Sean Lauer has been wrestling at 215 but is injured so Norton will be open at that weight.

## To honor former wrestlers

Norton's honored state medal winners and families will first meet at 4 p.m. in Room 143 at Norton Community High School for fellowship and light refreshments.

At 5 p.m., the former state medalists from Norton will be introduced to the crowd at the tournament. Each will receive a certificate of wrestling excellence in honor of the anniversary of their state medal.

Being honored from the 1944 team, which placed fourth in the state tourney, will be Keith Sanderson, deceased; Eldon Archer; Richard Hemphill; Ralph Mason, deceased; Duane Mulder. Honored from the 1954 team will be Ronald Lemon.

Receiving recognition from the 1974 team, which placed third in the state tourney, will be Dave Ward, Evan Whitney, Mark Anderson, Bill Klein and Rob Madden.

Being honored from the 1984 team, which placed seventh in the Class 4A state tourney, will be Chuck Dalton and Shane Wyatt.

A reception will be held after the finals in the school cafeteria until 10 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and meet the former wrestlers and their families.

Admission to the entire tournament is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. Admission to Session No. 2, which begins around 3:30 p.m., is \$3 for adults through kindergarten. Preschool children are admitted free.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### SENIOR HIGH

Monday — Jay Singers; 9th grade boys basketball v. TMP, Norton, Wilmeth Kirk Gym, 6 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; cheer; Scholar Bowl, Norton, 4 p.m.

Wednesday — Junior class decorating meeting

Thursday — FFA; FCCLA; Jay Singers, 7 p.m.; wrestling v. Smith Center and Trego in WaKeeney, 5 p.m.

Friday — Jazz; varsity wrestling at Newton, 11 a.m.; grade checks due; junior varsity wrestling at Elm Creek, Neb., 2:30 p.m.; basketball v. Trego, Norton, 4 p.m.

Saturday — Varsity wrestling at Newton, 9 a.m.; FFA Denver Stock Show; Mid-Continent League basketball feather bracket games

Monday, Jan. 19 — Mid-Continent League girls basketball quarter finals, 7 p.m.

### JUNIOR HIGH

Monday — Stuco

Tuesday — KAYS

Wednesday — Faculty meeting, 7:45 a.m.; pep-club, cafeteria

Thursday — Mid-Continent Elementary League basketball tourney championship at Plainville

### EISENHOWER

Tuesday — 2nd grade CBM's, morning; geography bee, band room, 2 p.m.

Wednesday — 3rd grade CBM's, morning; 5th grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, band room, 3 p.m.; faculty meeting, cafeteria, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday — IEP Day; 6th grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, band room, 3 p.m.; grades 3 and 4 level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19 — Site Council, 7 p.m.

### ALL SCHOOLS

All week (Jan. 11-17) — High school and junior high 10 year T/D booster shots at health department

Monday — Board of Education meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Curriculum Coordinating Council, Alice Tweed Office, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday — Norton County Health Department administering T/D booster shots, 9-11 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 19 — No school, inservice day

### Eisenhower Breakfast and Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, grape juice; Lunch: Tacos, corn, white cake with chocolate frosting

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage patty on a biscuit, apple juice; Lunch: Ham and cheese roll-up, pepper strip, baked beans, chilled pears

Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana bread, chilled peaches; Lunch: Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset

Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy over a biscuit, orange juice; Lunch: Ham and beans, celery strip, chilled peaches, just made cookie, cornbread

Friday — Breakfast: French toast with warm syrup, chilled fruit; Lunch: BBQ beef, bun, french fries, dill spear, banana pudding with bananas

### High School and Junior High Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin square, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Beef nachos, combo salad, roll, mixed fruit, or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Hoagie sandwich, corn, peaches, or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel w/ cream cheese, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joes, French fries, strawberry/banana fruit cup, or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Biscuit w/ sausage and cheese, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chili Frito, salad, pears, or chef salad, milk

Friday — Cherry bread, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken sandwich, corn, chocolate sheet cake, or chef salad, milk

## Freshmen Lady Jays will compete in tournament

The Norton Community High School girls freshmen basketball team will compete in the Freshmen Girls' Basketball Tournament on Saturday in Phillipsburg.

Also competing will be teams from Phillipsburg, Smith Center and Stockton.

In the first round at 10 a.m., No. 1 seed Norton will play No. 4 seed Phillipsburg in the

Newlin Gym and No. 2 seed Smith Center will play No. 3 seed Stockton in the Auxiliary Gym.

Beginning around 12 noon, the winners will play for the championship in the Newlin Gym and the losers will play for third place in the Auxiliary Gym.

Admission is \$2 for adults and students.

## Trojan's game strategy comes together for a win

The Logan Trojans outplayed Natoma Tuesday to win 80-50.

The Trojans led in every quarter: 16-11, 43-23, 61-35, 80-50.

"We had a slow start this year," said Coach Joel Lovese, "but now it's all coming together. These boys are now playing to their potential.

"We have a long way to go, but it's all up from here."

Tyson Triplett led scoring for the Trojans with 19 points, followed by Kyle Burge, 16; Bryant Reese, 13; Taylor Archer 7; Kyle McClurg and Lee VanLoenen, 6 apiece; Shawn Kachel, 5; Zack

Sammons, 4; and Seth Diggs and Troy Babcock, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to Triplett with 9 and Burge with 8. Reese led blocks, making 7 of the team's school record 16.

McClurg found 5 teammates open for a score.

Logan's B-team also had a victory over Natoma, winning 25-19.

Kevin Pinkerton and Tim McElroy led scoring with 8 points apiece.

The Trojans will host Golden Plains tonight beginning at 4:30 p.m.

## Logan's ladies defeat one, but lose to another

The Logan Lady Trojans were beaten 50-42 by Brewster in Rexford but then defeated Natoma 64-48 in Logan.

### Brewster

Logan's ladies were tied with Brewster in the first and second quarters, but then fell behind in the third and fourth quarters: 14-14, 24-24, 36-34, 50-42.

"It was a frustrating night for us," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "Brewster was much quicker and more aggressive than we were, which created problems for us on both ends of the court. We did not execute well or consistently.

"We were down by three late in the game. We were able to cause Brewster to turn the ball over several times, but could not convert them with points."

Val Jackson led scoring for the Lady Trojans with 6 two-pointers and 2 free throws for 14 points. She was followed by Jenny Noel, 7 points; Lanee Webb and Michaela Berg, 6 apiece; Megan

Brumbaugh, 5; and Kati Chestnut and Candace Thompson, 2 each. Both teams made 44 percent of their field goals.

Rebounding honors went to Jackson with 10, and Berg, Vanessa VanDiest, Thompson and Brumbaugh with 3 each.

Making 1 steal apiece were Jackson, Chestnut, VanDiest, Brumbaugh and Noel.

Jackson and Brumbaugh both found 4 teammates open for a score, while Chestnut found 2 open.

Jackson blocked 4 shots, while Chestnut blocked 1.

As a team, Logan had 19 turnovers.

### Natoma

The Lady Trojans led in every quarter: 19-10, 36-17, 52-27, 64-48.

"We played a much better game against Natoma all around," said Coach Nighswonger. "There was better communication and teamwork. Each team member worked hard at carrying out their own

unique role.

"I'm proud of how the girls came into the game with enthusiasm! We definitely had more bounce in our step tonight!"

Jackson led scoring with 12 two-pointers and 1 three-pointer for 27 points. She was followed by Berg, 11 points; Chestnut, 10; Webb, 6; Noel, 4; Brumbaugh, 3; Chassidy Breese, 2; and VanDiest, 1. Logan's ladies made 58 percent of their field goals.

Rebounding honors went to Jackson and Chestnut with 7 each, VanDiest with 5, and Berg with 4.

Making steals were Chestnut with 3, and VanDiest and Berg with 2 apiece.

Out of the team's 14 assists, Jackson made 4, and Chestnut and Noel both made 3.

Making Logan's blocks were Jackson, 4; and Chestnut, 1.

The team had a total of 18 turnovers.

### Brewster 50, Logan 42

Score by quarters:  
Brewster 14 10 12 14 — 50

Logan 14 10 10 8 — 42

### Logan (42)

Jackson 6 0 2-2 14, Noel 3 0 1-1 7, Webb 3 0 0-0 6, Berg 0 2 0-0 6, Brumbaugh 1 1 0-0 5, Chestnut 0 0 4-2 2, Thompson 1 0 0-0 2.

### Brewster (50)

Reid 4 1 4-4 15, Rush 5 0 2-1 11, Horney 4 0 1-1 9, Schultz 4 0 2-0 8, Allen 1 0 0-0 2, Starns 1 0 0-0 2, Flanders 1 0 0-0 2, Carpenter 0 0 2-1 1.

### Logan 64, Natoma 48

Score by quarters:  
Logan 19 17 16 12 — 64  
Natoma 10 7 10 21 — 48

### Logan (64)

Jackson 12 1 0-0 27, Micheala Berg 4 1 0-0 11, Chestnut 5 0 0-0 10, Webb 2 0 2-6, Noel 2 0 0-0 4, Brumbaugh 1 0 1-1 3, Breese 1 0 0-0 2, VanDiest 0 0 2-1 1, Melanie Berg 0 0 1-0 0.

### Natoma (48)

Kerr 5 2 2-2 18, Crawford 4 0 11-9 17, Eickhoff 3 0 0-0 6, B. Somers 2 0 0-0 4, Hachmeister 1 0 0-0 2, Pruter 0 0 2-1 1, Hirschmann 0 0 1-0 0.

## Juenemann is named to All-Tournament team

Brian Juenemann, Norton freshman, was named to the All-Tournament Team chosen following the boys C-team Joe Green Invitational Basketball Tournament in Hill City.

Also named to the All-Tournament Team were Jason Walker, Tane Brown and Zack Thompson, all of Hill City; Trent Blackwill and Brice Kesler, both of Quinter; Josh Worley, Osborne; Trent Weinman and Kyle Merklein, both of Phillipsburg and Josh Brungardt, Plainville.

No. 3 seed Hill City defeated No. 5 seed Quinter 56-40 for the championship.

No. 7 seed Osborne outscored No. 1 seed Phillipsburg 55-49 for

third place. No. 6 seed Plainville outscored No. 8 seed Palco 53-46

for fifth place. No. 4 seed Norton defeated No.

2 seed Oberlin 58-37 for seventh place.

## BOWLING

### Ladies Inter-City

Final First Half Standings Dec. 22 — Superior Livestock, 50.5-21.5; Nelson Bros., 48-24; Land Surveyors, 47.5-24.5; Mortensen's Computer, 35-37; Jamboree, 27-45; High Game Scratch: Olivia Krehbiel, 185; Vida Perrill, 168; Jackie Wright, 164; High Series Scratch: Ramona McKinley, 451; Laura Leidig, 450; Jackie Wright, 445; High Game Handicap: Olivia Krehbiel, 230; Vida Perrill, 217; Dee Wolfe, 202; High Series Handicap: Vida Perrill, 568; Dee Wolfe, 565; Ramona McKinley, 550  
Results Dec. 15 — High Game

Scratch: Jackie Wright, 210; Laura Leidig, 182, 179; High Series Scratch: Jackie Wright, 525; Laura Leidig, 486; Carol Ross, 462; High Game Handicap: Jackie Wright, 244; Carol Ross, 214; Laura Leidig, 211; High Series Handicap: Jackie Wright, 627; Carol Ross, 591; Laura Leidig, 573  
Results Dec. 8 — High Game Scratch: Olivia Krehbiel, 170, 159; Laura Leidig, 170; High Series Scratch: Olivia Krehbiel, 474; Laura Leidig, 471; Ramona McKinley, 424; High Game Handicap: Olivia Krehbiel, 215, 204; Donna VanKooten, 200;

High Series Handicap: Olivia Krehbiel, 609; Laura Leidig, 558; Vida Perrill, 539.

### TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S

Results Dec. 2 — High Scratch Game: Chuck Vsetecka, 210; Darin Williams, 201; Bill LaSalle, 198; Scott Schrum, 197; High Handicap Game: Darin Williams, 257; Chuck Vsetecka, 245; Dwight Sprigg, 242; Howard Richard, 234; High Scratch Series: Bill LaSalle, 565; Fig Millan, 565; Chuck Vsetecka, 525; Rick Green, 512; High Handicap Series: Fig Millan, 673; Bill LaSalle, 658; Darin Williams, 654; Gilbert Courtain, 638

## HONOR ROLL

Students at the Northern Valley High School, who have done well this last nine weeks have been named to the school's honor roll.

### Highest

Seniors — Regan Fessenden  
Juniors — Jesse Hilburn, Thomas Ostmeyer

Sophomores — Joey Copper, Hope Hansen, Clarke Nelson, Serena Woodside

Freshmen — Kelli Cole, Jessica Holmes, Jena Jessup, Andrea Lowry, Melody Miller, Abigail Ponstein

### Honors I

Seniors — Alasia Eagleburger, Garth Gebhard, Sylvia Holmes, Mandi Redeker

Juniors — Janelle Fritz, Lindsey Graham, Julie Griffin, Kristin Hardy, Mercedes Hays

Sophomores — Andrew Sheley, Emily Zillinger  
Freshmen — Henry Griffiths, Ashley Kingham

### Honors II

Seniors — Zack King, Ryan Shearer, Cassandra Stupka  
Juniors — Lindsey Jessup, Chris Lee, Kelsey Stupka

Sophomores — Cole Kinderknecht, Cody Lowry, Avery Thalheim

Freshmen — Jessica King, Jessie Redeker, Alysia Shearer, Jessica Wenzl