

# Wheat should be topdressed before the end of the month

Last year, at about this time, producers were having the same discussion, "Should I spend the money on fertilizer and topdress my wheat?"

For those who did, the investment returned big dividends as we had a cool, wet spring which allowed the wheat to produce high yields in fields where nitrogen was available.

Many of those fields were extremely dry, but the stands were better than this year. Because of the poor stands this year, many are trying to decide if they are going to keep their wheat at all.

The problem with waiting and putting the nitrogen on close to when the wheat starts jointing, the wheat will likely miss out on most of the benefit the nitrogen could have provided.

Typically, to receive the most out of the nitrogen, producers should topdress the wheat by the end of February, which will allow the nitrogen to move down into the soil and be available to the plants.

If nitrogen is applied after this, there may not be enough moisture to move it into the soil before the wheat starts to joint,

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which usually happens around mid-March.

If the wheat does not detect enough nitrogen, it will abort some of its tillers to promote others; therefore, decreasing the amount of tillers in the field. With each tiller lost, one less seed head will be developed.

In some fields, the wheat is not up, and in those cases, producers may want to use one of the options discussed earlier. For those fields that have a fair wheat stand, the thought of putting more money into the crop is not very appealing, but if the area receives a cool, wet spring, there is a chance to still have a fair yielding crop.

Jim Schroyer, K-State wheat specialist, suggested that producers not apply any herbicide when topdressing nitrogen. This will allow greater flexibility for producers if the wheat fails. The nitrogen that was topdressed will still be there,

but there will not be any crop rotation restrictions that would be there if a herbicide was applied.

This choice of adding a herbicide or not to the tank, in my opinion, should be made on a field by field basis. If a farmer knows there is a weed problem in a field, the decision should be made when topdressing if the wheat is going to be kept for grain. If it is, add the herbicide and prevent the weed problem from getting worse. For those fields that do not have a weed problem not putting a herbicide in with the nitrogen will allow the producer more flexibility.

For more information on topdressing wheat and calculating the amount of nitrogen and other nutrients needed a publication entitled "Wheat Production Handbook" will be useful. This handbook can be downloaded at [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2) under the "Production and Pests" page or visit your county extension office for a hard copy. Please e-mail me at [bolson@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:bolson@oznet.ksu.edu) if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic.

# Lady Trojans add two more wins to their season record

The Logan Lady Trojans added two more wins to their season record when they outscored Stockton 49-17 on Feb. 3 and outplayed Palco 59-26 on Feb. 6.

**Stockton**  
"I felt like we played one of our best defensive games of the year," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "Stockton had a wide open look at the basket and made the shot their first time down the floor. After that, we had a hand in their face for the remainder of the first half. On offense, we were patient and moved the ball very well."

Michaela Berg and Val Jackson led scoring for Logan Ladies with 11 points apiece. They were followed by Kati Chestnut, 8 points; Lanee Webb, 6; Candace Thompson and Melanie Berg, 4 each; Megan Brumbaugh, 3; and Vanessa VanDiest, 2. The team made 53 percent of their field goals, compared to Stockton's 12 percent.

Rebounding honors went to Jackson with 9 and Michaela Berg with 7. As a team, Logan made 30

rebounds.

VanDiest, Michaela Berg and Jenny Noel each made one of the team's 3 steals.

Out of 13 assists, Jackson found 5 teammates open for a basket and Brumbaugh found 3 open.

Making Logan's ladies blocks were Jackson with 5 and Michaela Berg and Thompson with 1 each. The Trojans had 11 turnovers.

**Palco**  
"We got off to a little slower start than we would have liked, but came back strong," said Coach Nighswonger. "Everyone saw some quality minutes, which I believe will help us later in the season."

Michaela Berg led scoring with 7 two-pointers, 1 three-pointer and 1 foul shot for 18 points. She was followed by Webb, 12; Jackson, 10; Melanie Berg, 7; Chestnut, 4; and VanDiest, Brumbaugh, Noel and Thompson, 1 apiece. Logan made 47 percent of their field goals.

Out of 33 rebounds, Melanie Berg made 6, and Michaela Berg

and Thompson both made 4.

Leading steals were Melanie Berg, Michaela Berg and Noel with 2 each.

Out of 17 assists, Brumbaugh made 6 and Noel made 4.

Webb made the team's only two blocks.

Logan's ladies had 7 turnovers.

**Logan 49, Stockton 17**

Score by quarters:

Logan 13 18 10 8 — 49

Stockton 4 1 6 6 — 17

**Logan (49)**

Michaela Berg 22-11, Jackson 40-4-3-11, Chestnut 40-0-8, Webb 30-1-0-6, Thompson 10-2-2-4, Melanie Berg 20-0-4, Brumbaugh 10-2-1-3, VanDiest 10-0-2.

**Logan 59, Palco 26**

Score by quarters:

Logan 16 19 14 10 — 59

Palco 3 9 8 6 — 26

**Logan (59)**

Michaela Berg 7-1-1-18, Webb 40-6-4-12, Jackson 40-2-2-10, Melanie Berg 30-2-1-7, Chestnut 20-1-0-4, VanDiest 10-0-0-2, Brumbaugh 10-0-0-2, Noel 10-0-0-2, Thompson 0-0-2-2.

# Junior varsity does well at 'Classic'

**By DICK BOYD**  
Norton Community High School wrestlers competed in junior varsity competition as well as varsity action in the Panther Classic on Feb. 7 in Phillipsburg.

Team scores were not available but Norton wrestlers gave a good account of themselves.

Out of nine Norton wrestlers competing, four won championships, two placed second, one was third and one fourth.

At 125 pounds, Jon Harding was seeded No. 1. After drawing a first round bye, he was declared the winner over Brett Harter, Colby, by injury default while leading 2-0. In the championship finals, Harding pinned No. 3 seed Jesse Hawk, Colby, in 2:05.

Blake VanEaton was seeded No. 1 at 140 pounds. He drew a first round bye, then pinned Shawn Lee, Phillipsburg, in 1:42. In the championship finals, he won a 16-0 technical fall over Caleb Breon, Phillipsburg.

VanEaton was named "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week" by the Norton coaches.

At 160 pounds, Davvid Stanley was seeded No. 2. He drew a first round bye, then pinned No. 3 seed Kevin Mead, Concordia, in 30 seconds. In the championship finals, he shutout No. 4 seed Cody Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 4-0.

Josh Green was seeded No. 2 at 171 pounds. In his first match, he

decided Gret Turner, Concordia, 7-2. In the semi-finals, he decided Matt McGinty, Hoxie, 8-7. Green decided No. 1 seed Josh Marks, Eureka, 7-3 to win the championship.

At 103 pounds, Logan Keiswetter was seeded No. 1. He drew a first round bye, then pinned Bobby Weiss, Colby, in 3:28. In the championship finals, he lost a 3-0 decision to No. 2 seed Trent Powell, Colby.

Chris Davis was seeded No. 2 at 135 pounds. In the first round, he pinned Josh Bell, Hill City, in 4:00. In the semi-finals, he decided Tyler Dunn, Phillipsburg. In the championship finals, he lost an 8-7 decision to No. 1 seed Tony Ceman, Phillipsburg.

At 152 pounds, Korey Look was seeded No. 3. In the first round, he won a 16-0 technical fall over Tanner Decker, Colby. In the semi-finals, he was pinned in 3:39 by No. 2 seed Matt Hyman, Beloit. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Zach Meyer, Hoxie, in 2:32. In the consolation championship, Look wrestled Decker again and this time Look pinned him in 1:35.

Shane Stanley wrestled for Norton at 275 pounds. In the first round, he decided No. 3 seed Nick Schmidt, Colby, 2-0. In the semi-finals, he was pinned in 43 seconds by Scott Eller, Phillipsburg. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Schmidt in 32 seconds. In the consolation cham-

pionship, he lost a 17-2 technical fall to Mike Hamilton, Eureka.

Jared Bebb competed for Norton at 119 pounds. In the first round, he was pinned in 52 seconds by Evan Mainus, Colby. In the consolation bracket, he was pinned in 4:20 by Michal Baxter, Stockton.

# Freshmen boys defeat Oberlin, but lose to Colby

Coach Todd Fulton's Norton freshmen boys team defeated Oberlin 33-28 on Feb. 10.

Norton trailed 7-4 after one quarter but was on top 16-12 at intermission and 24-22 after three quarters.

Leading scorers for Norton were Corey Rutherford and Mat Shepard, each with 10 points. Jared Engelbert tallied 5 points,

followed by Nic Lewis, 4; Brian Juenemann, Blake Wolf, 2 each.

Kyle Goldt and Kurt Olson each scored 8 points to lead Oberlin.

"It was a good win tonight with our bench also playing well," said Coach Fulton. "We still need to improve our effort and fundamentals but that will come."

"Overall, I was pleased with the win."

The Norton freshmen boys also played at Colby on Feb. 9 and lost 70-26. Colby held quarter leads of 15-4, 39-12 and 49-18.

Leading scorer for Norton was Shepard with 9, followed by Engelbert, 5; Wolf, Corey Rutherford, 4 each; Juenemann, Nic Lewis, 2 each.

Trevor Siebert led scoring for Colby with 18 points.

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