

Norton junior varsity wrestlers sixth at Southern Valley tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestling team placed sixth in the Southern Valley Varsity Wrestling Tournament on Friday.

Red Cloud/Blue Hill won the championship with 153 points, followed by Franklin, 135.5; Southern Valley, 108.5; Elwood, 108; Bertrand, 100; Norton junior varsity, 75; Alma, 67; Arapahoe, 42; Loomis, 29; Axtell, 22; Wilcox/Hildreth, 19; Southern Valley junior varsity, 3.5.

"Many of our wrestlers wrestled up a weight class," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "We were out muscled in some matches. It was a much tougher tournament than the one in Alma the week before. Quite a few state tournament placers were competing."

Norton had two tournament champions. Todd Bolt won the 130-pound title. He was seeded No. 2. In the first round, he pinned Mitch Hedlund, Southern Valley junior varsity, in 54 seconds. In the semi-finals, he won a 7-2 decision over No. 3 seed Justin Weaver, Franklin. In the championship finals, he shutout No. 4 seed Chase Hendersen, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, by a 5-0 score.

No. 1 seed Sebastion Edwards, Arapahoe, won third with a 10-4 decision over Weaver.

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

Also earning a gold medal for the Blue Jay junior varsity was Travis Ray at 112 pounds. He was also seeded No. 2. After receiving a first round bye, he won a 13-4 major decision over No. 3 seed Ethan Kahrs, Franklin, in the semi-finals. He wrestled No. 4 seed Andy Miller, Alma, in the championship finals and pinned him in 5:04 to earn the gold medal.

Third place went to Ben Hansen, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, the No. 1 seed, with an 11-7 win over Kahrs.

Chris Davis of Norton placed third at 152 pounds after being seeded No. 3. In the first round, he pinned Tyler Deschane, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, in 43 seconds. In

the semi-finals, he was pinned by No. 2 seed Colby Gray, Loomis, in 56 seconds. In the consolation bracket, he won by default over Hawk Ellis, Arapahoe, to reach the consolation championship match where he won a 13-2 major decision over No. 5 seed Jon Fisher, Alma.

Gray won the championship with a 4-0 shutout of Kellen Kahrs, Franklin.

Shane Stanley placed fourth for Norton at 189 pounds. In the first round, he upset No. 3 seed Derrick Samuelson, Bertrand, with a fall in 3:54. In the semi-finals, he was pinned in 3:20 by Adam Sindt, Franklin. In the consolation bracket, he pinned No. 4 seed Tyler Krings, Elwood, in 1:17. In the consolation championship match, he wrestled Samuelson again and, this time, Samuelson won with a fall in 2:02.

No. 1 seed Ben Robinson, Alma, won the championship by pinning No. 2 seed Adam Sindt, Franklin, in 3:28.

Aaron Husted competed for Norton as the No. 5 seed at 135 pounds. In the first round, he was pinned in 1:50 by No. 4 seed Billy Lockridge, Southern Valley. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Tower Robinson, Franklin, in 4:33. In the next round, he was pinned in 2:57 by No. 3 seed Grant Schutz, Elwood. Schutz won third with a 9-3 decision over No. 4 seed Billy Lockridge, Southern Valley. No. 2 seed Brandon Taute, Bertrand, won the championship with a 13-4 major decision over No. 1 seed Lukas Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill.

Jeff Soderlund competed for the Blue Jays at 140 pounds. He was seeded No. 3 but lost his first round match by a 7-1 decision to Adam Rawson, Southern Valley. In the consolation bracket, he won by default over Nate Roberts, Axtell, then lost by a fall to Sam Krueger, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, in 2:01.

Krueger won third place by pinning No. 4 seed Trenton Bartels, Bertrand, in 3:18. No. 1 seed Shane Carraher, Franklin, won the championship with a 7-1 decision over Rawson.

Jordan Durham wrestled for

Norton at 145 pounds. He was seeded No. 3 but lost a 9-3 decision to Devin Carmichael, Loomis, in the first round. In the consolation bracket, he won a 17-7 major decision over Phil Mues, Arapahoe, but lost a 7-5 decision to No. 4 seed Jeff Pickinpaugh, Elwood. Pickinpaugh won third by pinning Jordon Berquist, Southern Valley, in 52 seconds.

No. 2 seed Tyler Fraser, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, won the championship by pinning No. 1 seed Eric Rybacki, Franklin, in 3:14.

Brady Linner was Norton's 171 pound wrestler. In the first round, he was pinned in 3:41 by No. 1 seed B.J. Holscher, Elwood. In the consolation bracket, he lost a 6-5 match to Aaron Gillett, Arapahoe.

No. 3 seed Andy Roberts, Southern Valley, pinned Gillett in 2:50 and won third place with a 6-1 decision over No. 5 seed Jeff Kort, Red Cloud/Blue Hill. No. 1 seed B.J. Holscher, Elwood, won the championship by default over No. 2 seed Tyler Livingston, Wilcox/Hildreth.

Zack Mannel wrestled for Norton at 215 pounds and was the No. 5 seed. In the first round, he was pinned in 47 seconds by Alex Buschow, Red Cloud/Blue Hill. In the consolation bracket, he lost by a fall in 22 seconds to Weston Gibson, Elwood.

J.J. Baxter, Arapahoe, pinned Gibson in 2:04 but lost the consolation championship match when he was pinned in 2:30 by Buschow. No. 3 seed Alex Lans, Southern Valley, pinned No. 1 seed Isaac Kuck, Bertrand, in 4:59 to win the championship.

Ben Rojas competed for Norton at 275 pounds. In the first round, he was pinned in 57 seconds by No. 2 seed Andy Broeker, Southern Valley. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Joey Trautman, Arapahoe, in 1:27. In his next match, he was pinned in 58 seconds by No. 1 seed Brandon Vancura, Elwood.

Vancura pinned No. 3 seed Cameron Trumble, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, in 2:34 to place third. No. 4 seed Chris Myers, Bertrand, won the championship by pinning No. 2 seed Andy Broeker, Southern Valley, in 25 seconds.

At 103, No. 3 seed Simon James, Franklin, pinned No. 5 seed Ashley James, Alma, in 47 seconds to win the championship. No. 2 seed Brock Hansen, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, won third with a 6-2 decision over No. 1 seed Travis Araujo, Elwood.

At 119, No. 3 seed Brett Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, won the championship with an 8-2 decision over No. 4 seed Cody Dorn, Franklin. No. 1 seed Carter Quinn, Southern Valley, placed third by pinning Jimmy Huffman, Axtell, in 2:36. He also pinned Huffman in 3:26 of their first round match.

At 125, No. 1 seed Adam Kahrs, Franklin, won the championship with a 5-2 decision over No. 2 seed Louis Benavidez, Elwood, placed third with a fall in 4:05 over No. 3 seed Clinton Small, Red Cloud/Blue Hill.

At 160, No. 2 seed Jared Jenkins, Arapahoe, won the championship by pinning No. 1 seed Justin Swedburg, Axtell, in 5:00. No. 3 seed Joe Rhone, Elwood, won third by pinning Matt Klein, Loomis, in 1:35.



Norton senior Jason Green was being shadowed closely by Goodland's David Livengood as he brought the ball down court during the Blue Jays' game with the Cowboys for the championship of the Topside Tipoff Tournament on Saturday in Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton has two players chosen to 3A All-State Football Team

By DICK BOYD

Seniors Blake Hillebrand and Ryan Maddy have been chosen on defense to the Class 3A All-State Football Team by the Kansas High School Football Coaches Association.

Hillebrand, a 5-foot-8 inch, 210-pound offensive guard and defensive tackle, was the leading tackler for the 8-3 Blue Jays this season, in addition to being an outstanding blocker. He recorded 60 unassisted tackles and 32 assists for 92 total tackles.

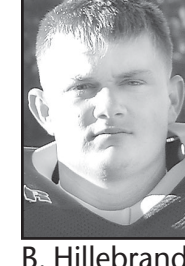
He is a three-year letterman and was also named second team All-Mid-Continent League on both offense and defense.

The 6-2, 195-pound Maddy was second leading tackler for Norton from his linebacking position. He recorded 55 solo tackles and 31 assists for 86 total tackles.

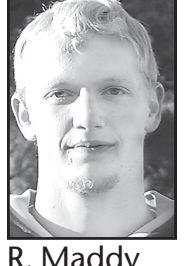
On the offensive side of the ball, Maddy played tight end and was second leading receiver for the Blue Jays with 12 catches for 115 yards, an average of 9.6 yards per catch, and two touchdowns. He also recovered two fumbles, intercepted one pass and blocked one kick.

Maddy is a four-year letterman and was also named second team All-Mid-Continent League on both offense and defense.

Also honored on defense were: Sam Oram, Central Heights, 6-3, 274-pound tackle; Sean Teter, Garden Plain, 6-2, 265-pound tackle; Jake Gillum, Neodesha, 6-1, 250-pound end; Garrett Mugler, Southeast of Saline, 200-pound end; Zach Collingsworth, Southeast High School (Cherokee), 6-0, 195-pound linebacker; Matt Myers, Southeast Saline, 5-10, 215-pound linebacker; Derrick Klassen, Hesston, 6-2, 166-pound defensive back; Brennan Hurt, Jayhawk Lynn, 6-1, 185-pound defensive back; Myles Jennings, Garden Plain, 6-1, 195-pound de-



B. Hillebrand



R. Maddy

fensive back; Clint Rider, Southeast High, 6-0, 180-pound defensive back.

Named to the offensive team were: Jared Boese, Hesston, 6-0, 183-pound lineman; Steve Troup, Conway Springs, 6-0, 230-pound

lineman; Angelo Ascanio, Southeast High, 6-6, 280-pound lineman; Joe Blaes, Cherryvale, 6-3, 260-pound lineman; Andrew Tucker, Ellinwood, 6-0, 220-pound lineman; Darrin Seiwert, Conway Springs, 6-0, 215-pound running back; Jeff Schaper, Cherryvale, 6-2, 185-pound running back; Tommy Mayhood, Neodesha, 6-2, 175-pound running back; Joe Rollins, Southeast of Saline, 5-11, 185-pound wide receiver; Kendall Fisher, Garden Plain, 6-4, 195-pound wide receiver; Matt Wykes, Conway Springs, 6-3, 195-pound quarterback.

One chosen to all-area volleyball from Norton

By DICK BOYD

Chelsea Cox, a 6-foot junior at Norton Community High School, received honorable mention on the 2004 All-Area Volleyball Team chosen by the Salina Journal.

Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie senior and Dani Bedore, Goodland sophomore, were chosen to the first team.

Among those named to the second team were Ariel Dunker, Atwood senior and Lissa Mazanec, Colby freshman.

Receiving honorable mention,



C. Cox

in addition to Cox, were: Courtney Riedel, Trego; Crystal Follis, Dani Pratt, both of Hoxie; Amy Foster, Hill City; Toni Fuller, Lishe Isom, both of Smith Center; Lydia Karnopp, Oberlin; Maggie Keeler, Stacy Rachow, both of Phillipsburg; Jessica Kuhn, Victoria.

Norton wrestlers busy with duals

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will have a busy weekend with duals on both Friday and Saturday.

This evening, the Norton varsity will travel to Phillipsburg for a 6 p.m. dual with the Panthers and a 7:30 p.m. dual with Stockton.

After this action, they will travel to Goodland early Saturday morning to compete in the annual Holiday Classic Dual Tournament in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Included in the 12-team field, in addition to Goodland and Norton, will be teams from Tonganoxie, Junction City, Ulysses, Leoti, Holton, Scott City, Smith Center, Hoxie, John F. Kennedy of Denver and Burlington, Colo.

Wrestling will begin at 9 a.m. central time. Teams will be divided into pools of four teams. Norton will be in Pool B with Leoti, Holton and Burlington. Goodland, Tonganoxie, Junction

City and Ulysses will be in Pool A and Scott City, John F. Kennedy, Smith Center and Hoxie will be in Pool C.

The pool schedule for Norton is: Norton versus Leoti, 9 a.m.; Norton versus Holton, 10:30 a.m.; Norton versus Burlington, 12:30 p.m..

Teams will wrestle the teams who placed the same in the three pools during rounds beginning at 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to determine the final placings.

The junior varsity teams will wrestle a round robin in the junior high gym.

Norton entered the tournament for the first time last season and won the championship.

"The key for us to bring home another team title is that our strength in the lineup (103-152) must take care of business for us," said Coach Bill Johnson. "And, the upper weights cannot give up too many bonus team points."

Blue Jays hosting Phillipsburg today

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity, junior varsity and freshmen girls and boys basketball teams will play host to Phillipsburg today with games beginning at 4 p.m.

The freshmen boys game will begin at 4 p.m. in Wilmeth Kirk

Memorial Gym, at East Campus, followed by the junior varsity boys game around 5 p.m.

The freshmen girls game will begin at 4 p.m. in the high school Memorial Gym and will be followed by the junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys games.

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Cynthia Linner, Norton
County Treasurer