

Wrestlers win dual at Hill City

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team defeated Osborne 70-12 and Hill City 65-18 on Thursday night in Hill City to compile a perfect 8-0 record in the Mid-Continent League and repeat as dual champions.

In the other dual of the evening, Hill City defeated Osborne.

Win over Osborne

Only two matches were wrestled in the dual with Osborne. Norton's Kent Mann dominated Alex Sturgeon in winning a 12-4 decision at 125 pounds.

In the other match, Jeff Soderlund of Norton was pinned in 1:59 by Martin Muir at 135 pounds.

The following Norton wrestlers won by forfeit: Logan Keiswetter, 103; Clay Madden, 112; Nathan Broeckelman, 119; Jon Harding, 130; Clay McMullen, 140; Blake VanEaton, 145; Brian Sproul, 152; Korey Look, 160; Davvid Stanley, 171; Zach Mannel, 215 Michael Sprigg, 275.

Dustin Spears won by forfeit for Osborne at 189 pounds.

Victory over Hill City

Seven matches were wrestled in the dual with Hill City.

Norton won five matches, four by pins.

Pinning their Ringneck opponents were: Clay Madden, 112, pinned Caleb Burton in 1:09; Nathan Broeckelman, 119, pinned Rayson Brachtenbach in 3:26; Kent Mann, 125, pinned Cody Johnson in 2:57 and Davvid Stanley, 171, pinned Ryan Jackson in 1:57.

At 130 pounds, Jon Harding won a 17-1 technical fall over Jeremy Chase.

Norton's two losses came at 152



Blue Jay Davvid Stanley earns two points on a takedown during his match with Ryan Jackson of Hill City last night in Hill City. Stanley pinned Jackson in 1:57.

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pounds where Brian Sproul was pinned in 2:34 by John Smith and at 160 pounds where Korey Look was pinned in 1:49 by Dillon Bell.

These Norton wrestlers won by forfeit: Logan Keiswetter, 103; Jeff Soderlund, 135; Clay McMullen, 140; Blake VanEaton, 145; Blake Hillebrand, 215; Michael Sprigg, 275.

Marcus Nutting of Hill City won 189 pounds by forfeit.

Junior varsity vs. Hill City

119 - Bryce Engelbert of Norton pinned Jeremiah Winters in 1:13.

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Coach's comments

"We were happy to complete the league dual season unbeaten but

were sorry to see that Osborne had only three wrestlers," said Coach Johnson.

"Hill City gave us more of a competitive dual. Coach Jackson has more wrestlers out and he has been doing some good things with them. You see some coachable things that they are doing but we

just have too many good wrestlers and overpowered them.

"We have survived some sickness and now will rest up for the regional tournament next weekend."

Coach Johnson named Nathan Broeckelman "Wrestler of the Week".

Next wrestling action is Regionals

Norton will compete in the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament next Friday and Saturday at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney.

In addition to Norton and

Trego, teams will be competing from Atwood, Hill City, Hoxie, Kinsley, Lakin, Cimarron, Montezuma, Oakley, Deerfield, Hays-TMP, Oberlin, Plainville, Quinter, St. Francis and Sublette.

C-team girls take second at Atwood

By DICK BOYD

Coach Joan Bolt's Norton Community High School girls C-team placed second in the Atwood Tournament on Saturday in Atwood.

In their first game, Norton defeated St. Francis 55-37 to reach the championship finals, where they lost 50-41 to Atwood.

Win over St. Francis

Norton outscored St. Francis 36-13 in the first half but was outscored 24-19 in the second half.

Leading scorer for Norton was Megan Kats with 11 points, followed by Jessica Strickland, 8; Lacey Roe, Haley Jones, 7 each; Maggie Nielsen, Kylie Morel, Lacy Ellis, 6 each; Courtney Cox, 4.

Holly Keller led St. Francis with 11 points.

"Our girls were very focused in this game," said Coach Bolt.

"Our defensive press was very aggressive and our offense ran smoothly.

"We looked and played fundamentally sound.

"All nine players contributed very positively to the win."

Final against Atwood

Norton trailed 13-4 after one quarter against Atwood but

outscored the host team 14-9 in the second quarter to make it a 22-18 game at intermission. Atwood outscored the Lady Jays 16-10 in the third period to take a 38-28 advantage into the fourth quarter. Norton edged Atwood 13-12 in the final stanza but could not overcome the earlier deficit.

Roe and Ellis each scored 12 points for Norton, followed by Kats, 6; Morel, 5; Nielsen, 4; Thea Wiseman, 2.

Sara Miller led Atwood with 16 points and Laura Wolters added 14.

"We did not get off to a good start against a strong Atwood team in the finals," said Coach Bolt.

"Atwood had a 13-2 lead before we knew what hit us.

"Once we adapted to Atwood's fast transition offense and got them into a half court offensive set, we played pretty good defense. We got within two points a couple of times but just could not get the lead.

"We struggled with rebounding and our post offense also struggled. We did play hard and never gave up.

"We learned some good things in this tournament and it made us a stronger team."

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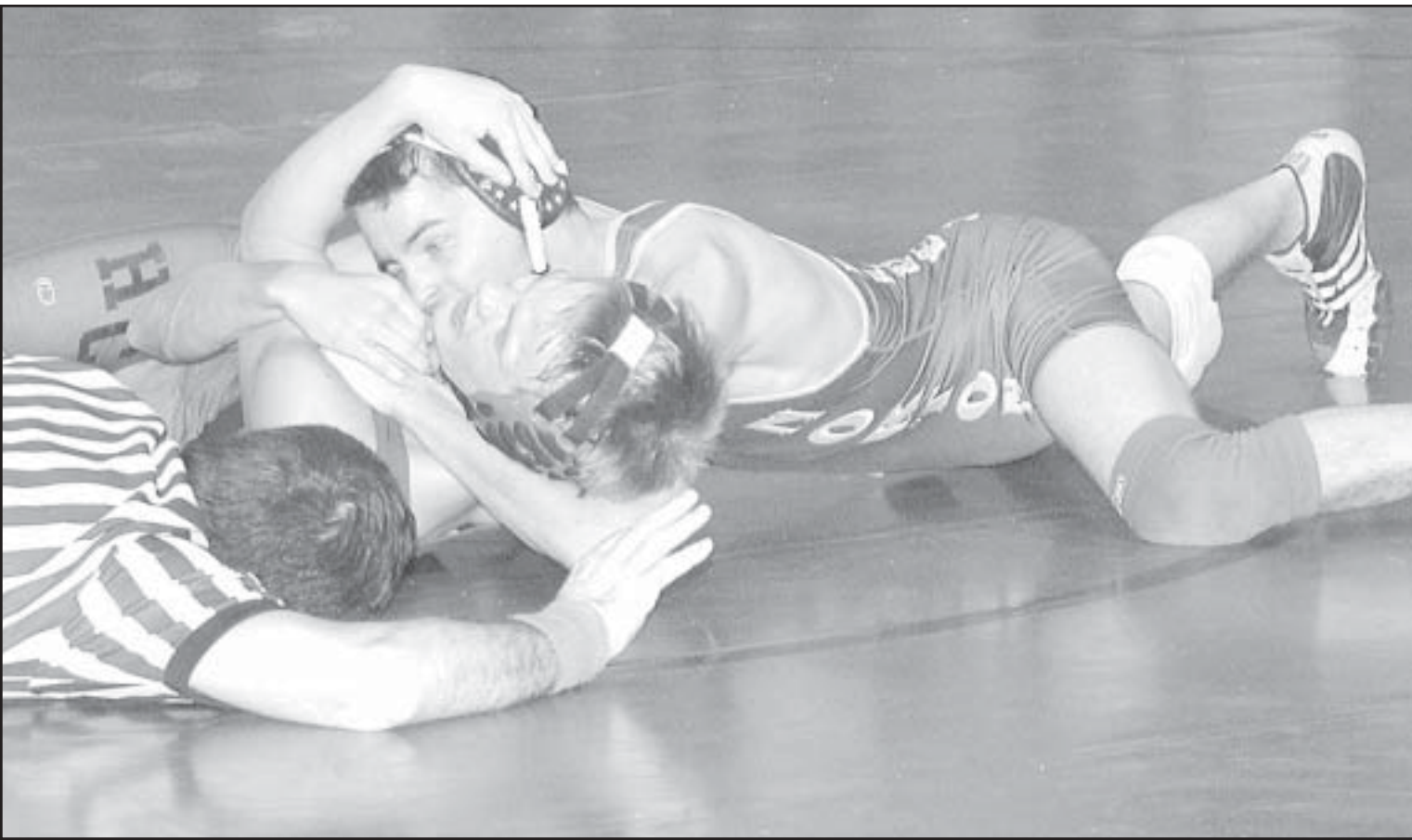
LADIES INTER-CITY

Standings Jan. 31 — Land Surveyors, 9-3; Nelson Bros., 6.5-5.5; Superior Livestock, 6-6; Mortensen Computer, 6-6; Jamboree, 6-6; High Scratch: Jackie Wright, 168; Donna VanKooten, 167; Lynn Nelson, 165; High Handicap: Donna VanKooten, 219; Lynn Nelson, 210; Jackie Wright, 208; High Series Scratch: Kathleen Berlier, 436; Laura Leidig, 435; Ramona McKinley, 422; High Series Handicap: Donna VanKooten, 577; Vendla Tacha, 570; Kathleen Berlier, 562

Results Jan. 24 — High Scratch: Laura Leidig, 217; Ramona McKinley, 173; Kathleen Berlier, 171; High Handicap: Laura Leidig, 252; Kathleen Berlier, 213; Ramona McKinley, 206; High Series: Ramona McKinley, 492; Laura Leidig, 476; Kathleen Berlier, 448; High Series Handicap: Ramona McKinley, 591; Laura Leidig,

581; Kathleen Berlier, 574 Results Jan. 17 — High Scratch: Laura Leidig, 184, 168; Kathleen Berlier, 166; High Handicap: Laura Leidig, 220; Kathleen Berlier, 208; Vida Perrill, 207; High Series Scratch: Laura Leidig, 505; Jackie Wright, 437; Ramona McKinley, 405; High Series Handicap: Laura Leidig, 613; Vida Perrill, 566; Jackie Wright, 554

Standings End of First Half - Jan. 10 — Land Surveyors, 45-27; Superior Livestock, 45-27; Jamboree, 40.5-31.5; Nelson Bros., 36.5-35.5; Mortensen Computer, 32.5-39.5; High Scratch: Ramona McKinley, 196; Jean Johnson, 156; Ramona McKinley, 153; High Handicap: Ramona McKinley, 229; Jean Johnson, 204; Vida Perrill, 203; High Series Scratch: Ramona McKinley, 488; Carol Ross, 420; Jean Johnson, 402; Laura Leidig, 402; High Series Handicap: Ramona McKinley, 587; Carol Ross, 549; Jean Johnson, 546



Norton's Jon Harding dominated Hill City's Jeremy Chase in winning a 17-1 technical fall in their 130 pound match last night in Hill City.

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Junior varsity wrestlers competed at Phillipsburg tourney Saturday

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Ray's Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers competed in a Phillipsburg Tournament on Saturday in the auxiliary gym in Phillipsburg.

No team scores were kept but seven of the 14 Norton wrestlers who competed were in the championship finals. Three won championships.

Gold medal winners were freshman Bryce Engelbert, 119; freshman Jeff Soderlund, 135; and sophomore Shane Stanley, 189.

Finishing in second place were freshman Todd Bolt, 125; freshman Aaron Husted, 130; sophomore Michael Ward, 135; and freshman Zach Mannel, 215.

Bronze medal winners were freshman Clay McMullen, 140; sophomore Jordan Durham, 145; junior Brady Linner, 171 and freshman Ben Rojas, 275.

Finishing in fourth place was sophomore Jared Bebb, 125.

Also wrestling for Norton were freshman Austin Brown, 130 and freshman Brian Sproul, 152.

"Most of the brackets were ei-

ther three or four man round robin brackets," said Coach Ray. "That explains why a couple of our wrestlers did not have very good records but still finished in the top three.

"I felt that we did not do as well as we could have. Several of our wrestlers had leads in matches and ended up losing. But, overall, we had many of our wrestlers in the championship finals. Two Norton wrestlers faced off for the 135 pound title.

"Several of our wrestlers were considered for the 'Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week' award but I felt that Bryce Engelbert stood out. He won the title with two pins and a dominating 9-3 victory in the finals and will receive the award."

Individual results

119 - Bryce Engelbert pinned Jeremiah Winters, Hill City, in 34 seconds; pinned Nic Harlow, Colby, in 3:45 and decisioned Weston Fletchall, Beloit, 9-3 to win the championship.

125 - Todd Bolt won a 15-4 major decision over Michael Barter, Stockton, and was pinned in 3:58 by Lincoln McClure, Colby, to

place second.

125 - Jared Bebb pinned Kale Plush, Beloit, in 3:00; was pinned in 1:13 by Lincoln McClure, Colby; won a 9-7 decision over Scott Gugler, Ellis and lost an 8-7 decision to Michael Baxter, Stockton, to place fourth.

130 - Aaron Husted won a 15-0 technical fall over Kaleb Dykes, Concordia; pinned Rowdy Wichman, Ellis, in 1:50 and lost a 7-3 decision to Brett Horter, Colby, to place second.

130 - Austin Brown was pinned in 3:56 by Frankie Deal, Colby; was pinned in 3:30 by Randy Wichman, Ellis and pinned Charlie Fosdick, Ellsworth, in 10 seconds.

135 - Jeff Soderlund pinned Bidal Guevera, Concordia, in 1:28; pinned Trask Breault, Concordia, in 34 seconds and pinned Michael Ward, Norton, in 2:44 to win the championship.

135 - Michael Ward won a 12-5 decision over Trask Breault, Concordia; pinned Bidal Guevera, Concordia, in 3:00 and was pinned in 2:44 by Jeff Soderlund, Norton, to place second.

140 - Clay McMullen was

pinned in 51 seconds by Socorro Fernandez, Beloit; was pinned in 1:48 by Eric Jurek, Colby and won a 7-2 decision over Josh Bell, Hill City, to place third.

145 - Jordan Durham lost a 9-5 decision to Nathan Palmer, Stockton and won an 8-4 decision over Keath Thomas, Phillipsburg, to place third.

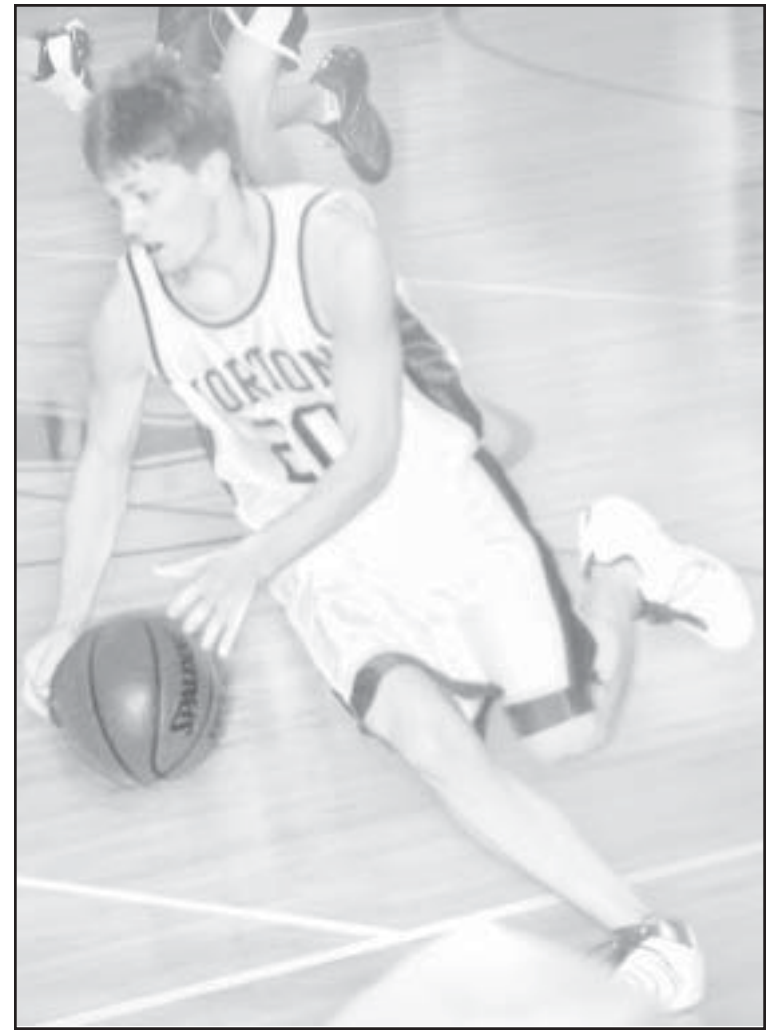
152 - Brian Sproul lost a 9-4 decision to Justin Gnad, Ellis and was pinned in 2:22 by Jeremy Dietz, Colby.

171 - Brady Linner lost a 9-2 decision to John Barber, Beloit and decisioned Doug Patterson, Lincoln, 10-7 to place third.

189 - Shane Stanley pinned John Tricks, Ellis, in 2:44 and pinned Duke Turner, Colby, in 2:36 to win the championship.

215 - Zach Mannel lost a 12-2 major decision to Brady Strange, Colby and won a 5-3 decision over Cotton Findlay, Ellsworth, to place second.

275 - Ben Rojas was pinned in 58 seconds by Michael Hiss, Ellis and was pinned in 56 seconds by Jace Smith, Phillipsburg, to place third.



Norton senior guard Aaron Overlease steals the ball and drives downcourt for a layin during the Blue Jays' 52-37 Mid-Continent League victory over Hill City in Norton last Friday evening. Overlease was all over the court on defense and led his team in steals for the night with six. Norton's games at Oberlin scheduled for Tuesday were postponed due to inclement weather until Thursday, Feb. 17. The Blue Jays will play Plainville here this evening.

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