

# Wrestlers get wins at home

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High wrestlers opened the dual season and Mid-Continent League competition on Thursday with a 47-33 win over Phillipsburg and 42-26 victory over Stockton.

Phillipsburg defeated Stockton 57-15.

The duals were held at East Campus in Norton

## Phillipsburg

Norton won eight of 11 matches against Phillipsburg, seven by falls and one by a technical.

Two Blue Jays were pinned and one lost a decision. Three weights were open.

Norton was open at 103 and 112 pounds so forfeited to Zach Cemen and Dustin Zahorsky.

- 119 pounds — Clay Madden pinned Brad Artz in 33 seconds.

- 125 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Chris Schneider in 1:29.

- 130 — Kent Mann made it three pins in a row when he pinned Keagan Smith with 26 seconds gone in the second period.

- 135 — Jon Harding lost 7-0 to Kade Bloom.

- 140 — Blake VanEaton pinned Matt Watt in 22 seconds.

- 145 — Jeremy Harding pinned Derek Rowland in 1:37.

- 152 — Luke Pfannenstiel made it another three in a row when he pinned Ryan Swatzell with 1:56 gone in the second period.

- 160 — Lance Roe held a takedown clinic in winning a 26-11 technical fall over Gabe Wickham. Roe had 12 takedowns in the match and allowed Wickham to get up for 11 escapes.

- 171 — Davvid Stanley was pinned in 1:41 of the second period by Lee Hadley.

The Blue Jays were open at 189 pounds and forfeited to Cody Jarvis.

- 215 — Shane Stanley pinned Nathan Craig in 1:06 of the third period.

- 275 — Zach Mannel was pinned in 1:34 by Jace Smith.

"I was very disappointed in the way we wrestled," said Coach Bill Johnson. "I knew we would dominate many matches but we lost every match but one that I thought

would be competitive. The exception was Shane Stanley who got a pin.

"It wasn't the quality of wrestling that we want to be satisfied with and not the quality of wrestling our fans are used to. I think we were looking past this competition to the tough two-day tournament in Goodland this Friday and Saturday. We'll wrestle better than we did tonight."

## Stockton

All but one wrestler for Norton was on the junior varsity in the dual win over Stockton.

All six of Norton's wins were by pins. Two Norton wrestlers were pinned, one lost a technical fall and one lost a decision. Norton was open at one weight, Stockton was open at one weight and both teams were open at two weights.

- 103 — David Counter was the only Blue Jay varsity wrestler in the lineup and he won his first Mid-Continent League match by pinning Cordrey Spires in 36 seconds in the third period.

Norton was open at 112 and forfeited to Tyler Johnson.

- 119 — Aaron Van Der Wege pinned Blaise Wilson in 21 seconds.

- 125 — Jared Bebb lost an 11-6 decision to Jace Miller.

- 130 — Travis Ray pinned Michael Baxter in 1:55.

- 135 — Aaron Husted was pinned in six seconds in the second period by Tad Miller.

- 140 — Todd Bolt pinned Trey Kellner in 52 seconds in the third period.

- 145 — Jeff Soderlund was pinned in 3:08 by Nathan Palmer.

- 152 — Brock Lauer lost a technical fall, 17-1, to Cody Dix and the Tigers took a 26-24 lead.

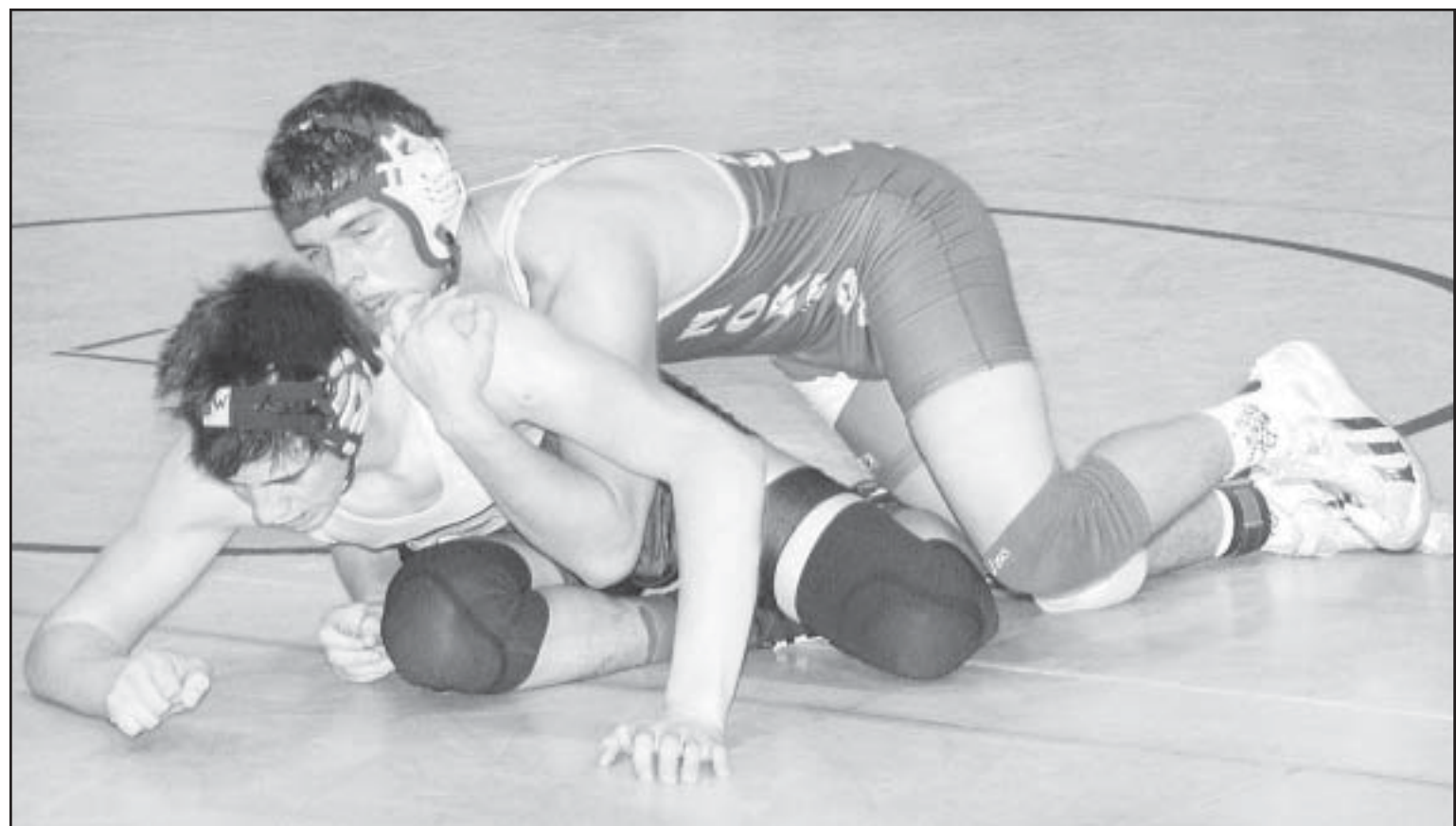
It was Stockton's last points of the dual, however, as the Blue Jays won the final two matches by pins.

Stockton was open at 160 pounds so Coady McMullen won by forfeit.

- 171 — Jordan Durham pinned Brett Sander in 59 seconds in the third period.

- 189 — William Wilhite pinned Kyle Deutscher in 59 seconds

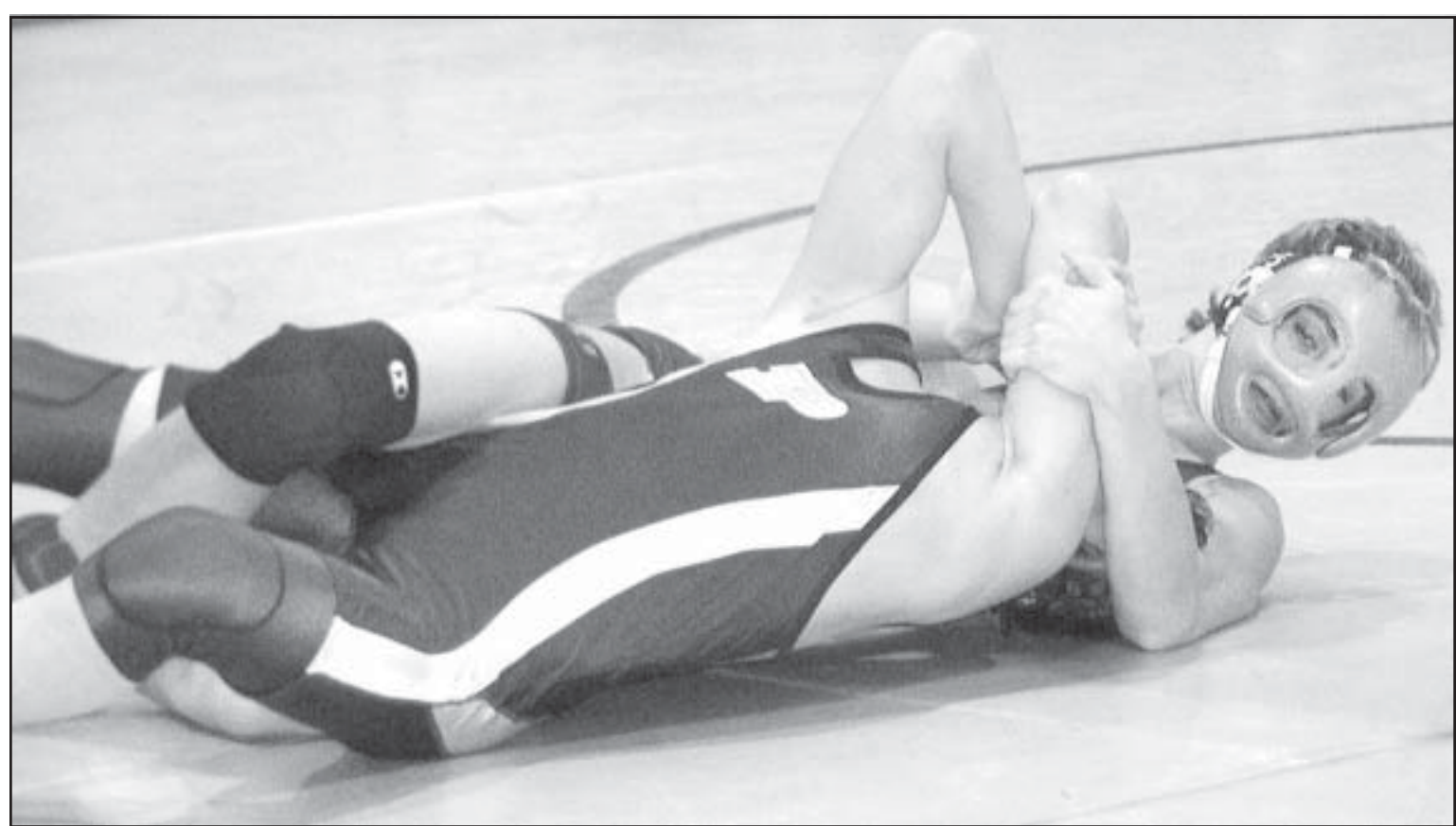
Both teams were open at 215 and 275.



Norton's Lance Roe (above) earns two points for a takedown during his 26-11 technical fall over Gabe Wickham, Phillipsburg, at 160 pounds in last night's dual win over the Panthers in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym

in Norton. Norton's 130 pound wrestler Kent Mann (below) pins Keagan Smith, Phillipsburg, during the Blue Jays' dual victory over the Panthers.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



"Overall, I'd say our junior varsity wrestlers did okay against Stockton's varsity," said Coach Johnson.

"I was really happy for David Counter, our only varsity wrestler, that he got a win.

"We expect Travis Ray and Todd Bolt to win varsity matches but Aaron Van Der Wege did well in pinning his opponent. I was also pleased to see Jordan Durham come through with a win after be-

ing behind. He was losing a close match and he hasn't won many of those."

## Goodland Tournament

Norton will travel to Goodland today to compete with 13 other teams in the Holiday Classic Dual Tournament which will continue on Saturday.

The tournament opens at 2 p.m. central time and teams will be divided into two pools of seven.

In Pool A will be Ulysses, Gar-

den City, Hill City, Hoxie, Goodland, Skyview, Colo. and Buhler. In Pool B will be Norton, Scott City, Leoti, Oakley, Team X (combination of wrestlers from various teams including Norton), Dodge City and Tonganoxie.

Norton will wrestle Scott City in round one at 2 p.m., Leoti around 3:30 p.m. in round two, Oakley around 5 p.m., Team X around 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Blue Jays will

wrestle Dodge City at 10:30 a.m. and Tonganoxie at 12:30 p.m.

The top two teams from each pool will advance into the championships, the third and fourth place teams from each pool will advance into the fifth place pool and the last three teams will advance into the ninth place pool. Round one of the championship and placement rounds will begin at 2 p.m and be followed by round two at 3:30 p.m and round three at 5:15 p.m.

# Norton junior varsity wrestlers fifth at Southern Valley

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High junior varsity wrestling team placed fifth in the Southern Valley Varsity Invitational Tournament last Friday.

Red Cloud/Blue Hill won the championship with 171 points, followed by Franklin, 155; Southern Valley, 126; Elwood, 115; Norton, 91; Axtell, 77; Loomis, 52; Arapahoe, 40; Bertrand, 32; Southern Valley junior varsity, 24; Alma, 21; Wilcox/Hildreth, 8.

Norton entered 10 wrestlers and six placed — sophomore Travis Ray, first, 130; sophomore Todd Bolt, second, 140; junior Jared Bebb, third, 125; junior Shane Stanley, third, 215; sophomore Aaron Husted, fourth, 135; sophomore Jeff Soderlund, fourth, 145.

"This tournament was much tougher than last week at Alma," said Norton Assistant Coach Deyton Hager. "I feel our wrestlers showed improvement over last week but we still need to work on our conditioning."

Coach Hager selected Travis Ray as the "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

"Travis Ray had a very tough bracket," said Coach Hager. "He had to defeat a state placer in the semi-finals and a state qualifier in the finals."

"Three of our wrestlers, Todd Bolt, Jared Bebb and Shane Stanley, lost only one match. I was proud of the way Shane Stanley rebounded from a first round loss. He came back and won third place with a pin over the same wrestler who beat him in the first round."

- 130 — Ray, seeded No. 5, pinned No. 4 seed Jerry Bryns, Elwood; won a 12-2 major deci-

sion over No. 1 seed Sebastian Edwards, Arapahoe; and won an 8-6 decision over No. 3 seed Adam Kahrs, Franklin..

Edwards placed third with a 7-5 decision over No. 2 seed Lucas White, Bertrand.

- 140 — Bolt, seeded No. 3, pinned No. 6 seed Trenton Bartels, Bertrand; won a 7-4 decision over No. 2 seed Louis Benavidez, Elwood; and was pinned by No. 1 seed Sam Krueger, Red Cloud/Blue Hill.

Benavidez placed third by pinning No. 5 seed Logan James, Franklin, in 2:55.

- 125 — Bebb, seeded No. 1., won a 15-0 technical fall over Grant Williamson, Arapahoe; lost an 11-2 major decision to No. 5 seed Ethan Kahrs, Franklin; won an 11-4 decision over No. 6 seed Jimmy Huffman, Axtell, and won an 8-3 decision over No. 2 seed Caleb Roberts, Alma.

Kahrs won the championship by pinning No. 3 seed Brett Rupperecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, in 3:52.

- 215 — Stanley, seeded No. 5, was pinned by No. 4 seed Ethan Jenkins, Arapahoe; pinned No. 3 seed Tyler Krings, Elwood; and pinned Jenkins in 32 seconds.

No. 1 seed Dan Stoelting, Southern Valley, won the championship by pinning No. 2 seed Alex Buschow, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, in 2:48.

- 135 — Husted, seeded No. 5, lost a 9-1 major decision to No. 4 seed Chase Henderson, Red Cloud/Blue Hill; pinned No. 8 seed Vincent White, Bertrand; pinned No. 3 seed Cody Barnes, Elwood; and was pinned by Henderson.

- 145 — Soderlund, seeded No. 3, pinned No. 6 seed Justin

Brooks, Arapahoe; won a 6-2 decision over No. 8 seed Jordan James, Franklin; lost a 7-0 decision to No. 4 seed Jordan Berquist, Southern Valley.

No. 1 seed Tyler Fraser, Red Cloud/Blue Valley, won the championship by pinning Spivy.

- 103 — sophomore David Counter, seeded No. 6, won a 10-2 major decision over No. 3 seed Mason Arujo, Elwood; was pinned by No. 2 seed Josh Morten, Loomis; and was pinned by No. 5 seed Tyler Jeffries, Axtell.

Jeffries placed third by pinning No. 4 seed Kevin Van Wey, Red Cloud/Blue Hill No. 1 seed Simon James, Franklin, won the championship by pinning Morten.

- 109 — sophomore Aaron Van Der Wege, seeded No. 3, was pinned by No. 6 seed Josh Araujo, Elwood; won a 16-0 technical fall over No. 4 seed Jacob Stoelting, Southern Valley; was pinned by Araujo.

No. 2 seed Gage Gregg, Bertrand, won the championship with an 8-4 decision over No. 1 seed Cody Dorn, Franklin.

- 152 — freshman Brock Lauer, seeded No. 4, won a 13-4 major decision over No. 5 seed Jerome Becker, Southern Valley; was pinned by No. 1 seed Warren Carmoney, Axtell; and was pinned by No. 6 seed Nathan Petska, Red Cloud/Blue Hill.

Petska placed third with a 9-1 major decision over Becker. No. 7 seed Billy Lockridge, Southern Valley JV, won the championship by pinning Carmoney.

- 275 — sophomore Zach Mannel, seeded No. 3, was pinned by No. 2 seed Cameron Trumble, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, and lost a 6-2 decision to No. 8 seed Jeff

Svoboda, Loomis.

No. 4 seed Ben Scheske, Southern Valley, placed third by pinning Svoboda. No. 1 seed Brandon Vancura, Elwood, won the championship by edging No. 2 seed Cameron Trumble, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, 8-7.

No. 2 seed Garrett Rubendall, Franklin, won the 112-pound championship by pinning No. 4 seed Brock Hansen, Red Cloud/Blue Hill.. No. 1 seed Brock

# Junior varsity will compete in basketball quadrangular Saturday

By DICK BOYD

Norton High will compete in the Oakley Junior Varsity Basketball Quadrangular on Saturday in Oakley with Quinter and Trego Community.

The girls games will be played in the Impact Center with a round robin format. The boys games will be played in the Oakley High School gym with a four-team bracket.

In the first round at 9 a.m., the Norton girls will play St. Francis. The Quinter-St. Francis game will be at 10:15 a.m. and the Norton-Quinter contest at 11:30 a.m.

The Norton boys will also play at 9 a.m. Their first round opponent will be Oakley. Following will be the Quinter-Trego contest at 10:15 a.m. The winners will play at 1 p.m. for the championship and the losers will play at 11:30 a.m.

Team medals will be awarded to

members of the top boys and top girls teams.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students (K-12).

## Norton senior chosen to All-Tournament Team

Heath Vincent, 6-foot-6-inch senior center from Norton Community High School, was chosen to the ten-member All-Tournament team following the Topside Tipoff Tournament in Goodland.

Vincent was also selected for the all-tournament team last season.

This year he averaged 9.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 1.6 steals in the three tournament contests.

Other members of this year's

all-tournament team were: Philip Sylvester, Addison Miller, Ottawa; Michael Kerbs, Wray; Cole Smith, Nat Davis, Burlington; Garrett Rippen, McCook; Nick Angelos, Jace Herl, Goodland; Evan Murray, Holyoke.

