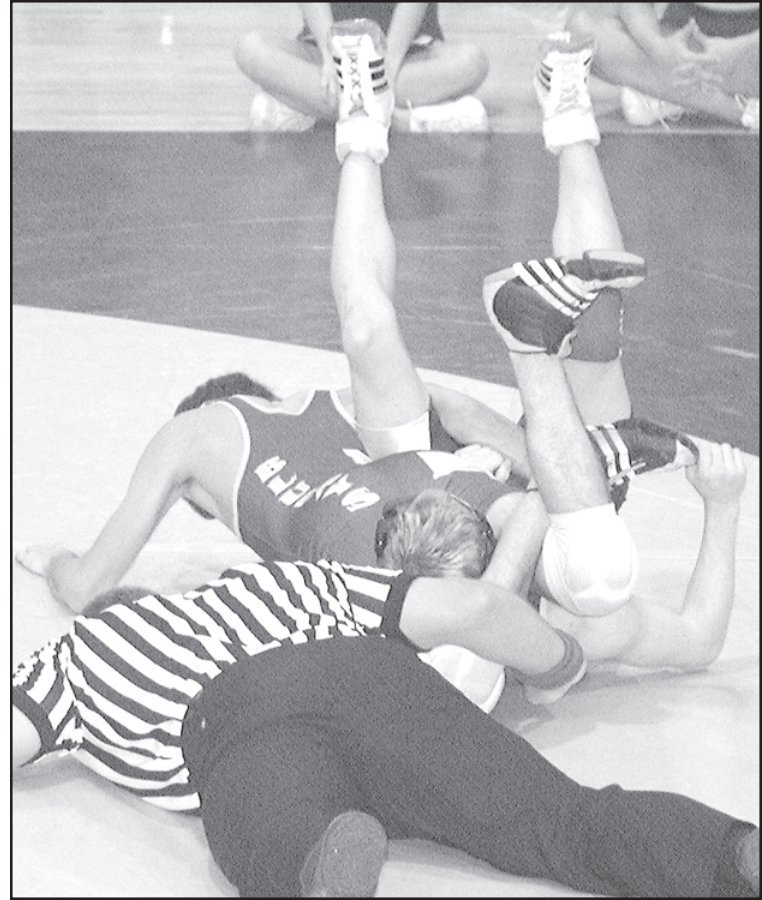


Norton senior Luke Pfannenstiel (lower right) controls Marvin Peterson, Kearney, during his 3-0 win over Peterson at 152 pounds in Tuesday night's dual in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton. Blue Jay 125 pound junior Nathan Broeckelman (above) pinned Mike

Leiker in 1:24 of their match in the dual win over Hays on Tuesday night. Norton senior Jon Harding (right) makes Trenton Griffin, Hays, count the lights with a pin in 1:13 of their 135 pound match.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



Wrestlers beat Hays, but lose to Kearney

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team returned to action Tuesday after a 10-day break since winning the prestigious Newton Tournament of Champions and defeated Hays High but lost to Kearney, Neb. in duals in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton. In their first dual, Norton was outscored 36-32 by Kearney, then outpointed Hay High 59-18. In the other dual of the evening, Kearney defeated Hays 60-11.

Kearney dual

At 103 pounds, Norton's David Counter was pinned in 25 seconds by Tim Crocker.

Norton won the next three matches. Zach Bainter won a 7-3 decision over Jarek Patterson at 112, Clay Madden pinned Collin Rees in 55 seconds in their 119 pound match and Nathan Broeckelman won a 15-0 technical fall over Mike Wedge to give the Blue Jays a 14-6 lead.

At 130 pounds, Kent Mann lost an 8-3 decision to Daniel Rodriguez. Jon Harding won a 6-4 decision over Jon Crocker at 135 but Norton lost the next two matches by falls and Kearney took a 21-17 team lead. Todd Bolt, 140, was pinned in 1:08 by Warner Phipps and Blake VanEaton, 145, was pinned in 1:10 by Jon Pearson.

The Blue Jays won the next three matches to regain the lead. At 152, Luke Pfannenstiel shutout Marvin Peterson 3-0. Next, at 160, Lance Roe pinned Dan Lantzer in 2:21, then, Davvid Stanley pinned Michael Shafer in 33 seconds to put Norton on top 32-21.

Norton was open at 189 so forfeited that weight to Derek Wilke. At 215, Shane Stanley lost a 4-1 decision to Nathan Welch and, at 275, Zach Mannel was pinned in 4:43 by Taylor Foss.

"We both won the same number of matches but they earned the bonus points," said Coach Johnson. "You can't give up pins and a forfeit and expect to beat good teams. However, just one of our losses turned around would have meant a team victory.

"Kearney is a big move team; they have been for years. This is the best Kearney team we've seen. "On top of that, I thought we wrestled fairly flat. We didn't look as sharp as normal."

Norton over Hays

Norton won 8 of 11 matches

wrestled in the dual victory over Hays High.

Hays forfeited at 140 to Todd Bolt, 145 to Jeff Soderlund and 152 to Brock Lauer.

At 103, David Counter was pinned by Zach Calvin in 1:41. Norton did not lose again until the 215 pound match.

Zach Bainter pinned Esteban Guterrez in 12 seconds of their 112 pound match.

At 119, Clay Madden won a 7-2 decision over Rusty Wickham, a defending state runnerup in Class 5A.

Nathan Broeckelman pinned Mike Leiker in 1:24 of their 125 pound match.

Kent Mann, 130, won a 7-5 decision over Jon Baumfalk.

At 135, Jon Harding pinned Trenton Griffin in 1:13.

After Norton received 18 points for three forfeits, Luke Pfannenstiel wrestled Alex McKune at 160 and won a 17-1 technical fall.

Lance Roe moved up to 171 and pinned Cody Dreiling in 1:26.

At 189, Davvid Stanley pinned Danny Smyl in 1:11.

Shane Stanley was pinned in 2:28 by Cory Werth at 215 and Zach Mannel was pinned in 45 seconds by Dakota Smith at 275.

"Madden and Mann were our only two wrestlers who had quality opponents against Hays and they both won," said Coach Johnson.

"We are pretty thin in the upper weights but most of our wrestlers won fairly easily."

It was "Senior Night" for the Norton wrestlers. The eight seniors are: Clay Madden, Jon Harding, Jeremy Harding, Luke Pfannenstiel, Lance Roe, Wil Wilhite, Tyler Burns and Davvid Stanley.

During special ceremonies, each presented a blue carnation to their parents.

The senior managers, Kayla Douglas and Alexi Wolf, also honored their parents.

Norton junior varsity vs. Kearney

103 - Tim Becker won 5-3 decision over Danielle Policarpio

119 - Breyer Simmons won a 10-8 decision over Tera Krotz

119 - Kerby Brandyberry was pinned in 3:57 by Tera Krotz

125 - Jared Bebb pinned Spence Walford in 2:12

125 - Donny Hildebrand was pinned in 2:17 by Spence Walford

130 - Travis Ray pinned Colt Graf in 3:48

135 - Aaron Husted pinned David Capps in 1:47

135 - Jordan Bebb was pinned in 1:36 by David Capps

140 - Jeff Soderlund pinned Jon Altmaier in 4:35

140 - Logan Kelly won by forfeit over Jon Altmaier

145 - Brad Nuzum was pinned in 1:30 by Justin Dekok

145 - Clay McMullen was pinned in 1:07 by Brock Tiel

152 - Brock Lauer lost a 13-3 major decision to Shane Beatty

160 - Jordan Durham pinned Dustin Burmood in 45 seconds

Norton junior varsity vs. Hays

119 - Breyer Simmons pinned Sterling Dunivan in 5:40

125 - Jared Bebb won a 21-13 major decision over Zane Wickham

125 - Kerby Brandyberry pinned Chase Scheibler in 2:47

130 - Travis Ray pinned Nathan Augustine in 1:27

130 - Aaron Husted pinned Jordan Arias in 2:27

130 - Todd Bolt pinned Harley Haynes in 1:07

140 - Jordan Bebb pinned Tim Brier in 10 seconds

160 - Coady McMullen pinned Tyler Kruse in 1:13

Next action

Next competition for the Norton wrestlers will be on Saturday when they compete in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament in Ellis.

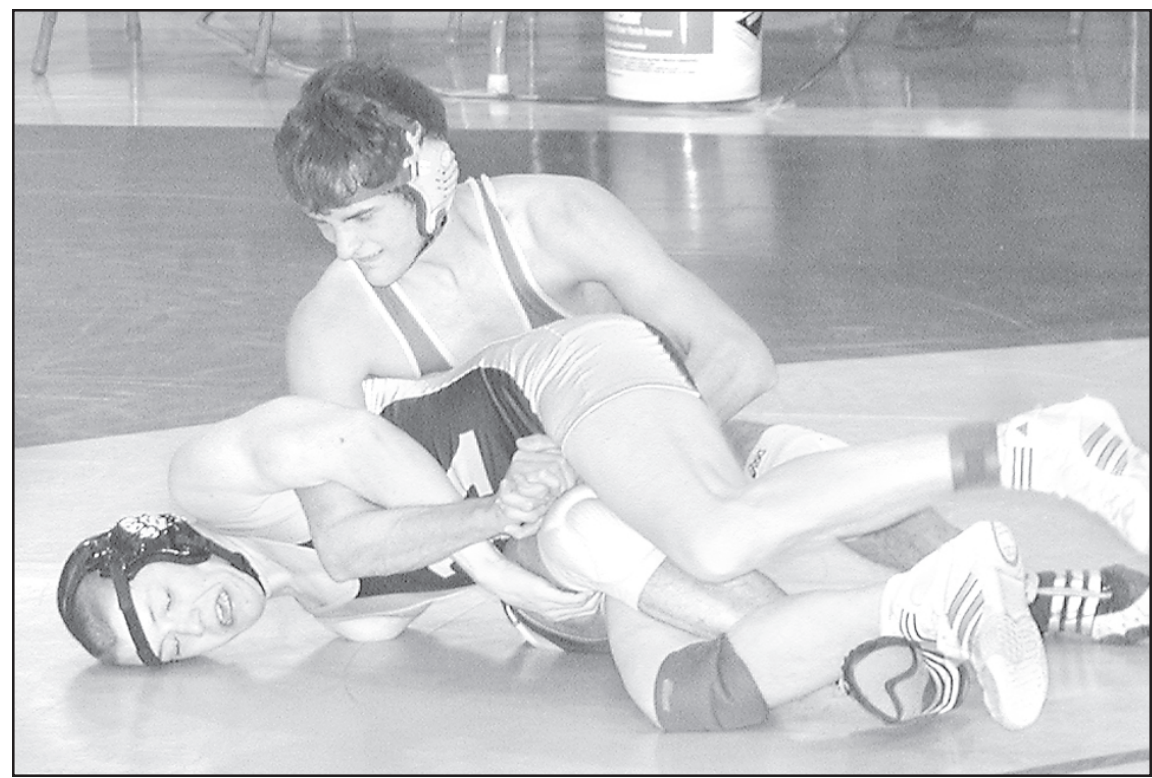
Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m.

Norton wrestlers scheduled to compete are: 103 - David Counter, sophomore; 112 - Zach Bainter, freshman; 119 - Clay Madden, senior; 125 - Nathan Broeckelman, junior; 130 - Kent Mann, junior; 135 - Jon Harding, senior; 140 - Blake VanEaton, junior; 145 - Jeff Soderlund, sophomore; 152 - Luke Pfannenstiel, senior; 160 - Lance Roe, senior; 171 - Davvid Stanley, senior; 189 - Shane Stanley, junior; 215 - Open; 275 - Zach Mannel, sophomore

"The duals with Kearney and Hays should have been a good warmup for the league tournament," said Coach Johnson.

"We have been doing so well in the league tournament that we will go into it with targets on our backs. Everyone will be trying to get us.

"Hopefully, our wrestlers will handle the pressure and wrestle up to our capabilities."



Norton boys basketball team defeats Goodland Tuesday

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team put on an offensive show in the first quarter of their game at Goodland on Tuesday evening, played the Cowboys on even terms in the second and third quarters, then hit a ton of free throws in the fourth quarter to defeat Goodland 61-53.

Hitting nine field goals in the first quarter, Norton rolled up a 21-8 advantage. Goodland outscored Norton 12-11 in the second quarter to make it 32-20 at halftime. A 12-10 third quarter in Goodland's favor narrowed the Blue Jay lead to 42-32. The home team made a run at the visitors and scored 21 points but Norton answered with 19 of their own, enough to win by eight points.

"We hit shots early which got us a great start in the game," said Coach Reusink.

"After the first quarter, we just hung on to survive.

"I thought our young men played solid defense in the second half and hit enough free throws along the way to get the win.

"Goodland is a quality ball club. It was a great win for us."

Leading Norton's shooting barrage in the first quarter was senior center Heath Vincent, who was almost unstoppable under the basket. He seldom missed as he threw in 9 points with four baskets and a free throw. Sophomore forward Wes Georgeson added a basket and charity toss, junior center Nic Lewis, sophomore guard Logan Kats and senior guard Nathan Morse each hit a basket and junior guard Brian Juenemann buried a three-pointer.

Goodland's eight first quarter points came on two baskets by Jase Herl and one each by Nick Angelos and Tanner Smith.

Morse found the range on two shots from beyond the arc in the second quarter and Lewis added a two-point basket. Vincent connected on two free throws and Kats hit one.

Herl hit two more baskets for Goodland and Derek Fenner, Wyatt Dautel, Angelos and Mikey Doll each hit a basket for the Cowboys in the second quarter.

Norton's 10 points in the third quarter came on two-of-two baskets fired from three-point land by junior guard Jared Engelbert and

a basket each by Georgeson and Vincent.

Goodland's 12 points in the third quarter came on a three-point and two-point shot by Herl, a basket each by Doll and Smith and a trey by Dautel.

In the fourth quarter, Norton swished just three field goals but connected on 13 of 24 free throws to secure the non-league win.

Lewis hit a basket and 3 of 4 free throws, Morse swished 4 of 6 free throws, Georgeson hit a field goal and 1 of 2 charities, Vincent hit 3 of 4 charities, Kats swished 2 of 6 free tosses and sophomore guard Jared Cox hit a field goal.

Goodland tried to win the game with three-point shots in the final stanza. They hit five baskets from long range but it wasn't enough for the Cowboys to pull it out. Dautel and Doll each hit two treys and Herl hit one. Heath Chatfield hit a basket and two free throws for his only points of the night and Fenner added two charities.

Vincent was leading scorer for Norton with 16 points on 5 of 8 from the field for a net-smoking 63 percent accuracy and a sizzling 6 of 7 from the free throw line for 86 percent.

Morse added 12 points on 2 of 3 from beyond the arc for 67 percent, 1 of 4 two-point attempts for 25 percent and 3 of 7 overall for 43 percent. He was 4 of 6 from the charity stripe for 67 percent.

Herl led Goodland in scoring with 16 points. Dautel added 11 and Doll hit 10.

As a team, Norton swished 5 of 7 three-point attempts for 71 percent, tallied on 14 of 32 two-point tries for 44 percent and was 19 of 39 overall for an excellent 49 percent accuracy.

Goodland hit 7 of 17 treys for 41 percent, 14 of 30 two-point tries for 47 percent and 21 of 47 overall for 45 percent.

Norton won the game at the free throw line where the Blue Jays hit 18 of 31 for 58 percent. Goodland had just 8 free throws and hit 4 for 50 percent.

Both teams had 22 rebounds. The Blue Jays pulled down 3 of 5 defensive and 19 defensive caroms compared to the Cowboys' 6 offensive and 16 defensive boards.

Vincent was leading rebounder for Norton with 6, followed by Georgeson, 5; Morse, 4;

Engelbert, 3; Lewis, 3; Cox, 1.

Vincent blocked four Goodland shots.

The Blue Jays had 11 steals in the game. Kats led with 5 thefts, followed by Vincent, Lewis, 2 each; Engelbert, Juenemann, 1 each.

Norton turned the ball over 10 times compared to 7 turnovers by the Cowboys.

The Blue Jays had just 5 assists. Kats was the leader with 3, followed by Georgeson, Vincent, 1 each.

With the victory, Norton extended their season record to 9-3. Goodland fell to 10-4.

Norton was coming off a loss to Trego in the Mid-Continent League Tournament finals on Saturday in Hays to place second.

Norton junior varsity lost

Coach David Stover's Norton junior varsity boys team lost to Goodland 52-25.

Norton trailed by quarters 16-0, 38-4 and 43-14.

Leading scorer for Norton was Zac Dreher with 7 points, followed by Matt Stanley, 6; Preston Herman, 6; Logan Runnion, 4; Blake Wolf, 2.

Williams led Goodland in scoring with 9 points. He was followed by Smith and Farris with 8 each.

Next action

The Norton boys and girls basketball teams will host Smith Center in Mid-Continent League play next Tuesday in Norton. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

GAME STATISTICS

Norton boys 61

FGs FTs TP 2s 3s M-A

Nathan Morse 1 2 4-6 12

Logan Kats 1 0 3-8 5

Jared Engelbert 0 2 0-0 6

Brian Juenemann 0 1 0-0 3

Jared Cox 1 0 0-2 2

Wes Georgeson 3 0 2-4 8

Nic Lewis 3 0 3-4 9

Heath Vincent 5 0 6-7 16

TOTAL 14 5 18-31 61

Goodland boys 53

FGs FTs TP 2s 3s M-A

Jase Herl 5 2 0-0 16

Heath Chatfield 1 0 2-2 4

Derek Fenner 1 0 2-4 4

Wyatt Dautel 1 3 0-0 11

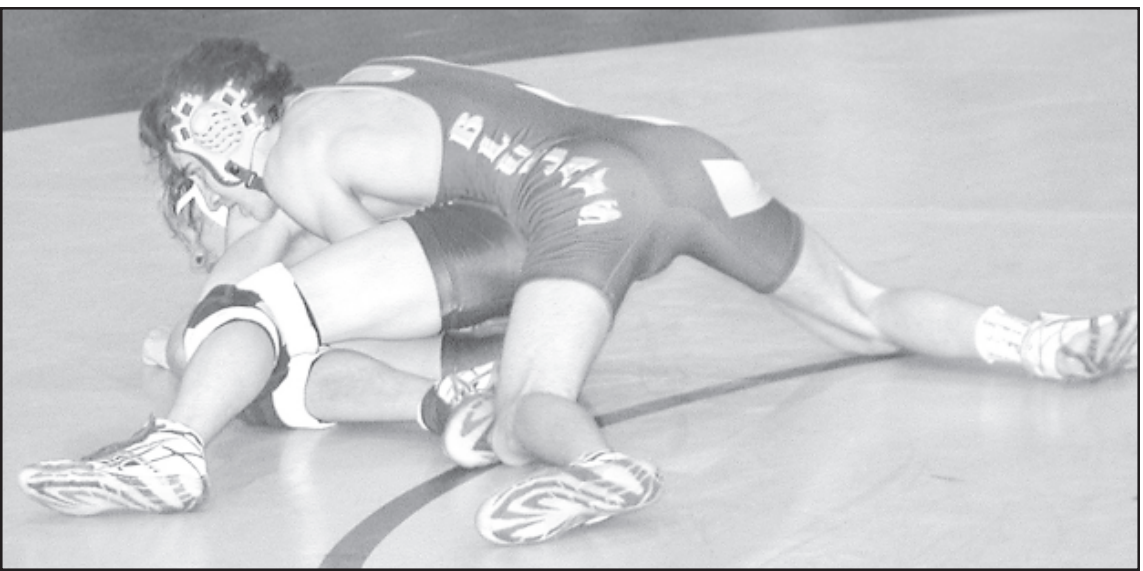
Nick Angelos 2 0 0-0 4

Mikey Doll 2 2 0-0 10

Tanner Smith 2 0 0-0 4

Landon Williams 0 0 0-4 0

TOTAL 14 7 4-8 53



Norton senior Clay Madden scores two points during his 7-2 decision over Rusty Wickham, Hays, at 119 pounds during the dual win over Hays on Tuesday night in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

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