

# Norton wrestlers go 5-0 in Emporia dual tournament

By **DICK BOYD**

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team traveled to Eastern Kansas on Saturday and compiled a perfect 5-0 record in the Emporia Dual Tournament at Emporia High School.

Overall team scores were not kept but Norton would have won the team championship.

Wrestling against mostly Class 5A and Class 6A schools, the Blue Jays easily won every dual but one. Derby, the largest high school in the state of Kansas, was the only team to give Norton a close match. In fact, Norton had to have a victory in the 285 pound weight class to win the dual. With junior Alex Thomas earning an 8-1 decision, the Blue Jays won 33-31.

Norton defeated Wichita Heights 66-9 in their first dual of the tournament. The win over Derby came next and was followed by the dual with Emporia, which was won by a 46-21 score.

In their fourth dual of the day, Norton defeated Chanute 47-16. In their last dual, the Blue Jays outscored Junction City 46-18.

During the day, Norton compiled an impressive 47-18 win-loss record and had a pin ratio of 28-2.

"Overall we were pleased with our wrestlers' performance," said coach Johnson.

"Most of our wrestlers got five matches. There were some good quality wrestlers in the tourna-

ment and every one of our wrestlers was challenged. It was a good situation for us and our young men wrestled hard.

"In fact, we had many comments from other coaches that they liked the way our wrestlers battled. Whether we are winning or losing, we are always trying to score more points.

"This was a good tournament for us. It will do nothing but help us down the road. We needed a fill-in after we were unable to compete in the Newton tournament."

Sophomore Coady McMullen, who wrestles at 189 pounds, was named "Wrestler of the Week".

"Coady has improved an awfully lot," said coach Johnson. "He wrestled well for us and got a pin in the Chanute dual that sealed the victory for us."

#### Wichita Heights

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel pinned Lonzo Davis in 1:11.

•112 — Chase Nelson, Wichita Heights, won by forfeit.

•119 — Zane Perez lost an 11-1 decision to Kendrick Maple.

•125 — Zach Bainter pinned C.J. Jonker in 4:58.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Tony Kientz in 3:16.

•135 — Kent Mann pinned Michael Ashpole in 1:42.

•140 — Aaron Husted pinned Alex Smith in 1:09.

•145 — Jeff Soderlund won by forfeit.

•152 — Blake VanEaton shut out James Allen 6-0.

•160 — Matt Stanley pinned Kody Haskins in 3:19.

•171 — Jordan Durham pinned Quinton Edwards in 45 seconds.

•189 — Coady McMullen won a 10-3 decision over Brian Leyra.

•215 — Shane Stanley pinned Kameron Neal in 1:06.

•285 — Alex Thomas pinned Matt King in 1:10.

#### Derby

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel won a 6-4 decision over Roger Windham.

•112 — Nathan Furches, Derby, won by forfeit.

•119 — Zane Perez lost a 6-4 decision to Brandon Marlett.

•125 — Zach Bainter won an 11-1 major decision over Josh Prewitt.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Steven Schaaf in 33 seconds.

•135 — Kent Mann won a 15-0 technical fall over Zack Kuipers.

•140 — Todd Bolt lost a 2-0 decision to Ian Whittit.

•145 — Jeff Soderlund pinned Cory Monk in 1:28.

•152 — Blake VanEaton lost a 9-3 decision to Coty Reinhart.

•160 — Matt Stanley lost a 13-5 major decision to Alex Feldkamp.

•171 — Jordan Durham was pinned in 1:43 by Blake Long.

•189 — Coady McMullen was pinned in 1:42 by Cole Carpenter.

•215 — Shane Stanley pinned Christian Phillips in 44 seconds.

•285 — Alex Thomas won an 8-

1 decision over Kyle Westmoreland.

#### Emporia

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 12-0 major decision to Jared Dakin.

•112 — Justin Rose, Emporia, won by forfeit.

•119 — Zane Perez lost a 6-1 decision to Sal Tovar.

•125 — Zach Bainter pinned Tavo Dikin in 2:24.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman won a 13-1 major decision over Andrew Laib.

•135 — Kent Mann won a 10-0 major decision over Zeb Peak.

•140 — Aaron Husted won a 7-2 decision over Logan Gaskill.

•145 — Jeff Soderlund pinned Nico Rodriguez in 1:59.

•152 — Blake VanEaton pinned Caleb Ohiroy in 41 seconds.

•160 — Matt Stanley lost a 4-1 decision to Bryce Shaver.

•171 — Jordan Durham won a 15-0 technical fall over Daniel Lazzers.

•189 — Coady McMullen lost a 16-1 technical fall to Mark Kolmer.

•215 — Shane Stanley pinned Jordan Barr in 2:47.

•285 — Alex Thomas pinned Josh Rodriguez in 3:54.

#### Chanute

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 9-1 major decision to Kenneth Ornelas.

•112 — Adam Leedy, Chanute, won by forfeit.

•119 — Zane Perez shutout

Zach Jesseph 5-0.

•125 — Zach Bainter lost a 7-4 decision to Cameron Jesseph.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Lukias Stacy in 42 seconds.

•135 — Kent Mann won a 15-0 technical fall over Zach Markham.

•140 — Travis Ray lost a 9-1 decision to David Collins.

•145 — Blake VanEaton won an 8-3 decision over Nolan Colvin.

•152 — Jeff Soderlund won a 3-0 decision over Derek Markham.

•160 — Matt Stanley won a 3-2 decision over Dustin Hansen.

•171 — Jordan Durham pinned Dwayne Tempenny in 46 seconds.

•189 — Coady McMullen pinned Damen Harting in 1:48.

•215 — Shane Stanley pinned Kevin Richard in 4:23.

•285 — Alex Thomas pinned Chris Gericke in 1:39.

#### Junction City

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 6-5 decision to Isaac Ruiz.

•112 — Lance Maldonado, Junction City, won by forfeit.

•119 — Zane Perez shutout Adam Charland 9-0 for a major decision.

•125 — Zach Bainter lost a 5-2 decision to J.T. Kozlowski.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman won a 3-1 decision over Nate

Kozlowski.

•135 — Michael Ward won by forfeit.

•140 — Aaron Husted won a 7-1 decision over Mike Gross.

•145 — Blake VanEaton lost a 12-7 decision to Jeff Childs.

•152 — Jeff Soderlund pinned Evan Ronal in 5:10.

•160 — Matt Stanley pinned Cord Gross in 5:43.

•171 — Jordan Durham pinned Shane Hancock in 1:12.

•189 — Coady McMullen lost a 6-2 decision to Spencer Popple.

•215 — Shane Stanley pinned Jacob Baumann in 1:36.

•285 — Alex Thomas pinned Jason Elzinga in 1:57.

#### Next action

Norton will compete in the annual Mid-Continent League Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in Hill City.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. with preliminaries and first round on two mats. The second round will consist of semi-finals and first round consolations on two mats.

After a 30-minute lunch break, wrestling will resume with the consolation semi-finals on two mats. The championship finals and consolation finals will follow on two mats.

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