

Big night for 'Jay wrestlers

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team won their 12th consecutive Mid-Continent League dual championship with a 60-6 win over Osborne and 62-15 victory over Hill City last Thursday evening in Hill City.

In the other dual, Hill City defeated Osborne 43-31.

"Against Osborne, we didn't finish matches like we should have," said coach Johnson.

"We were more intense against Hill City. We won every match except one and we had one of our best efforts in that loss.

"Jared Bebb has moved up two weight classes and made our team at 189 pounds. He gave up a lot of pounds and was very competitive in losing a 13-10 decision."

In recognition of his hard work ethic and determination, coach Johnson named Jared Bebb the "Wrestler of the Week".

Osborne

- 103 — OPEN.
- 112 — Kaenon Keiswetter won a 10-3 decision over Aaron Geist.
- 119 — Zane Perez lost a 5-3 decision to Trevor Oliver.
- 125 — Zach Bainter won a 3-1 decision over Danny Floyd.
- 130 — Nathan Broeckelman won by forfeit.
- 135 — Kent Mann pinned Jason Knoll in 50 seconds.
- 140 — Aaron Husted won by

- forfeit.
- 145 — Jeff Soderlund lost a 5-3 decision to Martin Hojda.
- 152 — Blake VanEaton won by forfeit.
- 160 — Todd Bolt pinned Layton Hill in 3:33.
- 171 — Jared Bebb won by forfeit.

- 189 — Jordan Durham pinned Danny Pfannenstiel in 41 seconds.
- 215 — Shane Stanley won by forfeit.
- 285 — Alex Thomas won by forfeit.

Hill City

- 103 — Norton was open and forfeited to Justin Helberg.
- 112 — Kaenon Keiswetter pinned Scott Helberg in 3:37.
- 119 — Norton was open and forfeited to Chris Orr.
- 125 — Zach Bainter pinned Luke Owen in 1:53.
- 130 — Nathan Broeckelman won a 16-1 technical fall over Jeremy Chase.
- 135 — Kent Mann pinned Cole Orr in 3:48.
- 140 — Aaron Husted won a 10-6 decision over Cody Johnson.
- 145 — Jeff Soderlund pinned Alan Nichol in 3:28.
- 152 — Blake VanEaton pinned Taylor VanLoenen in 1:39.
- 160 — Todd Bolt pinned James McCullough in 1:16.
- 171 — Jordan Durham won by forfeit.

- 189 — Jared Bebb lost a 13-10 decision to Justin Metcalf.
- 215 — Shane Stanley pinned Dakota Duncan in 1:56.
- 285 — Alex Thomas won by forfeit.

Junior varsity

- 112 Phillip Becker pinned Travis Helberg, Hill City, in 1:09.
- 145 — Casey Robison pinned Jordan Vincent, Hill City, in 55 seconds.
- 160 — Tyler Cook pinned Nick Shepard, Hill City, in 1:33.
- 135 — Michael Ward pinned Caleb Burton, Hill City, in 35 seconds.
- 112 — Andrew Soderlund won a 9-4 decision over Justin Helberg, Hill City.
- 145 — Logan Kelly pinned Jordan Vincent, Hill City, in 27 seconds.
- 135 — Breyer Simmons pinned Clinton Johnson, Hill City, in 3:27.
- 160 — Austin Brown pinned Nick Shepard, Hill City, 1:21.
- 160 — Matt Stanley pinned Joel Carlin, Osborne, in 35 seconds.

Next action

The Norton wrestling team will compete in the Class 3-2-1A Regional Tournament, which will be held this Friday and Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

Huskies, Trojans in Class 1A tourney next week

The Northern Valley Husky varsity basketball teams will be in action early next week in the Class 1A Regional Tournament.

The Lady Huskies take to the court at 7 p.m. on Monday at Almena vs. the Logan Trojans. Northern Valley, with a 6-11 record, is seeded 4th and the Trojans, also 6-11, are the 5th seed.

On the boys' side of the bracket, the Huskies play Logan on Tuesday at Logan at 7 p.m. Northern Valley, with an 0-16 record, is seeded 6th, and Logan, 9-8, is seeded 3rd.

After the initial rounds Monday and Tuesday, the tournament moves to Rexford-Golden Plains on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Here is how the bracketing is broken down:

GIRLS

Monday

- Rexford-Golden Plains, #1 seed, 17-1, Bye.

- Northern Valley, #4 seed, 6-11 vs. Logan, #5 seed, 6-11 at Almena 7 p.m.
- Kensington-West Smith Co., #2 seed, 14-5, Bye.
- Palco, #3 seed, 9-8 vs. Agra-Eastern Heights, #6 seed, 0-18, at Palco.

BOYS

Tuesday

- Kensington, #1 seed, 19-0, Bye
 - Eastern Heights, #4 seed, 8-10 vs. Palco, #5 seed, 3-14, at Agra
 - Golden Plains, #2 seed, 10-8, Bye
 - Logan, #3 seed, 9-8 vs. Northern Valley, #6 seed, 0-16 at Logan, 7 p.m.
- The semi-finals rounds will find the girls playing on Thursday and the boys on Friday. The championship will be played on Saturday, girls at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 at Rexford.

Northern Valley girls drop two games

The Northern Valley varsity basketball girls lost 50-44 to Palco at Almena Friday night.

The third quarter was the culprit in this game, where the Huskies scored only 5 points while Palco smashed in 21. Northern Valley held a 16-6 first quarter lead and 24-19 at the break. In the fourth period, the Huskies again led in scoring, 15-10.

Scoring for the Huskies were Alison Cole with 13, Kelli Cole 8, Andrea Lowry 3, Christian Anderson 3, Jena Jessup 14 and Jessica Largent 3.

Scoring for Palco were Rachel Morel with 2, M. Lambert 4, L. Lambert 2, B. Gehring 8, R. Belisle 21 and P. Benoit 13.

On Feb. 6, the girls took on Arapahoe, losing 55-34. The Huskies trailed at all quarters, 13-10 after the first, 27-17 at the half, and 40-23 going into the final period.

Scoring for Northern Valley were Alison Cole with 7, Megan Cole 8, Kelli Cole 10, Andrea Lowry 3, Kelsey Kinderknecht 1,

Christian Anderson 1, Brittney Braun 2, Jena Jessup 2 and Jessica Largent 3. The Huskies scored on 9 2-pointers, 4 3-pointers and 7 charity tosses.

Braithnait was top scorer for Arapahoe and the game with 22. For Arapahoe, their points came from 13 2-pointers, 6 3-pointers and 11 from the charity stripe.

Husky boys on losing end

The road continues to be a bit bumpy for the Northern Valley varsity boys' basketball team as they dropped two home games. On Feb. 6, Arapahoe claimed a 74-35 victory, and on Feb. 9 Palco took a 56-44 decision.

In the game vs. Arapahoe, the Huskies fell behind 17-9 at the end of the first quarter, 45-20 at intermission and 65-25 going into the final frame.

The Huskies scored on 9 2-pointers, 4 3-pointers and 5 of 7 at the charity stripe. Arapahoe scored on 17 2-pointers, 10 from 3-point range and 10 of 12 from the free throw line. Arapahoe's Snider took game-scoring honors with 22

points. Against Palco, the Huskies were down at the end of the first period 6-4 and battled Palco to a 26-all halftime figure. Going into the final period, Palco smoked the nets for 19 big points while the Huskies managed 9.

Northern Valley scored on 16 2-pointers, 3 from 3-point range and 3 of 4 from the line. Palco scored on 16 2-pointers, 3 3-pointers and 15 of 26 from the charity stripe.

Scoring for the Huskies were Ethan Hayes with 8, Kersch 2, Bryce Marble 3, Drew Britt 6, Henry Griffiths 8, Cody Callaway 4, Justin Lee 4, TJ Siard 6 and Drew Eagleburger 3.

Jayvee wrestlers impressive

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers competed in the "Bill Voss" Novice Tournament in Colby on Saturday. Team scores were not kept but the Norton wrestlers performed well. They had four individual champions, four third place finishers and two placed fourth out of 13 who competed.

Champions were Travis Ray, 140; Jordan Bebb, 145-A; Matt Stanley, 160-A and Coady McMullen, 189-A.

Third place finishers were Andrew Soderlund, 112; Michael Ward, 135-B; Logan Kelly, 145-B and Austin Brown, 152-A.

Placing fourth were Breyer Simmons, 135-A and Casey Robison, 152-B.

Also competing were Phillip Becker, 119; Tyler Cook, 152-A and Robert Derauf, 189-B.

"We felt that our young men wrestled well in this tournament," said Norton assistant coach Chance McKinney. "We came home with four champions and almost everyone placed.

"Ending on a high note was a good way to complete our junior varsity season."

Coady McMullen was named "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

Individual results

- 112 — Andrew Soderlund was seeded No.6. He won a 13-4 decision over No.3 seed Olson, Trego; lost a 6-5 decision to No.2 seed

K.C. Kough, Scott City; won an 18-8 major decision over No.4 seed Helberg, Hill City and pinned No.5 seed Schroeder, Colby, in 2:25 to place third.

•119 — Phillip Becker was seeded No.5. He was pinned in 1:15 by No.4 seed Brad Pruter, Hays and was pinned in 59 seconds by No.1 seed Anthony Vrbas, Atwood.

•135-A — Breyer Simmons was seeded No.6. He was pinned in 2:25 by No.3 seed Josh Harmon, Garden City; pinned No.5 seed Alex Bruner, Scott City, in 1:02; lost a 17-1 technical fall in a second match versus Harmon to place fourth.

•135-B — Michael Ward was seeded No.2. He lost an 11-4 decision to No.7 seed Daniel Jordan, Oberlin; pinned No.6 seed Clinton Johnson, Hill City, in 43 seconds; pinned No.5 seed Richie Sanders, Goodland in 3:25 and pinned No.3 seed Jordan Arias, Hays, in 1:54 to place third.

•140 — Travis Ray was seeded No.1. He pinned No.4 seed Skyler Hoffman, Oakley, in 4:00 and pinned No.3 seed Harlow, Colby, in 1:47 to place first.

•145-A — Jordan Bebb was seeded No.1. He pinned Alonzo Tena, Scott City, in 1:34; pinned No.4 seed Kane Ware, Oberlin, in 5:03 and pinned No.3 seed Bryan Gray, Goodland, in 4:50 to win the championship.

•145-B — Logan Kelly was seeded No.1. He was pinned in

1:42 by No.5 seed Tyrel Smith, Goodland; pinned Dayne Fanders, Atwood, in 41 seconds and pinned No.4 seed Harley Haynes, Hays, in 58 seconds to place third.

•152-A — Austin Brown was seeded No.8. He lost a 13-0 major decision to No.1 seed Ethan Stickel, Colby; pinned No.6 seed Paul Starr, Goodland, in 2:57 and pinned No.4 seed Alex McKune, Hays, in 3:33 to place third.

•152-A — Tyler Cook was seeded No.3. He lost a 13-0 major decision to No.6 seed Paul Starr, Goodland and lost an 8-1 decision to No.4 seed Alex McKune, Hays.

•152-B — Casey Robison was seeded No.3. He was pinned in 2:58 by No.2 seed Adam Schroeder, Colby, shutout No.1 seed Matthew Clinton, Scott City, 4-0 and lost a 12-1 major decision to No.4 seed Brad Dible, Colby, to place fourth.

•160-A — Matt Stanley was seeded No.1. He pinned No.4 seed Nathan Simonsson, Oberlin, in 4:20 and pinned No.3 seed Toby Hurst, Goodland, in 32 seconds to win the championship.

•189-A — Coady McMullen was seeded No.4. He won a 9-7 decision over No.1 seed Rylee Ward, Scott City, and decisioned No.3 seed Ren Schreiling, Goodland, 6-4 to win the championship.

•189-B — Robert Derauf won a 4-3 decision over Mitch Bean, Garden City and was pinned in 5:36 by Hilt, St. Francis.

League tourney crown won by Huskies

The Northern Valley Junior High boys' basketball machine topped Eastern Heights on Feb. 5, 34-31, in the semi-finals of the GNEC Tournament. That gave the A-team a 10-0 mark.

Eastern Heights held a 7-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and 17-13 at half. At the end of three periods of action, the score was tied at 26. The Huskies pushed

through 8 points in the final frame, while E'Heights managed 5.

Scoring for the Huskies were Colton Lowry with 15, Dusty Eagleburger 14, Austin Herman 3 and Bryant Tharman 2.

On Feb. 8, the A-team swept by Kensington, 32-25, to win the league tournament and finish the season with a perfect 11-0 record.

The Huskies led at all stops —

9-6 after the first quarter, 20-12 at the half and 24-20 going into the final period.

Dusty Eagleburger rattled the rim for 16 points, Colton Lowry added 8, Bryant Tharman 4, and Austin Herman and Zac Vincent 2 each.

Coach Cole said: "The boys played very well as a team all season. We played good defense which helped us win some close games. I am very proud of these boys. Going undefeated is a great accomplishment."

Logan Jr. High girls get wins

January 29

B-team

Logan 19, Eastern Heights 16
Scoring: Kaylene Reese 8, Bev Sammons 5, Val Morris 2, Paige Buss 2 and Amy Zillinger 2. **Rebounds:** Reese 6, Buss 4, Zillinger 1 and Katie Becker 1. **Steals:** Morris 3, Buss 2, Reese 1, Sammons 1 and Marci Gaines 1.

A-team

Logan 24, Eastern Heights 23
Scoring: Caley Greving 12, Alethea Bennett 5, Samantha Tien 4 and Hannah Pinkerton 3. **Rebounds:** Greving 13, Bennett 9, Tien 6, Pinkerton 3 and Kacey Braun 3. **Steals:** Braun 3, Pinkerton 2, Tien 2, Greving 2, Bennett 1 and Sammons 1.

February 1

B-team

Logan 19, Northern Valley 10
Scoring: Reese 6, Morris 5, Sammons 4, Zillinger 2 and Buss 2. **Rebounds:** Reese 11, Buss 6, Sammons 3, Zillinger 2, Gaines 2, Christina Benton 2, Becker 1, Whitney Mulder 1 and Morris 1. **Steals:** Sammons 5, Buss 5, Mulder 1, Reese 1 and Morris 1. **Assistant leader:** Sammons 2.

A-team

Logan 34, Northern Valley 9
Scoring: Tien 13, Greving 9, Bennett 7 and Pinkerton 5. **Rebounds:** Bennett 9, Greving 7, Tien 5, Pinkerton 2, Braun 2, Reese 2, Buss 1 and Sammons 1. **Steals:** Tien 5, Greving 5, Bennett 3, Braun 2 and Pinkerton 1.

Logan Junior High comes from behind to post 41-32 win

The Logan Junior High basketball boys picked up a well-deserved win over Eastern Heights 41-32, thanks to a 16-5 third quarter. The Trojans were down at half-time 21-19.

Mark Pakkebieer led all scorers with 16. Tracy Archer added 8, Brady Tien and Sean Newlan 6 apiece, Jordan Girard 4 and Charlie Becker 1.

The B-team lost 24-7. Archer scored 3 points and Newlan and Brandon Kats 2 each.

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