

Good showing by Blue Jays at Newton

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Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestlers returned to the annual Newton Tournament of Champions in Newton on Friday and Saturday after a one-year absence and placed ninth, just two points out of seventh.

The Blue Jays are the smallest school ever to win the tournament, which has been in existence for 45 years. Norton was the champion in 2005 and 2006.

Due to inclement weather, Norton missed the tournament last year and competed in the Emporia duals tournament, where the Blue Jays went 5-0.

This year, the defending state champions from three classes were competing. They were Manhattan, Class 6A; Wichita Bishop Carroll, Class 5A and Clay Center, Class 4A.

Bishop Carroll, who has even been nationally ranked, lived up to their reputation by capturing the championship with 245.5 points. Clay Center was second with 182 and Manhattan was third with 177.

Colby was a close fourth with 176.5 points. Derby scored 158.5, followed by Gardner-Edgerton, 152.5; Emporia, 139.5; Hutchinson, 138.5; Norton, 137.5; Arkansas City, 112.5; Wichita Northwest, 105.5; Maize, 100; Wichita Heights, 90; Dodge City, 86; Newton, 74; Salina South, 70; Leavenworth, 54; Wichita South, 38; Shawnee Mill Valley, 33.5; Wichita Campus, 29; McPherson, 29; Wichita East, 12; Buhler, 10.

Eight wrestlers placed in each weight division over the two days of highly competitive wrestling.

Eight out of 13 Norton wrestlers placed. The Blue Jays were open at 215.

Sophomore Kaenon Keiswetter placed second at 125. Junior Zach Bainter at 135 and senior Alex Thomas at 285 each placed third in their weight classes.

Other Norton placers were: freshman Troy Bainter, seventh, 103; freshman Landon Keiswetter, eighth, 119; sophomore Zane Perez, seventh, 130; senior Travis Ray, eighth, 145; senior Jeff Soderlund, seventh, 152.

"I am really proud of the way our wrestlers competed," said coach Johnson.

"This was the busiest weekend on our schedule. We wrestled in our toughest tournament after wrestling in our toughest dual with Smith Center on Thursday night.

"Our wrestlers responded outstanding to this tough back-to-back challenge. After coming off a big win over Smith Center, we still performed quite well.

"Placing in this tournament is tougher than placing in our state tournament, without a doubt. There were 22 other schools competing and almost all are very strong.

"We have enjoyed a lot of success in the past in this tournament but this season we were wrestling with totally different wrestlers. Several of this year's wrestlers missed the tournament last year. In fact, we had only one wrestler who had ever competed in this prestigious tournament. Zach Bainter had wrestled in the tournament when he was a freshman.

"If you didn't place last year, you were not seeded this year and that made a lot of difference for our wrestlers. This is a tough tournament with a lot of different styles of competition.

"We have so many young wrestlers and ones that are not that muscled that, with the exception of a few matches, we looked like little boys wrestling full grown men. But, we overcame that and won matches in spite of the physical appearance and strength disadvantage.

"Our pin ratio of 14-1 was outstanding. Being pinned only once in the tournament was amazing.

"Not so good were our takedowns. We had 42 takedowns but were taken down 55 times. Usually, this record is a lot closer. Obviously, we overcame a lot of adversity to get wins."

Norton's won-loss record was 31-25.

Coach Johnson named Kaenon Keiswetter the "Wrestler of the Week" for his performance. He compiled a 3-1 record and lost only in the championship finals to unbeaten and defending 5A state

champion John Keller, Bishop Carroll.

*103 -- Troy Bainter pinned Clint Stahl, Newton, in 3:33 of their first round match. He lost by a 15-0 technical fall to No. 1 seed and unbeaten Jeff Vesta, Manhattan, to drop into the consolation bracket. He pinned Tyler Trahoon, Emporia, in 32 seconds, then lost a 7-1 decision to Colby Witten, Maize. He decided Brijin McCullough, Wichita South, 12-7 to place seventh.

Vesta won the championship with an 8-0 major decision over Roger Windham, Derby. Third place went to Blaine Smith, Salina South, with a 5-1 decision over Dylan Penka, Bishop Carroll. Winning fifth place was Taylor Moeder, Colby, with a fall over Witten in 2:31.

Bainter is now 9-5 for the season.

*112 -- Billy Broeckelman pinned Jerik Manning, Newton, in 2:40 of their first round match. He lost a 5-3 decision to Daniel Deshazer, Wichita Heights. In the consolation bracket, he was decided 7-1 by Cody Wark, Colby, who eventually placed seventh with a 4-1 decision over Dane Norris, Manhattan.

No. 1 seed Tyler Stokes, Gardner, won the championship with an 11-1 major decision over Logan Singular, Clay Center. Deshazer placed third with a 7-3 decision over Garrett Jones, Ark City. Fifth place went to Jared Dakin, Emporia, with a 5-0 decision over Jabez Zinabu, Maize.

Broeckelman is now 12-3 for the season.

*119 -- Landon Keiswetter lost his first match by an 11-3 major decision to Dane Rodriquez, Derby and dropped into the consolation bracket. He won an 18-1 technical fall over Cody Webb, Wichita South, then won a 4-2 overtime decision over Kasey Lien, Salina South. Next, he lost a 6-1 decision to Kevin Frazier, Manhattan. In the seventh place match, he lost a 4-0 decision to Seth Klein, Newton.

No. 1 seed Jordan Keller, Carroll, won the championship with a 14-1 major decision over Jesse Barber, Dodge City. Justin Rose, Emporia, placed third with a 6-3 decision over Rodriquez and Tyler Anderson, Clay Center, placed fifth with a 10-1 decision over Frazier.

Keiswetter is now 7-10 for the season.

*125 -- Kaenon Keiswetter decided Gage Huffman, Clay Center, 11-4, in the first round. Next, he pinned Sal Tover, Emporia, in 5:25 and won by injury default over Rylan Dalke, Newton, to reach the championship finals where he lost a 15-0 technical fall to John Keller, Carroll.

Tovar placed third with a 3-0 decision over Kyle Hess, Gardner. Austin Peterson, Hutchinson, won fifth by injury default over Dalka.

Seventh place was won by Jason Seibel, Salina South, who pinned Chris Baldwin, Maize, in 4:50.

Keiswetter extended his season record to 10-3.

*130 -- Zane Perez pinned Logan Miller, Newton, in 5:58 of their first round match. He lost a 4-0 decision to Brent Luedke, Colby, and dropped into the consolation bracket. He decided Treston Harris, Hutchinson, 7-4 but lost 3-1 to Chase Sanchez, Emporia. In the seventh place match, he decided Mitch Henderson, Manhattan, 6-4.

No. 1 seed and unbeaten Kendrick Maple, Wichita Heights, won the championship with an 11-3 major decision over Tim Dunham, Maize. Trison Graham, Ark City, won third with a 4-1 decision over Jake Mainz, Carroll. Fifth place went to Sanchez with an 8-6 overtime decision over Luedke.

Perez now has a record of 11-8.

*135 -- Zach Bainter pinned Emesto Flores, Wichita East, in 21 seconds of their first round match, then pinned Tavo Dilkin, Emporia, in 1:54. In the championship semi-finals, he lost an 11-4 decision to Colby Crank, Hutchinson. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Tyler Harradine, Salina South, in 2:37, then won a 3-0 decision over Addison Winger, Dodge City, to place third.

Crank won the championship with a 5-3 decision over No. 1 seed and previously unbeaten Jacob Wagner, Manhattan. Fifth

place was won by Dilkin with a 6-2 decision over Harradine. Chris Bowser, Clay Center, won seventh with a 3-1 decision over Beau Hentzen, Carroll.

Bainter extended his record to 16-2.

*140 -- Todd Bolt lost his first round match by a 19-3 technical fall to Chase Nelson, Wichita Heights. In the consolation bracket, he lost a 9-5 decision to J.R. Roman, Hutchinson.

Unbeaten and No. 1 seed Aldon Isernberg, Gardner, won the championship with an 18-14 decision over Nelson. Third place went to Chris Wright, Dodge City, with an 8-5 decision over Heath Stephens, Colby. Winning fifth place was Tucker Adams, Manhattan, with a 2-0 decision over Matt Ahlstedt, Newton. Zeb Peak, Emporia, won seventh with a fall over Jesse Woodruff, Leavenworth, in 2:17.

Bolt is now 9-4 for the season.

*145 -- Travis Ray lost his first round match by a 10-6 decision to Kyler Wallace, Clay Center, and dropped into the consolation bracket. He then pinned three straight opponents. He pinned Andy Davison, Maize, in 4:11; Sammy Sanders, Hutchinson, in 3:52 and Jordan Moore, Wichita Heights, in 2:28. He lost 17-12 in overtime to Todd Curtis, Gardner, and dropped into the seventh place match where he wrestled Wallace for the second time and lost a 4-3 decision.

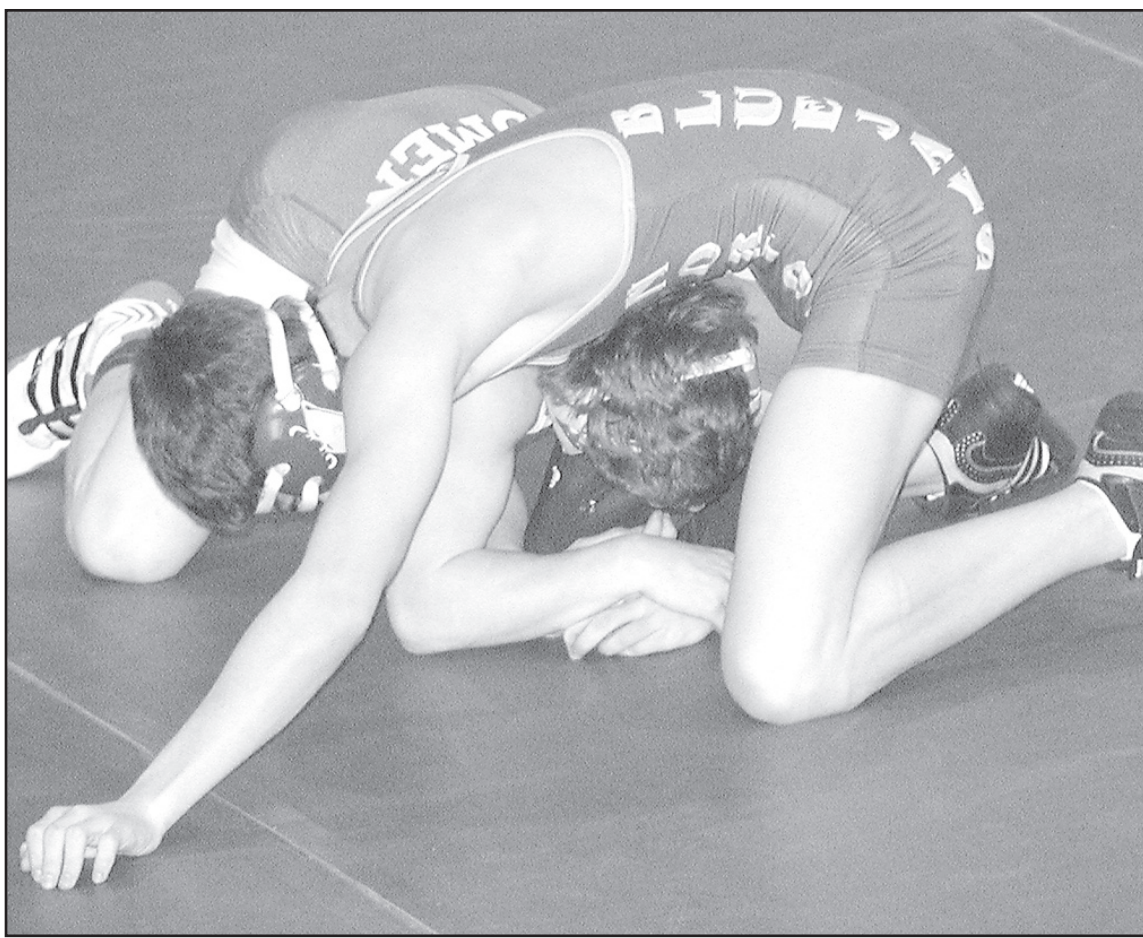
Mitch Arnold, Carroll, won the championship by pinning Steve Miller, Manhattan, in 1:41. Curtis won third with a 6-4 decision over Sean Gaither, Wichita Northwest. Fifth place went to Logan Colvin, Salina South, with a fall over Garrett Zweygart, Colby, in 1:52.

Ray evened his season record at 6-6.

*152 -- Jeff Soderlund opened his wrestling with a 4-1 decision over Cameron Julian, McPherson. Next, he lost a 4-3 decision to Blake Fulbright, Maize, and dropped into the consolation bracket. He won a 6-2 decision over Spencer Kaufman, Dodge City, but lost a 9-4 decision to Zach Anderson, Clay Center, to drop into the seventh place match where he decided Jed Sicard, Manhattan, 7-2.

Unbeaten and No. 1 seed Kyle Detmer, Carroll, won the championship by injury default over Justin Ringgold, Wichita Northwest. Third place went to Colton Snook, Derby, with a fall in 2:45 over Fulbright. Winning fifth place was Logan Gaskill, Emporia, with a 5-1 decision over Anderson.

Soderlund's season record is



Norton sophomore Kaenon Keiswetter dominated defending state champion Smith Center sophomore Colt Rogers during much of their 125-lb. match in Friday's dual in WaKeeney before losing a hard-fought 9-7 decision to the talented Redman. Keiswetter also placed second in the Newton Tournament of Champions at 125 and was named Norton's "Wrestler of the Week."

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

now 8-3.

*160 -- Matt Stanley won his first match by pinning Derek Andrewson, Campus, in 26 seconds. Next he lost an 8-5 decision to Breck Amberger, Colby. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Jaime Santos, Hutchinson, in 49 seconds, then pinned Jesse Mauk, Salina South, in 3:25. He lost a 14-2 major decision to Greg Curtis, Gardner.

Ben Davis, Clay Center, won the championship with a 3-1 decision over Cody Reinhart, Derby. Amberger won an 8-5 decision over Curtis to place third. Fifth place went to Cameron Riojas, Ark City, by injury default over Tyler Rosenhamer, Carroll. Winning seventh place was Tatum Flores, Wichita South, with a fall over Josh VanHolland, Mill Valley, in 4:03.

Stanley is now 9-7 for the season.

*171 -- Jordan Bebb lost his first match by a fall in 2:39 to Blake Willman, Clay Center. In the consolation bracket, he lost a 13-3 major decision to Alex Feldkamp, Derby.

Scott Elliott, Ark City, won the championship by pinning Tanner Kriss, Colby, in 2:34. Phil Witt, Leavenworth, placed third with a 6-4 decision over Willman. Fifth place went to Timmy Chadd,

Carroll, with a fall over Cameron Brandon, Wichita South, in 4:53. Winning seventh was Jeff Graber, McPherson, with a 7-3 decision over Brandon Reif, Campus.

Bebb's record is now 9-9.

*189 -- Brock Lauer won an 8-5 decision over Michael Grummert, McPherson, in the first round. Next, he lost an 11-10 decision to Nathaniel Martens, Newton, to drop into the consolation bracket. He won a 2-1 decision over David Bonner, Dodge City, then lost a 13-2 major decision to Treat Bugbee, Colby.

Unbeaten and No. 1 seeded Romero Cotton, Hutchinson, won the championship by pinning Blake Long, Derby in 3:07. Third place went to Clinton Bruce, Ark City, with a 9-3 decision over Joel Marrs, Clay Center. Winning fifth place was Trey Page, Wichita Northwest, with a 3-0 decision over Bugbee. Martens won seventh place with an 8-4 decision over Ryan Bass, Emporia.

Lauer is now 8-6 for the season.

*215 -- Nick Kriss, Colby, won the championship with a 3-1 decision over No. 1 seed and previously unbeaten Kyle Caylor, Wichita Northwest. Jake Cole, Carroll, won third with a 12-6 decision over Michael Patenaude, Clay Center. Fifth place went to Jack

Delashmit, Mill Valley, with a 5-2 decision over Josh Rodriguez, Emporia. Winning seventh place was Joe Sanders, Hutchinson, with a fall in 4:31 over Joel Barker, Newton.

*285 -- Alex Thomas pinned Ethan Grennan, McPherson, in 32 seconds of their first round match. Next, he won a 3-1 decision over Taylor Brown, Colby. In the championship semi-finals, he wrestled No. 1 seed and unbeaten Steve Andrus, Manhattan, and lost a 4-2 decision in overtime to suffer his first defeat of the season. In the consolation bracket, he won a 2-0 decision in overtime over Lorenzo Sema, Emporia, then won third place by injury default over Kyle Westmoreland, Derby.

Andrus remained unbeaten by pinning Mitch Wood, Hutchinson, in 3:59 of their championship finals match. Fifth place went to Brown with a 4-3 decision over Sema. Winning seventh place was Tony Marquez, Carroll, with a 10-6 decision over Jeryl Murphy, Newton.

Thomas now has a 17-1 season record.

Next action

Norton will wrestle next in duals versus Hays and Kearney next Tuesday in Hays, beginning at 4 p.m.

Smith Center, Trego fall to Jay wrestlers

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The Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team defeated Smith Center 30-28 in a hard fought dual in WaKeeney on Thursday evening and also defeated Trego Community 61-18 in a second dual that night.

In the third dual, Smith Center outscored Trego 65-12. The Blue Jays left after the two duals and traveled to Newton for Friday and Saturday's Tournament of Champions.

Smith Center

Norton won six matches and Smith Center won eight but the Blue Jays' three wins by falls earned enough extra points for the victory.

"We wrestled just good enough to win but, at one point, we had the momentum and were close to breaking it open into a big win," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

"We battled hard. It was a big

accomplishment to defeat Smith Center. They have a very good team.

"I was disappointed for Todd Bolt. He was ahead 4-1 in his 140 pound match and lost 6-4 at the buzzer in a very controversial call."

*103 -- Troy Bainter pinned Tracy Hudson in 1:09.

*112 -- Billy Broeckelman pinned Garrett Kuhlmann in 4:45.

*119 -- Landon Keiswetter lost a 6-4 decision to Kale Newell.

*125 -- Kaenon Keiswetter lost a 9-7 decision to Colt Rogers.

*130 -- Zane Perez shutout Ethan Estes 3-0.

*135 -- Zach Bainter pinned Christopher Wanner in 35 seconds.

*140 -- Todd Bolt lost a 6-4 decision to Trevor Rempe.

*145 -- Travis Ray lost a 4-0 decision to Marshall McCall.

*152 -- Aaron Husted lost a 7-2 decision to Travis Rempe.

*160 -- Matt Stanley decided Matt Atwood 3-1.

*171 -- Jordan Bebb lost a 14-5 decision to Jesse Mudd.

*189 -- Brock Lauer lost a 7-5 decision to Kris Lehmann.

*215 -- Kirk Palmer won by forfeit.

*285 -- Alex Thomas won by forfeit.

Trego

In the win over Trego, Norton was victorious in 11 matches and Trego won 3.

"We gave a lot of junior varsity wrestlers some competition against Trego," said coach Johnson. "We need to give these wrestlers some experience so they can wrestle some day at the varsity level."

*103 -- Colby Poage won by forfeit.

*112 -- Billy Broeckelman pinned Ruben Sherwood in 1:33.

*119 -- Brett Terrell decided Ethan Ghumm 16-7.

*125 -- Kaenon Keiswetter won

Junior varsity basketball boys earn third place

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity boys basketball team placed third in the Boys Junior Varsity Tournament held Saturday in Norton.

The young Blue Jays lost 58-39 to Oakley in their opener, then defeated Trego Community 33-28 to place third.

Quinter edged Oakley 63-62 to win the championship.

Against Oakley, Norton trailed

by quarters 19-10, 38-19 and 52-32.

Leading scorer for Norton was Terrell Lane with 15 points, followed by Dakota Dreher, 14; Luke Ninemire, Landon Hamel, 4 each; Cole Archer, 2.

T. Parsons led Oakley with 17; Maurath added 15.

"Quite simply, we did not show up to play in this game," said Norton assistant boys coach David Stover.

Trego

In the consolation championship win over Trego, Norton led 10-9 after one quarter and the score was tied 13-all at intermission. After taking a 19-17 lead into the fourth quarter, the young Blue Jays outscored the young Golden Eagles 14-11 to win by 5.

Lane was leading scorer for Norton again, this time with 14 points. Dreher tallied 7 and Hamel, J.D. Gall and D.J. Ebner each scored 4.

Pfannenstiel led Trego with 8

points.

"We came back after a sub-par first game to earn our second victory over Trego in less than 24 hours," said coach Stover.

"Offensively, both teams struggled early and went into the locker room tied at half. We picked up our defensive effort in the second half, creating some easy baskets and giving us a lead we never relinquished.

"Overall, this was an improved performance for this group."