

# C-Team to compete

# Jays win championship with 341 points

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 Norton Community High School wrestlers who did not compete in the Clay Center Invitational on Saturday wrestled in the Southern Valley Invitational on Friday evening Dec. 11 in Oxford, Neb. and, despite being open in six weight classes, returned with the tournament championship.

Norton totaled 341 points and was followed by Loomis-Bertrand, 282; Southern Valley, 273; Elwood, 229; Franklin, 213; Arapahoe, 203; Red Cloud Blue Hill, 141; Alma, 122; Axtell, 82; Wilcox-Hildreth, 68; Centura, 56; Southern Valley JV, 24.

Norton had two individual champions, Zane Perez at 171 and Trey Millan at 145. R.J. Ellis, 112; Justin Waggoner, 130; Eli Bozarth, 140 and Rylee Stanley, 152, were runner-up finishers. Taylor Gordon, 103 and Cody Ellis, 135, each placed third in their weight classes.

Zane Perez was named "Wrestler of the Week" for this tournament by the Norton coaches.

"Our Norton wrestlers who competed in the Southern Valley Invitational took a big step forward," said Norton assistant coach Shane Miller.

"We placed all eight wrestlers and that was enough to outdistance Loomis-Bertrand for the title."

"We continue to focus on competing hard and improving individually but, as the day pro-

gressed, our wrestlers knew they might have a shot at coming away with a team placing.

"It was great to see our wrestlers bond and come together and compete as a team."

"It gives the young wrestlers a taste of doing their part for the team and, as good teams do, compete harder with each round."

## Individual matches

103 -- Taylor Gordon pinned Levi Vogler, Red Cloud Blue Hill in 1:59; was pinned by Wyatt Kippe, Arapahoe, in 4:34; won a 6-5 decision over Dillon Hunt, Southern Valley JV; was pinned by Molly Glur, Southern Valley, in 3:24 and pinned Nick Johnson, Wilcox-Hildreth, in 1:35 to finish with a 3-2 record and place third.

112 -- R.J. Ellis was pinned in 35 seconds by Jesse Hays, Southern Valley; pinned Lukas Cox, Alma, in 5:50 and pinned Mitchell Palmer, Loomis-Bertrand, in 1:44 to finish with a 2-1 record and place second.

130 -- Justin Waggoner was pinned by Cyrus Thomas, Southern Valley, in 3:46; drew a second round bye; pinned Dakota Blagg, Franklin, in 38 seconds; pinned Anthony Warta, Loomis-Bertrand, in 1:43 and pinned Tanner Rupprecht, Red Cloud Blue Hill in 1:17 to compile a 4-1 record and place second.

135 -- Cody Ellis was pinned in 3:26 by Justin Vojta, Loomis-Bertrand; was pinned in 5:25 by Will Rahjst, Elwood; pinned Orion Jorschumb, Arapahoe, in

1:54; pinned Dylan Shannon, Red Cloud Blue Hill, in 1:44 and pinned Hunter Schnuerle, Franklin, in 1:39 to finish with a 3-2 record and place third.

140 -- Eli Bozarth pinned Cole Miller, Alma, in 1:10; pinned J.C. Holt, Loomis-Bertrand, in 3:35; won a 7-5 overtime decision over Robert Kring, Axtell; was pinned in 3:53 by Taylor Premier, Red Cloud Blue Hill and pinned Ryan Gardner, Arapahoe, in 1:35 to compile a 4-1 record and place runner-up.

145 -- Trey Millan won a 12-0 major decision over Justin Cline, Axtell; pinned Garrett Kolling, Alma, in 2:57; won a technical fall over Ty Waltemath, Loomis-Bertrand, in 5:45 and won a 3-2 decision over Cayle Olson, Red Cloud Blue Hill to finish 4-0 and win the championship.

152 -- Rylee Stanley pinned Cody Kyhn, Centura, in 2:48; pinned Orrie Millberger, Axtell, in 2:39; pinned Josh Holt, Loomis-Bertrand, in 35 seconds and lost an 11-2 decision to Aaron Davis, Franklin, to compile a 3-1 record and place second.

171 -- Zane Perez pinned Mike Echtenkamp, Centura, in 1:12; pinned Bryce Linden, Arapahoe, in 59 seconds; pinned Vade Jensen, Wilcox-Hildreth, in 3:37; pinned Heath Shannon, Franklin, in 1:54 and decisioned Hunter Ertz, Elwood, 7-5 in overtime to finish 5-0 and win the championship.

# Jays open duals season

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 The Norton Community High School wrestling team opened the 2009 Mid-Continent League dual season on Friday, Dec. 18 with wins over Stockton and Phillipsburg in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

Norton defeated Stockton 71-6 and Phillipsburg 32-28. In the other dual, Phillipsburg outscored Stockton 75-3.

"We kicked off the dual meet season with a very tough seven dual matches in two days with the two Friday duals and five in the Goodland Holiday Classic," said head coach Bill Johnson. "Team members are starting to get their roles established and understand exactly what they can do to help the team. This year's dual meet team will see several athletes wrestling above their normal weight to help win the duals."

"In the dual against Phillipsburg, I knew it was going to be close and it is always intense. I was pleased with our boys' hearts as we dug down deep and wrestled through some exhaustion to come out with a win over a very good Phillipsburg team that is ranked fifth in the state."

"I say that we wrestled through some exhaustion because we still are not in good enough condition at this point in the season. It takes time to get in shape and that will come. Keep in mind that we have

only had 13 official practices."

## Norton 71, Stockton 6

103 -- Taylor Gordon won by forfeit

112 -- R.J. Ellis won a 4-3 decision over Derek Spires

119 -- Carson McKenna was pinned in 4:51 by Carlos Gallaway

125 -- Troy Bainter won an 11-1 major decision over Diego Gallaway

130 -- Cody Ellis won by forfeit

135 -- Trey Millan won by forfeit

140 -- Jared Bohl won by forfeit

145 -- Eli Bozarth won by forfeit

152 -- Landon Keiswetter pinned Alex Henry in 3:01

160 -- Spencer Shirk pinned Connor Winters in 1:51

171 -- Zane Perez won by forfeit

189 -- Kaid McKenna pinned Austin Sander in :35

215 -- Casey Robison won a 20-11 major decision over Marlin Pulec

285 -- Tyler Cook pinned Bryce Richard in :37

152 Exhibition Match -- Rylee Stanley pinned Micah Baughman in 1:03

## Norton 32, Phillipsburg 28

103 -- John Risewick pinned Kyle Witmer in 1:58

112 -- R.J. Ellis lost a 4-1 decision to Caleb Studley

119 -- Carson McKenna was

pinned in 3:24 by Chris Ceman

125 -- Troy Bainter won an 11-0 major decision over Ross Coomes

130 -- Bill Broeckelman pinned Brad Blew in :46

135 -- Trey Millan lost a 7-1 decision to Matt Schneider

140 -- Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 12-3 major decision to Weston Coomes

145 -- Kaenon Keiswetter won a 10-0 major decision over Sheldy Brown

152 -- Landon Keiswetter lost a 7-5 decision to Thomas Rachow

160 -- Spencer Shirk won a 13-1 major decision over Brandon Morgan

171 -- Zane Perez won a 4-0 decision over Jake Cole

189 -- Kaid McKenna won a 23-7 technical fall over Zach Jacobs

215 -- Casey Robison lost a 16-1 major decision to Nick Beard

285 -- Tyler Cook lost a 16-1 technical fall to Jared Rice

103 Exhibition Match -- Taylor Gordon won a 4-2 decision over Kyle Witmer

130 Exhibition Match -- Cody Ellis won a 16-0 technical fall over Dylan Kinter

145 Exhibition Match -- Jared Bohl lost a 7-6 decision to Chase Bruggeman

145 Exhibition Match -- Eli Bozarth won a 7-6 decision over John Boyington

# Players named to All-State team

By **DICK BOYD**  
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 Three Norton Community High School senior football players, Landon Hamel, Tyler Cook and Zane Perez, have been named by the Kansas Coaches Association to the Class 3A All-State Football Team.

The 5'9", 175 pound Hamel was chosen to the team as an offensive receiver although he was also a defensive back for the Blue Jays who went deep into the state playoffs before losing to eventual state champion Wichita Collegiate.

Cook is a 6'1", 215 pound defensive tackle for Norton and Perez, who is 5'10", 180 pounds, was also chosen to the defensive team as a defensive back.

He was also the fullback for the Blue Jays.

to the All-State offensive team with Hamel were: Scott McCall, 5'10", 220 pounds, Conway Springs, offensive lineman; Shane Schoenhofer, 5'10", 235 pounds, Southeast of Saline, offensive lineman; Mike Doward, 6'2", 275 pounds, Marysville, offensive lineman; Josh Fugate, 5'11", 230 pounds, Beloit, offensive lineman; Jacob Owen, 6'4", 285 pounds, Hoisington, offensive lineman; Blake Withrow, 6'2", 190 pounds, Garden Plain, receiver; Brett LeMaster, 6'3", 185 pounds, Wichita Collegiate, receiver; Blake Jablonski, 6'2", 195 pounds, Wichita Collegiate, quarterback; Caleb Brill, 5'10", 155 pounds, Conway Springs, running back; Tanner Klug, 5'9", 170 pounds, Hoisington, running back; Logan Eck, 5'9", 170 pounds, Beloit, running back; Jake Craig, 6', 195 pounds, Ly-

ons, punter/kicker.

Selected to the All-State defensive team with Cook and Perez were: Jordan Funk, 6'4", 215 pounds, Scott City, defensive lineman; Kreyton Demel, 6'2", 210 pounds, Hoisington, defensive lineman; Daniel Younger, 6'1", 220 pounds, Garden Plain, defensive lineman; Calvin Ervin, 6', 220 pounds, Scott City, linebacker; Kaleb Moeller, 5'11", 180 pounds, Beloit, linebacker; Connor Fitts, 6', 175 pounds, Conway Springs, linebacker; Kalin Meredith, 6', 195 pounds, Halstead, linebacker; Jordan Huggan, 5'9", 165 pounds, Southeast of Saline, defensive back; Cody Ratcliff, 5'9", 165 pounds, defensive back; Alex Swan, 6', 175 pounds, Scott City, defensive back; Seth Klausmeyer, 6'1", 180 pounds, Garden Plain, defensive back.

## By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School boys C-team basketball team will compete in the 2009 Joe Green Invitational Tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 29 through Thursday, Dec. 31 in the Hill City High School Gymnasium.

Other teams competing, in addition to Hill City and Norton, will be Quinter, Stockton, Phillipsburg, Northern Valley, Lakeside and Oberlin.

All first round games will be today, beginning at 1 p.m. with

Quinter vs. Stockton and followed by Phillipsburg vs. Northern Valley, 2:30 p.m.; Norton vs. Hill City, 4 p.m. and Lakeside vs. Oberlin, 5:30 p.m.

Winners of the first two games will play in the semi-finals at 4 p.m. on Wednesday and winners of the other two games will play at 5:30 p.m.

Losers of the first two games will play in the consolation semi-finals at 1 p.m. on Wednesday and losers of the second two games will play at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Championship finals will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday and the third place game will be played at 1 p.m. Consolation finals will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday with the seventh place game set for 10 a.m.

A plaque will be awarded to the tournament champion. Medals will be given to the top three teams. A 10-member All-Tournament team will be chosen and also receive medals.

Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. No passes will be accepted.

# Wrestlers finish third

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team completed the 2009 year on Saturday, Dec. 19 with a third place finish in the tough Holiday Classic Dual Wrestling Tournament in Goodland.

Garden City won the championship with 30 points. Scott City placed second with 29 and Norton was third with 28. In addition to Goodland, other schools competing were Ulysses, Holcomb, Burlington, Hoxie, Leoti, Cherokee Trail, Oakley and Hugoton.

"I thought that, other than our match with Leoti, we had some of the closest duals ever at this tournament," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"I mean there were some very evenly matched teams. Both Hoxie and Burlington gave us a run for our money."

"And then in the finals, we got down early in both duals but stormed back to make a run at the team title. We came up just two points shy of eventual champion Garden City."

"In looking back at the weekend, which included the two dual wins over Phillipsburg and Stockton on Friday night, I think that many of our wrestlers, especially our young boys, learned that we are going to have to work much harder in practice and get tougher. Wrestling is a tough sport and we are going to have to get in better shape and get tougher."

"The final thing we learned, and maybe the most important, is our technique must also improve, especially when we get tired. The old expression, 'fatigue makes cowards out of all of us', is very true."

"It is nearly impossible to wrestle your best and finish the moves when your tongue is hanging out."

"But, that is something we can change and we will work extremely hard over Christmas break to get better."

"Now we know what we need to work on and the intensity level we need each and every time we step on the mat. It is a long season and I'm confident in these young men. They are willing to do what it takes to improve and I can guarantee we will be at our best at the end of the season."

Norton compiled a 34-24 win-loss record and pin ratio of 16-11.

Ending the day with a perfect 5-0 day was junior Troy Bainter, 125 and junior Spencer Shirk, 160; senior Zane Perez, 171 and junior Kaid McKenna, 189, all completed the tournament with perfect 4-0 records.

Compiling a 4-1 record was junior Bill Broeckelman, 130 and freshman Carson McKenna, 119, compiled a 3-1 mark. Senior Connor Pfannenstiel, 140 and 152, had a 3-2 record.

Finishing the tournament with a 2-1 record was senior Kaenon Keiswetter, 145 and 160. Junior Landon Keiswetter, 152, and senior Tyler Cook, 285, each had 2-2 marks.

Senior Casey Robison, 215, finished at 1-2; freshman John Risewick, 103; sophomore R.J. Ellis, 112, were both 0-4 and sophomore Trey Millan, 135 and 145, was 0-5.

Spencer Shirk and Kaid McKenna were named Norton "Wrestler of the Week" for their performances in the duals and Goodland tournament.

## Norton 75, Leoti 3

103 -- John Risewick won by forfeit

112 -- R.J. Ellis won by forfeit

119 -- Carson McKenna won by a 14-3 major decision over Denton Tankelsey

125 -- Troy Bainter pinned Bryce Porter in 3:29

130 -- Bill Broeckelman pinned Joe Salinas in :58

135 -- Trey Millan lost an 8-4 decision to Mario Mancillas

140 -- Connor Pfannenstiel pinned Tyrelle Thurman in 1:14

145 -- Kaenon Keiswetter won by forfeit

152 -- Landon Keiswetter won by a 19-3 technical fall over Collin Wittig

160 -- Spencer Shirk pinned Kyler Berning in 1:04

171 -- Zane Perez pinned Kelton Bongelert in 1:58

189 -- Kaid McKenna pinned Kyler Mastel in 1:28

215 -- Casey Robison won by forfeit

185 -- Tyler Cook won by forfeit

## Norton 41, Hoxie 28

103 -- John Risewick lost a 9-6 decision to Drew Jones

112 -- R.J. Ellis lost a 10-0 major decision to Calvin Ochs

119 -- Carson McKenna won a 12-5 decision over Weston Bainter

125 -- Troy Bainter pinned Colton Spesser in :46

130 -- Bill Broeckelman pinned Donovan Schamberger in 2:45

135 -- Trey Millan was pinned in 4:18 by Steven Yerey

140 -- Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 4-1 decision to Cayle Taylor

145 -- Kaenon Keiswetter won a 12-0 major decision over Clayton Schamberger

152 -- Landon Keiswetter pinned Dylan Bainter in 3:10

160 -- Spencer Shirk won an 18-3 technical fall over Jeff Shaw

171 -- Zane Perez won a 15-0 technical fall over Brandon Salmons

189 -- Kaid McKenna won by forfeit

215 -- Casey Robison was pinned in :39 by Danny Baker

285 -- Tyler Cook was pinned in 1:44 by Dillon Salmons

## Norton 38, Burlington 27

103 -- John Risewick lost a 9-2 decision to Miguel Torres

112 -- R.J. Ellis was pinned in 1:00 by Andrew Murphy

119 -- Carson McKenna was pinned in 3:30 by Zach Kinder

125 -- Troy Bainter won a 4-2 decision over Bon Kinder

130 -- Bill Broeckelman won a 12-4 major decision over Colin Eberhart

145 -- Trey Millan was pinned in 5:55 by Zach Hornung

152 -- Connor Pfannenstiel won a 3-2 decision over Trenton Rico

160 -- Spencer Shirk pinned Manuel Carrillo in 2:41

171 -- Zane Perez won a 6-0 decision over Matt Clinton

189 -- Kaid McKenna won a 4-3 decision over Luke Hayes

215 -- Casey Robison was pinned in :55 by Calvin Erven

285 -- Tyler Cook pinned Michael McEachern in 2:45

160 -- Kaenon Keiswetter pinned Carlos Louato in 1:39

171 -- Zane Perez won an 11-1 major decision over Cole Briegel

189 -- Kaid McKenna pinned Alex Gribben in 4:43

215 -- Casey Robison won by forfeit

285 -- Tyler Cook lost a 6-1 decision to Isaiah Churchwell

## CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND:

### Garden City 30, Norton 28

103 -- John Risewick lost a 13-6 decision to Anthony Calderon

112 -- R.J. Ellis lost a decision to Luis Escarcega

119 -- Carson McKenna won a decision over Colt McElroy

125 -- Troy Bainter won a 4-2 decision over Aaron Auguiano

130 -- Bill Broeckelman was pinned by Lane Greenlee in 1:08

135 -- Trey Millan was pinned in :35 by Braxton Medina

140 -- Connor Pfannenstiel won a 6-4 decision over Derrick Ortiz

145 -- Kaenon Keiswetter lost a 4-3 decision to Jonathon Heiman

152 -- Landon Keiswetter lost a 6-0 decision to Joey Dozier

160 -- Spencer Shirk won a 12-0 major decision over Eddie Gomez

171 -- Kaid McKenna won a 6-4 decision over Aarom DeLeon

189 -- Dane Myers, Garden City, won by forfeit

215 -- Casey Robison won a 6-1 decision over Eric Requeez

285 -- Tyler Cook pinned Jason Carreon in 2:42

### Scott City 36, Norton 30

103 -- John Risewick was pinned in 1:18 by Clay Mulligan

112 -- R.J. Ellis lost a 9-3 decision to Alex Kough

119 -- Francisco Antillion, Scott City, won by forfeit

125 -- Troy Bainter pinned Miles Pearson in :55

130 -- Bill Broeckelman pinned Zach Niles in :34

135 -- Trey Millan lost a 4-1 decision to Anthony Gardner

140 -- Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 5-1 decision to Dillon Stucky

145 -- Eli Bozarth was pinned in :25 by Dakota Hayes

152 -- Landon Keiswetter lost a 9-3 decision to Morgan Numrich

160 -- Spencer Shirk pinned Manuel Carrillo in 2:41

171 -- Zane Perez won a 6-0 decision over Matt Clinton

189 -- Kaid McKenna won a 4-3 decision over Luke Hayes

215 -- Casey Robison was pinned in :55 by Calvin Erven

285 -- Tyler Cook pinned Michael McEachern in 2:45



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