

Jays fifth in Newton tournament

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The Norton Community High School varsity wrestlers had three open weights but still placed fifth out of 25 teams in the prestigious 47th annual Newton Tournament of Champions held on Friday and Saturday in Newton.

Norton was the smallest school in the tournament, considered to be the toughest high school wrestling tournament in the state of Kansas in all classes. The Blue Jays have won the championship two times and placed ninth the past two years.

"Our wrestlers are definitely improving each time they step on the mat," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. "We really are becoming a team that wants to get better and help our teammates."

"We just wrestled really well. I could see our maturity level go up two or three notches. Our confidence should be really high right now!"

Norton placed fifth among team scores but was just eight points out of third place. Garden City was the champion with 190 points, followed by Clay Center, 164; Emporia, 146.5; Derby, 144; Norton, 138.5; Colby, 123; Ark City, 109; Salina South, 105; Wichita Northwest, 94; Maize, 90.5; Wichita Heights, 88; Liberal, 82; Gardner-Edgerton, 81.5; Hutchinson, 76.5; Campus, 75; McPherson, 72.5; Newton, 71; Lawrence, 67.5; Dodge City, 64; Mill Valley, 52.5; Bishop Carroll, 48; Leavenworth, 41.5; Manhattan, 36; Shawnee Mission West, 16; Maize South, 10.

Receiving the Outstanding Wrestler award was Mark Kolmer, Emporia. Monte Mosier, Garden City, was named Outstanding Coach of the tournament.

Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, 152 pound junior, was Norton's only wrestler to reach the championship finals and he placed runner-up.

Blue Jay junior Spencer Shirk placed third at 160 pounds and Norton senior Kaenon Keiswetter placed fourth at 145. Blue Jay freshman John Risewick was fourth at 103 pounds.

Earning a fifth place medal was Blue Jay junior Kaid McKenna at 189 pounds.

Norton senior Connor Pfannenstiel placed sixth at 140 pounds.

Troy Bainter, Blue Jay junior, was seventh at 125 pounds and Norton senior Tyler Cook placed seventh at 285 pounds.

Also competing for Norton but not placing were freshman Carson McKenna, 119; junior Billy Broeckelman, 130 and junior Brett Terrell, 135.

Norton's won-loss record was 35-21 and their pin ratio was an impressive 12-5.

The Blue Jays' only two unseeded wrestlers in the tournament, John Risewick and Tyler Cook, wrestled so well that they were chosen by the Norton coaches as "Wrestlers of the Week".

"Our entire team deserves to be our honored wrestlers because they wrestled so well overall

but we chose our two un-seeded wrestlers for this honor," said coach Johnson.

"Tug Keiswetter was the lone Blue Jay to make the championship finals. He was the No. 1 seed after a third place finish in 2009 but three others battled their way to the third place match. Freshman John Risewick came into the tournament with a 10-7 record and was un-seeded. He shocked everyone with a major decision upset of the No. 1 seed, then followed with another major decision in the quarter-finals before finally dropping a decision in the semi-finals. On the backside of the bracket, he proved that his upset of the No. 1 seed was no fluke by beating him again to make the consolation finals, where he finished fourth. John is a true competitor and his mental attitude is great. He wants to wrestle the best and that doesn't make him nervous."

"Tyler Cook had a nice 4-2 record in the tournament. He is undersized for his weight class. Coming in with a 9-8 record, he seemed like an unlikely placer. But, he did not back down from those big guys and ended up wrestling great and bringing home a medal."

"Kaenon Keiswetter's only losses in the tournament came to the same wrestler. He was seeded No. 6 and lost a heartbreaker in the quarter-finals to the No. 3 seed. He rebounded with three nice wins on the backside to make the consolation finals and a rematch with Shavlik of Derby. It was a close match but Kaenon was caught on his back and got behind on points. It was a great fourth place finish for him."

"Our final Blue Jay going for third was Spencer Shirk. He lost in the semi-finals to No. 1 seed Wright-Conklin of Lawrence then went unscored on to win the consolation bracket."

"In the semi-finals, Spencer put a scare into Wright-Conklin, catching him on his back in the third period but could not get the fall."

"Connor Pfannenstiel at 140 pounds lost in the semi-finals to the eventual champion. Then, he lost a heartbreaker in the consolation semi-finals and placed sixth. I was proud of his performance. Many times in tournaments of this quality, it doesn't get any easier on the back side."

"Kaid McKenna really wrestled great against the bigger 189 pounders. I was super proud of Kaid. His style of wrestling the larger opponents has really improved over the past couple of weeks. His first match was a nice win over a muscle bound wrestler from Garden City, who went on to place third. Kaid dropped a match in the quarter-finals, then rattled off several wins on the back side before ending up in the fifth place match against the same wrestler who beat him in the quarter-finals. Kaid got his revenge and placed fifth."

"Troy Bainter was disappointed to place seventh but the positive side is that it did not happen at

the state tournament and there is plenty of time to work on mistakes and improve. Troy is one of the hardest workers in the practice room and I can guarantee he will give it everything he has over the next month."

Two former Norton Community High School wrestlers were also present at the tournament as assistant coaches. Nathan Broeckelman is an assistant coach at Manhattan High School and Kale Mann is an assistant coach at Mill Valley High School. Broeckelman is a former Blue Jay state champion and Mann is a former state runner-up for Norton.

Individual Norton wrestlers

103 - John Risewick surprised No. 1 seed Ryan Hodges, Mill Valley, in the first round when he won an 11-3 decision over the same wrestler who had beaten him in the J.R. Durham Invitational the week before. Next, Risewick won a 9-0 major decision over Jeffrey Morrow, Derby, but lost a 7-2 decision to No. 4 seed Chris Sullivan, Hutchinson. In the consolation bracket, he won an 8-2 decision over Hodges in their second meeting. In the consolation championship, Risewick lost a 10-2 major decision to No. 5 seed Javier Vieyra, Salina South.

No. 2 seed Dustin Reed, Colby, won the championship with a 4-2 decision over Sullivan. Hodges placed fifth with an 11-7 decision over Anthony Calderon, Garden City. Jared Suppes, Newton, placed seventh with an 8-2 decision over Jeffrey Morrow, Derby. Risewick is now 13-9.

119 - Carson McKenna was pinned in 1:38 by Connor Kriss, Colby. In the consolation bracket, he was pinned in :40 by Jonathan Peterson, Hutchinson. No. 1 seed Cody Beasley, Campus, won the championship with a 9-1 decision over No. 2 Blaine Smith, Salina South. Colby Witten, Maize, placed third by pinning Kriss in 1:58. Adrian Salas, Liberal, placed fifth by injury default over Colby Watters, Ark City and Colt McElroy, Garden City, placed seventh with a 9-3 decision over Jonathan Peterson, Hutchinson. McKenna is now 5-7.

125 - Troy Bainter was seeded No. 1. He won a 9-0 major decision over Helam Hernandez, Newton, but lost a 5-3 decision to Brady Heincker, Derby. In the consolation bracket, he won a 12-3 major decision over Matt Ziegler, Carroll, then lost a 9-5 decision to Logan Singular, Clay Center. He pinned Javon Haines, Leavenworth, in 4:55 to place seventh. No. 2 seed Garrett Jones, Ark City, won the championship with a 12-6 decision over No. 5 seed T.J. Stokes, Gardner. No. 3 seed Steven Plott, Salina South, won third with a 7-1 decision over Aaron Augiano, Garden City. Singular decided Heincker 2-0 for third. Bainter is now 20-4.

130 - Billy Broeckelman was pinned in 3:25 by Trey Dice, Ark City. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Cole Tripp, Mill Valley, in 2:05, then pinned Michael Tubbs, Colby, in 2:34. He was then decided 7-1 by Jayde

Kolterman, Clay Center. No. 2 seed Lane Greenlee, Garden City, won the championship with a 4-3 overtime decision over No. 1 seed Brandon Carbonneau, Emporia. Miles Johns, Newton, placed third with a 2-1 decision over Skyler McComb, Derby. Fifth place went to Brandon Vasquez, Dodge City, with a 9-7 win over Kolterman. Zach Litvak, Gardner, placed seventh with a 5-1 decision over Taylor Hilgers, Manhattan. Broeckelman is now 9-4.

135 - Brett Terrell pinned Brian Forshee, Manhattan, in 1:51, then lost a 12-1 major decision to Trever Cox, Maize. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Brian McGill, Leavenworth, in 2:11, then won a 5-3 decision over Landon Singular, Clay Center. He then lost by a fall in 2:30 to Braxton Medina, Garden City. No. 1 seed Kash Biddle, Ark City, won the championship with an 8-6 decision over No. 2 seed Ulysses Deshazer, Wichita Heights. J.R. Roman, Hutchinson, won third with a 6-4 decision over Medina. Cox placed fifth with a 5-1 decision over Travis Reinhart, Derby. Seventh place went to Kasey Lien, Salina South, with a 6-2 decision over Andrew Denning, Lawrence. Terrell is now 6-3.

140 - Connor Pfannenstiel was seeded No. 6. He won a 15-0 technical fall over Brandon Leth, Colby, then won a 6-1 decision over Keaton Dugan, Carroll. Next, he won a 7-4 decision over Tyler Cassidy, Maize. He was pinned in 1:24 by No. 1 seed Tyler Anderson, Clay Center.

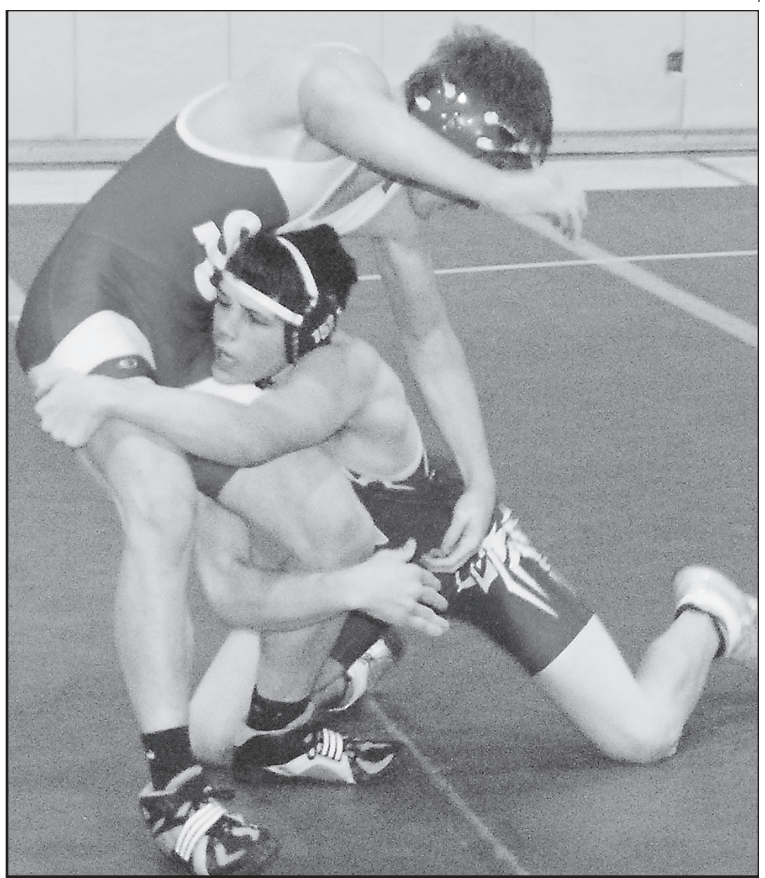
In the consolation bracket, he lost a 4-2 decision to Derrik Ortiz, Garden City. He lost a 9-4 decision to Trey Schrimmscher, Wichita Heights, to place sixth. Anderson won the championship with a 10-7 decision over No. 2 Bradley Little, Derby.

Third place winner was Micah Flora-Swick, Gardner, with a 10-4 decision over Ortiz. Trent Hoover, Salina South, won seventh with a 14-2 major decision over Levi Flohrschtz, Lawrence. Pfannenstiel is now 15-9.

145 - Kaenon Keiswetter was seeded No. 6. He pinned Tyler Haradine, Salina South, in :30, then pinned Luke Thompson, Campus, in 1:04. He lost a 7-4 decision to No. 3 seed Cody Shavlik, Derby.

In the consolation bracket, he pinned Enrique Avila, Liberal, in 4:24, then won a 6-4 decision over Justin Blundell, Dodge City. Next, he decided Sterling Terry, Ark City, 7-5. He reached the consolation championship match where he wrestled Shavik again and lost a 9-2 decision to place fourth. No. 2 seed Joey Dozier, Garden City, won the championship with a 10-7 decision over No. 1 seed Tyler Davis, McPherson. Fifth place went to Chase Sanchez, Emporia, with a 3-1 decision over Terry. Blundell placed seventh by pinning Casey Kidwell, Gardner, in 2:59. Keiswetter is now 20-4.

152 - Landon Keiswetter was seeded No. 1. He won a 7-0 decision over Ethan Stickel, Colby; pinned Dalton Rodd, Campus,



Norton's Landon "Tug" Keiswetter took Smith Center's Truitt Kuhlman to the mat during his 16-1 technical fall win in Thursday's dual in WaKeeney. Keiswetter also wrestled well in the Newton Tournament of Champions over the weekend, placing runner-up in his weight class and extending his season record to 20-4.

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in 1:40 and won a 15-0 technical fall over No. 4 seed Andrew Laib, Emporia, to reach the championship finals where he wrestled No. 3 seed Dylan Penka, Carroll. Penka won a 7-4 decision to place Keiswetter as the runner-up. Jason Seibel, Salina South, was third with a 6-3 decision over Laib. Fifth place went to Sean Gaitner, Wichita Northwest, with a 5-2 decision over Jon Heiman, Garden City. Seventh place winner was Vontez Long, Derby, with a 10-2 major decision over Tyler Allen, Shawnee Mission West. Keiswetter is now 20-4.

160 - Spencer Shirk was seeded No. 4. He won a 16-0 technical fall over Dillon Archer, Newton, then won a 2-0 decision over No. 5 seed Colton Easterberg, Clay Center. Next, he faced No. 1 seed Reece Wright-Conklin, Lawrence, and lost an 8-4 decision.

In the consolation bracket, he pinned Bryce Marr, Ark City, in 1:37. He wrestled Easterberg again for third and decided him 7-0. No. 3 seed Logan Gaskill, Emporia, won the championship with a 5-4 decision over Wright-Conklin. Marr placed fifth when Todd Curtis, Gardner, defaulted. Carlos Rodriguez, Liberal, won seventh by pinning Eddy Gomez, Garden City, in 4:45. Shirk is now 20-1 for the season.

189 - Kaid McKenna was seeded No. 3. He won a 9-4 decision over Dane Myers, Garden City, then lost a 7-3 decision to Christian Duckens, Wichita Heights. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Kurt Olson, Maize, in 2:44, then won over Jake Akin, Gardner, who was disqualified. He lost a 5-1 decision to Cole Carpenter, Derby. He wrestled Duckens again for fifth and avenged the earlier loss with a 5-2 decision. No. 2 seed Zach Anderson, Clay Center, won the championship by pinning No. 4 seed Justin McPhail, Liberal. Myers won third by pinning Carpenter. Seventh place went to Hugh McConnell, Newton, with a 5-0 decision over Jake Akin, Gardner. McKenna is now 20-4.

285 - Tyler Cook won a 7-1

decision over Jason Carreon, Garden City, then had to take on No. 1 seed Lorenzo Sema, Emporia, and lost by a 16-0 technical fall. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Chris Pickle, Derby, then won an 8-4 decision over Akele Powdrill, Liberal. Next, he wrestled Josh Wilson, Leavenworth, and lost a 9-4 decision. In the seventh place match, Cook won due to injury default by Dalton Converse, Clay Center. No. 2 seed Trey Page, Wichita Northwest, won the championship with a 3-2 decision over Sema. Jesse Trent, Dodge City, won third by pinning Wilson in 2:51. Fifth place went to Xavier Fisher, Manhattan, with an 8-4 decision over David Garcia, Newton.

Other weight class results

112 - No. 1 seed Dalton Miller, Campus, decided No. 3 seed Trevor Boyer, Mill Valley, for the championship; No. 2 seed Nathan Reed, Colby, decided No. 4 seed Tim Prescott, McPherson, 10-4 for third; Hunter Haralson, Lawrence, pinned Ty Kolterman, Clay Center, in 2:36 for fifth; Cody Eastman, Ark City, won an 8-0 major decision over Skyler Olsen, Maize, for seventh.

171 - No. 1 seed Matt Reed, Wichita Heights, won the championship with a 7-4 decision over No. 2 seed Chance Davis, Clay Center; No. 6 seed Tevin Kendall, Wichita Northwest, placed third with a 5-3 decision over No. 4 seed Andrew Flanagan, Colby; No. 3 seed Nathaniel Flanagan, Emporia, placed fifth after an injury default by Andy Davison, Maize; Devon Keith, Carroll, placed seventh with an 8-2 decision over Stuart McConnell, Newton.

215 - No. 2 seed Mark Kolmer, Emporia, won the championship with a 4-1 decision over No. 1 seed Kyle Caylor, Wichita Northwest; Parker Johnson, McPherson, placed third with a 3-0 decision over Jake Delp, Clay Center; Shawn Marlatt, Derby, placed fifth by pinning Josh Bush, Leavenworth, in 4:13 and Adam Weber, Colby, placed seventh with a 7-5 decision over Tyler Ediger, Dodge City.

Wrestlers victorious over Smith Center, Trego teams

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The Norton Community High School varsity wrestlers received a good warmup for the two-day Newton Tournament of Champions on Thursday evening with Mid-Continent League dual victories over Smith Center and Trego Community in WaKeeney.

The Blue Jays outscored the Redmen 55-15 and defeated Trego 66-0.

In the third dual of the evening, Smith Center defeated Trego 78-3.

"We knew Smith Center would be tough," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"We matched up with them extremely well in three or four weights."

"In some we competed well and some we didn't battle."

"I was pleased that we won most of the battles."

"Our overall performance was good. We had two losses by pins, which I don't like to see."

"This turned out to be the start

of a good weekend."

Smith Center

103 - John Risewick pinned Mack Reagan in 1:34

112 - R.J. Ellis pinned Michael Rutledge in 4:30

119 - Carson McKenna pinned Jacob Cronin in 1:04

125 - Troy Bainter won a 6-1 decision over Garrett Kuhlman

130 - Billy Broeckelman lost a 3-1 decision to Colt Rogers

135 - Brett Terrell was pinned in 3:07 by Kale Newell

140 - Connor Pfannenstiel won a 5-1 decision over Shawn Stansbury

145 - Kaenon Keiswetter won a 16-1 technical fall over Tyler Atwood

152 - Landon Keiswetter won a 16-1 technical fall over Truitt Kuhlman

160 - Spencer Shirk pinned Kyle Hrabe in 1:59

171 - Zane Perez was pinned in :56 by Matt Atwood

189 - Kaid McKenna pinned Nathan Cox in 2:52

215 - Casey Robison won a 3-0

decision over Brock Baxter

285 - Tyler Cook pinned Kelly Wiig in 5:32

Trego Community

Only four matches were wrestled in the dual with Trego and Norton won all four by pins.

Billy Broeckelman pinned Ethan Gumm in 1:37 of their 130 pound match.

Connor Pfannenstiel pinned Haden Finley in 1:34 of their 140 pound match.

Spencer Shirk pinned Cameron Staples in 4:33 of their 160 pound match.

Zane Perez pinned David Gumm in 3:11 of their 171 pound match.

Winning by forfeit for Norton were John Risewick, 103; Carson McKenna, 119; Troy Bainter, 125; Brett Terrell, 135; Kaenon Keiswetter, 145; Rylee Stanley, 152.

Exhibition

130 - Cody Ellis was pinned by Clay Pickel, Smith Center, in 2:10

140 - Jared Bohl won a 2-1

decision over Monroe Schmidt,

Smith Center

145 - Eli Bozarth lost a 12-11

decision to Louis Frazier, Smith

Center

152 - Rylee Stanley was pinned

in 2:45 by Zach Eaton, Smith

Center

High School Sports This Week



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WRESTLING:

Norton vs. Kearney Dual in Norton.....6 p.m. Tuesday

BASKETBALL:

Norton Boys vs. Stockton in MCL Tournament in Stockton 7 p.m. Today

Mid-Continent League Tournament Consolation Semi-Finals on Thursday and

Championship Semi-Finals and Finals on Friday, Saturday, Gross Coliseum, Hays

Norton vs. Goodland V, JV, C in Goodland.....4:45 p.m. Tuesday

Northern Valley Girls and Boys vs. Thunder Ridge in Alma..... 4 p.m. Today

Northern Valley Girls and Boys vs. Logan4 p.m. Friday in Alma

Northern Valley Girls and Boys vs. Heartland Christian 4 p.m. Tuesday in Colby

Logan Girls and Boys vs. Palco 4 p.m. Today in Palco

Logan Girls and Boys vs. Northern Valley4 p.m. Friday in Alma

Logan Girls and Boys vs. Rock Hills4 p.m. Tuesday in Mankato