

Wrestlers win tournament

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Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team, the defending Class 3-2-1A state champions, got the 2010-11 season off to a great start on Saturday by winning the championship of the Gabel/Jenkins Wrestling Tournament in St. Francis.

The Blue Jays were very impressive in rolling up 194.5 points, a 50.5 point advantage over runner-up Goodland, who finished with 144.

Third place went to Colby with 137, followed by Wray, Colo., 70; St. Francis, 68.5; Sterling, Colo., 66; Burlington, Colo., 64; Atwood, 58.5; Leoti, 41.

Eleven of the 13 Norton wrestlers placed in the top three of their weight divisions and four won championships.

All four Norton champions are seniors and all won by pins. These wrestlers are: Brett Terrell, 135; Billy Broeckelman, 140; Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, 160 and Spencer Shirk, 171.

Five Blue Jay wrestlers were runners-up: sophomore John Risewick, 112; junior R.J. Ellis, 119; senior Troy Bainter, 130; sophomore Eli Bozarth, 145 and senior Josh Asbury, 285.

Norton freshman Branson Addington, 103 and Blue Jay junior Justin Waggoner, 125, each placed third.

Norton senior Rylee Stanley, 152 and junior Cayleb Campbell, 189, competed hard but did not place.

Norton compiled a 22-11 won-loss record and 16-4 pin ratio.

Coach's comments

"We had not been to the St. Francis Tournament in recent years until last year when we split squads for St. Francis and Hoxie," said coach Johnson. "This year we decided to take our varsity to St. Francis and junior varsity to Hoxie and I feel that it was a good move.

"We saw four schools from Colorado in addition to Colby and St. Francis, who we don't see that often. It was a good tournament. To win by over 50 points might seem like a lot but we have high expectations with some state medalists returning as well as one of the largest number of seniors we've had in quite awhile.

"As always, in the first tournament of the season, we had

some disappointments as well as surprises but I thought we made a good statement with nine wrestlers in the finals.

"We lost some matches because we were not in great shape but we expected that. You can't be in tiptop shape this early in the season. Hopefully, our wrestlers realize that everything up until regionals is just practice. Each match is not a life or death matter. It's important to learn from each match and keep improving.

"Our effort on Saturday was great but our technique has to improve. We just need to be more knowledgeable in our techniques but that will come."

Justin Waggoner was chosen by the coaches as Norton's "Wrestler of the Week".

"We had some dominant performances by our seniors but we expected that from them," said coach Johnson. "Justin is a first time varsity member. He compiled a 3-1 record and his only loss was to the eventual champion.

"We saw improvements in Justin during each match of the tournament."

Konner Kriss, Colby, who defeated Norton's Troy Bainter in overtime at 130 pounds, was named the tournament's "Outstanding Wrestler" by vote of the team coaches. Konner is a two-time state qualifier.

Individual results

103 - Norton freshman Branson Addington was seeded No.2. He drew a first round bye then lost a 6-2 decision to Cy Paxton, Goodland. In the consolation bracket, he drew a bye before decisioning No.4 seed David Mainus, Colby, 7-3 for third.

No.1 seed Lane Hoffman, St. Francis, won the championship by pinning Paxton in 4:48.

112 - Blue Jay sophomore John Risewick was seeded No.2. He pinned Austin Titus, Wray, in 1:28; pinned Marvin Hernandez, Goodland, in 2:39 and wrestled No.1 seed Dustin Reed, Colby, in the championship finals. The score was tied 2-all after one period but Reed took a 6-2 lead in the second period and won by a score of 6-3.

Third place went to No.3 seed Miguel Torres, Burlington, with a fall in 49 seconds over No.4 seed John Solko, Atwood.

119 - Norton junior R.J. Ellis was seeded No.2. He received a bye, then pinned No.3 seed Devon

Schlageck, Colby, in 2:17. In the championship finals, he met No.1 seed Dustin Vap, Atwood. R.J. trailed 2-0 after one period, 4-2 after two periods and lost 7-3 to place runner-up.

Brooke Bahe, Goodland, placed third by pinning Schlageck in 3:26.

125 - Blue Jay junior Justin Waggoner was seeded No.4. He won a 6-2 decision over Michael Leibbrandt, St. Francis, but was pinned in 3:53 by No.1 seed Dryden Baumfalk, Colby. In the consolation bracket, he won an 11-0 major decision over Corey Davis, Goodland, to reach the consolation championship. He placed third with a 4-1 decision over Leibbrandt, whom he defeated in the first round.

Baumfalk won the championship with a 5-1 decision over No.3 seed Devin Simon, Atwood.

130 - Norton senior Troy Bainter was seeded No.1. He pinned Otto Maldonado, Wray, in 1:39 and shutout No.4 seed Denton Tankersley, Leoti, 7-0. In the championship finals, he faced No.2 seed Konner Kriss, Colby. After a scoreless first period, Bainter fell behind 1-0 in the second period. Bainter tied the score at 1-all in the third period but lost 3-1 in overtime.

No.3 seed Seth Miller, Goodland, placed third with a fall in 2:28 over Tankersley.

135 - Norton senior Brett Terrell was seeded No.1. He drew a first round bye, then pinned No.4 seeded Mario Mancillas, Leoti, in 5:32. In the championship finals, he wrestled No.2 seed R.D. Braz, Wray, and pinned him in 1:20.

Mancillas placed third with a 12-8 decision over No.3 seed Austin Manner, St. Francis.

140 - Blue Jay senior Billy Broeckelman pinned his way to the gold medal. He pinned Zach Bishop, St. Francis, in 18 seconds and pinned No.4 seed Chris Bustillos, Goodland, in 53 seconds. The championship finals took a little longer for him to put his opponent down for the count. Billy pinned No.2 seed Zach Kinder, Burlington, in 1:32.

Bustillos placed third with a 9-2 decision over No.3 seed Quade Woofler, Colby.

145 - Norton sophomore Eli Bozarth was seeded No.3. He drew a bye, then won a 10-2 major decision over No.2 seed Brandon Leth, Colby. In the championship



Norton senior 135 pound wrestler Brett Terrell put "extra" pressure on Wray, Colorado senior R.D. Braz to pin him in the championship finals of the St. Francis Wrestling Tournament on Saturday. Terrell was seeded No.1 and Braz was No.2. It took Brett just one minute and 20 seconds to make Braz count the lights!

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match, he wrestled No.1 seed Nathan Deeds, Goodland. After a scoreless first period, Deeds took a 3-0 lead in the second period and won 7-2.

Peyton Richey, Wray, placed third by pinning Leth in 2:41.

152 - Blue Jay senior Rylee Stanley was seeded No.3. He pinned Andrew Elling, Colby, in 1:41, then lost a 14-5 major decision No.2 seed Coby Green, Atwood. In the consolation bracket, Rylee was pinned in 2:30 by No.4 seed Dylan Wolaver, St. Francis.

No.1 seed Luke Engelhaupt, Sterling, won the gold medal by pinning Green in 55 seconds.

Third place went to No.5 seed Jon Pedan, Goodland, with a pin of Wolaver in 1:31.

160 - Norton senior Landon "Tug" Keiswetter was seeded No.1 and lived up to his seeding by pinning his way to the championship. He pinned Caleb Merritt, Wray, in 52 seconds; pinned No.5 seed Kayler Rietcheck, Goodland, in 43 seconds and won the gold medal by pinning No.2 seed Colin Wittig, Leoti, in 1:09.

Rietcheck won third place with a 2-0 decision in overtime over No.3 seed Andrew Taylor, Colby.

171 - Blue Jay senior Spencer Shirk was seeded No.1. After

receiving a bye, he won a 17-0 technical fall over No.4 seed Jason Cowan, Goodland. In the championship finals, he faced No.3 seed Andrew Flanagan, Colby. Spencer held a 7-2 lead after one period and pinned Flanagan in 2:34 to win the gold medal.

No.2 seed Braydon Zink, Sterling, placed third with a 12-3 major decision over Cowan.

189 - Norton junior Cayleb Campbell was seeded No.6. He lost a 12-9 decision to No.3 seed Dylan Veal, Sterling, then lost by a fall in 3:42 to Skyler Mason, Leoti.

No.1 seed Cole Briegel, Burlington, won the championship with a 6-5 decision over No.2 seed Lane Herl, Goodland.

215 - Norton was open at this weight. No.2 seed Zach Jackson, Wray, won the championship with a 10-0 major decision over No.1 seed Adam Guthmiller, St. Francis.

Third place went to No.3 seed Riley Oharah, Goodland, with a fall in 55 seconds over No.4 seed Brady Barton, Sterling.

285 - Blue Jay senior Josh Asbury was seeded No.2. He drew a bye, then pinned No.3 seed Mac Purvis, Goodland, in 1:52. In the championship finals, he wrestled No.1 seed Zell Bieberle, Colby.

The first period was scoreless but Josh got out of position in the second period and was pinned in 2:38.

No.5 seed Matt Sullivan, Wray, placed third by pinning No.4 seed Clay Watts, Burlington, in 1:32.

Next action

The Norton Community High School varsity wrestlers' next competition will be Saturday in the 49th annual Clay Center Invitational Wrestling Tournament, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Also competing, will be teams from Andale, Beloit, Ellsworth, Holton, Junction City, Marysville, Rock Creek, Salina South, Wamego and Topeka-Seaman.

The Blue Jay junior varsity competed on Saturday in the Hoxie Invitational and results will be in Friday's Telegram. The Blue Jay jayvees will compete today in the annual Southern Valley Varsity Invitational at Oxford, Neb., beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Schools competing, in addition to Norton junior varsity and Southern Valley varsity, will be Southern Valley's junior varsity plus varsity teams from Alma, Arapahoe, Axtell, Elwood, Franklin, Loomis/Bertrand, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, Centura, Wilcox/Hildreth and Sandy Creek/Lawrence Nelson.

Topside Tip-Off in Goodland this week

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys basketball teams will compete in the annual Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament in Max Jones Fieldhouse at 12th and Arcade in Goodland this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Competing, in addition to Norton and Goodland, will be teams from Ottawa; Sharon Springs; Weskan; McCook, Neb.; Burlington and Wray, Colo.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, third and fifth place teams. Members of the top three teams will receive individual medals. An all-tournament girls and boys team will be selected.

The tournament will feature a three-point contest. Aspirit award will also be given.

BOYS

The Norton boys will play McCook at 3 p.m. on Thursday in the junior high gym. In the other first round games on Thursday, Wray will play Sharon Springs at 5 p.m. in the fieldhouse, Ottawa and Weskan will matchup at 7 p.m. in the junior high gym and Goodland and Burlington will play at 9 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

The winners of the Norton-McCook and Goodland-Burlington games will play in the championship semi-finals at 9 p.m. on Friday in the fieldhouse.

In the other semi-finals contest, the winners of the Ottawa-Weskan and Wray-Sharon Springs games will play at 5 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

On the consolation side, losers of the Norton-McCook and Goodland-Burlington games will play at 9 p.m. on Friday in the junior high gym and losers of

the Ottawa-Weskan and Wray-Sharon Springs contests will play at 5 p.m. on Friday in the junior high gym.

The championship finals will be played at 8 p.m. on Saturday in the fieldhouse and the third place game will be at 4 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

On the consolation side, the seventh place game will be at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym and the fifth place contest will be played at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym.

GIRLS

The Norton girls will play McCook at 5 p.m. Thursday in the junior high gym and Burlington will play Sharon Springs at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse. In the other first round games, Goodland will play Wray at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse and Ottawa will meet Weskan at 9 p.m. in the junior high gym.

BOWLING

Tuesday Night Mens League Week of November 9

Team Standings: Don's Floor Coverings, won 67 lost 43; Creative Collision, won 57.5 lost 52.5; D & M Service, won 56.5 lost 53.5; The WIF's; won 53 lost 57; That One Team, won 53 lost 57; Poker Boys, won 48 lost 62; Garrett's, lost 41.5 lost 68.5.

High Handicap Game Team: Don's Floor Coverings, 1070, Garrett's, 1005. High Handicap Series Team: Don's Floor Coverings, 2945; D & M Service, 2862.

High Score Game: Fig Millan 209, Doug Ray 189, Rusty Miller 172, David Schlegel 168. High

Handicap Game: Fig Millan 265, Sara Kindall 232, Bruce Rushton 229, Doug Ray 225.

High Score Series: Fig Millan 530, Rusty Miller 482, Doug Ray 468, Sara Kindall 440. High Handicap Series: Fig Millan 698, Sara Kindall 641, Brian Hartman 624, Mike Madden 620.

Week of November 16

Team Standings: Don's Floor Coverings, won 71 lost 49; D & M Service, won 66.5 lost 53.5; Creative Collision, won 64.5 lost 55.5; That One Team, won 59 lost 61; The WIF's, won 57 lost 63; Poker Boys, won 54 lost 66; Garrett's, won 44.5 lost 75.5.

High Handicap Game Team: D&M Service, 1103; That One Team, 1018. High Handicap Series Team: D&M Service, 3032; That One Team, 2941

High Score Game: Dale Henry, 193, Bubba Brooks, 190, Nick Daniels, 184, Sara Kindall, 183. High Handicap Game: Bubba Brooks, 254; Brian Hartman, 250, Sara Kindall, 247, Dale Henry, 242.

High Score Series: Sara Kindall 495, Nick Daniels 478, Rusty Miller 475, Dale Henry 475. High Handicap Series: Sara Kindall 687, Bubba Brooks 660, Nick Daniels 643, Dale Henry 622.

High School Sports This Week



WRESTLING:

Norton Junior Varsity in Southern Valley Invitational in Oxford 3:30 p.m. Friday
Norton Varsity in Clay Center Invitational in Clay Center 9 a.m. Saturday

BASKETBALL:

Norton Boys vs. McCook in Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland 3 p.m. Thursday
Norton Girls vs. McCook in Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland 5 p.m. Thursday
Norton Girls and Boys in Topside Tip-Off Tournament TBA Friday, Saturday
Northern Valley Girls and Boys in Purple & Gold Tournament in WaKeeney TBA Dec. 6-11
Logan Girls, Boys vs. Wilson in Stockton 4 p.m. Today
Logan Girls, Boys vs. Hill City in Logan 4 p.m. Friday
Logan Girls, Boys vs. Stockton in Stockton 3 p.m. Saturday