

Norton wrestlers win league duals tourney

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Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team won the championship of the Mid-Continent League Dual Wrestling Tournament held last Saturday in Ellis.

In the first round, Norton wrestled Trego and won 78-6. In the second round, the Blue Jays outscored Ellis 64-6. Round three saw Norton defeat Plainville 56-24. In round four, Norton outscored Osborne 78-6 to complete pool play 4-0 and reach the championship finals against Phillipsburg, who had won their pool with a 3-0 record.

Norton finished the day with a 45-34 win over Phillipsburg to earn the team championship.

Also in the final round, Smith Center placed third with a 35-33 win over Plainville, Trego won fifth place with a 43-18 victory over Hill City and seventh place went to Ellis with a 48-18 win over Stockton.

Coach's comments

"I was a little disappointed in our overall performance," said coach Johnson.

"I know that we won the team title but I feel that our technique needs to improve. It is more obvious to our coaching staff that we need to spend a great deal of time over Christmas break improving our technique, especially with our first and second varsity wrestlers. But, I'm confident that we will

improve and we will have time over break to dedicate to technique. In fact, during Christmas break is usually the time we practice twice a day. The morning practice is technique only and the evening practice is mainly live wrestling. I will make sure all of our young men are better wrestlers for the J.R. Durham Invitational on January 8."

The Norton coaches named 189 pound wrestlers Cayleb Campbell and Kolton Harting as "Co-Wrestlers of the Week".

"Both of these young men took turns wrestling up to the 215 pound weight class and did an excellent job," said coach Johnson.

"In the two days of duals, we only lost one match at 189 and 215. Kolton is just a freshman and he really stepped in and did a good job in his first varsity action. Cayleb missed all of last year with an injury and has also done well in the heat of the varsity dual action. It is very different wrestling in dual matches because your team is counting on you to do your part.

"When Kolton took the mat against Phillipsburg on Saturday, he knew that if he won he could seal the deal for us but, if he lost, Phillipsburg still had a shot to beat us. Even though he is only a freshman, he did not let the pressure get to him and he won by a fall, which sealed the dual and MCL title for our Blue Jays."

Norton 78, Trego 6

- 103 - Ethan Ross pinned Joe Payne, Trego, in 1:47.
 - 112 - John Risewick won by forfeit.
 - 119 - R.J. Ellis pinned Eli Sherwood, Trego, in 4:21.
 - 125 - Justin Waggoner pinned Zach Mader, Trego, in :38.
 - 130 - Troy Bainter pinned Tyler Lowry, Trego, in :23.
 - 135 - Brett Terrell won by forfeit.
 - 140 - Billy Broeckelman won by forfeit.
 - 145 - Eli Bozarth pinned Michael Goff, Trego, in 3:53.
 - 152 - Jared Bohl won by forfeit.
 - 160 - Landon Keiswetter pinned Dalton Wedemyer, Trego, in :32.
 - 171 - Spencer Shirk pinned Cameron Staples, Trego, in 2:56.
 - 189 - Cayleb Campbell pinned Jamie Ikenberry, Trego, in 2:21.
 - 215 - Ethan James won by forfeit.
 - 285 - Josh Asbury pinned Dustin Zahn, Trego, in :50.
- ### Norton 64, Ellis 6
- 103 - Ethan Ross won by forfeit.
 - 112 - John Risewick won by a forfeit.
 - 119 - R.J. Ellis won by forfeit.
 - 125 - Justin Waggoner won an 8-6 decision over Brandon Hall, Ellis.
 - 130 - Troy Bainter won by forfeit.

- 135 - Brett Terrell won a 6-4 decision over Austin Lopez.
 - 140 - Billy Broeckelman was pinned in 3:47 by Riley Hunsicker, Ellis.
 - 145 - Eli Bozarth pinned Landon Younger, Ellis, in 3:33.
 - 152 - Jared Bohl pinned Chris Lee, Ellis, in 3:25.
 - 160 - Landon Keiswetter pinned Jared Knoll, Ellis, in :53.
 - 171 - Spencer Shirk won by forfeit.
 - 189 - Kolton Harting pinned Nate Townley, Ellis, in 1:10.
 - 215 - Cayleb Campbell won a 14-4 major decision over Logan MattHeyer.
 - 285 - Josh Asbury won by forfeit.
- ### Norton 56, Plainville 24
- 103 - Ethan Ross was pinned in 2:38 by Dylan Dohe.
 - 112 - John Risewick won a 10-0 major decision over Tever Axelson.
 - 119 - R.J. Ellis pinned Brennan Foster, Plainville, in 1:17.
 - 125 - Justin Waggoner was pinned in 1:38 by Cole Werner, Plainville.
 - 130 - Troy Bainter pinned Tristan Houser, Plainville, in :54.
 - 135 - Brett Terrell pinned Colton Wise, Plainville, in :38.
 - 140 - Billy Broeckelman won by forfeit.
 - 145 - Eli Bozarth won by forfeit.
 - 152 - Jared Bohl was pinned in :31 by Harrison Gilliland,

- Plainville.
 - 160 - Landon Keiswetter pinned Cole Smith, Plainville.
 - 171 - Spencer Shirk won a 15-3 major decision over Nathan Thyfault, Plainville.
 - 189 - Kolton Harting was pinned in :44 by Andy Malin, Plainville.
 - 215 - Cayleb Campbell pinned T.J. Adelman, Plainville, in 2:59.
 - 285 - Josh Asbury won by forfeit.
- ### Norton 78, Osborne 6
- 103 - Ethan Ross won by forfeit.
 - 112 - Alec Hager won by forfeit.
 - 119 - R.J. Ellis won by forfeit
 - 125 - Justin Waggoner won by forfeit.
 - 130 - Troy Bainter won by forfeit.
 - 135 - Austin Hager, won by forfeit.
 - 140 - Cody Ellis won by forfeit
 - 145 - Eli Bozarth won by forfeit
 - 152 - Jared Bohl pinned Eric McDonald, Osborne, in 1:36
 - 160 - Landon Keiswetter pinned Randy Ratcliffe, Osborne, in :20.
 - 171 - Spencer Shirk won by forfeit.
 - 189 - Cole Renner was pinned in :35 by Mike Schellinger, Osborne
 - 215 - Cayleb Campbell won by forfeit.

- 285 - Josh Asbury won by forfeit.
- ### Norton 45, Phillipsburg 34
- 103 - Ethan Ross was pinned in :22 by Dakota Kohler, Phillipsburg
 - 112 - John Risewick pinned Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg, in 3:49.
 - 119 - R.J. Ellis lost a 10-2 major decision to Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg.
 - 125 - Justin Waggoner pinned Mason Bannister, Phillipsburg, in 3:51.
 - 130 - Troy Bainter won by forfeit.
 - 135 - Brett Terrell won a 4-2 decision over Ross Coomes, Phillipsburg.
 - 140 - Billy Broeckelman won by forfeit.
 - 145 - Eli Bozarth was pinned in 2:46 by Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg.
 - 152 - Jared Bohl was pinned in :38 by Thomas Rachow, Phillipsburg.
 - 160 - Landon Keiswetter pinned John Boyington, Phillipsburg, in 1:17.
 - 171 - Spencer Shirk pinned Sheldyne Browne, Phillipsburg, in 5:07.
 - 189 - Kolton Harting pinned Dakota Coomes, Phillipsburg, in 2:39.
 - 215 - Dillon Coomes, Phillipsburg, won by forfeit.
 - 285 - Josh Asbury was pinned in 4:55 by Chris Hoferica, Phillipsburg.

Blue Jays wrestlers defeat Phillipsburg, Smith Center

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team started the Mid-Continent League dual wrestling season on Friday with victories over Phillipsburg and Smith Center in Phillipsburg.

The Blue Jays defeated the Panthers 53-19 and outscored the Redmen 56-18.

"I thought we wrestled well against Phillipsburg," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "We won most of the close matches and that is a positive thing but against Smith Center, I thought our intensity dropped off a little bit."

Phillipsburg

Norton won ten of the 14 matches versus Phillipsburg, six by falls, two by major decisions and one by forfeit.

The only close match was at 295 pounds where Josh Asbury won an 8-7 decision over Chris Hoferica.

103 - Ethan Ross was pinned by Dakota Koehler, Phillipsburg, in 1:28.

112 - John Risewick won a 14-0 major decision over Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg.

119 - R.J. Ellis lost an 8-5 decision to Cayleb Studley, Phillipsburg.

125 - Justin Waggoner pinned Mason Bannister, Phillipsburg, in 3:58.

130 - Troy Bainter won by forfeit.

135 - Brett Terrell won a 9-2 major decision over Ross Coomes, Phillipsburg.

140 - Billy Broeckelman pinned Brad Blew, Phillipsburg, in 2:39

145 - Eli Bozarth was pinned by Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, in 1:36.

152 - Jared Bohl lost a 12-1 major decision to Thomas Rachow, Phillipsburg.

160 - Landon Keiswetter pinned John Boyington, Phillipsburg, in 3:30.

171 - Spencer Shirk pinned Sheldyne Brown, Phillipsburg, in :40.

189 - Kolton Harting pinned Chase Bruggeman, Phillipsburg, in 1:41.

215 - Cayleb Campbell pinned Dillon Coomes, Phillipsburg, in :45.

285 - Josh Asbury won an 8-7 decision over Chris Hoferica, Phillipsburg.

Exhibition matches
103 - Garrett Otter was pinned by Derick Coomes, Phillipsburg, in :51.

112 - Alec Hager pinned Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg, in 1:37.

135 - Austin Hager pinned Hunter Koehler, Phillipsburg, in 1:39.

140 - Cody Ellis pinned Clayton Sauer, Phillipsburg, in 2:43.

152 - Treven Rossi pinned Dylan Kinter, Phillipsburg, in 1:33.

171 - Lucas Engel was pinned by Dakota Coomes, Phillipsburg, in 1:40.

171 - Cole Renner pinned Dominic Christien, Phillipsburg, in 1:40.

189 - Casey Temmel pinned Tanner Bohl, Phillipsburg, in 1:42.

Smith Center
Norton also won ten of the 14 matches versus the Redmen, five by falls, one by technical fall, two by decisions and two by forfeits.

103 - Ethan Ross was pinned by Clint Rogers, Smith Center, in :52.

112 - John Risewick won an

8-3 decision over Mack Reagan, Smith Center

119 - R.J. Ellis won an 8-3 decision over Steven Kriley, Smith Center

125 - Justin Waggoner, pinned Michael Ruhge, Smith Center, in :22.

130 - Troy Bainter pinned Zach Fischer, Smith Center, in 3:55.

135 - Brett Terrell pinned Clay Pickell, Smith Center, in 1:03.

140 - Billy Broeckelman lost a 6-5 decision to Kale Newell, Smith Center.

145 - Eli Bozarth pinned Grant Lambert, Smith Center, in 5:48.

152 - Jared Bohl was pinned by Monroe Schmidt, Smith Center, in 2:44.

160 - Landon Keiswetter won a 16-1 technical fall over Kyle Atwood, Smith Center.

171 - Spencer Shirk lost a 9-4 decision to Zach Eaton, Smith

Center.

189 - Cayleb Campbell pinned Dustin Befort, Smith Center, in :32.

215 - Kolton Harting won by forfeit.

285 - Josh Asbury won by forfeit.

Exhibition matches
103 - Garrett Otter won a 14-11 decision over Skylar Campbell, Smith Center.

135 - Javen Colip pinned Gage Garceau, Smith Center, in 1:59.

171 - Lucas Engel lost a 7-5 decision to Wyatt Oliver, Smith Center.

160 - Treven Rossi won a 13-5 major decision over Shane Hubbard, Smith Center.

171 - Cole Renner won a 6-2 decision over Cole Lorenzen, Smith Center.

Junior varsity wrestlers take fifth at Southern Valley

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Seven Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers placed in the top four of their weight divisions and the Blue Jays finished fifth as a team in the annual Southern Valley Varsity Tournament on Friday, Dec. 10 in Oxford.

Loomis/Bertrand won the championship with 309.5 points, followed by Red Cloud/Blue Hill 232; Southern Valley, 203.5; Franklin, 189; Norton, 166; Arapahoe, 161; Elwood, 101.5; Alma, 73.5; Bertrand/Loomis JV, 54; Red Cloud/Blue Hill JV, 48, in the top ten teams.

"Our wrestlers who competed at Southern Valley took a step forward," said Norton assistant wrestling coach Shane Miller.

"The tournament was a round robin format, which promotes more mat time and greater bonus points can determine tournament placing. Many of the wrestlers wrestled four or five times during the day. This is exactly the type of tournament that was needed for our second teamers early in the season.

"Leading the way for the Blue Jays was 112 pound Alec Hager. He began the day with an exciting 13-11 overtime win over No.2 seed Mack James, Franklin. Alec battled back from a 4-0 deficit to tie the match in the final second of regulation. Alec was patient in the overtime period and took his opponent down for the win. Alec dominated his next three opponents, winning by falls.

"For his performance, Alec

was named the 'Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week'.

"At 103 pounds, Ethan Ross, who is a small 103 pounder, continues to show improvement and battle for our Blue Jays. Even though there is a size difference, Ethan does not use this as an excuse. Ethan lost his first match to eventual champion Levi Volger of Red Cloud/Blue Hill in a 7-4 decision. Ethan went 3-2 for the day and, even though he had another close loss by criteria, he ended in second place.

"At 140 pounds, Cody Ellis continues to perform well. Cody had two major decisions and a pin for a 3-1 record and third place finish. Cody's loss came at the hands of state qualifier Tanner Rupprecht from Red Cloud/Blue Hill.

"At 145 pounds, Austin Hager finished third as well. He started slowly, losing his first two matches, but battled back and won his last two with pins. Austin is learning that one has to wrestle aggressively and not conserve a lead. As Austin learns these valuable lessons, he will continue to show improvement.

"At 160 pounds, Treven Rossi did a nice job of 'bumping' up a weight to finish fourth place. Treven went 2-2 in the tournament with two pins. This was Treven's first action of the year and he did a good job of stepping up for our team."

Also wrestling for Norton and placing well were: Javen Colip, 135, fourth; Lucas Engel, 171, fourth; Garrett Otter, 103, fifth and Cody Temmel, 125, fifth.

Lady Huskies lose to the Grizzlies of Rock Hills

The Lady Huskies took on the Grizzlies of Rock Hills and gave them a tussle for a while. Then foul trouble forced us to pull off our press that was giving them some trouble and we just could not buy a bucket as we shot 11% from three point range and 26% from the rest of the field. So, as a result we were defeated 43-20 with hopes of being able to shoot better in the second part of our season for we have shown we can handle pressure and apply pressure, we just have to be able to score more points.

Except for the scoring woes, I thought we did better in all the other categories as our inexperienced players are becoming more comfortable being on the floor are playing with more confidence.

Our deflected leader was Amber Kinderknecht as she hustled her way to 8 tips which led to some steals by her teammates. Kenzie Chandler got her hands on 4, hustling on the back end of our press being the hawk, while Erika Chandler got to 3 with two being blocks.

Steals were then taken by Staci Dole on the front end of the press with Kinderknecht swiping 3 in the middle of the lane.

Rebounds were hauled in by Erika C who took 5 off the boards with Dole grabbing 4 and Ashley Constable, Kenzie C and Kinderknecht each taking control of 3.

Assists were hard to come by since we struggled in our making of shots but Kenzie C found 5 teammates open for scores to lead the team.

	3pt	2pt	Ft	Reb	St	Assist
Ashley Constable	0	1	0	3	0	0
Jasmine Drone	0	0	0	1	1	0
Kenzie Chandler	0	0	2	3	1	5
Staci Dole	1	4	0	4	5	0
Amber Kinderknecht	0	1	0	3	3	0
Erika Chandler	0	1	1	5	0	0
DaKota Hilburn	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brittany Shutte	0	0	0	0	0	0

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