

Norton wrestlers fall to Colby in dual meet

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Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team lost a dual with Colby, who is ranked No.7 in the state in Class 4A, on Thursday in Colby by a 43-23 score.

"In this dual, we were a little short-handed," said coach Johnson. "In addition to all the previous injuries, we were hit with sickness and a couple of our young men were attending other school activities. In fact, we did not have a single senior in the line-up.

"I thought we looked a little slow with our movement tonight, especially on our feet. We gave up early takedowns in several of the matches and were never able to make up the difference.

"It is hard to get any momentum going in a dual when we are missing about half of our varsity team for one reason or another. We made the meet score a little respectable with 23 points. Colby is a good team and they are state ranked for a reason. But, it is still a loss and I do not like to lose."

Norton had three match winners: sophomore Alec Hager, 126; junior Jared Bohl, 152 and sophomore Kolton Harting, 182.

"The match of the night was at 120 pounds where our No.2 state ranked John Risewick and No.1 state ranked Dustin Reed squared off," said coach Johnson. "Reed is the defending 4-A state champion and Risewick is the defending state runner-up in 3-2-1A. In our dual with Colby last season, Risewick picked up a thrilling victory but, tonight, he gave up a takedown in the first 15 seconds and ended up losing 4-2.

"The three matches we won I felt we should have won and we pretty much controlled those matches from start to finish. I thought that Lucas Engel continues to improve although he lost. He

wrestled the same young man at Newton and lost by a 7-3 score. Tonight, Lucas wrestled better and was close to scoring a double leg takedown near the end of the match. He made it exciting, with several wild scrambles in the final period and lost by just 3-2."

For his efforts, Lucas Engel was named "Wrestler of the Week" by the Norton coaching staff.

"We will enjoy a much needed weekend off and, hopefully, get some young men healthy and back into the line-up," said coach Johnson.

Individual results

106 - Freshman Caysean Campbell lost a 14-5 major decision to David Mainus.

113 - Sophomore Ethan Ross lost a 4-0 decision to Taylor O-Leary.

120 - Junior John Risewick lost a 4-2 decision to Dustin Reed.

126 - Sophomore Alec Hager won a 16-1 technical fall over John Faber.

132 - Sophomore Toby Nickell was pinned in :59 by Michael Tubbs.

138 - Sophomore Austin Hager was pinned in 2:50 by No.1 state ranked Konnor Kriss.

145 - Junior Javen Colip was pinned in 1:29 by Quade Woolfer.

152 - Junior Jared Bohl won an 8-1 decision over Brandon Leth.

160 - Andrew Taylor, Colby, won by forfeit.

170 - Junior Lucas Engel lost a 3-2 decision to Beau Brown.

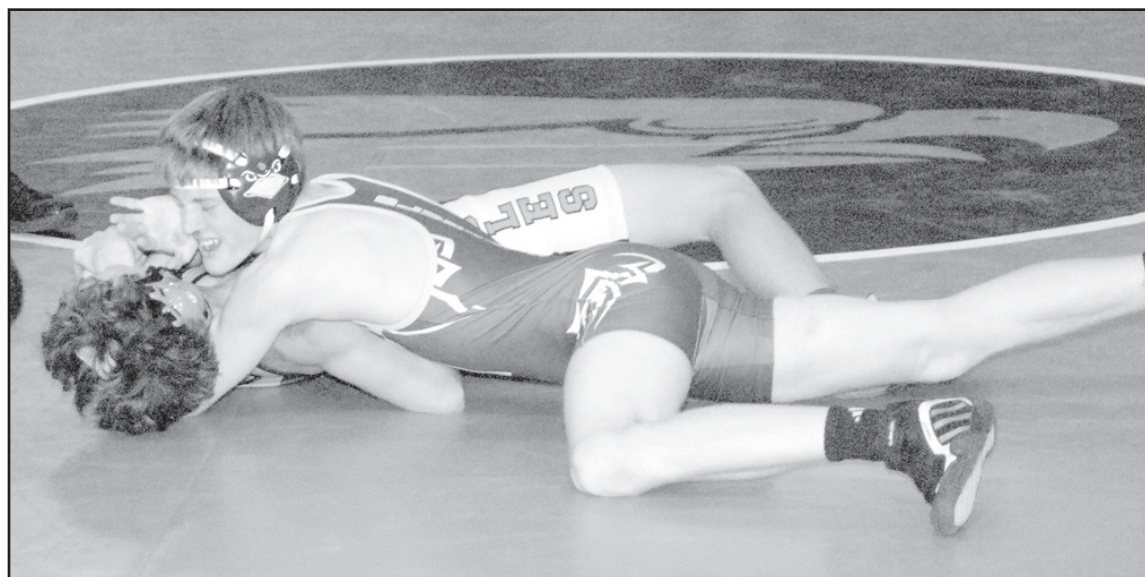
182 - Sophomore Kolton Harting won a 5-1 decision over Jay Ziegelmeier.

195 - Sophomore Michael Johnson won by forfeit.

220 - Freshman Wyatt Harting won by forfeit.

285 - Zell Beiberle, Colby, won by forfeit.

Exhibition matches



Norton sophomore Alec Hager works for a fall against Colby's John Faber in their 126 pound match on Thursday in the dual with Colby. Hager dominated his opponent in winning a 16-1 technical fall.

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120 - Sophomore Garret Otter was pinned in 3:09 by Brett Schroeder.

132 - Sophomore Cody Temmel was pinned in :32 by Kyle Finley.

138 - Freshman Kendall Miller pinned Macen Shull in 3:48.

145 - Freshman Stewart Whitney pinned Ashley Coleman in 5:38.

152 - Freshman Stewart Whitney was pinned in 2:39 by Eric Schuette.

120 - Freshman Derek Rowh lost a 7-0 decision to Brett Schroeder.

Next action

Norton will compete in the Mid-Continent League/Northwest Kansas League Tournament of Champions on Saturday in Smith Center.

Wrestling will begin at 9:30 a.m.

A plaque will be awarded to the championship team and medals to the top six wrestlers in each weight class.

Admission is \$3 for students (K-12) and \$4 for adults.

Matches will be televised the entire day over Nex-Tech cable television Channel 165.

JV wrestlers tie for 8th in Elm Creek tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestling team tied for eighth place out of 12 teams in the annual varsity Elm Creek Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Jan. 13.

The Blue Jays finished just eight points out of fourth place.

Medicine Valley won the team championship with 157 points followed by Arapahoe, 94.5; Pleasanton, 85.5; Overton, 69; Elm Creek, 68; Sargent/Burwell, 64; Norton JV, 62; Lexington JV, 62; Southern Valley JV, 51; Cozad JV, 47; Alma, 42; Holdrege JV, 10.

Ten Norton wrestlers competed in nine out of the 14 weight classes and four Norton wrestlers placed.

Sophomore Kolton Harting won the gold medal at 182 pounds; senior Cayleb Campbell was third at 195 pounds; sophomore Toby Nickell placed third at 132 pounds and freshman Kendall Miller finished third at 138 pounds.

Also competing for Norton were sophomore Garret Otter, 113; freshman Dalton Vanover, 120; freshman Derek Rowh, 126; sophomore Cody Temmel, 132; freshman Stewart Whitney,

152 and sophomore Michael Johnson, 220.

"We have some young wrestlers who are making great strides to become better and it is paying off for them on the mat," said Norton assistant wrestling coach Shane Miller.

"This was our first competition back after the Christmas break and I really felt that our conditioning was better than most wrestlers on the other teams.

"Individually, some of our wrestlers are seeing the improvement with their technique but, with a few of our wrestlers, it hasn't yet transformed to wins on the mat. More mat time and I believe it will.

"We are also going to have to be more focused in the early rounds.

"We definitely competed better as the tournament progressed but are going to have to be better prepared mentally in the opening rounds."

The Norton coaches named Kolton Harting the "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

Individual Norton results

113 - Garret Otter lost a 7-0 decision to Tanner Mickelsen, Medicine Valley; was pinned in :19 by Lukas Cox, Alma; was pinned in 1:46 by Logan Miller,

Southern Valley; was pinned in 1:00 by Pascual Francisco, Lexington and pinned Dalton Loeffelholz, Pleasanton.

120 - Dalton Vanover was decided 9-0 by Jesse Sandoz, Sargent/Burwell; was pinned in 3:03 by Dillon Hunt, Southern Valley; lost a 15-0 technical fall to Henry Gonzalez, Lexington; was pinned in 5:40 by Dakota Ridpath, unattached and was pinned in :47 by Thomas Foster, Medicine Valley.

126 - Derek Rowh was pinned in 2:08 by Rene Lazo, Lexington; decided Austin Kredjil, Southern Valley JV 7-1 and was pinned in :56 by Blake Eckout, Pleasanton.

132 - Cody Nickell was pinned in 5:26 by Jordan Hovie, Lexington; decided Norton's Cody Temmel, wrestling unattached, by a 4-0 score; won a 12-4 major decision over Trevon Johnson, Holdrege JV and avenged the earlier defeat by Hovie with a 6-4 decision to place third.

Temmel was pinned in 1:48 in the first round by eventual champion Wyatt Kipp, Arapahoe, before losing to teammate Nickell.

138 - Kendall Miller lost a 4-1 decision to Rowdy Moon, Sargent/Burwell; decided Ja-

coby Loftin, Cozad, 7-2; pinned Anthony Shimmin, Arapahoe, in 5:43 and decided Manuel Roman, Lexington, 3-2, to place third.

152 - Stewart Whitney was pinned in 4:00 by Tyler Kipp, Arapahoe; won a 6-0 decision over Brock Jeffries, Sargent/Burwell; was pinned in 2:50 by Jesse Jackson, Southern Valley JV; was pinned in 2:38 by Isaac Cure, Elm Creek and was pinned in 2:30 by Jacob Breneman, Medicine Valley.

182 - Kolton Harting pinned Brock Alejos, Sargent-Burwell, in 3:14; pinned Brett Jones, Medicine Valley in 3:30 and pinned Dallas Maack, Cozad

JV, in 1:04 to win the championship.

195 - Cayleb Campbell was pinned in :58 by Colin Crowley, Sargent-Burwell; pinned Cory Merrigan, Medicine Valley, in 2:15; pinned Joseph Alunit, Overton, in 1:07; pinned Hank Pflaster, Cozad JV, in :23 and was pinned in 5:00 by Dalton Meier, Elm Creek, to place third.

220 - Michael Johnson was pinned in 3:44 by Michael Winberg, Pleasanton and was pinned in 2:40 by Justin Samford, Cozad JV.

Next action

The Norton junior varsity wrestlers will compete next this

Saturday, Jan. 28 in the varsity Arapahoe Invitational.

Wrestling, in addition to teams from Norton and Arapahoe, will be squads from Axtell, Wauenta Palisade/Hitchcock County, Elmwood, Elm Creek, Eustis-Farnam, Pleasanton, SEM and the Cozad JV.

Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. and will be preceded by junior varsity matches at 9:30 a.m. if necessary.

Three team trophies will be awarded and four individual medals in each weight class.

Admission is \$4 all day for students and \$5 all day for adults.

BOWLING RESULTS

Inter-City League

Standings as of Jan. 12

1. Bailey Electric- 16.5 wins, 10.5 losses

2. Hawks Depot- 16.5 wins, 10.5 losses

3. Jett SS- 15 wins, 12 losses

4. BLD's- 15 wins, 12 losses

5. Heartland Partners- 12 wins, 15 losses

6. The Where Evers- 6 wins, 21 losses

High Line: Rusty Miller-197, Dennis Balderston-190, Dave Keller-188, Dennis Corbin-178, BLD's-620.

High Line Handicap: Dennis Balderston-243, Rusty Miller-236, Dave Keller-235, Barb Burk-232, Heartland Partners-811.

High Series: Rusty Miller-529, Bev Miller-471, Dave Keller-462, Dennis Balderston-444, Bill LaSalle-444, BLD's-1794.

High Series Handicap: Rusty Miller-646, Barb Burk-616, Dennis Balderston-603, Dave Keller-603, BLD's-2328.

Tuesday Housewife League

Standings as of Jan. 10

1. Lenora Nutrition Center- 9.5 wins, 2.5 losses

2. Moffet Drug- 8 wins, 4 losses

3. Amateurs- 4 wins, 8 losses

4. BEB & Assoc.- 2.5 wins, 9.5 losses

High Line: Cheri Brooks-178, Sharron Smith-159, Jackie Wright-157, BEB & Assoc.-414.

High Line Handicap: Pam Menagh-228, Jackie Wright-219, Cheri Brooks-214, BEB & Assoc.-595.

HighSeries:CheriBrooks-489, Sharron Smith-470, Jacque Griffey-449, Lenora Nutrition Center-1225.

High Series Handicap: Sharron Smith-605, Jackie Wright-600, Cheri Brooks-597, Lenora Nutrition Center-1696.

Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of Jan. 10

1. The WTF's- 12.5 wins, 5.5 losses

2. WGAHA- 10 wins, 8 losses

3. Don's Floor Coverings- 7.5 wins, 10.5 losses

4. D & M Service- 6 wins, 12 losses

High Line: Rick Green-175, Dale Carlson-172, Ray Caldwell-170, The WTF'S-593.

High Line Handicap: Megan Walter-226, Dale Carlson-224, Ray Caldwell-222, The WTF's-829.

High Series: Rick Green-463, Bill LaSalle-455, Ray Caldwell-455, D & M Service-1682.

High Series Handicap: Sara Kindall-621, Ray Caldwell-611,

Megan Walter-611, The WTF's-2386.

----- Year to Date High Scores-----

High Line: Rick Green-244, Bill LaSalle-215, Fig Millan-210.

High Line Handicap: Rick Green-283, Brad Riggins-263, Fig Millan-261.

High Series: Rick Green-577, Bill LaSalle-539, Doug Ray-523.

High Series Handicap: Rick Green-694, Brent Carlton-681, Barb Burk-680.

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