

Wrestlers take fifth in toughest regional

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Ochs pinned No.2 seed Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, in 3:32 to win the gold medal. No.6 seed Levi Hefner, Oakley, placed third with a 4-3 decision over No.3 seed Mikey Leibbrandt, St. Francis.

Hager ended the season 6-10. Ochs is now 26-3 and Dusin is 33-6.

145 - Cody Ellis pinned Austin Werth, TMP-Hays, in :28; lost a 13-4 major decision to No.2 seed Gage Younger, Ellis; decisioned Kolton Paul, Scott City, 3-2 and won a 4-3 decision over Caleb France, Leoti, then lost a 9-5 decision to No.4 seed Seph Iman, Elkhart, to fall one match short of qualifying for state.

No.1 seed Kade Brown, Oberlin, won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Gage Younger, Ellis, in 5:47. No.3 seed Ross Coomes, Phillipsburg, placed third with a 5-3 decision over Iman.

Ellis finished the season 14-21. Brown is now 33-2 and Younger is 26-4.

152 - Jared Bohl pinned Erich Eisenbise, Holcomb, in 1:11; lost a 5-4 decision to No.5 seed Austin Lopez, Ellis; won a 13-0 major decision over Jordan Woodruff, Meade and lost a 9-4 decision to Matt Glading, Oberlin.

No.1 seed Dalton Snyder, Hoxie, won the gold medal by shutting out No.3 seed John Peden, Goodland, 7-0. Dylan Wiesner, Plainville, placed third by injury default over Dylan Wolaver, St. Francis.

Bohl ended the season 30-11. Snyder is now 24-4 and Wiesner is 30-7.

160 - Cole Renner pinned Austin Seltman, Hill City, in 4:51; lost a 17-2 technical fall to No.3 seed Steven Yergey-Dible, Hoxie; pinned Austin Wahman, Plainville, in 4:22; pinned Colton Northrup, Leoti, in 2:48 and won a disqualification decision over No.4 seed Dalton Gonzales, Lakin, to reach the consolation championship match versus Yergey-Dible. He was pinned in 2:50 to place fourth.

No.1 seed Eric Albers, Oakley, won the gold medal by pinning No.2 seed Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, in 5:28.

Renner, who has been injured most of the season, is now 6-8. Albers remained unbeaten at 31-0 and Schneider is 25-4.

170 - Lucas Engel lost a 15-0 technical fall to Jason Berggren, Oakley and was pinned in 3:45 by No.5 seed Coulter Croft, South Gray.

No.1 seed Riley Hunsicker, Ellis, won the title by pinning Berggren in 1:50. No.4 seed Manuel Turner, Scott City, placed third with a 3-1 overtime decision over No.2 seed Nathan Thyfault, Plainville.

Engel finished the season 3-11. Hunsicker is now 24-4, Berggren is 26-5 and Turner is 18-6.

182 - Norton was open. No.2 seed Tyler Gastineau, Goodland, won the championship by pinning No.5 seed Scott Heimann, TMP-Hays, in 3:58. No.1 seed Brandon Salmans, Hoxie, placed third by pinning No.4 seed Zach Gienger, St. Francis, in :55.

Gastineau is now 32-9 and Salmans is 29-4.

195 - Kolton Harting pinned Lane Hayes, Scott City, in :54; was pinned in 3:16 by No.1 seed Laine Herl, Goodland; won a 12-1 major decision over No.5 seed Skyler Mason, Leoti and was pinned in 2:10 by No.2 seed Connor Winters, Stockton, to fall one match short of qualifying for state.

Herl won the gold medal by pinning No.3 seed Jeff Shaw, Oberlin, in 2:51. Winters placed third by pinning No.4 seed Cody Faulkender, Oakley, in 2:11. Harting ended the season 12-15.

Herl is now 38-1 and Winters is 20-6.

220 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Riley Oharah, Goodland, won the championship by pinning No.3 seed Channing Fortin, Oberlin, in 1:32. No.4 seed Michael McEachern, Scott City, placed third with a 3-1 overtime decision over

No.2 seed Kane Washington, Hoxie.

Oharah is now 34-1 for the season. Washington is 24-4 and McEachern is 14-6.

285 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Luke Hayes, Scott City, won the gold medal by pinning No.2 seed Bradey Chard, Plainville, in 1:54. No.3 seed Montana Fuller, Lakin, placed third with a 1-0 decision over No.5 seed Dustin Zahn, Quinter.

Hayes is undefeated at 32-0. Chard is 31-4 and Fuller is 16-5.

State Tournament

The Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament will be held Thursday and Friday in Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

The first round will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday and will be followed by the second round championship quarter-finals at 2 p.m.

The second session will begin at 4 p.m. with the first round consolation on four mats and will be followed by the championship semi-finals on two mats.

The championship semi-finals will start immediately following the conclusion of the first round consolation but not earlier than 4:30 p.m.

The third session will be held Friday, beginning at 9 a.m. with the consolation cross bracketing. Consolation quarter-finals will begin at 10:45 a.m., followed by consolation semi-finals at 12:15 p.m. Fifth place matches will be wrestled on four mats at 2 p.m. and will be followed by the consolation finals on two mats at 3 p.m.

The championship session will begin 40 minutes after the consolation finals with the

Parade of Champions, followed by the championship finals, which will be wrestled on one mat.

An all day admission ticket for Thursday or Friday will cost \$10 for adults and \$6 for students kindergarten through 12th grade.

The State Wrestling Tournament in Hays will be held on Thursday and Friday because Fort Hays State University is hosting the NCAA Division II Regional Wrestling Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

First round opponents

106 - Norton sophomore Branson Addington, 22-9, vs. Garden Plain freshman Gunnar Gassmann, 13-20.



120 - Norton junior John Risewick, 31-4, vs. Southeast of Saline sophomore Jim Weller, 31-9.

126 - Norton sophomore Alec Hager, 17-8, vs. Riley County junior Sawyer Havenstein, 26-14.

160 - Norton sophomore Cole Renner, 6-8, vs. Marion senior Colten Johnson, 39-5.

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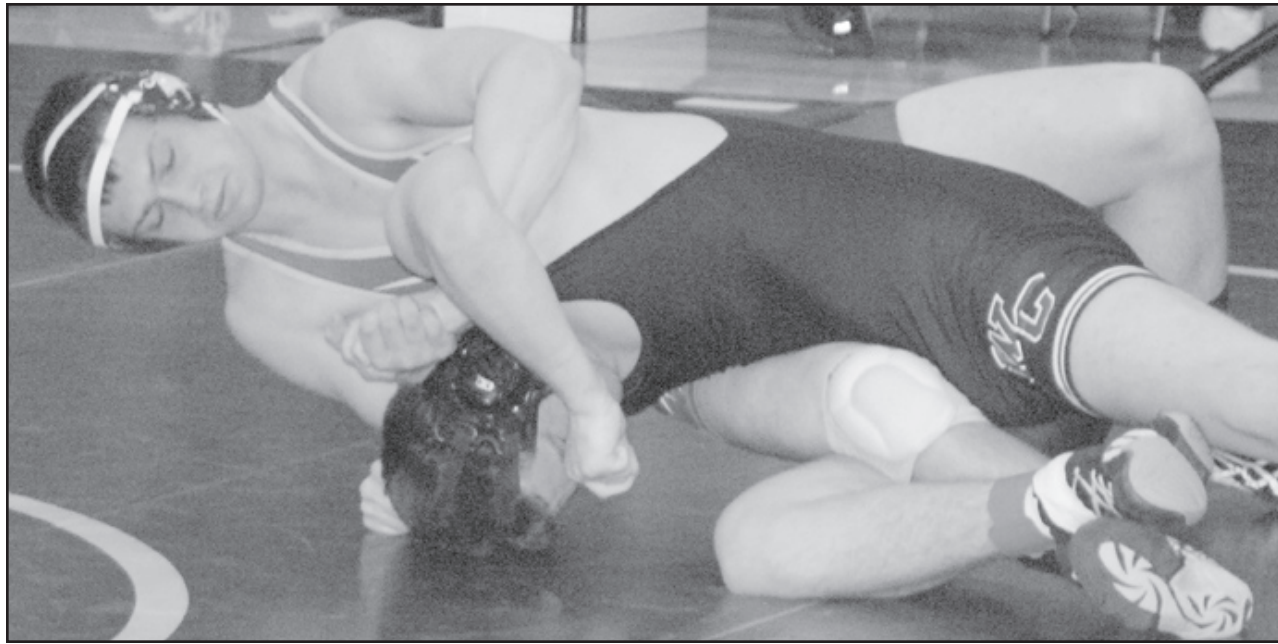
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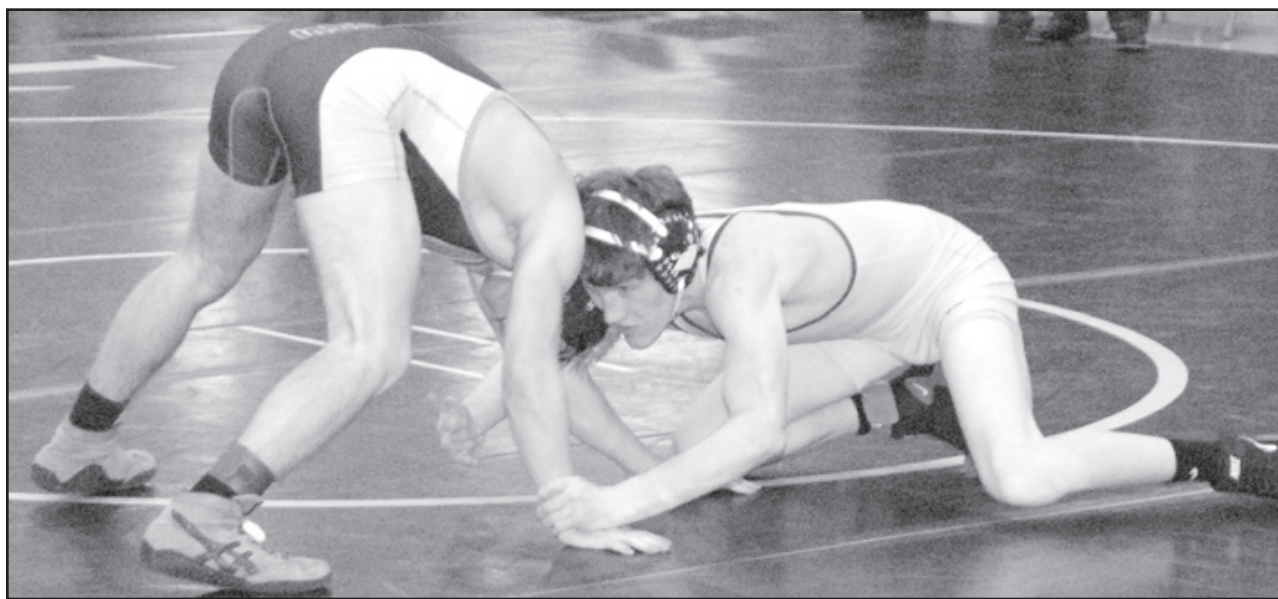
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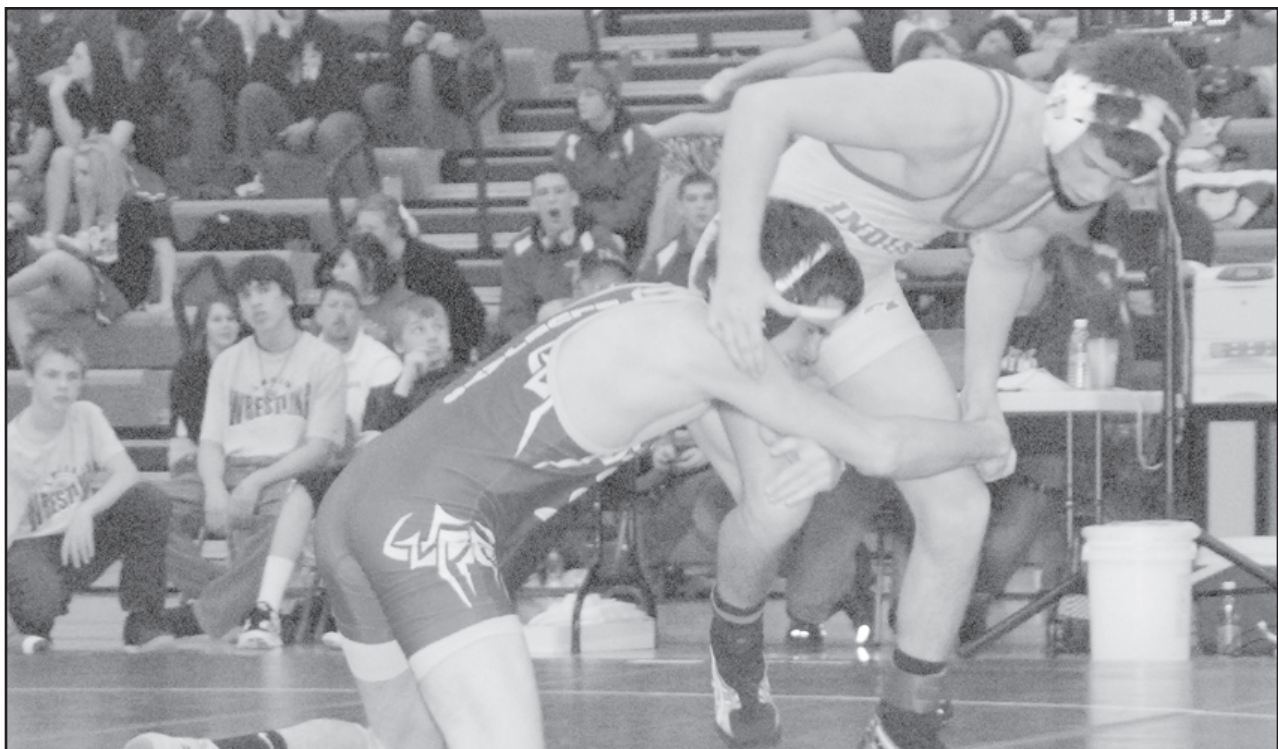
Norton sophomore Kolton Harting runs a power half during his 12-1 major decision at 195 pounds over No.5 seed Skyler Mason, Leoti, during Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling on Saturday in Lakin.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton junior John Risewick attempts a low level single leg takedown during his 3-2 decision over Scott City's Alex Kough, the No.1 seed at 120 pounds, for the Regional championship. Risewick avenged a loss to Kough earlier this season.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's 132 pound senior R.J. Ellis finishes a double leg takedown during his 2-0 win over Austin White, St. Francis, during the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament in Lakin.

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