

Blue Jays win Jake Durham Tournament

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After tying for fourth place a year ago, the Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team won the championship of the 48th annual J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton.

Prior to 2012, the Blue Jays had won seven consecutive championships of the tough tournament which honors former NCHS wrestling coach J.R. "Jake" Durham and former state medalists.

The Blue Jays compiled 130.5 points to win the championship, followed by Plainville, 123; Hoxie, 104; Ulysses, 102.5; Cozad, 99; Scott City, 94; Smith Center, 84.5; Beloit, 76.5; Atwood, 61.5; Oakley, 55.5; McCook, 34; Leoti, 32; Cimarron, 26; Lakin, 12; Thomas More Prep-Hays, 9; Tribune, 2.

Norton had six wrestlers in championship matches with three of them earning titles. Blue Jay champions were sophomore Caysean Campbell, 106; senior John Risewick, 132 and sophomore Jared Tallent, 138.

Finishing runner-up were junior Ethan Ross, 113; junior Alec Hager, 126 and junior Cody Ellis, 152.

Norton had no third or fourth place finishers.

Freshman Gavin Lively, 145 and junior Kolton Harting, 182, each placed fifth although they received no recognition or points.

Also wrestling for the Blue Jays were junior Branson Addington, 120; senior Jared Bohl, 160; freshman Chandler Sumner, 195 and junior Andre Valencia, 220.

Norton was open at 170 and 285 pounds.

Norton had a 19-15 won-loss record and a 10-8 pin ratio.

Calvin Ochs, Hoxie, was voted the "Outstanding Wrestler".

Coach's comments

"We won six of seven semi-final matches which helped us



NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL J.R. DURHAM WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS -- Pictured are members and coaches of the Blue Jay wrestling team after winning the J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament championship on Saturday in the Stull Gym in Norton. Pictured are, from left, front row: manager Lindsay Addington, Caysean Campbell, John Risewick, Alec Hager, Jared Tallent, Ethan Ross, Branson Addington, manager Jordyn Gosselin; back row: head coach Bill Johnson, manager Austin Hager, Andre Valencia, Cody Ellis, Jared Bohl, Cole Renner, assistant coach Shane Miller, Gavin Lively, Kolton Harting, assistant coach Tony Fiscus, Chandler Sumner, assistant coach Doug Ray. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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get ahead in the team race," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "That showed me a good team effort. Having three champions also helped with the final score.

"Our hard work in two-a-day practices over the Christmas break paid dividends for us. We are coming together although we still have a lot we can work on. We have taken a step forward and will continue to take steps forward into the second half of the season.

"Injuries have hurt us. We've been wrestling without three of our varsity wrestlers. I commend our wrestlers. It has been a total team effort to fill spots during injuries and illnesses. I thought a lot of other teams had a better chance to win the championship but we wrestled well overall.

"Two of our wrestlers, Caysean Campbell and Jared Tallent, had especially good tournaments. Both avenged losses to wrestlers who had pinned them earlier this season. Caysean defeated Cale Rogers of Smith

Center who had pinned him in the league round robin. Jared had been pinned by JoAngel Cortez, Ulysses, in the Holiday Classic in Goodland. On Friday, Jared pinned JoAngel in the dual with Ulysses and, on Saturday, he decisioned Cortez."

For their performances last weekend, Caysean Campbell and Jared Tallent were named "Wrestlers of the Week" by the Norton coaches.

Individual matches

106 - No. 2 seed Caysean Campbell pinned Zach Tucker, Scott City, in 1:23; pinned No.3 seed Gunner Kerns, Plainville, in 2:37 and won a 3-2 decision over No.1 seed Cale Rogers, Smith Center, to win the championship.

Kerns placed third by pinning Dylan Niswonger, Leoti, in :35. Caysean's record is now 20-6.

113 - No.1 seed Ethan Ross won a 16-0 technical fall in 3:16 over Michael Peters, Beloit; won an 11-4 decision over Zach Miller, Ulysses and lost a 6-5 decision to No.2 seed John Solko, Atwood, to place runner-up. No.3 seed Macoy Rains, Oakley, placed third by pinning Miller in 3:49. Ethan is now 20-4 for the season.

120 - Branson Addington lost a 6-0 decision to No.2 seed Macrae Migchelbrink, Atwood; lost a 6-4 decision to Trevor Houser, Plainville and pinned Tristen Storer, Hoxie, in 5:56. Migchelbrink won the championship with a 5-3 decision over No.1 seed James Jurgens, Scott City. No.4 seed Brian Messersmith, Cozad, placed third in a default over No. 3 seed Kasey Taylor, McCook. Addington's record is now 12-12.

126 - Alec Hager was seeded No.2. He drew a bye, then won a 10-3 decision over No.3 seed Trevor Axelson, Plainville. In the championship finals, he lost a 12-5 decision to No.1 seed Alex Kough, Scott City, to place runner-up. Axelson won third with a 3-0 decision over Jacob Hoffman, Cozad. Alec is now 20-4 for the season.

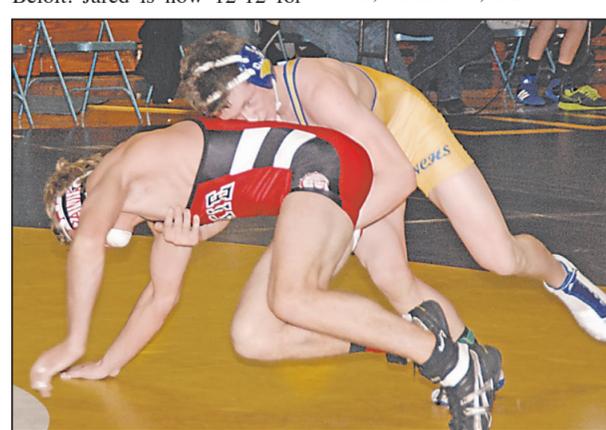
132 - John Risewick was seeded No.1. He pinned Michael Ruhge, Smith Center, in 1:20; pinned Lucas Walker, TMP, in 1:23 and won a 12-6 decision over No. 2 seed Clay Trejo, Cozad, to win the championship. No.3 seed Tyler Watts, Beloit, placed third with a 16-5 major decision over Taylor Murphy, Oakley. John is now 24-1 for the season.

138 - Jared Tallent was seeded No.1. He pinned Marshal Hutchins, Scott City, in 2:24; pinned Colten Acton, Cimarron, in 2:31; won a 7-3 decision over JoAngel Cortez, Ulysses and decisioned Weston Bainter, Hoxie, 9-4 to win the championship. Cortez placed third by pinning No.2 seed Carter Wesling, Beloit. Jared's record for the season is now 20-7.

145 - Gavin Lively was seeded No.3. He won a 10-0 major decision over Jacob Clark, Leoti; lost a 4-2 decision to No.2 seed Bryce Rodriguez, Ulysses and was pinned in 1:47 by Josh Cole, Smith Center. Rodriguez won the championship by pinning No.1 seed Tanner Niemczyk, Beloit, in 1:07. Gavin is now 14-9 for the season.

152 - Cody Ellis was seeded No.2. He won a 6-2 decision over Dakota Baumgartner, McCook; pinned Grant Lambert, Smith Center, in 4:42 and lost a 17-1 technical fall to No.1 seed Logan Hunke, Cozad, to place runner-up. Lambert placed third with a 7-3 decision over Charles Garnett, Ulysses. Cody is now 20-5 for the season.

160 - Jared Bohl received a bye, was pinned in 4:20 by No.3 seed Warren Kropp, Scott City; pinned Iker Aguirre, Cimarron, in :33 and lost a 4-3 decision to Wyatt Oliver, Smith Center. No.1 seed Calvin Ochs, Hoxie, won the championship with a 12-4 major decision over Kropp. Dylan Wiesner, Plainville, placed third with a 10-2 major decision over No.2 seed Bowe Behymer, Beloit. Jared is now 12-12 for



Norton's Jared Tallent, 138, finishes a takedown for two points during his championship decision over Weston Bainter, Hoxie, in the J.R. Durham Tournament. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



The Blue Jays' Caysean Campbell, 106, works for a breakdown during his championship win over Cale Rogers, Smith Center, in the J.R. Durham Tournament. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton defeats Ulysses in dual

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team defeated Ulysses 39-30 in a dual held Friday night in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

"We dominated the dual from 106 to 170 pounds, building a lead of 39-6," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "But, then the tough part of the Ulysses line-up combined with our injuries and sickness made the dual meet score look closer than what it really was."

Individual results

106 - Caysean Campbell won by forfeit.

113 - Ethan Ross won a 9-8 decision over Zach Miller.

120 - Branson Addington won a 14-10 decision over Mario Rodriguez.

126 - Alec Hager won by forfeit.

132 - John Risewick won by forfeit.

138 - Jared Tallent pinned JoAngel Cortez in 5:20.

145 - Gavin Lively lost a 7-6 decision to Bryce Rodriguez.

152 - Kendall Miller lost a 3-2 decision to Charles Garnett.

160 - Cody Ellis pinned Juan Anguiano in 2:40.

170 - Jared Bohl won a 3-0 decision over Daulton Farris.

182 - Kolton Harting was pinned in 3:27 by Armando Sandoval.

195 - Chandler Sumner was pinned in :34 by Diego Maravilla.

220 - Otto Orosco, Ulysses, won by forfeit.

285 - Andre Valencia was pinned in 2:20 by Steven Degollado.

Wrestlers headed to Newton

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The Norton wrestlers will face their biggest challenge of the season this Friday and Saturday when they compete in the prestigious 50th annual Newton Wrestling Tournament of Champions in Newton.

A total of 27 teams will compete in the tournament. In addition to Norton and Newton, the teams are: Andover Central, Ark City, Bishop Carroll, Blue Valley Southwest, Colby, Derby, Dodge City, Emporia, Fredonia, Garden City, Gardner-Edgerton, Grand Island, Neb., Hutchin-

son, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Liberal, Maize, Maize South, Manhattan, McPherson, Mill Valley, Newton, Salina South, Wichita East, Wichita Heights and Wichita Northwest.

Norton is the smallest enrollment school to ever win the Newton tournament championship. The Blue Jays won the team title in 2005 and 2006 and did not compete in 2007 due to inclement weather. In 2008 and 2009 Norton finished ninth as a team and in 2010 placed fifth out of the 25 teams competing. In 2011, the Blue Jays turned in an outstanding fourth place

finish. Last year, Norton placed 17th but only entered nine wrestlers due to injuries.

Wrestling will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students K-12 per session. A two-day adult ticket is \$12 and two-day children's ticket is \$8.

Junior varsity at Elm Creek
On Friday, the Norton junior varsity wrestlers will compete in the annual Elm Creek Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Elm Creek, Neb.

Wrestling begins at 2:30.



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