

Blue Jays defend title at Hoxie tournament

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Coach Bill Johnson's No.1 state ranked Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team opened the 2013-14 tournament season on Saturday by defending their championship in the annual Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The Blue Jays won the tournament with 166.5 points last season and this time around they added some to total 189.5 points.

Oakley placed a distant runner-up with 122.5 points, followed by Oberlin, 114.5; Plainville, 85.5; Cimarron, 70; Scott City, 63; Hoxie, 56; Lakin, 22.

Norton entered 12 of the 14 weight classes, captured seven championships, three runners-up and one third place.

The Blue Jays had 35 wins and just 7 losses. Their pin ratio was 22-6.

"Unfortunately, the majority of our wrestlers weren't tested much like we like to be early on," said coach Johnson. "This Saturday we'll be at Clay Center where things won't be that easy. We'll definitely be tested there."

"A few of our wrestlers found out what they need to work on and the rest of them dominated. We still have a lot of things to work on. Our practice room will be important for making gains throughout the season."

"Our best performances were by sophomore Riley Hager, junior Jared Tallent and senior Alec Hager. In his first time as a varsity wrestler, Riley won his match in Friday's dual and placed second at Hoxie in a competitive bracket. Jared placed second in the toughest bracket in the tournament and Alec defeated James Jurgens of Scott City for the second straight year in this tournament. Jurgens is the defending state champion."

Winning championships for Norton were: junior Caysean Campbell, 106; senior Branson Addington, 113; senior Alec Hager, 132; sophomore Gavin Lively, 152; junior Kendall Miller, 160; senior Cole Renner, 182 and freshman Jacob Green, 220.

Placing second were senior Ethan Ross, 120; sophomore Riley Hager, 138 and junior Jared Tallent, 145.

Senior Kolton Harting finished third at 195.

Senior Michael Johnson also wrestled at 285.

Norton was open at 126 and 170.

Wrestler of the Week
In honor of his great performances both Friday and Saturday, the Norton coaches named Riley Hager "Wrestler of the Week".

Individual matches
106 - Caysean Campbell pinned Alex Villaneuva, Cimarron, in :16; won a 15-0 tech fall over Auston Holzmeister, Oakley; pinned Bryan Veleta-Rios, Lakin, in :54 and pinned Zachary Tucker, Scott City, in :13.

113 - Branson Addington pinned Derrek Berg, Cimarron, in 1:23 and won a 10-2 major decision over Bryce Bacon, Hoxie.

120 - Ethan Ross pinned Rees Lehman, Oakley, in :21; pinned Chase Ramsey, Scott City, in :26 and lost a 10-3 decision to Tristan Porsch, Hoxie.

132 - Alec Hager pinned Jeff Juenemann, Oberlin, in 1:48; won a 19-3 tech fall over Wyatt Murphy, Oakley and won a 7-2 decision over James Jurgens,

Scott City.
138 - Riley Hager won a 12-5 decision over Drake Rowh, Hoxie; won a 5-1 decision over Jesse Anchondo, Scott City; was pinned in 3:21 by Taylor Murphy, Oakley and pinned Cade Wurm, Oberlin, in 3:46.

145 - Jared Tallent won an 8-7 decision over Macoy Rains, Oakley; won a 9-1 major decision over Wyatt Kropp, Scott City; pinned Chase Werner, Plainville, in :27 and was pinned in 1:12 by Dayton Dreher, Oberlin.

152 - Gavin Lively pinned Wayne Flipse, Oakley, in 4:51; won a 10-7 decision over Chris Anderson, Oberlin; won a 5-1 decision over Trevor Desaire, Plainville and pinned Colton Acton, Cimarron, in 1:27.

160 - Kendall Miller pinned Javier Trevino, Cimarron, in 3:18; won an 11-0 major decision over Tabor Erickson, Oberlin; pinned Gabe Wilkins, Plainville, in 1:35 and won a 16-1 tech fall over Colter Stoll, Oakley.

182 - Cole Renner pinned Justin Tate, Lakin, in 2:34; pinned Konnor Witt, Oberlin, in 3:01 and pinned Garret Waugh, Oakley, in :45.

195 - Kolton Harting won a 3-0 decision over Kyler Gray, Plainville; was pinned in 4:45 by A.J. Cooper, Cimarron; was pinned in 2:25 by Rex Diederich, Oberlin and won 4-2 in overtime over Jared Burrows, Lakin.

220 - Jacob Green pinned Jacob Koehn, Lakin, in 3:04; pinned Lane Hayes, Scott City, in 4:53; pinned Charlie Coleman, Cimarron, in 1:43 and pinned Dylan Gassmann, Oakley, in 1:27.

285 - Michael Johnson was pinned in :33 by Zach Crick, Cimarron; pinned Ben Glading, Oberlin, in 2:28 and was pinned in 2:27 by Mark Schippers, Hoxie.

Next action
This Saturday, the Norton varsity will compete in the 52nd

annual Clay Center Community High School Wrestling Tournament, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Teams competing in this tournament, in addition to Norton and Clay Center, will be Beloit, Garden City, Holton, Hoxie, Junction City, Marysville, Rock Creek and Salina South.

Holton is ranked No.1 in the state in Class 4A. Garden City is ranked No.1 in Class 6A and Junction City is ranked No.2 in Class 6A.

The tournament will have a round robin format.

The top two teams will receive awards and the top three placers in each weight class will receive individual awards. There will also be an award for the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

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"Split Decision"

Across

- Politically correct pronoun
- Letters before U
- Pile
- Survey choice, sometimes
- Former stadium for the Mets
- World's Fair word
- Bread choice
- Facades
- School period
- Blood-pumping organ
- One of the Seven Deadly Sins
- Cry to the Toreador
- Ripken of baseball
- Quaker food
- Some family tree members
- Be a bad houseguest
- Marge and Homer's middle child
- House vote
- Enjoys, as benefits
- Wine container
- One brick shy of a load
- Landers of advice
- "Woe is me!"
- Lose it
- Breed that runs quickly over short distances
- Stray dog, often
- Ladies of the house
- Gorilla's cousin
- Three-card monte, notably
- ___-Kettering Institute
- Trebek of "Jeopardy!"

Down

- Do-it-yourselfer's bookstore section
- Singer Merman
- Coast
- Captain's spot
- Before
- Perlman of "Cheers"
- Cook very quickly, as a tuna steak
- Parlor acquisitions
- Wellness
- Comment to a burper
- Many N.Y.C. homes
- Washington newspaper
- Pantry division
- Animal with blubber
- "The Cup of Tea" painter Mary
- Speechless
- '50s dance
- Get red in the face
- Fix, as an outcome
- Monthly expense
- Gives an opinion
- Iran neighbor
- Bill of fare
- Tropics headgear
- Jolt
- Unified
- "Dig in!"
- President Ulysses S. ___
- Whispered words
- Nebraska's largest city
- Honolulu howdy
- "For ___ sake!"
- Exercise, as influence
- Hit the mall
- Deep sleep
- Dietetic, in ad-speak
- Beast
- Prefix with chamber or bellum
- "Yo!"

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT IN CLASS ACTION

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

David and Donna Schell, and Ron Oliver individually, and as representative parties on behalf of a class of surface owners

vs.

OXY USA Inc.

Case No. 07-1258-JTM

Plaintiff Class,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT IN CLASS ACTION

On March 26, 2013, the Honorable J. Thomas Marten, District Court Judge of The United States District Court for the District of Kansas entered a declaratory judgment in favor of the class in this case. (Dkt. 155). The Memorandum and Order (Dkt. No. 155, 156) of March 26, 2013 reinstated the Court's prior order of September 29, 2011 (Dkt. No. 110, 111). Judgment was entered in accordance with this ruling on November 5, 2013. (Dkt. No. 193). The Court ruled:

- Defendant OXY USA Inc. must provide "free, useable gas pursuant to the free gas clauses contained in the leases." (Dkt. No. 110 at page 21).
- OXY currently provides free, useable gas to class members who currently use house gas and must continue to provide free, useable gas for the duration of the leases. (Dkt. No. 110 at page 10).
- OXY's implied duty to produce and market diligently does not eliminate its duty to provide free, useable gas. (Dkt. No. 110 at pages 19, 21).
- OXY may not be able to satisfy its duty under the free gas clause simply by providing gas as it emerges from the well. Rather, OXY must bear the expense to make gas useable. The Court did not specify what OXY must do or cannot do to make gas useable but found that OXY must provide free, useable gas to class members as required under the leases. (Dkt. No. 110 at page 20).
- Free means without cost to the surface owner so OXY must provide free, useable gas at its sole expense. After the gas is in a useable form, the surface owner bears the risk and expense of using that gas in their home. (Dkt. No. 110 at 16-17, 19-20).
- The Class was not entitled to injunctive relief because: a) OXY is currently providing free, useable gas to the current house gas users; b) there was no evidence that OXY was going to stop providing free and useable gas in the future; and c) if OXY did stop providing free and useable gas in the future, members of the class could sue for money damages based on the Court's declaratory judgment. (Dkt. No. 110 at 23-24, 26-29).

A free and complete copy of the referenced opinions is publicly available and published at <https://ecf.ksd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Opinions.pl> by using the date of the Orders, "03/26/2013" and "09/29/2011", the party-name "Schell", or the Case Number "07-1258". The Court also denied OXY's motion to decertify the action as a class action. (Dkt. No. 191).

Denial of Request for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

This case was filed August 31, 2007. Since that time, Class Counsel has pursued this case against OXY on behalf of the class on a contingent fee basis in which it advanced all of the expenses and time in hopes of prevailing. Class Counsel filed a motion with the Court asking it to order OXY to reimburse Class Counsel for both taxable and nontaxable expenses, to pay Class Counsel attorneys' fees, and to pay the Class Representatives incentive awards. The Court denied Class Counsel's motion for an award against OXY of attorneys' fees, nontaxable expenses, and incentive awards (Dkt. 192), finding no legal basis for an award. Class Counsel may appeal this ruling.

Finality of Judgment

The Judgment entered November 5, 2013 is not yet final. The parties may file notices of appeal which may modify of all or part of the Judgment.

Should you have any questions about your rights as announced by the Court or about the other subjects of this Notice, please contact either of the class counsel:

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ORDERED: November 25, 2013.

J. THOMAS MARTEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE