

# Norton takes runner up in Durham tourney

By DICK BOYD

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Bill Johnson, head coach of the Norton Community High School wrestling team, knew when he invited Garden City to compete in the 49th annual J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament he was inviting the top ranked team in the state and they proved the accuracy of their rating.

The defending Class 6A state champion Buffalo dominated the team race by scoring 187 points.

The Norton Blue Jays, who have won the tournament nine of the last ten years, placed runner-up with 149.5 points, 19 more than last year when they won the championship.

Each year the tournament honors former NCHS wrestling coach J.R. "Jake" Durham and former state medalists for Norton.

Oakley placed a distant third with 87 points, followed by Cozad, 85; Beloit, 75; McCook, 74; Smith Center, 70; Ulysses, 67.5; Atwood, 60.5; Scott City, 46.5; Cimarron, 40; Hays Thomas More Prep, 33.5; Hoxie, 29; Norton JV, 14; Greeley County, 4.

Garden City had five champions and Norton had five second places and no champions.

Placing runner-up for Norton were Caysean Campbell, 106; Kade Unterseher, 113; Ethan Ross, 120; Jared Tallent, 145 and Kendall Miller, 160.

Placing third in their weight classes were Skylar Johnson, 106; Alec Hager, 138; Cole Renner, 170 and Jacob Green, 220.

Mike Kasson, 152, placed fourth and Jordan Dole, 195, finished fifth.

Trenton Wright, 126 and Toby Nickell, 132, did not place.

Norton was open at 182 and 285.

Norton had a 25-19 won-loss record and a 14-6 pin ratio.

Tevin Briscoe, 138 pounder from Garden City, was voted the "Outstanding Wrestler" of the tournament.

### Coach's comments

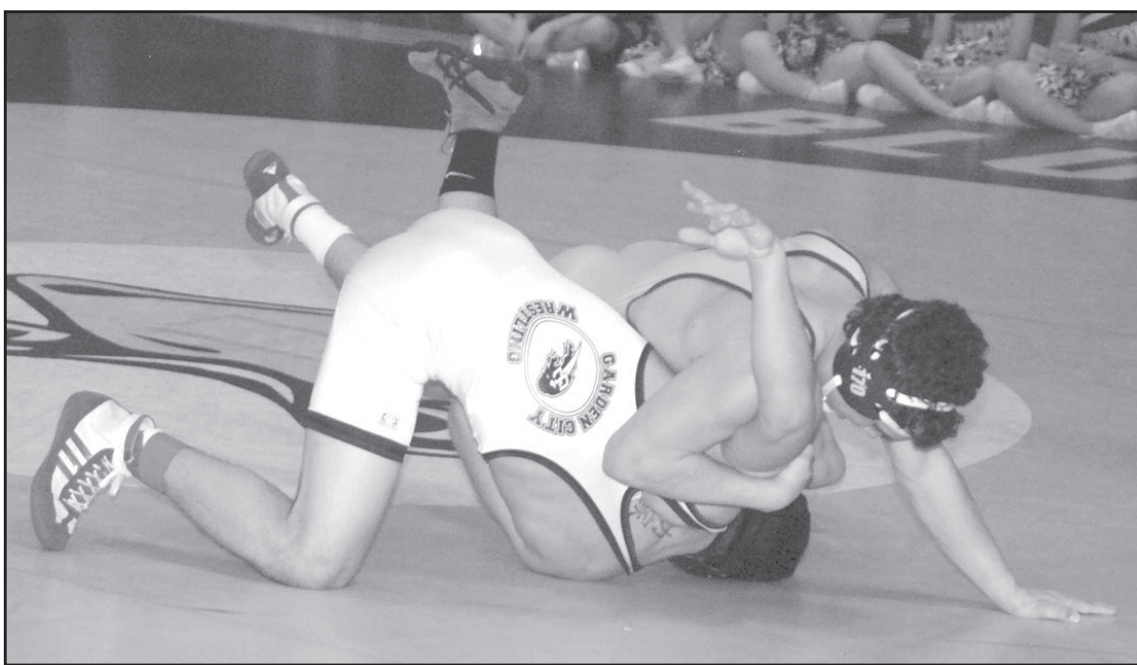
"I thought it would be a two-team race for the championship and it turned out to be just that," said coach Johnson.

"It was our first tournament back from the holiday and our condition was not very good.

"We weren't real consistent with good technique but it's hard to be on top of your technique when your tongue is hanging out. In addition to working on conditioning, our second priority will be to continue to work on more skills, more moves, more ways to ride people, etc. We need more tools in our tool box, so to speak."

### Wrestler of the Week

The Norton coaches chose Blue Jay freshman Kade Unterseher as the "Norton Wrestler of the Week".



Norton senior Cole Renner is pictured dominating Matt Marez, Garden City, prior to pinning him in 3:21 of their 170 pound third place match in the 49th annual J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

"He wrestled above his head in place of Branson Addington, who was sick, and really performed well to place second at 113," said coach Johnson.

### Individual matches

106 - Norton junior Caysean Campbell was seeded No.1. He pinned Chandler Brock, Cozad, in :50; pinned Auston Holzmeister, Oakley, in 1:31 and was pinned in 1:52 by No.2 seed Efrain Sanchez, Garden City, to place second.

Norton sophomore Skylar Johnson also competed at 106 and was seeded No.3. He pinned Zachary Tucker, Smith Center, in 1:30; lost a 5-3 decision to Sanchez; won a 12-5 decision over Bryce Bacon, Hoxie and pinned Holzmeister in 1:54 to place third.

Caysean's record is now 19-4 and Skylar's is 15-2.

113 - Blue Jay freshman Kade Unterseher was seeded No.3. He drew a bye, decisioned No.2 seed Tucker Rhoades, TMP, 7-4 and was pinned in :56 by No.1 seed Michael Prieto, Garden City, to place second.

Rhoades finished third by pinning Reilly Ritter, Oakley, in 4:07.

Kade is now 15-5 for the season.

120 - Norton senior Ethan Ross was the No.2 seed. He drew a bye, pinned Hunter Leibbrandt, Atwood, in :48; won a 16-0 technical fall over Ricky Hockett, TMP and lost a 6-2 decision to No.1 seed Tristan Porsch, Hoxie, to place second.

Hockett decisioned Leibbrandt 8-7 to place third.

Ethan is now 14-5 for the season.

126 - Norton freshman Trenton Wright drew a bye, pinned Josh Plante, TMP, in 2:36, lost an 18-3 technical fall to No.1 seed Macrae Migchelbrink, Atwood and lost a 5-3 decision to Daniel Law, Ulysses.

Migchelbrink shutout Jacob Hoffman, Cozad, 4-0 for first. Cale Rogers, Smith Center, placed third by pinning Law in 1:31.

Trenton is now 11-11 for the season.

132 - Blue Jay senior Toby Nickell was seeded No.4. He shutout Cole Sramek, Atwood, 5-0; lost a 7-2 decision to No.1 seed Brian Messersmith, Cozad and lost a 7-6 decision to Mario Rodriguez, Ulysses.

Messersmith won a 9-1 major decision over Wyatt Murphy, Oakley, for first. Rodriguez placed third with a 4-2 decision over Alec Castillo, Garden City.

Toby is now 5-7 for the season.

138 - Norton senior Alec Hager was seeded No.2. He pinned Drake Rowh, Hoxie, in 3:37; won a 14-5 major decision over Brody Frieling, Smith Center; lost a 7-0 decision to No.3 seed Clay Trejo, Cozad; won a 5-1 decision over Rhet Mizer, Atwood and pinned Taylor Murphy, Oakley, in 4:33 to place third.

No.1 seed Tevin Briscoe, Garden City, won a 2-1 decision over Trejo to win the championship. Alec is now 25-3 for the season.

145 - Blue Jay junior Jared Tallent was seeded No.1 and drew a bye. In his first match, he shut-

out Coy Terry, McCook, in a 16-0 technical fall; won a 12-4 major decision over No.4 seed Tyler Watts, Beloit and lost a 10-2 major decision to Chris Adler, Garden City, to place second.

Watts placed third with a 9-5 decision over Wyatt Kropp, Scott City.

Jared is now 21-5 for the season.

152 - Norton sophomore Mike Kasson drew a bye; lost a 6-4 decision to Jesse Nunez, Garden City; drew a bye; won an 11-4 decision over Juan Anguiano, Ulysses and lost a 4-2 decision to No.2 seed Tanner Niemczyk, Beloit, to place fourth.

No.1 seed Clint Rogers, Smith Center, won the championship with a 6-2 decision over Nunez. Mike is now 19-8 for the season.

160 - Blue Jay junior Kendall Miller was seeded No.3. He pinned Eric Langan, McCook, in 2:21; pinned Javier Trevino, Cimarron, in 1:08; pinned No.2 seed Grant Lambert, Smith Center, in 2:07 and was pinned in 5:38 by No.1 seed Bowe Behymer, Beloit, to place second. Lambert placed third by pinning Isac Goytia, Garden City, in :38.

Kendall's record is now 22-5.

170 - Norton senior Cole Renner was seeded No.2. He drew a bye; pinned Kasey Hahn, McCook, in 1:35; lost a 10-5 decision to No.3 seed Dalton Langham, Beloit; won a 16-1 technical fall over Anthony Merida, Atwood and pinned Matt Marez, Garden City, in 3:21 to place third.

Warren Kropp, Scott City, who was No.1 ranked, won the championship with a 13-1 major decision over Langham.

Cole is now 22-3 for the season.

182 - Norton was open. Jared Matson, McCook, won the championship of the round robin bracket; Tye Hahn, Garden City, placed second; Cody Wright, Atwood, was third and Tre Stewart, Scott City, finished fourth.

195 - This was also a round robin bracket. Norton sophomore Jordan Dole was pinned in 3:03 by Dakota McBride, McCook; was pinned in 1:25 by Diego Maravilla, Ulysses; was pinned in 2:45 by Sam Reyes, Garden City and lost a 4-3 decision to Hank Pfaster, Cozad, to place fifth.

220 -Blue Jay freshman Jacob Green was seeded No.3. He pinned Benny Hernandez, Garden City, in 4:50; lost a 2-0 decision to No.2 seed Otto Orosco, Ulysses; won by injury default over Lane Hayes, Scott City and won by injury default over Dylan Gassmann, Oakley, to place third.

No.1 seed Alex Boryca, Cozad, placed first with a fall in 3:16 over Orosco.

Jacob is now 19-4 for the season.

285 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Zach Crick, Cimarron, won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Aaron Lozano, Garden City, in 3:52. No.5 seed Mason Rains, Oakley, placed third by pinning No.4 seed Dalton Goodenberger, McCook, in 1:35.

## Blue Jays defeat Ulysses in dual

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team defeated Ulysses 50-15 in a dual held Friday night in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton.

It was a warm-up for the J.R. Durham Tournament held on Saturday in Norton

The Blue Jays won six matches that were wrestled, lost only two that were wrestled, won four by forfeit and lost one by

forfeit. Both teams were open at 285 pounds.

"We didn't have much of a challenge because of their open weights," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

"They had good wrestlers at 120 and 145 but Ethan Ross and Jared Tallent were able to defeat them. We competed well and, hopefully, it will continue over to Saturday's tournament."

### Individual matches

106 - Skylar Johnson won by

forfeit.

113 - Caysean Campbell won by forfeit

120 - Ethan Ross won a 12-2 decision over Zach Miller.

126 - Trenton Wright won a 3-1 decision over Daniel Law.

132 - Toby Nickell won a 6-4 decision over Mario Rodriguez.

138 - Alec Hager pinned Kaler Gilbert in 2:45.

145 - Jared Tallent won a 21-4 decision over Bryce Rodriguez.

152 - Mike Kasson lost a 6-4

decision to Juan Anguiano.

160 - Kendall Miller pinned Angel Morcayo in 3:11.

170 - Cole Renner won by forfeit.

182 - Chris Chastain won by forfeit.

195 - Diego Maravilla of Ulysses won by forfeit.

220 - Jacob Green was pinned by Otto Orosco.

285 - Both teams were open.

## Newton tourney is this weekend

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School wrestlers will face their biggest challenge of the season this Friday and Saturday when they compete in the prestigious 51st 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 (the champion of the J.R. Durham Tournament), Gardner-Edgerton, Grand Island, Neb., Holton, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Maise, Maise South, Manhattan, McPherson, Mill Valley, Salina South, Wichita East, Wichita Heights, Wichita Northwest.

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

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students K-12 per session. A two-day adult ticket is \$12 and a 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 p.m. Norton is the smallest enrollment school to ever win the Newton tournament championship. The Blue Jays won

## Huskies lose hard fought game to Wilcox Falcons

By MIKE STEPHENS

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The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team traveled to Wilcox, Neb., on Tuesday and fell to the Falcons 59-48.

The Huskies led 15-12 after the first quarter, with senior Hunter Chandler leading the way with six points, but the Falcons defense would stiffen in the second quarter.

The Huskies were held to just eight points in the quarter while the Falcons put up 20 points, led

by Triston Farley's eight points, and would take a nine point lead into halftime, 32 -23.

In the third quarter, the Huskies continued to struggle offensively; senior Jordan Baird scored six of his team's 10 points. The Falcons had five players score and extended their lead to 46-33 over the Huskies.

In the fourth quarter, the Huskies outscored the Falcons 15-13, once again led by Chandler who finished the game with 14 points, but couldn't overcome the double digit deficit, losing

59-48 to the Wilcox-Hildreth Falcons.

### Coach's comments-

"We played pretty well for the first quarter and a half. Part way through the second quarter, Wilcox-Hildreth upped their defensive intensity and got more physical with us. We had some turnovers at that point and they were able to get the lead. We were down by nine at half, and could never make up any ground in the second half," said coach Chuck Fessenden.

Huskies scorers:

Hunter Chandler - 14

Jordan Baird - 10

Brant Cox - 7

Ame Baird - 6

Matt Stutsman - 5

Clint Cole - 4

Carson Wallace - 2

Junior Varsity Game

Northern Valley - 34

Wilcox-Hildreth - 44

Leading scorers:

Philip Rupp - 15

Carson Wallace - 10

Leading rebounder:

Carson Wallace - 6

## Trojans win both games

By MIKE STEPHENS

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The Logan/Damar Trojans Junior High boys basketball team traveled to Bazine on Thursday, Jan. 9, and won both the varsity and junior varsity games over the Western Plains Bobcats.

The Trojans won the varsity contest handily, 46-17, with David Thompson leading the way with 23 points.

The Trojans junior varsity dominated the Bobcats as well with a 21 point victory, with Jay Mulder and Bodey LeRoux contributing 10 points each.

Logan/Damar - 46

Western Plains - 17

Scoring:

Garrett Handley - 6

Blake Bouchey - 7

Colton Greving - 10

David Thompson - 23

Junior Varsity

Logan/Damar - 36

Western Plains - 15

Scoring:

Zach Jansoni - 7

Trey Kats - 2

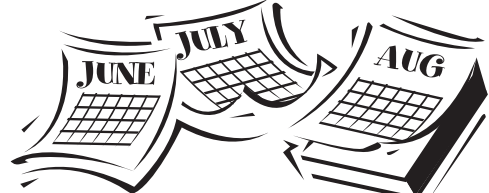
Jay Mulder - 10

Michael Daniels - 5

Bodey LeRoux - 10

Shaydin Speth - 2

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