

# At the Game

## Wrestler earns championship at tournament

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Six St. Francis varsity wrestlers, Freddy Pacheco, Terrence Lamb, Cody Sherlock, Darris Keller, Grady Brunk and Adam Guthmiller, competed in the Wray Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 19, with five of the six placing, including Guthmiller who earned a championship.

Wiggins, with 192.5 points, won the tournament. They had three champions, the most of any team. St. Francis earned 94 points and placed seventh.

"We were only a few points away from the fourth-place finisher and we had the smallest team there," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Most of the schools above us had full teams while we had less than half a team."

"It was a good way to go into the Christmas break.

"Overall we wrestled pretty good but not quite as good as I had hoped."

Sainty had one champion, Guthmiller at 189 pounds; two second place finishers, Lamb at 135 pounds and Sherlock at 140 pounds; one third place finisher, Brunk at 160 pounds and one fourth place finisher, Keller at 145 pounds.

"Adam (Guthmiller) wrestled an undefeated number-one ranked kid in Colorado (Davis of Wiggins) in the semi's. He had also placed

either first or second in state last year. Anytime you are a champion it means you have had a good day.

"Terrence (Lamb) had a good tournament. In his semi-final match he beat the kid who placed second in state last year. He lost to the number-one ranked kid in the state of Colorado in overtime.

"Cody (Sherlock) had a good tournament. In his finals he beat one of last year's state placers, Barber of Merino. Barber is also one of the top two or three wrestlers this year.

"Grady (Brunk) lost one match to the eventual champion (Korf of Yuma). It was good that he came back and got third.

Darris (Keller) had his only two losses to the same wrestler, Marini of Wiggins.

### Team standings

Wiggins, 192.5; Rocky Ford, 149; Ponderosa, 119; Akron, 101.5; Fowler, 95; Merino, 95; St. Francis, 94; Wray, 93; Yuma, 87; Middle Park, 81.5; Sedgwick County, 40; Fleming, 39; Simla, 28; Cheyenne Wells, 23; Stratton, 2. All of the teams except St. Francis and Stratton had some Team-X wrestlers.

### Individual results

119: Pacheco lost by a fall to Martiniz, Ponderosa; won by a fall over Grosz, Wiggins; lost by a fall to Burke, Fowler.

135: Lamb won by a fall over Jackson, Wray-X; won by a fall over Tomlin, Fowler; won by a 9-7



SENIOR DARRIS KELLER earns a fourth-place finish in the 140 weight class at the Wray Invitational on Dec. 18.

Herald photo courtesy of Kristi Guthmiller

decision over Watson, Wiggins; lost by a 10-8 overtime decision to Richards, Sedgwick County. Placed second.

140: Sherlock won by a fall over Arnold, Akron-X; won by a 6-1 decision over Erker, Wiggins; won by a 7-4 decision over Johnson, Fowler; lost by a 5-2 decision to Barber, Merino. Placed second.

145: Keller lost by a 9-3 decision to Marini, Wiggins; won by a fall over Groves, Wiggins-X; won by a fall over Suto, Rocky Ford; won by a 9-4 decision over Robinson, Ponderosa; lost by a 5-0 decision to Marini, Wiggins. Placed fourth.

160: Brunk won by a fall over Moreno, Ponderosa; won by a fall over Box, Cheyenne Wells; lost by a fall to Korf, Yuma; won by a 10-4 decision to Mullin, Simla; won by a fall over Walker, Wiggins. Placed third.

189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Harms, Akron; won by a 6-5 decision over Davis, Wiggins; won by a 9-1 decision over Macchione, Middle Park. Placed first.

### Junior varsity tournament

St. Francis freshmen wrestlers attended the Decatur Community Junior Varsity Tournament held in Oberlin on Saturday, Dec. 18.

"The freshmen wrestlers give 110 percent," Coach Kyle Buffington said. "They battled real hard."

Coach Buffington also said that the wrestlers are getting better all the time.

Zach Gienger won the championship at 171 pounds and the coach said you always wrestle real well when you take first.

Gienger won by a fall over Minkler, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Aldaco, Garden City.

Mikey Leibbrandt placed second at 112 pounds. He and the same Colby wrestler have wrestled three times this year and Leibbrandt won the first time, Schlageck the second time and then Leibbrandt won again Saturday. In the final match, the score with Shull of Colby was tied 2-2 before Leibbrandt lost by a fall.

Leibbrandt won by a fall over

Farber, Colby; won by a fall over Schlageck, Colby; lost by a fall to Shull, Colby.

Dylan Wolaver placed second at 140 pounds. He won by a fall over Adams, Garden City; won by a 10-1 decision over Lightner, Smith Center; lost by a 7-4 decision to Boyington, Phillipsburg.

Casey Keller placed third at 103 pounds. He lost by a fall to Pfeifer, Hill City; lost by a 4-0 decision to Witmer, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Helm, Decatur Community.

Thomas Douthit placed third at 145 pounds. He won by a 6-4

decision over Carter, Hoxie; lost by a 12-11 decision to Wark, Colby; won by a 12-0 decision over Schroeder, Colby; won by a 2-0 decision over Carter, Hoxie.

The coach said that the 12-11 decision he lost to Wark was a close match and if Douthit had won he could have made the finals.

Foster Grant wrestled at 112 pounds. He lost by a fall to Shull, Colby; won by a 13-4 decision to Gurreo, Garden City; lost by a fall to Schlageck, Colby. The coach said it was good that he got a win.

## Team wins final game of tourney

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The junior high A-team had some exciting basketball games as they finished their season with the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. The most exciting game was the 48-46 overtime win in the matchup against Quinter on Thursday, Dec. 17. Earlier that day they had a very close game with Rawlins County in which the Buffs pulled out a 32-30 point victory.

Sainty met Colby in the opening round on Monday which ended in a 51-34 loss.

The Indians finished the tournament in seventh place but the win over Quinter was a great way to end the season.

### vs Quinter

**St. Francis 48, Quinter 46 OT**

"This was one of the most exciting junior high games I've seen," Coach David Morrow said. "Both teams had to adjust and re-adjust according to the conditions through the game. The guys did a great job of keeping the Bulldogs out of their offense after the first quarter. Kyler (Zweygardt) and Cade (Bracelin) once again had to play defense in the first half against a good player in the post area. Mason (Schiltz), Wyatt (Landenberger), and Lane (Hoffman) made it impossible in the three minutes before half time for Quinter's point guard to get their offense to work. We had a 6-point lead going into half time.

"The second half was very hard-fought. We gave up a lead in the fourth quarter and found ourselves down by 3 with 4 seconds left. Following the inbounds pass from the sideline, Landenberger hit a deep 3-point shot as time expired to send the game into overtime. Those last few moments were very exciting for the boys and me. We were facing another close defeat, but a great play allowed us to extend the game.

"In overtime, we were able to pressure Quinter's best player into some forced shots that allowed us to get the ball back. Zweygardt and Schiltz again had some very important rebounds. We ended the game with Zweygardt shooting free throws. Quinter got the rebound, but they were unable to get a quality shot at their basket.

"People who got to see these guys play their last three games can attest to the improvement they have made. Not only did they improve their abilities in basketball, but they also seemed to figure out how to compete and be mentally tough. I was worried about their ability to play the Quinter game with intensity immediately following the Rawlins County game, but they simply wanted to win the contest and proved me wrong. This was a very gratifying way to end the season."

(No first quarter score or individual stats are available.

The scores by quarter start with second quarter and end with the overtime)

SF	29	6	8	5	48
Q	23	12	8	3	46

**Rawlins County 32**  
**St. Francis 30**

In the first game of the consolation bracket on Thursday, St. Francis met the Buffs from Rawlins County. In an exciting finish, Rawlins County won 32-30.

"The lead changed hands a couple of times in this game," Coach Morrow said. Rawlins County had their tall post player back from injury, so the dynamics were much different compared the first time we played them. Zweygardt and Bracelin did a good job of defending him and grabbing rebounds. Guards Schiltz, Landenberger, and Hoffman all played very well throughout the game defensively.

"The last few moments of the game were chaotic. Rawlins County took a two-point lead, and we were not able to capitalize on a chance to tie or win the contest. The boys played very well, however, and showed just how much we've improved from the first time we met the Buffaloes, when we lost by 15. We had our chances to win this game, but the mistakes made throughout the contest made that very difficult.

SF	7	10	6	7	30
R	11	9	4	8	32

**Colby 51**  
**St. Francis 34**

"Though the score might not suggest it to anyone who isn't familiar with the Colby A-team, we probably played the best game of our year so far," Coach Morrow said. "The guys played with confidence and were very loose, which allowed us to be much more creative on offense. In fact, 34 points is the most we've scored this season.

"Lane (Hoffman) got us on the board with a first-quarter field goal. Our guards put some pressure on the Colby defense and attacked the basket aggressively. Kyler (Zweygardt) had another good night rebounding.

"Colby increased the margin between us in the third quarter, but we were able to settle down and make the game competitive.

"If we play this well in the second round of the tournament, we'll be coming home with a couple of wins. These guys have shown remarkable improvement. We had leadership from the eighth graders and maturity from the seventh graders, and the combination made for some good basketball Monday afternoon.

"Though I hate to be in the position of having to grade success in relative terms, Monday's game demonstrated this progress. The first game we played Colby this year, we lost by 38.

SF	7	8	7	12	34
C	11	11	16	13	51

## Lady Indians play two contests

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The Lady Indians were involved in basketball competition against Colby and Decatur Community High School the last week prior to Christmas break.

Against a very strong 4-A Lady Eagle team, St. Francis was soundly defeated 52-9.

The Sainty Ladies bounced back on Friday night scoring 47 points, 31 of those points in the second half. Unfortunately the Lady Red Devils of Decatur Community earned the 58-47 victory.

"We were mentally ready to play tonight (Friday)," Coach Larry Flemming said.

"We are going to work on many aspects of the game of basketball during the much-needed Christmas break!!!"

### vs Colby

Colby had Sainty down 16-2 after one, 28-4 at half time and 41-6 at the end of three before ending the game with a 52-9 victory.

Scoring for the Lady Indians involved two points in each of the first three quarters and three points in the final frame for the total of nine.

The final field-goal percentage was 10 percent with 3-of-13 going through the hoop which also showed that the opportunity for attempts was limited.

Kaitlin Figgins had four points in the game with Mikaela Grace having three and Christina Hilt hitting both of her free throws for two points. Three of the nine points came from the free-throw line with Grace having one to added to C. Hilt's two.

Collecting rebounds was a problem against Colby also with Sainty having a total of 15. The

Ladies had 32 turnovers compared to 10 steals showing Colby's dominance of the game. Jaclyn McCauley collected five rebounds to lead the team.

SF	2	2	3	9
C	16	12	13	52

Scoring: Figgins 4, Grace 3, C. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: McCauley 5, Figgins 3, Grace 2, Sarah Trembly 2, Jacquelyn Ketzner 1, Christina Hilt 1, Aly Mariner 1.

### vs Decatur Community

The squad's field-goal shooting went to 28 percent on Friday with 54 attempts and 15 of them being successful.

Decatur Community won this Northwest Kansas League game by the score of 58-47.

At the line, the percentage moved to 63 with 12 successful of 19. Three players were 100 percent at the line, McCauley, Grace and S. Hilt each being 2-of-2.

Jodie Hilt and Figgins led the team by each scoring 12 points for the evening. Hilt had three 3-pointers, posted one basket inside the arc and added one free throw while Figgins had four two's and scored 4 points at the line.

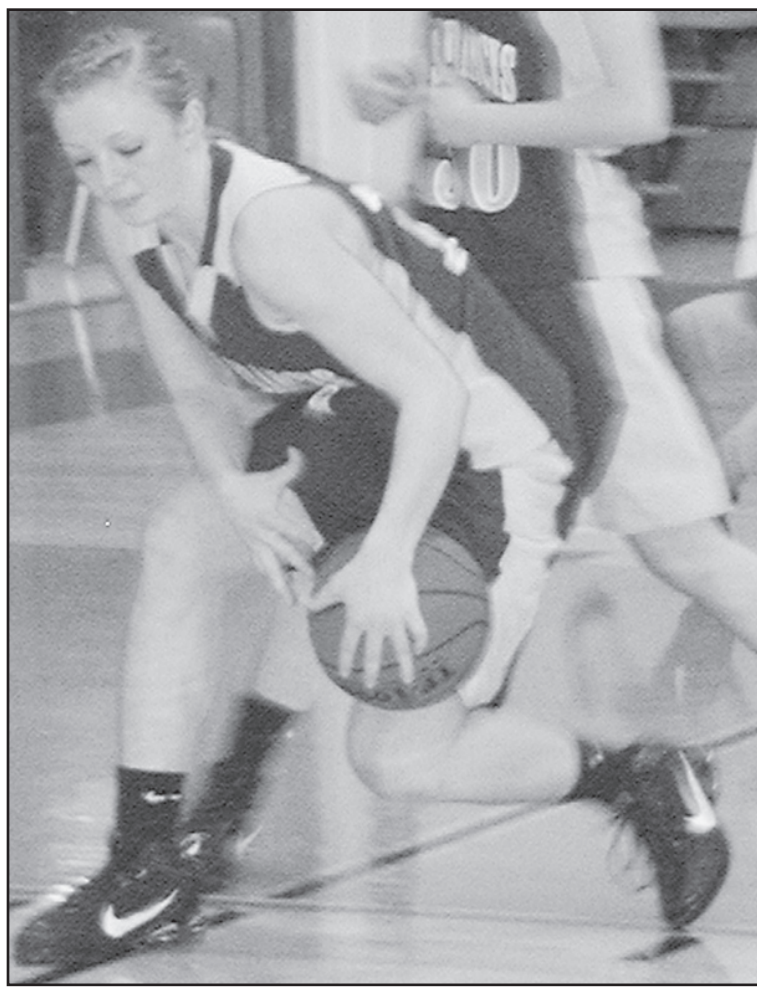
St. Francis posted eight points on the board in each of the first two quarters but upped their points scored in the second half to 12 in the third quarter and 19 in the final frame. Actually, Sainty outscored the Lady Red Devils in the fourth (19 to 14).

St. Francis had 28 rebounds with 15 of them defensive. Figgins was the leader with eight.

Ten steals were recorded but the team also had 20 turnovers.

SF	8	8	12	47
D	14	15	14	58

Scoring: J. Hilt 12, Figgins 12, Trembly 9, Grace 6, S. Hilt 4,



LADY INDIAN Mikaela Grace dribbles the ball in a contest played in Oberlin on Dec. 18.

Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes toward the end of the game with the girls attacking the basket.

"Unfortunately, it was too little, too late."

Scoring: Clarice Neitzel 4, Laura Brunk 2, Figgins 2.

### vs Decatur Community

Sainty fell to Decatur Community by the score of 40-21.

"We played pretty well in the first quarter, and then we just lost mental focus throughout the rest of the game," Coach Dinkel said.

"We had several turnovers and just didn't do a good job handling the pressure that they were putting on us.

"I was extremely disappointed with our overall effort as a team."

Scoring: Neitzel 5, Aubrey Mills 4, Krissy Harris 4, Aly Northrup 2, Ketzner 2, Brunk 2, Figgins 2.

## Bowling News

**Wednesday Night Mens 12-23**  
Team standings: Bonny Solutions 38.5-21.5, Cheyenne Bowl 35-25, Krien Steel 34-22, Idalia JV 34-26, Haigler One 27.5-28.5, Wright and Wrong 25-31, Haigler Two 24-36, Bonanza Ford 14-14.

High game (scratch): Bob Lippert 213, Mike Blecha 198, Ross Morris 194.

High series (scratch): Lippert 546, Kale Zimbelman 542, Eddie Zuege 532.

**Monday Night Mixed 12-14**  
Team standings: ABC-Z 28-16, Gutter Heads 20-24, Earl's Gals 18-22, Neitzel Insurance 17-23.

High game (scratch): Eddie Zuege 215, Kale Zimbelman 170, Tammy Zimbelman 170, Derek Morrow 169, Amelia Zuege 142, Janice Krien 142; (handicap): E. Zuege 240, Morrow 235, Nick Chavez 220, Vicki Cox 216, Connie Wilger 204, T. Zimbelman 203.

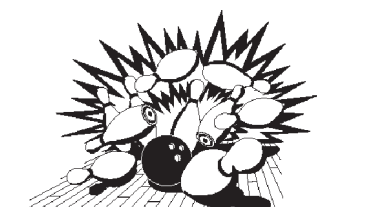
High series (scratch): E. Zuege

509, K. Zimbelman 496, Chavez 446, T. Zimbelman 422, A. Zuege and Krien 387; (handicap): Chavez 614, V. Cox 603, E. Zuege 584, Arrie Cox 574, C. Wilger 567, Dorothy Hankins 550.

### Wednesday Coffee 12-16

Team standings: Western State Bank 34-18, Lodge Sleepers 32-20, Kale's Girls 29-19, Jolly Ranchers 24.5-19.5, Dairy King 20.5-28.5.

High game (scratch): Donna Hall 188, Virginia Lengel 155,



Carol Peterson 154; (handicap): Hall 225, Lengel 216, Janice Krien 215.

High series (scratch): Hall 471, Peterson 412, Ann Davisson 410; (handicap): Davisson 587, Hall 582, Peterson 574.