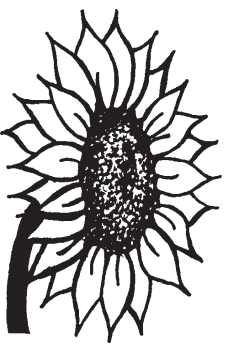


At the Game



Indian mat men wrestle several teams at tourney

By Betty Jean Winston The January wrestling tournament season began with a dual competition in Sterling, Colo., on Saturday. St. Francis was in a pool with Akron, North Platte, Merino, Sterling and Gering. Other teams participating were Eaton, Holyoke, Weld Central.

Wrestlers who came home undefeated in the five matches Sainty was involved in Saturday were Gavin Smull and Russell Rogers. "They were the most consistent wrestlers on Saturday," Coach Mike Frewen said. "You need to have four or five good matches in a row if you want to be a State caliber wrestler. We need to get everyone to be more consistent."

Jordan Gienger was unable to participate due to an injury and Brennon Wilger was injured in the second dual of the day.

Akron 39, St. Francis 36 "We didn't wrestle as well against Akron as we did against Oakley on Friday," Coach Frewen said.

"Akron had some pretty good, tough kids. If they would have had a full team they would have been really tough."

Individual results 103: Darris Keller received a forfeit; 112: Terrence Lamb won by a fall; 119: St. Francis was open; 125: St. Francis was open; 130: Smull won by a 5-4 decision over Scheopner; 135: St. Francis was open; 140: Jesse Pacheco lost by a 7-3 decision to Christensen; 145: Brady Frewen won by a 4-3 deci-

sion over Reid; 152: Scott Ford lost by a fall to Monasmith; 160: Justin Sherlock lost by a fall to Vigil; 171: Rogers won by a fall over Carman; 189: Guthmiller received a forfeit; 215: Sam Sowers lost by a fall to Hottinger; 285: Wilger received a forfeit.

St. Francis 43, North Platte 42 "In this match Brennon (Wilger) hurt his elbow and had to default," Coach Frewen said.

"Terrence Lamb did a good job. He was behind 8-0 at the end of the first period. In the second he scored two points and later in the same period he pinned his kid."

"Justin Sherlock was behind 8-0 and in the third period he pinned his kid. He never gave up, he just battled back."

"Sam Sowers was behind 6-3 when he pinned his kid in the second period."

103: Keller won by an 11-4 decision over Hale; 112: Lamb won by a fall over Skibs; 119: St. Francis was open; 125: St. Francis was open; 130: Smull received a forfeit; 135: St. Francis was open; 140: Pacheco lost by a fall to Zurcher; 145: Frewen lost by a fall to Snoozy; 152: Ford lost by a fall to Pettit; 160: Sherlock won by a fall over Riley; 171: Rogers won by a fall over Hale; 189: Guthmiller received a forfeit; 215: Sowers won by a fall over McEwen; 285: Wilger defaulted to Nevvry.

St. Francis 39, Merino 36, "The Merino kids that wrestled were really good," Coach Frewen



EARNs A PIN — Justin Sherlock is waiting for the referee to blow the whistle to confirm the pin. He defeated Snyder of Sterling in the dual tournament on Saturday.

said. "They did not have every weight."

103: Keller received a forfeit; 112: Lamb lost by a 13-3 decision to Cook; 119: St. Francis was open; 125: St. Francis was open; 130: Smull won by a 6-0 decision over Brown; 135: St. Francis was open; 140: Pacheco lost by a fall to Harryman; 145: Frewen lost by a 9-6 decision to Amen; 152: Ford lost by a 16-1 technical fall to Brunkhardt; 160: Sherlock won by a fall over Hottinger; 171: Rogers received a forfeit; 189: Guthmiller received a forfeit; 215: Sowers won by a fall over Armstrong; 285: Wilger won by a fall.

Gering 41, St. Francis 27 "Gering had the highest caliber wrestlers that we met during the tournament," Coach Frewen said. "They had a solid team, the toughest wrestlers in the tournament."

103: Keller lost by a 9-8 decision to Contraz; 112: Lamb lost by a fall; 119: St. Francis was open; 125: St. Francis was open; 130: Smull won by a 9-5 decision over Kelly; 135: Both teams were open; 140: Pacheco lost by a fall to Allbaugh; 145: Frewen won by a fall over Gutierrez; 152: Ford received a for-

feit; 160: Sherlock lost by a 22-7 technical fall to Smith; 171: Rogers won by a fall Ybarra; 189: Guthmiller lost by a fall to Brown; 215: Sowers lost by a fall to Franklin; 285: St. Francis was open.

Team X Three St. Francis wrestlers filled in on Team X on Saturday with the following results:

103: Freddy Pacheco lost by a fall to an Easton wrestler; received a forfeit; received a forfeit; won by a fall over Hale, North Platte; received a forfeit.

145: Lamar Adams lost by a technical fall to Kannel; lost by a fall to a Merino wrestler; lost by a fall to a North Platte wrestler; lost by a fall to a Holyoke wrestler; lost by a fall to a Weld Central wrestler.

189: Trevor Hilt won by a fall over Batt; received a forfeit; won by a fall over a Weld Central wrestler; received a forfeit; won by a fall over a North Platte wrestler.

Junior varsity

145: Grady Brunk won by a fall over a Sterling wrestler; won by a 14-1 decision over a Merino wrestler; lost by a fall to a Merino wrestler and won by a 12-7 decision.

Prairie Senior Classic

The Indian mat men will compete in the Prairie Senior Classic wrestling tournament in Hays on Friday and Saturday. Other teams attending include Ellis, Buhler, Thomas More Prep-Marian, Goodland, Wichita Independent, Russell, Trego Community, Haysville Campus, McPherson, Shawnee Heights, Dodge City, Ellsworth, Oakley, Salina Central, Phillipsburg, Larned, Hoisington, Ulysses, Spring Hill and Hays.

The first round on Friday takes place at 3 p.m. Championship quarterfinals and semi-finals will also take place on Friday.

Consolation begins at 9:30 on Saturday and continues until the consolation finals at 4:30 p.m. and the finals at 5:30 p.m.

Sainty earns a victory

By Betty Jean Winston The boys junior varsity basketball team is rolling along with another win this week. They defeated Oakley 65-57.

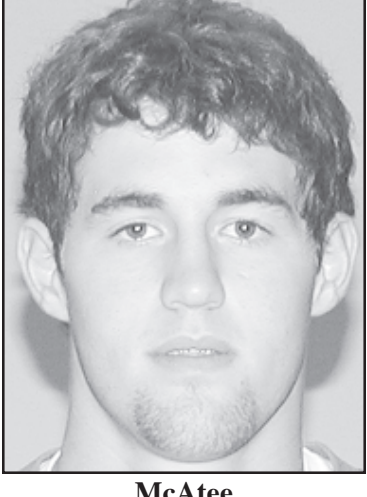
"We have a pretty young junior varsity team but they are playing pretty well," Coach Brett Petersen said.

Eight players contributed point toward the victory with Trent Raile compiling 26 to lead the way. Matt Raile was in double figures with 11.

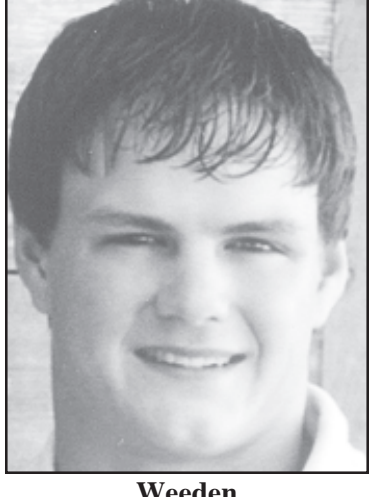
Players also help put the game in the win column with strong defense, rebounding, assists and lack of turnovers.

Scoring: T. Raile 26, M. Raile 11, BJ Killingsworth 9, Ethan Zwegardt 6, Trent Raile 5, Keaton Frewen 4, Alex Long 2, Jacob Riedel 1.

C-team action St. Francis boys ball players will be in C-team action with Oberlin on Monday night in St. Francis. Game time is 6 p.m.



McAtee



Weeden

Players receive Shrine Bowl bids

The Kansas Shrine Bowl has announced that Joel McAtee and Levi Weeden have been selected to play in the 2007 game. The two St. Francis Community High School seniors were selected by a mail ballot of nearly 40 sports media professionals. The Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching staff has also been selected.

This charity all-star football game is scheduled for July 28 in Hays at Lewis Field Stadium on the campus of Fort Hays State University.

"Both of these young men are very deserving," Indian coach Tim Lambert said. "Rarely do two players on the same team make it. It is a credit to our team."

"The media and area coaches, who choose the players saw the success of the team and I think the fact that we had a better season gives the players more recognition."

"Joel could have had a 2,000-yard rushing season but he was unselfish when we spread the talent around. He handled the situation well."

"Both of these guys were unselfish. Joel came close to breaking the career rushing total for our high school and Levi was close to breaking the career tackle total. Both finished their careers in second place (on the respective lists)."

"I think it is an honor to be selected to the Shrine Bowl team because there are so many good

players in our league," Levi said. "It lets me know they think I am a good football player and that I am good enough to play with all the other kids in Kansas."

"It is an honor being one of the two this year," Joel said. "There only are 68 kids on both teams so being one of the 68 is very special."

This is the first time that two Indians have been invited to play in the same year. Past St. Francis athletes invited to participate include Dustin Dunn, 2002; Jon Zwegardt, 2000; Justin McAtee, 1998; Jim Keller, 1997; Andy Poling, 1996, and Bill Krueger, 1984.

Selection to play in this game has become one of the most sought after and prestigious honors a Kansas high school football player can be awarded. Only 68 young men are invited to play each year from the entire state of Kansas.

Both Weeden and McAtee have also received first team Northwest Kansas League honors, both offensively and defensively and McAtee was named to the All-Area Top 11 and Weeden the All-Area Third 11 by the Salina Journal.

In addition to bringing honor and recognition to the participants and their schools the Shrine Bowl donates all net profits, over \$2 million dollars so far, to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Girls open winter campaign

By Betty Jean Winston The junior high girls opened their basketball season on Thursday, Jan. 11, when they entertained teams from Colby. The A-team was defeated 39-20 and the B-team 35-4. The teams also played a fifth quarter which St. Francis won 7-6.

A-team Colby 39, St. Francis 20 "This was a competitive game for the first three quarters and then our energy was gone and frustration set in during the final period," Coach David Morrow said.

"During the first half, our kids at times played as well as anyone could have expected them to for this first scrimmage. In fact, when we were able to play half-court defense against the Eagles we stood up to them very well. However, Colby was a fast, experienced team that ran the floor well so we were on the

run all evening. Chasing them up and down the court took its toll and we were drained for the fourth quarter.

"Almost everyone who played in the contest scored which bodes well for our future this season. We have a roster full of hard-working kids who can come in and contribute and help to make us competitive with most teams."

Lexee Reichert and Sarah Trembly both scored five points. Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt and Ally Marin all scored two point.

B-team Colby 35, St. Francis 4

"It was apparent that for most of the girls on this team Thursday's contest was the first organized basketball game in which they had ever competed," Coach Morrow said.

"We had many first-game diffi-

culties and had some trouble feeling comfortable in executing our offense and knowing where to be on defense.

"That being said, I think it's also apparent that this team is going to surprise a few people before the season is over. We have a great group of kids who work hard in practice and listen well, and they simply need more time to get acclimated to competitive basketball."

Ashlynn Lambert and Kaitlin Figgins each scored two points.

Fifth quarter , St. Francis 7, Colby 6

"We won the fifth quarter by a score of 7 to 6," Coach Morrow said. "Jenna Hill, the newest addition to the team (she moved to St. Francis from Otis, Colo.), scored two points in the A-team fifth quarter. Trembly scored three and Reichert added two more.

Wrestling Rankings

The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association has released the following wrestling rankings, dated Jan. 12.

St. Francis wrestlers listed include Gavin Smull, sixth at 130 pounds, Jordan Gienger, first at 152, Russell Rogers, fifth at 171, and Brennan Wilger, third at 275.

The 1-2-3A wrestlers are listed by weight class and then ranked in the first through sixth position. The first wrestler named is the one ranked first with the name of his school, followed in order (second through sixth) by the remaining ranked wrestlers at that weight.

103: Tyler Roth, Silver Lake; Carlos Galloway, Stockton; Trevor Williamson, Wichita Independent; Jesse Brown, Flint Hills; Conner Pfannenstiel, Norton; Brandon Ray, Eureka.

112: Collin Hase, Silver Lake; Colt Rogers, Smith Center; Kaenon Keiswetter, Norton; Zach Cemen, Phillipsburg; Dan Weigel, Plainville; Devin Frye, Eureka.

119: Brendan Harshman, Chase County; Cody Merriman, Onaga; Aaron Patton, Wellsville; Jeremy Keen, Pleasant Ridge; Chris Orr, Hill City; Brett LaMar, Silver Lake.

125: Matt Migchaelbrink, Rawlins County; Cole Zogelman, Garden Plain; Dustin Zahorsky, Phillipsburg; Zach Bainter, Phillipsburg; Aaron Weatherhead, Belleville; Cade Hewitt, Beloit.

130: Nathan Broeckelman, Norton; Wyatt Bechtel, Eureka; Tommy Knapp, Lincoln; Trevor Rempe, Smith Center; Jeremy Chase, Hill City; Gavin Smull, St. Francis.

135: Brett Swoyer, Rock Creek; Kent Mann, Norton; Keaton Taylor, Silver Lake; Pat Mosley, Wichita Independent; Billy Benz, Eureka; Cas Spangler, Beloit.

140: Bradley Esterl, Beloit; Justin York, Smith Center; Cody Eaton, Minneapolis; Darell Melcher, Herington; Jordan Noll, Effingham; Gage Reichert, Oberlin.

145: Jason Pyle, Sabetha; Nick Kough, Scott City; Kade Bloom, Phillipsburg; Cody Meier, Silver Lake; Drake Moore, Oakley; Martin Hojda, Osborne.

152: Jordan Gienger, St. Francis; Blake VanEaton, Norton; Spencer Hinson, Silver Lake; Nathan Palmer, Stockton; Jorday Meyer, Sabetha; Kinderknecht, Ellis.

160: Jason Corwin, Silver Lake; Ryan Patterson, Garden Plain; Ryan Swartzell, Phillipsburg; Keilly Youngkin, Oakley; Cody Hanel, Beloit; Chris Mader, Quinter.

171: Derek Oswald, Effingham; Matt Hyman, Beloit; Jacob Yoder, Hillsboro; Cole Muntz, Republic County; Russell Rogers, St. Francis; Carl Hickel, Hoisington.

189: Michael Malay, Trego; Terry Urban, Oberlin; Matt McGinty, Southeast of Saline; Matt VanderLinden, Burlington; Joey Phillips, Pleasant Ridge; Trent Snyder, Sabetha.

215: Aaron Racette, Oakley; Kirk Palmer, Smith Center; Steven Kyler, Ellsworth; Josh Stilwell, Eureka; David Hadley, Phillipsburg; Lucas Camac, Jayhawk Linn.

275: Duane Zlatnik, Rossville; Steven Foster, Halstead; Brennan Wilger, St. Francis; Brock Euhus, Oberlin; Alex Thomas, Norton; Daniel Snyder, Hoisington.



School Schedule

Thursday: junior high wrestling, Oberlin, St. Francis, Hoxie, at Hoxie; junior high basketball, St. Francis at Hoxie.

Friday: high school wrestling, Prairie Classic, Hays; high school basketball, Oberlin Invitational, semi-finals; junior high wrestling, Goodland Tournament

Monday: junior high basketball, St. Francis at Goodland

Tuesday: high school basketball, St. Francis at Weskan

Thursday, Jan. 25: junior high basketball, Rawlins County, here, 4:30 p.m.; junior high wrestling, Oberlin, Oakley and St. Francis at Oberlin, 6 p.m.