

At the Game

Four Indians head to State

By Betty Jean Winston

Norton with 221.5 points retained their crown at the 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament held Friday and Saturday in Norton. Scott City placed second with 159 points, St. Francis placed third with 129 points, Oakley and Phillipsburg tied for fourth with 126.

Four St. Francis wrestlers earned the right to attend the State tournament by their efforts at Regionals. A number of the other wrestlers were just one match away.

"We wrestled the best we have all year. We did not have a bad round. We wrestled as good as we can wrestle," Coach Mike Frewen said.

Those traveling to State include Jordan Gienger and Russell Rogers, who were named champions, and Gavin Smull and Brennon Wilger, who reached the championship match but placed second.

There were a number of good teams and many outstanding wrestlers involved in the action at Norton.

"What makes this the toughest regionals (in 3-2-1A) is not that the top four are any better," Coach Frewen said. "It's that the fifth through eighth are tougher."

"There were some real close matches and we were right in the matches."

First place Norton finished the day with 10 wrestlers qualifying for State. Four of them were Regional champions. Second place Scott City will be taking nine to State, including two champions.

Oakley, who tied for fourth with Phillipsburg had three champions while Oberlin, Rawlins County and WaKeeney/Trego Community each had one.

Coach Frewen had the following comments on the State placers.

"Jordan Gienger won every match by a fall. Every time you do that you have wrestled well and had an outstanding tournament. The Norton boy (Van Eaton) is a top contender, he placed third last year at State. Jordan pinned him in an outstanding match.

"Russell Rogers wrestled his style and he forced his opponents to wrestle his style. He has control of the matches. He does not make many mistakes. He had a very good tournament.

"Gavin Smull is always very consistent. He had a very good tournament. He won his first two matches by technical falls and beat the Hill City kid 8-4. He had a very tough match against Brockelman of Norton in the finals. Brockelman is the top kid in this weight. Gavin

wrestled tough against him.

"Brennon Wilger wrestled very well. He pinned his first kid who was a State medalist. He lost 3-0 to a very tough Norton kids in a close match. We'll see what happens this week at State."

This will be the fourth trip to State for Gienger, who qualified but did not place his freshman year, placed third his sophomore year and first his junior year. Wilger, who is also a senior, placed second his sophomore year and first his junior year. Senior Rogers is making his second trip to State. He won a championship last year. Smull, a junior, will be making his third trip, having placed third his freshman year and fourth last year.

Coach Frewen felt that each member of the St. Francis team gave their all and he stressed the following points concerning Sainty's overall effort.

"Darris Keller was just one match away. He lost to the Norton kid (Pfannenstiel) 2-0 and this kid ended up runner up. Darris learned he can wrestle with the best in the state when he wrestles up to his potential. In his final match against the Atwood kid (Griffith) he got caught in a headlock. Who knows what would have happened if he had got out of that. He had a good tournament.

"Terrence Lamb was just one match short of qualifying for State. He has improved greatly as the year progressed. He battles hard and never gives up. In one match he was down 7-2 and battled back and pinned the kid. His final loss was to the Phillipsburg kid (Ceman) who placed second at State last year.

"Josh Carpenter lost to Samuelson of Oakley. We ended up pinning ourselves in the second period. Josh battled back after this loss and got a pin. The other kid he lost to qualified for State. He didn't give up during the tournament, he just made a couple of mistakes.

"Jesse Pacheco lost his second match 7-6 to the number one seed (Warta, Scott City). When the match was over the Scott City kid was both physically and mentally worn out. Jesse battled hard the whole 6 minutes. He pinned his next two kids and then the Norton kid (Husted) got a take down near the edge of the match. This kid ended up getting third.

"Brady Frewen had his best tournament of the year. He wrestled well. Against the Oakley kid (Moore) who ended up fourth, he was tied 4-4 and in a position to win the match when he was pinned. He battled the Norton kid (Soderlund)

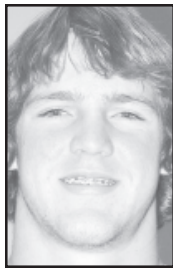


JUSTIN SHERLOCK, 160 pounds, has his opponent in a pinning position during one of the Regional matches held in Norton on Friday and Saturday.

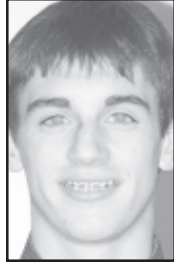
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Gienger



Rogers



Smull



Wilger

hard. He wrestled tough, as good as he possibly could.

"Justin Sherlock had his best tournament all year. He didn't have one bad match. He beat the boy that ended up fourth (Mader, Quinter) by a score of 11-4. Against Younkin of Oakley he lost 2-1 and was wrestling well. Swatzell, the number three seed from Phillipsburg, had been upset earlier in the tournament and Sherlock met him in his last match. It was a close 6-5 match. You have to beat the really good kids like Younkin and Swatzell.

"David Guthmiller wrestled Urban of Oberlin and was defeated in overtime. Urban ended up second. If he had got an escape in regulation time he would have won the match. It was extremely close. Against the Phillipsburg kid (Brean) the score was tied 1-1 and he attempted a take down with 20 seconds left and got pinned. He wrestled well and had close matches with the kids that

ended up second and fourth. "Sam Sowers weighs 184 pounds and wrestles at 215. His size hurts him. He had his hands full but he gave a good effort.

"So many of these kids had a close call (qualifying for State). I hope this motivates them to get better by wrestling every opportunity available both freestyle and in tournaments before next season."

Team scores

Norton 221.5; Scott City 159; St. Francis 129; tie Oakley 126, Phillipsburg 126; Oberlin 114.5; Rawlins County 68; Hill City 66; WaKeeney/Trego 62; Holcomb 41.5; Lakin 38.5; Stockton 30; Leoti/Wichita County 23.5; Hoxie 21.5; Cimarron 18; Quinter 15; Montezuma/South Gray 12; Sublette 11; Bird City/Cheylin 0; Grainfield/Wheatland 0.

First place finishers

103: Antillon, Scott City; 112: Campbell, Oakley; 119: Perez, Norton; 125: Migchelbrink,

Rawlins County; 130: Broeckelbach, Hill City; 135: Mann, Norton; 140: Reichert, Oberlin; 145: Kough, Scott City; 152: Gienger, St. Francis; 160: Younkin, Oakley; 171: Rogers, St. Francis; 189: Malay, Trego; 215: Racette, Oakley; 285: Thomas, Norton.

Individual results

103: Keller lost by a 2-0 decision to Pfannenstiel, Norton; won by a fall over Ghumm, Trego; won by a fall over Gonzales, Lakin; lost by a fall to Griffith, Rawlins County.

112: Lamb lost by a 4-2 decision to Popp, Hoxie; won by a 7-4 decision over Ward, Lakin; won by a fall over Amos, Holcomb; lost by an 11-3 decision to Ceman, Phillipsburg.

119: Carpenter won by a fall over Vega, Lakin; lost by a fall to Samuelson, Oakley; won by an 11-2 decision over Ornelas, Sublette; lost by a 7-4 decision to Johnson, Stockton.

130: Smull won by a 16-0 technical fall over Zodrow, Oberlin; won by a 15-0 technical fall over Bebb, Rawlins County; won by an 8-4 decision over Chase, Hill City; lost by a 7-2 decision to Brockelman, Norton. (placed second)

140: Pacheco won by a fall over Wilson, Stockton; lost by a 7-6 decision to Warta, Scott City; won by a fall over Johnson, Hill City; won

by a fall over Dirks, Leoti; lost by a 7-5 decision to Husted, Norton.

145: Frewen won by a 14-2 decision over Shaughnessy, Cimarron; lost by a fall to Moore, Oakley; won by a fall over Baalman, Hoxie; won by a 7-3 decision over Berning, Leoti; lost by a fall to Soderlund, Norton.

152: Gienger won by a fall over Van Loenen, Hill City; won by a fall over Fanders, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Croft, South Gray; won by a fall over Van Eaton, Norton.

160: Sherlock won by a fall over Marcuson, Oberlin; won by an 11-4 decision over Mader, Quinter; lost by a 2-1 decision to Younkin, Oakley; lost by a 6-5 decision to Swatzell, Phillipsburg.

171: Rogers won by a fall over Jirak, Oakley; won by a 6-3 decision over Peters, Oberlin; won by a 7-2 decision over Durham, Norton; won by a 5-1 decision over Wickham, Phillipsburg.

189: Guthmiller lost by a fall in overtime to Urban, Oberlin; won by a 6-2 decision over Bebb, Norton; lost by a fall to Brean, Phillipsburg.

215: Sowers lost by a fall to Dirks, Trego; lost by a fall to Pope, Hoxie.

285: Wilger won by a fall over Wright, Rawlins County; won by a 5-0 decision over Ehus, Oberlin; lost by a 3-0 decision to Thomas, Norton.

Lady Indians have win over Lady Cougars from Cheylin

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The Lady Indians won their fifth game of the season on Valentine's Day when they earned a 71-52 victory over Cheylin. Later in the week Quinter took a Northwest Kansas League win by the score of 46-37.

The final game of the regular season will take place in St. Francis tonight (Thursday) when Colby and St. Francis meet.

Ladies Substate begins on Tuesday night. Check Page 1 for details.

St. Francis 71, Cheylin 52

The balls were falling through the hoop against Cheylin with the team earning 71 points. Nine of those points came from three-point range, 54 of them from the remainder of the field and eight from the free-throw line.

Four players, Danielle Flemming (17), Megan Rice (14), Lauren Ross (10) and Elizabeth Gienger (10) scored in double figures.

Flemming scored 16 points from the two-point area and one from the line. Rice had one three, five two's and one free throw, Ross hit all of her's from the two-point field and Gienger hit 2-of-3 from beyond the arc and added two from closer range.

The team hit for a total of 40 percent from the field and 57.1 from the line while Cheylin had 53.8 from the field and 47.6 from the line. Cheylin attempts less field goals than the Lady Indians. "This was a very good team effort as the girls worked hard and

earned a "W," Coach Ted Busse said.

It was during the second period that the points began adding up on the scoreboard for the Lady Indians as they finished that quarter with 24 overcoming a 15-11 Cheylin advantage after one.

Sainty collected 35 rebounds with 18 of them offensive. Two players, Rice and Ross each had eight.

Thirty-one steals helped the Lady Indians throughout the evening. Ross recovered the ball 10 times. Adding to the Ladies' totals were 17 assists with Ross having five.

Scoring: Flemming 17, Rice 14, Ross 10, Gienger 10, Alecia Zimelman 9, Sidnee Crabtree 8, Kattie Ford 2, Andrea Holzwarth 1.

Rebounding: Rice 8, Ross 8, Zimelman 4, Holly Keller 3, Jami Pevler 3, Crabtree 3, Gienger 2, Flemming 1, Ford 1, Holzwarth 1, Kaycee Williams 1.

Quinter 46, St. Francis 37

Quinter began the game with a strong scoring surge and forced the Lady Indians to play catch-up ball the remainder of the evening. Quinter had Sainty down 16-3 after the first quarter.

Scoring 19 points in the fourth quarter shows the determination of the Sainty squad to play hard until the end.

No Lady Indians scored in double figures but three of them put up nine points each, Rice, Zimelman and Crabtree. Seven players had at least one point.

Having the best percentage from the field were Rice and Zimelman who were each 36.4 from 4-of-11 attempts.

Joni Pevler was 2-of-2 from the free-throw line for 100 percent. The team was 10-of-21 for one of their lower percentages from the line.

"We outplayed them in every area except for the scoreboard," Coach Busse said. "We missed free throws and some easy shots that could have resulted in a win.

"Our effort was good."

Rice pulled down nine rebounds and Zimelman had eight for the evening. The team had 33 — just five less than the Lady Bulldogs.

Quinter had more trouble with turnovers having 23 to 14 for the Lady Indians.

Scoring: Rice 9, Zimelman 9, Crabtree 9, Flemming 5, Ross 2, Joni Pevler 2, Keller 1.

Rebounding: Rice 9, Zimelman 8, Gienger 5, Crabtree 3, Flemming 2, Ross 2, Keller 2, Joni Pevler 2.

SAINTY GUARDS Cheylin well on Tuesday night. Sidnee Crabtree (11) and Danielle Flemming (14) are involved in the action.

Herald photo by Doug Ross



—Junior Varsity—

By Betty Jean Winston

Games with Cheylin and Quinter were on the agenda for the junior varsity boys basketball team the week of Feb. 12.

St. Francis defeated Cheylin 37-16 in an abbreviated two-quarter game on Tuesday and fell to Quinter 64-58 in a complete contest on Friday.

At the end of the week the team had eight wins and three losses with two games to go.

St. Francis 37, Cheylin 16

St. Francis began their scoring early in the game and had Cheylin down 20-9 at the end of one period of play.

Matt Raile led the Indians in scoring with 11 points.

SF	20	17	37
C	09	07	16

Scoring: M. Raile 11, BJ Killingsworth 8, Ethan Zwegardt 8, Trent Raile 6, Chance Hobrock 4.

Quinter 64, St. Francis 58

The action in the second quarter told the story in this game. Sainty could collect only eight points while Quinter poured in 26. This left the Indians with a 22 point deficit at half time.

Sainty outscored Quinter 39-23 in the second half but that was not enough to earn the win.

T. Raile with 20 points and M. Raile with 15 put the most points through the basket for Sainty.

SF	11	08	21	18	58
Q	15	26	14	09	64

Scoring: T. Raile 20, M. Raile 15, Killingsworth 9, Trent Kinen 6, Keaton Frewen 6, Zwegardt 2.