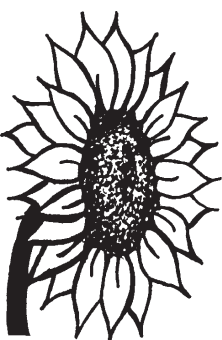


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## At the Game



# Indians earn four medals

By Betty Jean Winston

Four members of the St. Francis Community High School wrestling squad earned the right to attend the 3-2-1A State Tournament and all four earned medals by placing in the top six positions. The meet took place in Hays on Friday and Saturday.

"They represented St. Francis well," said Coach Mike Frewen.

When the tournament was over St. Francis, as a team, placed ninth while Jordan Gienger earned the championship at 152 pounds, Brennon Wilger placed second at 285 pounds, Russell Rogers placed fifth at 171 pounds and Gavin Smull kept going with an injured shoulder to place sixth at 130 pounds.

"The guys should feel good as they wrestled well for two days," Coach Frewen said. "They should be very proud of their accomplishments."

Beloit and Smith Center tied for the team championship with Norton just 1.5 points behind.

"It was too bad that the weather kept some of the fans away as there was a heck of a race for the team championship," Coach Frewen said. "It was exciting. The same three teams will be strong again next year."

"Five of the top 10 teams were at the Norton Regional (Norton, Scott City, Phillipsburg, Oakley and St. Francis) which shows what a strong Regional we have."

"Jordan had an outstanding tournament. He wrestled great every match. His final match was rather



**SECOND STATE PLACER, Brennon Wilger, worked on his opponent during a State tournament match.**

Herald photo by Krist Guthmiller

tight at the end - the kid from Sabetha (Myer) was a big strong kid - he tried several shots for a takedown. Jordan was more aggressive earlier in the match. He handled the pressure of winning a State championship very well.

"Brennon wrestled as good as he has all year. He had an outstanding tournament with four good matches in a row - the wrestler (Zlatnik of Rossville) who beat him in the finals, was the same one that pinned him in the finals last year. Brennon wrestled as well as he could in the finals. The Rossville wrestler is a

big, big, boy and very athletic.

"Russell didn't wrestle as well as he usually does in his second match (Hyman of Beloit) but after that he came back very, very strong. The overtime match with the Plainville wrestler (Brin), was so close he could just as easily have won.

"Gavin hurt his shoulder in the second match (a 4-2 loss to Bechtel). His shoulder slowed him down a little but he kept wrestling until he got into the medal round which showed a lot of character. After that he injured himself.

"Anytime you earn a medal at

State that is quite an accomplishment."

#### Team standings

##### Top 20

Beloit 116.5 and Smith Center 116.5, Norton 115, Scott City 97, Phillipsburg 85, Eureka 83, Sabetha 73.5, Oakley 67, St. Francis 64, Silver Lake 63.5, Garden Plain 49, Rossville 43, Atchison County 39, Plainville 38, Oberlin/Decatur Community 35, Herington 34, St. George/Rock Creek 32 and Rawlins County/Atwood 32; WaKeeney/Trego County 7, Osborne 20 and Burlington 20.

#### Individual stats

130: Smull won by a 4-2 decision over Urban, Ellis; lost by a 4-2 decision to Bechtel, Eureka; won by a 7-6 decision over Numrich, Scott City; won by a 6-2 decision over Hamilton, Minneapolis; lost by and injury default to Rempe, Smith Center; lost by an injury default to Chase, Hill City.

152: Gienger won by a fall over Kinderknecht, Ellis; won by a 7-1 decision over Contreras, Minneapolis; won by a 12-3 decision over Livesay, Lincoln; won by a 6-5 decision over Meyer, Sabetha.

171: Rogers won by a fall over Ditto, Burlingame; lost by an 8-3 decision to Hyman, Beloit; won by a 14-4 decision over Mellies, Silver Lake; won by an 8-3 decision over Hickel, Hoisington; lost by a 6-4 overtime decision to Brin, Plainville; won by a 5-1 decision over Stover, Sabetha.

285: Wilger won over Zeit, Doniphon West; won by a 3-1 decision over Schneider, Hoisington; won by a 2-1 overtime decision over Euhus, Oberlin; lost by a 3-0 decision to Zlatnik, Rossville.

# Sainty places fifth; has two champs

By Betty Jean Winston

Two St. Francis Indians junior high wrestlers earned championships at the Northwest Kansas League tournament which ended the 2007 season. The competition took place in Oakley on Feb. 20.

Cody Sherlock won the 116 pounds championship and Adam Guthmiller placed first at 182 pounds. Guthmiller finished the season with a perfect 13-0 record while Sherlock was 15-1.

"Certainly, we wish we had more champions but that didn't happen on this day," said Coach Steve Jenkins.

"I'm very happy for the two champions that we did have (Sherlock and Guthmiller).

"I am very proud of the way these kids have fought all year. There is a lot of promise for these kids in the future."

St. Francis as a team finished in fifth place out of the eight league team. They collected 92 points. Colby won the tournament with 224 points, followed by Hoxie 145, Goodland 130 and Oberlin 114. The Indians placed ahead of Rawlins County who had 72 points, Oakley with 67 and Quinter with 28.

Six Indians placed fourth at the tournament: Logan Whitmore at 92 pounds, Brett Lampe at 98 pounds; Ross Nicklos at 104 pounds, Cody Killingsworth at 110 pounds, Trevor Reed at 138 pounds and Garrett Figgins at 154 pounds.

85: Isaac Schiltz, won by a fall over Helm, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Trachsal, Goodland.

92: Logan Whitmore lost by a fall to Hefner, Oakley; lost by a fall to Juenemann, Oberlin. Placed fourth.

98: Brett Lampe lost by a 9-0

decision to Spessor, Hoxie; won by a fall over Kanak, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Moeder, Colby; won by a fall over Alletson, Quinter. Placed fourth.

104: Ross Nicklos lost by a fall to Bergling, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Arnberger, Colby. Placed fourth.

110: Cody Killingsworth won by a 7-5 overtime decision to Ziegler, Rawlins County, lost by a fall to Zerr, Oakley; lost by a 4-3 decision to Bustillos, Goodland, won by a fall over Fortin, Oberlin. Placed fourth.

116: Cody Sherlock won by a fall over Stewart, Oakley; won by a 4-0 decision over Wilson, Colby; won by a fall over Argabright, Rawlins County. Champion.

122: Brendan Finley lost by a 12-0 decision to Ritter, Oberlin; won by a 16-7 decision over Ford; lost by a fall technical fall to Cowen, Goodland.

130: Michael Adams won by a 5-0 decision over Jones, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Deeds, Goodland; lost by a fall to Kendrick, Colby.

138: Trevor Reed won by a fall over Huffman, Oakley; lost by a 6-1 decision to Herl, Goodland; lost by a fall to Bainter, Hoxie. Placed fourth.

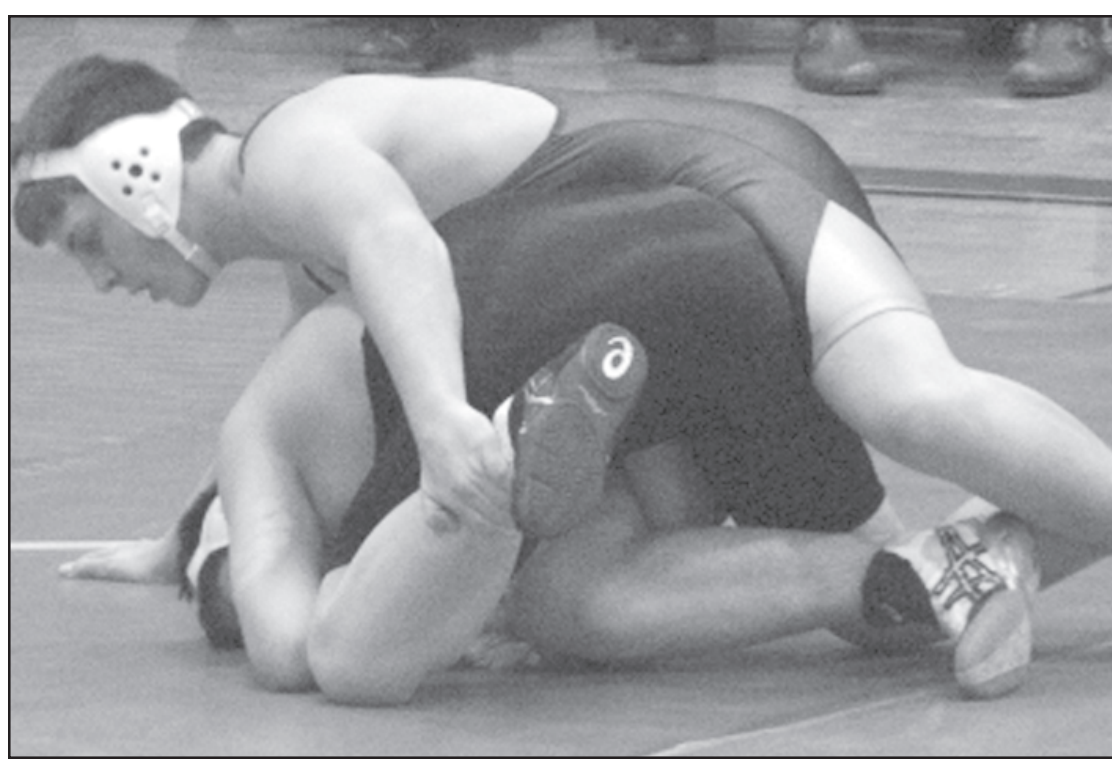
146: Tyler Lauer lost by a fall to Baker, Hoxie; lost by a technical fall to Castens, Rawlins County.

154: Garrett Figgins lost by a fall to Martin, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to O'Harah, Goodland. Placed fourth.

182: Adam Guthmiller won by a fall over White, Colby; won by a fall over Wolfrum, Oakley. Champion.

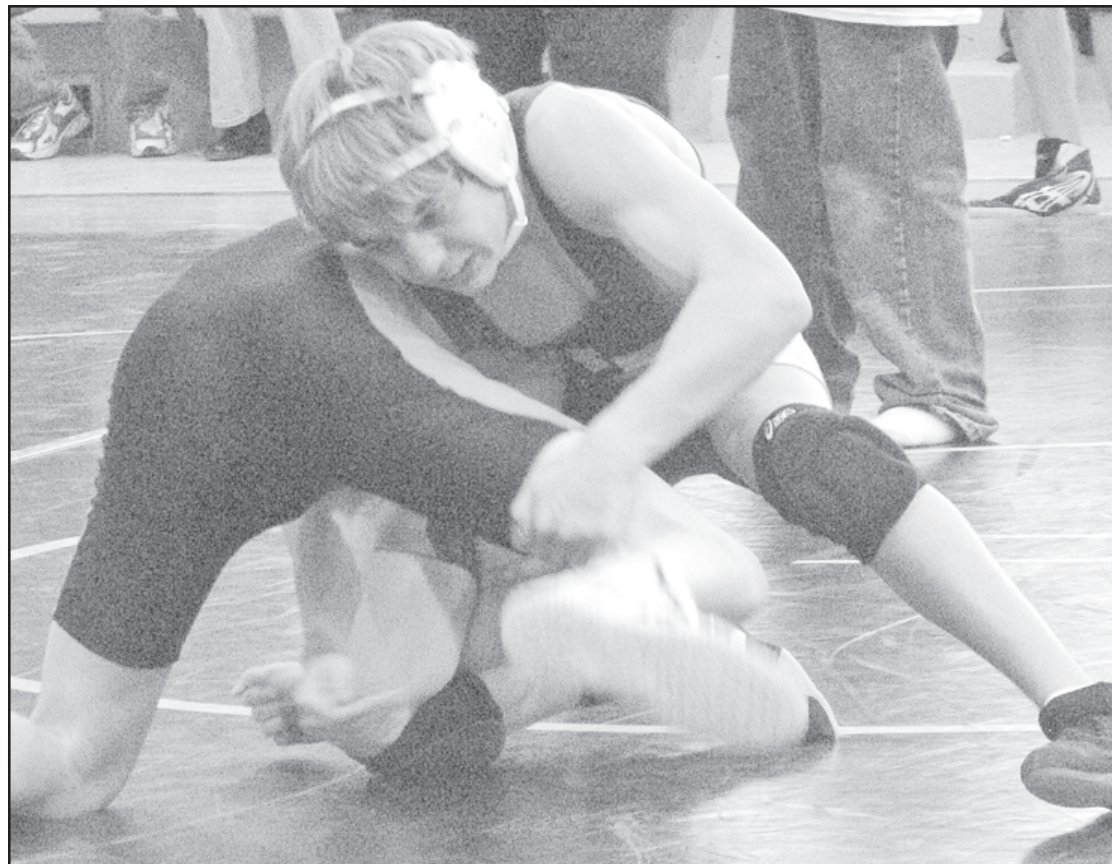
Heavyweight: Brooks Hobrock lost by a fall to Salmans, Hoxie; lost by a 2-0 decision to Horinek, Colby; won by a 4-2 decision over Murray, Goodland.

Season wrapup next week.



**ADAM GUTHMILLER, 182 pounds, took first in the Northwest Kansas League junior high tournament held in Oakley.**

Herald photos by Kristi Guthmiller



**CODY SHERLOCK, 116 pounds, was also a first place winner at the League tournament.**

## —Junior Varsity—

By Betty Jean Winston

The season is over for the junior varsity girls basketball team and they finished the year with a 5-8 record. They had a 5-6 record going into the final two games when they competed with strong teams from Hoxie and Colby.

"These ladies were always ready to accept a new challenge and that was much appreciated by their coach," said Coach Larry Flemming.

#### Hoxie 41, St. Francis 13

Hoxie and St. Francis competed in two quarters of junior varsity basketball on Tuesday night in Hoxie. The Hoxie Ladies took a decisive 41-13 victory.

"We are still working on getting all of our energy directed in a positive result," said Coach Flemming.

Hoxie took the lead early in the game and continued to shut the Sainty Ladies scoring down throughout the game.

Sainty was 3-of-9 from the free-throw line, collected 10 rebounds, had three steals and two assists. They also recorded 10 turnovers. Joni Pevler was the top rebounder with four.

SF	07	06	13
H	22	19	41

Scoring: Elizabeth Gienger 4, Joni Pevler 4, Kaycee Williams 3, Andrea Holzwarth 2.

#### Colby 33, St. Francis 26

Colby was the victor in the two-quarter contest played in St. Francis on Thursday. The final score was 33-26.

"The girl gave a good team effort tonight!" Coach Flemming said. "They also did a great job of playing a triangle-and-two defense to offset the skills and height of the Colby girls!"

Sidnee Crabtree led the scoring with six points and Joni Pevler led the rebounding with five. Jamie Pevler had three boards.

The Ladies were 50 percent at the free-throw line (8/16), had 17 rebounds, 10 turnover, eight steals and two assists.

SF	10	16	26
C	15	18	33

Scoring: Crabtree 6, Holzwarth 5, Kattie Ford 7, Joni Pevler 4, Jamie Pevler 2, Gienger 2.