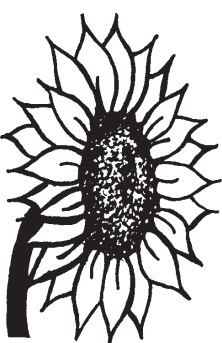


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At the Game



Wrestling year highlights told

By Betty Jean Winston

Four wrestlers, Brady Frewen, Jordan Gienger, Russell Rogers and Brennon Wilger, have wrestled their last match for the Sainty Indians as they are among the seniors who will graduate in May.

"Jordan Gienger won a State championship his senior year," said Mike Frewen, coach. "He was the class in his weight. He is a skilled wrestler and I could just sit back and enjoy watching him. The only person who could beat Jordan was Jordan himself. He ended his high school career in an outstanding fashion.

"It is always nice to have a good heavyweight (Brennon Wilger) to finish the evening and win the final match for the team. Brennon had an outstanding State tournament to finish off his high school career. His opponent in the finals was the same wrestler he met in the State tournament last year. He is a much bigger wrestler and also very skilled.

"Russell (Rogers) is as consistent a wrestler as we had on the team. He controlled every match and wrestled his own style. When you force your opponent to wrestle your style you are hard to beat. Russell's style was very successful.

"Brady Frewen had a good year. He had not wrestled since his sophomore year. He was just one match short at Regionals for qualifying for State. The kid that beat him went on to finish fourth at State.

"We will be losing four quality kids next year but we have some good underclassmen coming up. There are also some quality eighth graders who will be with us."

Gienger, Wilger, Rogers and junior Gavin Smull qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament in Hays where each placed in the top six in their weight class.

"At the end of the year, for Regionals and State, we peaked and were wrestling our best," Coach Frewen said. "They did an outstanding job at these events. Besides the four that qualified for State there were five boys who were just one match away. They needed to upset their opponent in the finals to win as they were not the favorite."

Gienger earned a State Championship at 152 pounds while Wilger placed second at 285, Rogers fifth at 171 and Smull sixth at 130.

"We had a fairly successful season," Coach Frewen said. "Last year's seniors were not easy to replace.

"Our won-loss dual record is misleading as several of the duals would have been in the win column if we had just won one more or lost one less match. We had five duals where this would have changed the outcome

"We were a better tournament team than a dual team this year - the team had a number of beginners, some intermediate wrestlers and some very, very good ones.

"The beginning and intermediate wrestlers all improved a lot during

the year. The very good, experienced wrestlers were outstanding all year."

The Indians added a strong Colby Dual tournament to their schedule which gave the wrestlers good competition. When the two-day event was over, the Sainty team had placed fourth in their pool with a 2-3 record. They defeated Hays High and Plainville and lost to Oakley, Chaparral and Phillipsburg. In the finals, they met the fourth place finishers in the other two pools. They lost to Scott City and won over Concordia

The other dual tournament they participated in was at Sterling, Colo., where the Indians defeated North Platte, Merino and Sterling in head-to-head competition and lost to Akron and Gehring.

The home team placed third at the opening tournament of the year, the St. Francis Invitational. They placed second at the Wray Invitational, eighth at the Hays Prairie Classic, fifth at the league tournament, fourth at the Panther Classic in Phillipsburg, third at Regionals and ninth at State. The Panther Classic was also new to the Indians this year.

Winning championships at one of the above tournaments were Gienger, Wilger, Rogers and David Guthmiller.

Results from the year show the Indians won the last two Northwest Kansas League duals against Hoxie and Rawlins County. They were defeated by Colby, Oberlin, Oakley and Goodland.

"The wrestlers and coaches appreciate so much the support they have received from Sainty fans during the season, not only at home but traveling to the various out-of-town duals and tournament" Coach Frewen said. "It is much appreciated."

Besides the four seniors, wrestlers who competed on the varsity squad at some time during the year included Lamar Adams, Grady Brunk, Josh Carpenter, Scott Ford, David Guthmiller, Trevor Hilt, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Freddy Pacheco, Jesse Pacheco, Justin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Sam Sowers and Shawn Warren.

"Off-season work is so important," Coach Frewen said. "What a wrestler does between now and next season can tell the story. They need to participate in wrestling tournaments and attend camp activities. This is in addition to weight lifting as ever other team will be lifting weights."

Following is a wrap-up of the statistics from all varsity matches during the 2006-07 season.

Some of the wrestlers listed also competed in a number of junior varsity or exhibition matches but the statistics listed below apply only to varsity matches.

Team record

The following team statistics were recorded this year. The first number listed belongs to St. Francis while the second number was recorded by their opponents: wins 284/208; decisions 92/78; falls 134/

110; tech falls 11/6; major decisions 21/10; takedowns 389/337; three-point near falls 157/113; two-point near falls 90/74; reversals 216/189; escapes 214/194.

Top five wrestlers

Most wins: Gienger 35, Rogers 34, Smull 33, Sherlock 25, Keller 23.

Most decisions: Smull 14, Keller 12, Gienger 11, Rogers 10, Guthmiller 9.

Most tech falls: Smull 9, Pacheco 1, Gienger 1.

Most two-point near falls: Smull 20, Sherlock 15, Keller 7, Lamb 7, Gienger 7.

Most takedowns: Gienger 63, Rogers 44, Smull 42, Pacheco 34, Guthmiller.

Most falls: Gienger 20, Rogers 20, Sherlock 18, Frewen 11, Pacheco 9.

Most major decisions: Smull 5, Gienger 3, Keller 2, Pacheco 2, Brunk 2.

Most three-point near falls: Smull 36, Sherlock 16, Gienger 15, Rogers 14, Frewen 13.

Most reversals: Smull 33, Keller 27, Sherlock 22, Lamb 18, Carpenter 17.

Most escapes: Pacheco 31, Rogers 24, Gienger 21, Sherlock

19, Keller 18.

Complete individual stats

Season record shows both wins and losses with the wins listed first.

Adams: season record 2-15; team points 12; decisions 0; pins 2; tech falls 0; major decisions 0; takedowns 3; three-point near falls 1; two-points near falls 1; reversals 7; escapes 1.

Brunk: season record 3-9; team points 13; decisions 0; pins 1; tech falls 0; major decisions 2; takedowns 8; three-point near falls 3; two-points near falls 3; reversals 4; escapes 4.

Carpenter: season record 14-16; team points 66; decisions 6; pins 7; tech falls 0; major decisions 1; takedowns 20; three-point near falls 11; two-points near falls 4; reversals 17; escapes 13.

Ford: season record 5-8; team points 25; decisions 1; pins 3; tech falls 0; major decisions 1; takedowns 4; three-point near falls 4; two-points near falls 2; reversals 8; escapes 4.

Frewen: season record 19-11; team points 97; decisions 5; pins 11; tech falls 0; major decisions 1; takedowns 22; three-point near falls 13; two-points near falls 2; rever-

sals 17; escapes 9.

Gienger: season record 35-1; team points 178; decisions 11; pins 20; tech falls 1; major decisions 3; takedowns 63; three-point near falls 15; two-points near falls 7; reversals 10; escapes 21.

Guthmiller: season record 18-18; team points 81; decisions 9; pins 4; tech falls 0; major decisions 0; takedowns 32; three-point near falls 2; two-points near falls 4; reversals 9; escapes 14.

Hilt: season record 6-3; team points 36; decisions 0; pins 6; tech falls 0; major decisions 0; takedowns 7; three-point near falls 3; two-points near falls 1; reversals 3; escapes 4.

Keller: season record 23-16; team points 98; decisions 12; pins 4; tech falls 0; major decisions 2; takedowns 21; three-point near falls 8; two-points near falls 7; reversals 27; escapes 18.

Lamb: season record 12-26; team points 64; decisions 3; pins 6; tech falls 0; major decisions 1; takedowns 11; three-point near falls 7; two-points near falls 7; reversals 18; escapes 9.

F. Pacheco: season record 3-3; team points 17; decisions 0; pins 2; tech falls 1; major decisions 0; takedowns 7; three-point near falls 6; two-points near falls 2; reversals 4; escapes 3.

J. Pacheco: season record 19-21; team points 95; decisions 5; pins 9; tech falls 0; major decisions 2; takedowns 34; three-point near falls 11; two-points near falls 4; reversals 15; escapes 31.

Rogers: season record 34-9; team points 170; decisions 10; pins 20;

tech falls 0; major decisions 2; takedowns 44; three-point near falls 14; two-points near falls 6; reversals 15; escapes 24.

Sherlock: season record 25-15; team points 130; decisions 6; pins 18; tech falls 0; major decisions 1; takedowns 31; three-point near falls 16; two-points near falls 15; reversals 22; escapes 19.

Smull: season record 33-11; team points 138; decisions 14; pins 3; tech falls 9; major decisions 5; takedowns 42; three-point near falls 36; two-points near falls 20; reversals 33; escapes 17.

Sowers: season record 8-18; team points 48; decisions 0; pins 8; tech falls 0; major decisions 0; takedowns 19; three-point near falls 5; two-points near falls 2; reversals 4; escapes 4.

Warren: season record 3-5; team points 15; decisions 1; pins 2; tech falls 0; major decisions 0; takedowns 3; three-point near falls 1; two-points near falls 2; reversals 2; escapes 1.

Wilger: season record 22-3; team points 105; decisions 9; pins 8; tech falls 0; major decisions 0; takedowns 18; three-point near falls 1; two-points near falls 1; reversals 1; escapes 18.

Letter winners

Seniors: Frewen, Gienger, Rogers, Wilger

Juniors: Carpenter, Smull, Adams, Sherlock, Guthmiller

Sophomores: Pacheco, Sowers

Freshmen: Keller, Lamb

Chase Barnhart was the manager for the team and the mat maids were Amber Smull, Miranda Teeters and Andrea Blair.



BRENNON WILGER (left) helps Jordan Gienger place his State championship picture in the wrestling room at the high school, among all the other St. Francis State champions.

Gienger placed first at State while Wilger earned the second place medal.

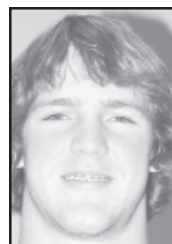
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Frewen



Gienger



Rogers



Wilger

19 wrestlers advance

The Sub-District IV North kids wrestling tournament was held in Colby on Saturday.

The top four placers from Colby qualify to move on to the District tournament which will be held in Cimarron on Saturday, March 17. The top four at Cimarron qualify for the State Tournament that will be held in Topeka on March 24 and 25.

The St. Francis club took 24 wrestlers and qualified 19 of them, however, 16 of them are moving on to Cimarron.

Those taking first place were Garrett Brunk, Shakotah Blanka and Adam Guthmiller.

Following are the final placings: 8 and under: Derek Vandike, 46 pounds, second; Luke Lampe, 55 pounds, fifth; Garrett Brunk, 76 pounds, first.

10 and under: Lane Hoffman, 67

pounds, second; Casey Vandike, 70 pounds, participant; Justin Pacheco, 73 pounds, participant; Shakotah Blanka, 150 pounds, first.

12 and under: Logan Lampe, 68 pounds, fourth; Casey Keller, 72 pounds, third; Josh Teeters, 84 pounds, participant; Ross Nicklos, 105 pounds, third; Lucas Carmichael, 190 pounds, second.

14 and under: Darris Keller, 110 pounds, second; Freddy Pacheco, 110 pounds, participant; Tye Gilliland, 110 pounds, participant; Cody Sherlock, 115 pounds, third; Terrence Lamb, 115 pounds, fourth; Trevor Reed, 140 pounds, fourth; Grady Brunk, 145 pounds, second; Adam Guthmiller, 175 pounds, first; Nathan Lamb, 235 pounds, fourth.

16 and under: Jesse Pacheco, 145 pounds, fourth; Scott Ford, 155 pounds, third, and Justin Sherlock, 160 pounds, third.



GRADY BRUNK works for a chance to qualify for the District tournament.

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