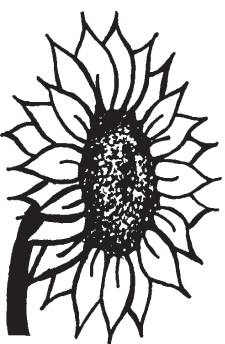


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At the Game



LANCE OWENS is one of the athletes receiving instruction in throwing the discus.
Herald staff photos by Betty Jean Winston



PRACTICE WORKOUT - Tracksters are running laps to get in shape for the first meet of the year which is happening today (Thursday). Pictured in front are Melissa Burton (left) and Lauren Ross. Katie Marin is running near the bleachers while Joni Pevler (left) and Dara Loyd are in the second row and Jamie Pevler (left) and Holly Keller are also pictured.

First home meet scheduled for today

By Betty Jean Winston

Spring brings tracksters out as they prepare for another sporting season. After a successful fall and winter, the athletes are ready to do their best in this new endeavor.

Action in St. Francis begins today (Thursday) as competitors from Burlington, Wray and Sharon Springs join the Indians and Lady Indians in the opening quadrangular, one of two events on the home field. The other one is the St. Francis Invitational on April 24.

"The numbers are down a little but the kids that need to be out are out," said Tim Lambert, Sainty's head coach.

"We have some kids back who qualified for State before and

hope to go again."

Among those athletes are Lauren Ross, Megan Rice, Elizabeth Gienger and Melissa Burton on the girls' team and Jordan Gienger, Joel McAtee, AJ McAtee and Mac Frewen on the boys team. St. Francis is noted for qualifying relay teams for State and all of these athletes have represented St. Francis as a member of at least one relay team (Burton in 2005). Gavin Smull was an alternate at State his freshman year.

Ross is also experienced in the pole vault and holds the school record of 9-0. She qualified for State in this event as did AJ McAtee in the boys' division his sophomore year (he was not on the

track team last spring). Besides her contributions on the relay team, Rice has gone to State in the hurdles.

"We have some good ones out," Coach Lambert said. "They are working hard."

These experienced athletes will be joined by others who are attempting to gain experience and earn points for the Sainty teams.

Fans wanting to see early results of this season should visit the track this afternoon.

Coach Lambert will be assisted by Devin Dinkel and Kandee Raile.

Team managers include Addie Swihart, Sarah Guthmiller and Taryn Richard.

Rosters

Lady Indians

Seniors: Burton, Rice, Ross.
Juniors: Kattie Ford, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Katie Marin.
Sophomores: Sidnee Crabtree, Gienger, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler.
Freshmen: Kaycee Williams.

Indians

Seniors: Brady Frewen, M. Frewen, Gienger, AJ McAtee, J. McAtee, Corbin Sherlock, Levi Weeden.

Juniors: Ted Crabtree, David Guthmiller, Smull.

Sophomores: Trent Kinen, Lance Owens, Jacob Riedel, Sam Sowers.

Freshmen: Marvin Miller, Ben Neitzel, Matt Raile, Trent Raile, Drew Zwegyardt.



SAINTY WRESTLER Shakotah Blanka competed in the 10 and under division.

Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

Six wrestlers advance to State tournament; two place in finals

Six wrestlers from the St. Francis Kids Wrestling program qualified for the 2007 USA Wrestling - Kansas Kids State Folkstyle Tournament, held March 24 and March 25 in Topeka. There were over 1400 kids from across the state competing.

Two of the St. Francis wrestlers placed with Garrett Brunk taking third place in the 8-and-under division, 76 pounds, and Adam Guthmiller taking sixth place in the 14-and-under division, 175 pounds.

The other St. Francis wrestlers, Lane Hoffman, Shakotah Blanka, Cody Sherlock and

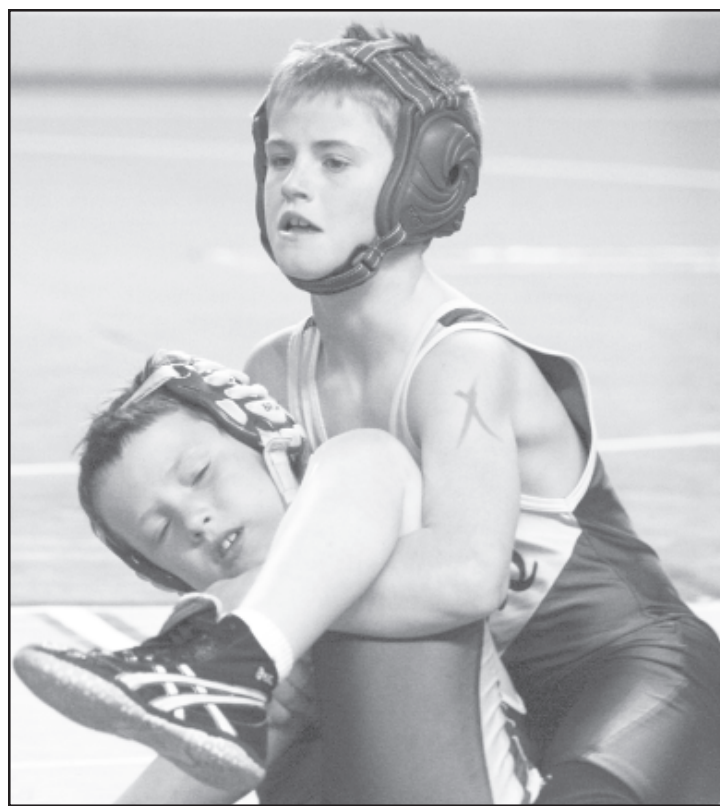
Grady Brunk, all won at least one match and made it to Sunday's round of wrestling.

The six wrestlers qualified for State by placing in the top four at the District IV championship held in Cimarron on March 17.

The wrestlers were able to watch the Senior Classic tournament on Friday night. Jordan Gienger of St. Francis was a participant.

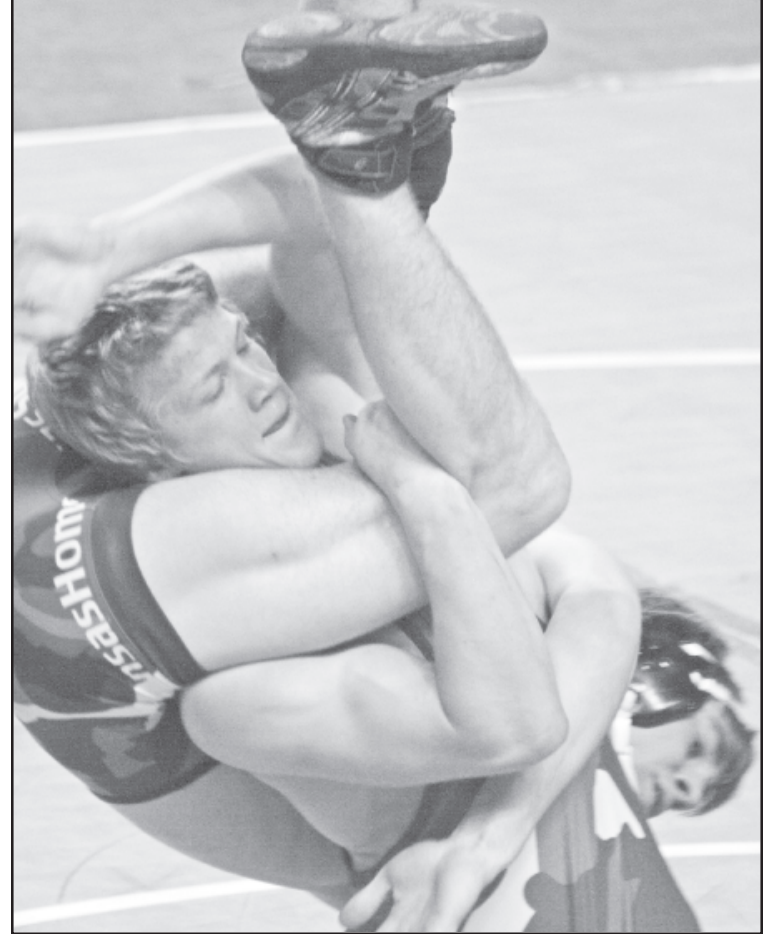
Benkelman Tournament

There is a wrestling tournament this on Saturday in Benkelman Neb. The registration time is 9:30-10:30 a.m. and tournament will begin at 11 a.m. (central time).



GARRETT BRUNK places third at State.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller



EVERY WHICH WAY BUT UP! Jordan Gienger had his opponent Bryant Petty, Manhattan, where he wanted during the Senior Classic Wrestling Tournament held in Topeka on Friday. Jordan won the match.
Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Wrestler wins match at Senior Classic meet

Jordan Gienger traveled to Topeka on Friday where he wrestled in Kansas Senior Classic. When the match ended, Jordan had pinned his opponent in the third period.

Jordan wrestled senior Bryant Petty from Manhattan. Bryant had placed second in the 6A State tournament. Jordan placed first in the 1-2-3A State tournament.

There were approximately 2,000 fans gathered in the Expo Center in Topeka to watch the Senior Classic. The 1-2-3 and 4A

schools were pitted against the 5 and 6A schools. The small schools rose to the occasion and beat out the larger schools.

Each of the Senior Classic wrestlers had a Kansas Kid's wrestler accompany them. St. Francis third grader, Garrett Brunk, was Jordan's escort and he spent the entire evening on the floor watching the action.

Jordan left this week for Virginia Beach where he will participate at the National tournament.