

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Sainty places fourth

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St. Francis placed fourth at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament held Saturday in Colby. The Indians earned a total of 108 points

"There was only nine points between second place (117.5) and fourth place (108)," Coach Mike Frewen said.

Colby came away with the top score as they collected 230 points. Placing second was Oakley with 117.5, followed by Goodland with 117.

"Even though the numbers are down, the league is still strong," Coach Frewen said. "The top four seeded kids in each weight are quality kids."

Senior Justin Sherlock was the champion at 152 points. Sainty had two other wrestlers in the championship finals who placed second. They are freshman Cody Sherlock at 112 and senior Gavin Smull at 135.

Placing third were Darris Keller and Josh Carpenter while Jesse Pacheco, Scott Ford and David Guthmiller placed fourth.

Coach Frewen had the following comments concerning the day.

"Cody (Sherlock) wrestled real well. He wrestled Sheldon from Goodland who was a state qualifier last year and defeated him. The final match against Wark of Colby was closer than the score indicated.

"Darris (Keller) came back after his first match. He stepped up and wrestled well the rest of the day.

"Terrence (Lamb) lost two matches that were close but he got caught on his back. He will meet Vrbas again when we dual Rawlins County.

"Josh (Carpenter) lost his second match to a kid he had beat before. He should have been in the finals. He came back and wrestled well in his third and fourth matches.

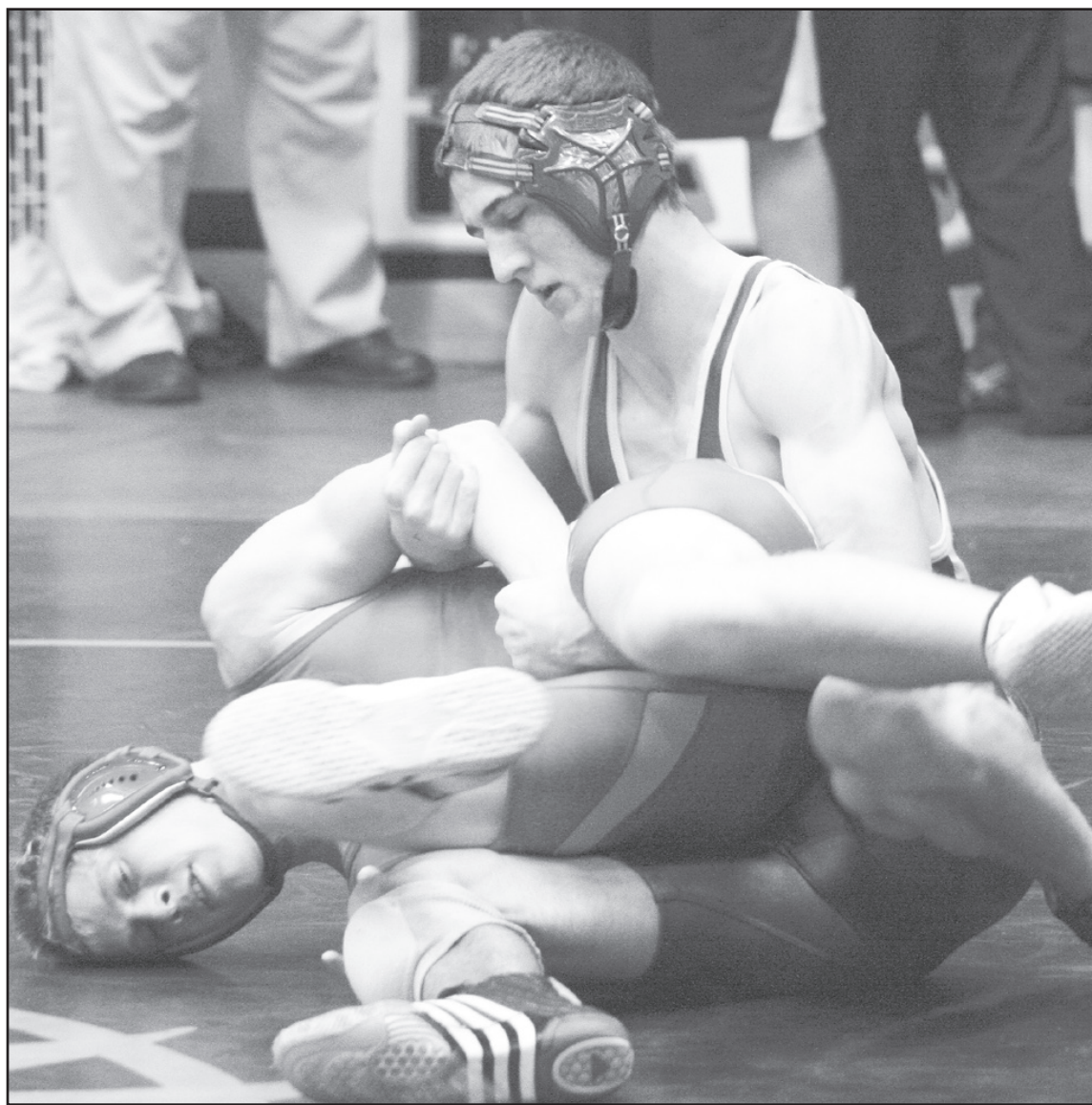
"Gavin (Smull) had a good tournament. In the finals, he wrestled Olsen from Colby and the score was closer than the other times they have met. Gavin had a chance to win this match until the very end.

"Jesse (Pacheco) wrestled well against Zwegardt of Colby. This was the first time he has defeated him. Taylor from Colby who wrestled on Team X is good.

"Justin (Sherlock) was the champion in his weight. In the championship match he defeated Rasmussen, a Team X wrestler (Colby) who had upset Deeds from Goodland.

"Scott (Ford) wrestled Rall from Hoxie in his first match and was defeated by a technical fall. He met Rall again in the finals and only lost by 2 points in overtime. He wrestled well after his first match.

"Adam (Guthmiller) won his



152-POUND CHAMPION – Senior Justin Sherlock earned the Northwest Kansas League championship at the meet held in Colby.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

first match and then was defeated by Kriss of Colby who won the championship.

"David (Guthmiller) defeated Marcason of Oberlin who place sixth in the tough Beloit tournament. He defeated him easily. He wrestled pretty good against Binning of Rawlins County but was defeated.

"Talon (Jones) wrestles with a lot of heart, with a lot of fight and doesn't give up. He lacks some experience as he has not wrestled since junior high."

Team standings

Colby 230, Oakley 117.5; Goodland 117, St. Francis 108, Oberlin 74, Rawlins County 65, Hoxie 53, Team X 48, Quinter 0. Team X had top junior varsity wrestlers.

Top four placers

103 had only four wrestlers and they wrestled in a round robin format with Taylor Moeder of Colby winning each of his three matches.

112: (first through fourth) Wark, Colby; C. Sherlock, St. Francis; Sheldon, Goodland; Peterson, Oakley.

119: Campbell, Oakley; Reed, Colby, Keller, St. Francis; Miller, Goodland.

125: Brewer, Colby; Samuelson, Oakley; Vrbas, Rawlins County; Richards, Oberlin.

130: Luedke, Colby; Farr, Oberlin; Carpenter, St. Francis; Deeds, Goodland.

135: Olsen, Colby; Smull, St. Francis; Moss, Hoxie; Delgado, Goodland.

140: Stephans, Goodland; Urban, Oberlin; Stephans, Colby; Halbleib, Oakley.

145: Reichert, Oberlin; Smith, Goodland; Taylor, Team X; Pacheco, St. Francis.

152: Sherlock, St. Francis; Rasmussen, Team X; Stickel,

Colby; Deeds, Goodland.

160: Younkin, Oakley; Amberger, Colby; Rall, Hoxie; Ford, St. Francis.

171: Kriss, Colby; Aumiller, Hoxie; Jirak, Oakley; Starr, Team X.

189: Binning, Rawlins County; Bugbee, Colby; Martinez, Goodland; D. Guthmiller, St. Francis.

215: Racette, Oakley; Kriss, Colby; Pope, Hoxie; Sherling, Goodland.

285: Doxon, Goodland; Brown, Colby; Wright, Rawlins County; Riggs, Oakley.

Individual results

112: C. Sherlock won by a fall over Peters, Oberlin; won by a 13-1 major decision over Sheldon, Goodland; lost by an 8-0 decision to Wark, Colby. Placed second.

119: Keller lost by a 7-6 decision to Carroll, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Heim, Hoxie; won by a 4-3 decision over Schroeder, Team X (Colby wrestler); won by a fall over Miller, Goodland. Placed third.

125: Lamb won by a 9-5 decision over Pope, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Samuelson, Oakley; lost by a fall to Vrbas, Rawlins County.

130: Carpenter won by a fall over Taylor, Hoxie; lost by a 9-4 decision to Farr, Oberlin; won by a 4-2 decision over Halbleib, Oakley; won by a 6-1 decision over Deeds, Goodland. Placed third.

135: Smull won by a 9-1 major decision over Delgado, Goodland; won by a 7-4 decision over Moss, Hoxie; lost by a 2-1 decision to Olsen, Colby. Placed second.

145: Pacheco lost by a fall to Taylor, Team X (Colby wrestler); won by a 3-2 decision over Zwegardt, Colby; lost by a fall to Taylor, Team X. Placed fourth.

152: J. Sherlock won by a fall

over Manning, Oberlin; won by a 2-0 decision over Stickel, Colby; won by a fall over Rasmussen, Team X (Colby wrestler). Placed first.

160: Ford lost by a 17-2 technical fall to Rall, Hoxie; won by a fall over Mader, Quinter; won by a 6-2 decision over Finley, Rawlins County; lost by an 8-6 overtime decision to Rall, Hoxie. Placed fourth.

171: A. Guthmiller won by an 11-7n decision over Johnson, Goodland; lost by a fall over Kriss, Colby; Lost by a 15-7 decision over Starr, Team X (Goodland wrestler).

215: D. Guthmiller won by a 10-2 decision over Marcason, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Binning, Rawlins County; won by a 3-0 decision over Baker, Hoxie; lost by a 7-3 decision to Martinez, Goodland. Placed fourth.

285: Jones lost by a fall to Pope, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Larue, Oberlin; lost by a 16-9 decision to Sherling, Goodland.

"We only have two duals left and the Phillipsburg tourney before Regionals," Coach Frewen said. "The wrestlers need to get some consistency. They need to win 2-3-4 matches in a row."

Phillipsburg Panther Classic

Teams participating on Saturday include Abilene, Beloit, Ellis, Ellsworth, Hill City, Hoisington, Hoxie, Lakin, Lincoln, Minneapolis, Norton, Phillipsburg, St. Francis, Stockton, Trego.

"Abilene is new to the tournament this year," Coach Frewen said. "Beloit tied for first at the 3-2-1A State Tournament last year and are still very good. Norton placed third at State last year. Abilene has had good teams and Phillipsburg will be powerful. Beloit and Norton may contend for the team championship."

Seventh grade wins

In junior high basketball games on Thursday the seventh grade team was victorious by the score of 22-17 while the eighth grade lost 36-33 in a very close game.

B-team

St. Francis 22, Rawlins County 17

"The eighth grade team has been exciting to watch all season, and this game was no exception," Coach David Morrow said. "Had we started the game with a little more intensity, we could have won this game.

"As we did against Goodland, we trailed at halftime after a lackluster first half. Rawlins County shot the ball well and at the end of the second quarter, we were down by six. The second half was much more exciting. We had another nine-point quarter in the third period and still trailed by five going into the fourth.

"That's when the girls started playing their best defense and began making some shots. We were able to force some Rawlins County turnovers and really shut them down with some good defense. With 1:18 left in the game, we had even taken the lead by one point, and it looked like we were on our way to a victory. In those last few moments, however, we had some errors that put the Buffs on the line, and they capitalized on those opportunities.

"This game was ours to win, but we simply made too many errors, especially in the first half, to be in command of the game by a comfortable margin.

"That being said, we show remarkable fight in crunch time, and various individual players put forth great efforts. Jenna Hill had a career night in scoring (15 points) and played some great defense.

Kaitlyn Figgins (8 points) also played well in the second half. Lexi Hilt scored 6 and Ashlynn Lambert scored 4."

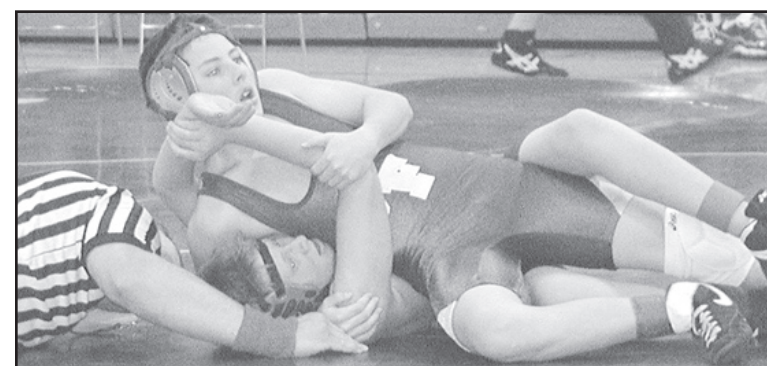
"The game against Rawlins County was a good match-up for us in that we were playing against competition that was basically at the same level we are," Coach Morrow said. "And what we found out in this game is that we not only have improved, but we have the ability to win basketball games. We played better in most aspects of our game than we have all year.

The Buffaloes led throughout the entire first half, taking a two-point lead by halftime. In the second half, however, we began shooting better than we had all year, and opened up a four-point lead by the end of the third quarter.

"In fact, we scored 10 of our points in the third quarter, which was the highest scoring quarter we've had all year. Not only did we score well in the third quarter, but we also played very good defense, holding the Buffs to only four points.

"The fourth quarter was very exciting. Both teams were in the bonus and it was a very close ball game with just a couple of minutes left. At some point during that time, Laura Brunk was fouled and hit both of her free throws, which essentially put the game out of reach for Rawlins County. It was a great effort by the seventh-grade team."

Scoring: Brunk, 8; Ally Northrup, 6; Clarice Neitzel, 4;



ROSS NICKLOS works for a pin on his opponent.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Home duals held

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Thursday was the home opener for the junior high wrestling team. Wrestlers from Burlington and Quinter were in attendance to challenge the Indians in dual competition.

The Burlington team posted 31 matches in the win column while St. Francis accumulated three victories in this dual.

"It was a rough night against a good Burlington team," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

"Custer had nothing on us," Coach Bruce Swihart said. "We was scalped!"

St. Francis did earn four wins against two for Quinter in the other dual of the evening.

Individual results

Foster Grant won by a fall over Smith, Quinter; lost by a 5-2 decision to Witzel, Burlington; won by a fall over Smith, Quinter.

Joey McCormick lost by a fall to Smith, Quinter; lost by a fall to Witzel, Burlington.

Taylor O'Leary lost by a 6-2 decision to Nitsch, Burlington; won by a fall over Smith, Quinter; lost by a 10-2 decision to Hornung, Burlington.

Logan Whitmore lost by a fall to Hornung, Burlington; lost by a fall to Nitsch, Burlington.

Mikey Leibbrandt - Due to a recording confusion, the results of the matches Mikey wrestled on Thursday night will be recorded in next week's article.

Isaac Schiltz lost by a fall to Churchwell, Burlington; lost by a 15-5 decision to Torres, Burlington.

Keegan Sherlock lost by a fall to Torres, Burlington.

Lucas Raile lost by a technical fall to David, Burlington; lost by a technical fall to Kinder, Burlington; lost by a fall to

Churchwell, Burlington.

David Leibbrandt - Due to a recording confusion, the results of the matches David wrestled on Thursday night will be recorded in next week's article.

Ross Nicklos won by a 16-0 technical fall over Durham, Burlington; lost by a fall to Mettling, Burlington.

Ty Zwegardt won by a fall over Durham, Burlington.

Brock Zwegardt won by a 12-8 decision over Mettling, Burlington.

Dylan Wolaver lost by a fall to Mettling, Burlington.

Thomas Douthit lost by a 10-0 decision to Cuellar, Burlington; lost by a fall to Tena, Burlington.

Dillion Straub lost by a fall to Rhoades, Burlington; lost by an 8-0 decision to Whitmore, Burlington; lost by a fall to Villa, Burlington.

Sam Reed lost by a fall to Carlin, Burlington; lost by a 20-8 decision to Briegel, Burlington;

Zach Gienger lost by a 4-0 decision to Briegel, Burlington; lost by a 6-3 decision to Carlin, Burlington.

Martin Hnizdil lost by a 7-6 decision to Miller, Burlington; lost by a 5-0 decision to Long, Burlington.

Lucas Carmichael lost by a 7-0 decision to Gribben, Burlington; lost by a 5-2 decision to Stolz, Burlington; won by a fall over Kerns, Quinter.

Tony Meyer lost by a fall to Gay, Burlington.

Nathan Lamb lost by a fall to Ochs, Quinter; lost by a fall to Zahn, Quinter.

Dylan Peter lost by a fall to Stolz, Burlington; lost by a fall to Gay, Burlington.

Jordan Easter lost by a fall to Gay, Burlington.

Junior high A-team defeats Goodland

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The St. Francis junior high girls A-team scored a 20-11 victory over Goodland on Monday, Jan. 21 in St. Francis.

The B-team suffered a 22-5 loss.

A-team

St. Francis 20, Goodland 11

"This was another exciting game in many ways," Coach David Morrow. "We hit a couple of shots in the first quarter—one of them a three-pointer—and it looked like we were well on our way to season-high night of scoring. Those impressions were dashed, however, by a scoreless second quarter in which we gave up the lead. Generally, we had a very poor shooting night in which we missed quite a few lay-ups and other very close shots.

"The second half of this game

should be a confidence builder for these ladies. At one point in the third quarter, we found ourselves down by five, still plagued by poor shooting. Late in that quarter, however, Kaitlyn Figgins and Jenna Hill hit two key shots to pull us to within one point of Goodland.

"In the fourth quarter, the press which we had been running all throughout the second half produced several key turnovers, which we were able to convert into points. Towards the end of the game, when the score was still very tight, Ashlynn Lambert and Hill both stepped up to the free throw line and made two throws. Those free throws were very important.

"This is the first win of the season, but we're just a handful of points away from being undefeated."

Scoring: Hill, 10; Lambert, 4; Figgins, 4; Lexi Hilt, 2.

B-team

Goodland 22, St. Francis 5

"This game was similar to last week's Hoxie game in that we played well defensively for most of the game, but we were unable to score many points. Goodland also played good defense, and we were unable to find open people to pass to. When we did find someone open, we weren't able to connect on any shots, at least in the first half.

"Our offense was a little more productive in the third quarter, and hit two open shots. Katie Lambert made a shot from the wing, and Clarice Neitzel scored once from the elbow. Our other point came from the line when Laura Brunk made the first shot of a 1 and 1. The game was still in reach by the end of the third quarter, but



Goodland's defense did not let up and kept us from scoring any more points. We lost the 5 quarter by 2 points.