

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Sainty mat men off to Regionals at WaKeeney

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St. Francis will be attending the WaKeeney/Trego Community Wrestling Regional tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Placing in the top four at Regionals is the only opportunity for a wrestler to earn a trip to the 2008 1-2-3A State Tournament in Hays the following weekend.

"The wrestlers have to have four/five good matches in a row to qualify for State," Coach Mike Frewen said. "The kids will be up for it."

"This is an extremely tough Regionals. All of the Regionals have strong wrestlers in the top four seeds but what separates this one from the others is there will be tough wrestlers seeded five through eight or nine also."

"There will not be an easy match all day."

The St. Francis wrestlers will be headed to Regionals with the following regular season records: Cody Sherlock 25-11; Darris Keller 22-16; Terrence Lamb 20-13; Josh Carpenter 18-13; Gavin Smull 24-7; Jesse Pacheco 25-11; Justin Sherlock 21-3; Scott Ford 19-17; Adam Guthmiller 14-8; David Guthmiller 18-17; and Talon Jones 8-9.

Other teams besides St. Francis and WaKeeney/Trego Community involved in this tournament include Atwood/Rawlins County, Cimarron, Elkhart, Ellis, Grainfield/Wheatland/Grinnell, Hays/Thomas More Prep Marian, Hill City, Holcomb, Hoxie, Lakin, Larned, Leoti/Wichita County, Montezuma/South Gray, Norton/Norton Community, Oakley,

Oberlin/Decatur Community, Quinter; Scott City/Scott Community and Sublette.

Other Regional tournaments for 3-2-1A wrestlers will be held at Beloit, Eureka and Rossville.

Regional action begins at 2 p.m. Friday in WaKeeney with many St. Francis fans planning on making the trip to view the competition and cheer on the Indians.

The Friday schedule runs as follows:

Session I

- Round 1: First round, 2 p.m.
- Round 2: Championship Quarterfinals, 10 minutes after Round 1.

- Round 3: Consolation First Round, 10 minutes after Round 2.

- Round 4: Consolation Semifinals, 10 minutes after Round 3.

Round 2, 3 and 4 could start later if a wrestler does not have mandatory rest of 45 minutes.

On Saturday, activity begins at 11 a.m. with the remaining rounds as follows:

Session II

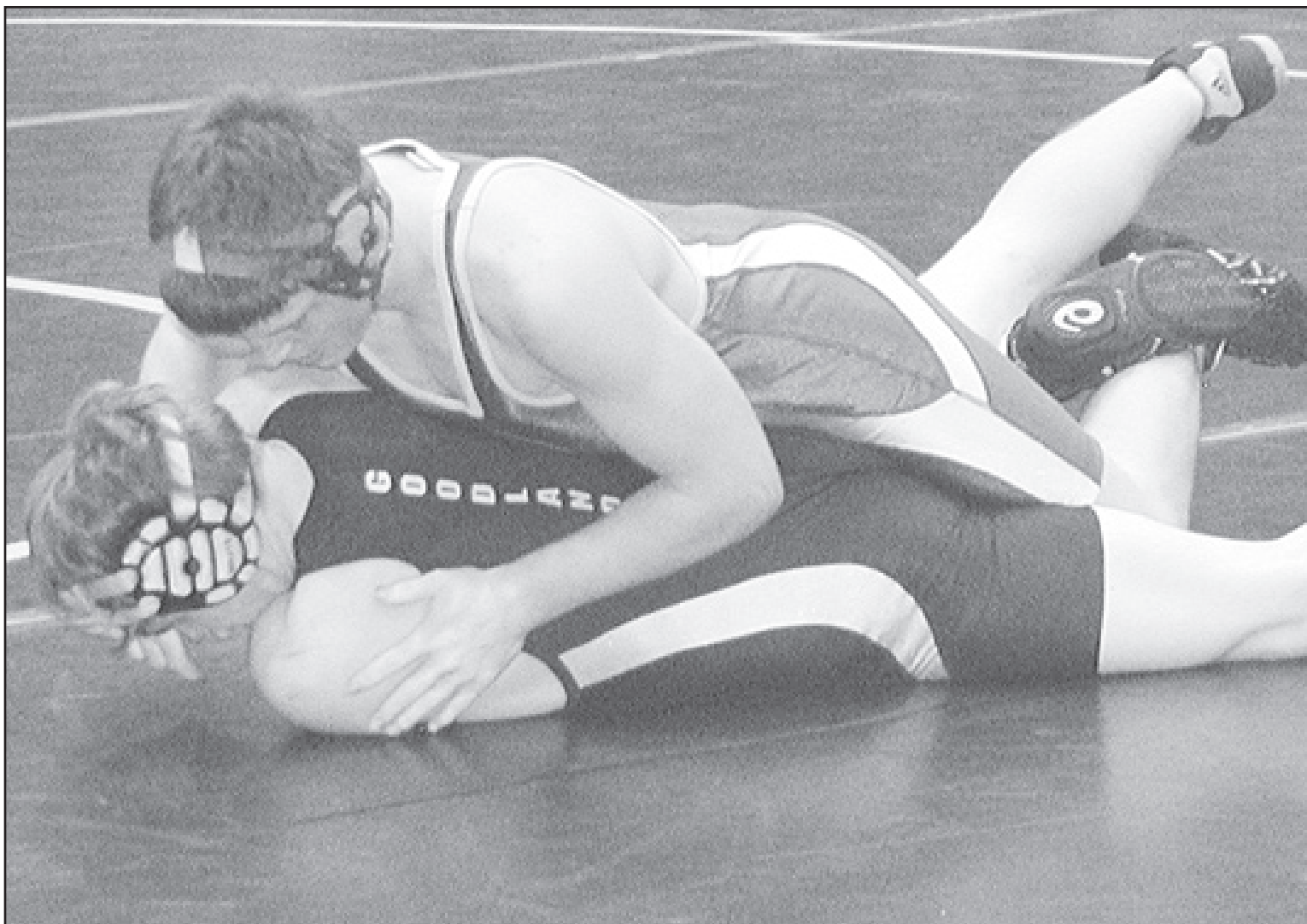
- Round 5: Championship Cross Bracketing, 11 a.m.

- Round 6: Consolation Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.

- Round 7: Consolation Semifinals, 3 p.m.

- Round 8: Consolation Finals, 5 p.m.
- Round 9: Championship Finals, 6:30 p.m.

All food items are to be consumed in the commons area as the school does not allow food nor coolers in the gym.



ADAM GUTHMILLER will represent St. Francis at 189 pounds at the Regional tournament which begins on Friday in WaKeeney.
Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Indians place second in league

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St. Francis ended the Northwest Kansas League dual season in second place following a 54-27 win over Rawlins County on Friday evening. They finished the campaign with a 5-1 league record and fell behind Colby, which posted a 6-0 record and was the only team which defeated St. Francis.

"Our 5-1 season record and placing second in league is a credit to the boys," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Our only loss was to Colby who is ranked number

one in 4A."

There were several open weights on Friday night partly because Rawlins County had two wrestlers out with injuries. Both teams were open at 140, Rawlins County was also open at 145 and 215 and St. Francis was open at 285.

"Darris Keller and Terrence Lamb both defeated a wrestler who had defeated them a week ago at the league meet," Coach Frewen said. "This was a turn around for them and it helped us win the dual."

Individual results

103: Open with a forfeit to Vap.

112: Cody Sherlock won by a fall over Griffith.

119: Darris Keller won by a 2-0 decision over Carroll.

125: Terrence Lamb won by an 8-4 decision over Vrbas.

130: Josh Carpenter received a forfeit.

135: Gavin Smull won by a fall over Bebb.

140: Both teams were open.

145: Jesse Pacheco received a forfeit.

152: Justin Sherlock won by a fall over Ruda.

160: Scott Ford lost by a 9-4 decision to Finley.

171: Adam Guthmiller won by a fall over Fenders.

189: David Guthmiller lost by a fall to Binning.

215: Talon Jones won by a forfeit.

285: Open with a forfeit to Wright

Junior varsity

Freddy Pacheco, who wrestles at 119 pounds, had an exhibition match with Green, a 125 pound wrestler from Rawlins County. Pacheco lost by a fall.



LADY INDIAN KASEY WILLIAMS (above) looks for an open teammate. Ted Crabtree (to the right) jumps for the rebound in a recent ball game.

Herald staff photos by Betty Jean Winston



Tournament begins Monday

The St. Francis Indians and Lady Indians will be involved in the 1A Regional basketball tournament next week.

The opening round will be

played at the site of the team with the better record with the girls playing on Monday and the boys on Tuesday. If the two teams play the same school,

check Indian News for exact details.

The top two teams in both the girls and boys will advance to Substate action.

St. Francis basketball team wins in overtime contest

The St. Francis gym was an exciting place on Thursday when the St. Francis/Quinter A-team basketball game went into overtime. What made it even more exciting was the fact that St. Francis pulled out a 24-19 victory.

"This was the second overtime game that I can remember since I've coached junior high," Coach David Morrow said. "It was a very exciting game and what made it stand out above the others (besides the fact that we won) was the resilience we showed in tying up the score and taking care of business in overtime."

"Once again, we found ourselves down at halftime. We started the game off by giving up a few easy baskets. Quinter shot well early, but we were able to pick up the intensity by the end of the half and close to within one point of the Bulldogs by halftime."

"In the third quarter, we had our chances to score and missed a few

easy shots, but we didn't manage to score a single point. Quinter scored four more to take a 12-7 lead by the beginning of the fourth quarter.

"We were hitting our stride by the fourth quarter, scoring 12 points in the period. The last few minutes of the contest were very exciting, and our girls showed a lot of poise and good game management. We were able to run off some time and hold a two-point lead into the last 30 seconds of the game, but Quinter made a tough shot with just a few seconds left to tie it up, forcing an overtime period."

"In the fourth quarter and in overtime, we had some players step up and play as good of basketball as most good junior high players are capable of. Kaitlyn Figgins scored 9 of her 11 points, and Jenna Hill scored 5 of her 6 points in the last 9 minutes (overtime periods are 3 minutes long in junior high). Trista Orth scored 3 of her 5 points in that same time frame."

"This was a great effort all around, and these kids deserve credit for showing some toughness in the way they finished the game."

Scoring: Figgins 11, Hill 6, Orth 5, Ashlynn Lambert 2.

B-team

Quinter 30, St. Francis 5

"We were once again outmatched by superior talent," Coach Morrow said. "Quinter has a good team that will probably compete well in the upcoming league tournament."

"All throughout the game, we did some things fairly well. We moved the ball well at times and fought for loose balls most of the time. Our kids also played defense well in some stretches."

"Had we been able limit our turnovers and score more consistently, we could have had better luck against the Bulldogs."

"These young ladies work hard to improve, but our lack of experience continues to be our greatest obstacle."

Sainty mat men wrestle at Colby

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Four St. Francis junior varsity wrestlers, Alex Draper, 112 pounds; Freddy Pacheco, 112 pounds; Grady Brunk, 160 pounds and Robbie Herman 215 pounds; participated in the Colby Novice Tournament held on Saturday. This is the final event of the year for the junior varsity.

Pacheco, Brunk and Herman all ended the day placing first in their weight class.

The four mat men collected a total of 18 takedowns; six three-point near falls; six two-point near falls; 14 reversals; seven escapes and two penalty points. They were especially strong compared to their opponents

in near falls, as they kept them from recording a single one.

Draper lost by a 4-0 decision to Niles, Scott City; lost by a fall to Barmann, Scott City; lost by a 20-15 decision to Pacheco, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Stegmann, Hays.

Pacheco won by a 17-2 technical fall over Barmann, Scott City; won by a 20-15 decision over Draper, St. Francis; won by an 8-4 decision over Stegmann, Hays; won by a fall over Niles, Scott City.

Brunk won by a fall over Ghum, Trego; won by a fall over Voss, Colby; won by a fall over Thiede, Hays; won by a fall over Peterson, Colby; won by a 3-2 decision over Cole, Phillipsburg.



Herman won by a fall over Quaglicno, Colby; won by a fall over Bockner, Hays; won by a fall over Elliot, Oakley.