

At the Game

Four receive State medals

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Four Indian wrestlers placed at the 3-2-1A State tournament held in Hays on Friday and Saturday.

"Only the top four teams placed more kids than we did," Coach Mike Frewen said. "There was some very good wrestling."

Freshman Cody Sherlock and junior Jesse Pacheco each earned a fourth place finish while senior Gavin Smull came in fifth and senior David Guthmiller sixth. Darris Keller also qualified for State but did not place.

Senior Justin Sherlock, who had placed first in Regionals, was unable to attend State due to illness.

"The way Justin has been wrestling the last month, he would have placed somewhere in the top six," Coach Frewen said.

"Our guys wrestled outstanding - they had a really good two days. They wrestled hard."

"They should all feel great about how they did. It is a credit to them. Some kids will go to State and fall apart but none of our kids did. They were real consistent."

"The kids who are coming back got some good experience for next year."

The tournament was won by Smith Center with 127 points, only 1/2 point ahead of Phillipsburg with 126.5. St. Francis placed ninth with 46.5 points.

"Cody (Sherlock) always wrestles good in every match," Coach Frewen said. "He is very consistent."

"He was defeated by the number one kid, Davis of Lakin, in his third match."

"The first kid Darris (Keller) lost to made the finals. In the second match he came close to winning but the other kid won because he had more strength. Darris needs to get more strength for next year - strength can even out a match."

"Gavin (Smull) is always in a match. He was defeated by Zohorsky of Phillipsburg who won the tournament and he lost to Bainter of Norton, who placed third. He came back and got fifth. Gavin ended his high school career on a good note."

"Jesse (Pacheco) won his first two matches and made the semis before being defeated. He has really improved since the beginning of the year, especially in the last month."

"David (Guthmiller) decided he was going to place and he did. It was a credit to him. He won

over Thomas of Phillipsburg who had defeated him three times this year.

"He lost to Engstrom of Hoisington, who got second by a close 5-4 score and, in his match with Thomas, he scored a takedown to win."

"He wrestled with determination. In his match with Mellies of Silver Lake, he executed perfectly. In his match with Godsey of Smith Center, he had a tip and throw but the kid got out. It took an overtime for the kid from Beloit to defeat him. The match could have gone either way. Placing at State was a good way to end his high school career."

Team rankings

The top 10 teams included Smith Center 127, Phillipsburg 126.5, Beloit 121.5, Norton 101.5, Scott City 85, Oakley 69, Rossville 56, Hoisington 48.5; St. Francis 46.5, Silver Lake 46, Rawlins County placed 12th, Hoxie 42nd and Oberlin tied for 43rd.

Top 4 placings

103: Antillon, Scott City; Cerman, Phillipsburg; Binter, Norton; Brown, Flint Hill; 112: Davis, Lakin; Broeckelman, Norton; Hoehn, Wellsville; Sherlock, St. Francis; 119: Hase, Silver Lake; Weigel, Plainville; Campbell, Oakley; Geist, Osborne; 125: Rogers, Smith Center; Augustine, Beloit; Keiswetter, Norton; Merriman, Onaga; 130: Floyd, Osborne; Bontz, Wichita Independent; Chase, Hill City; Hewitt, Beloit; 135: Zahorsky, Phillipsburg; Weatherhead, Republic County; Bainter, Norton; Knapp, Lincoln; 140: Spangler, Beloit; Rempe, Smith Center; Gantz, Stafford; Numrich, Scott City; 145: Melcher, Herington; Noll, Atchison County; McCall, Smith Center; Pacheco, St. Francis; 152: Mayes, Beloit; Rempe, Smith Center; Meyer, Sabetha; Engstrom, Hoisington; 160: Hanel, Beloit; Price, Caney Valley; Younkin, Oakley; Hoeme, Scott City; 171: Swartzell, Phillipsburg; Numrich, Scott City; Brown, Leoti; Miller, Stockton; 189: Patterson, Garden Plain; Engstrom, Hoisington; Godsey, Smith Center; Binning, Rawlins County; 215: Kyler, Ellsworth; Palmer, Smith Center; Racette, Oakley; Sommer, Mission Valley; 285: Ziatmik, Rossville; Rice, Phillipsburg; Wright, Rawlins County; Addison, Cimarron.

Individual results

112: C. Sherlock won by a 6-4 decision over Taylor, Silver Lake; won by a 2-0 decision over



GAVIN SMULL hooks up the cradle during one of his matches at Hays for the State tournament. Gavin placed fifth.

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Williamson, Wichita Independent; lost by a 5-2 decision to Davis, Lakin; won by a fall over Unruh, Rock Creek; lost by a 4-1 decision to Hoehn, Wellsville.

119: Keller lost by a 17-0 decision to Weigel, Plainville; lost by a 4-2 decision to Phillips, Effingham.

135: Smull won by a 7-0 decision over Terry, Caney Valley; won by a 7-4 decision over Bird, Plainville; lost by a fall to Zohorsky, Phillipsburg; lost by a 5-0 decision to Bainter, Norton; won by a 10-7 decision over Wildin, Marion.

145: Pacheco won by a 16-1 decision over Pineau, Pleasant Ridge; won by a 13-6 decision over Soucie, Wichita Independent; lost by a 12-5 decision to Noll, Effingham; won by a 13-5 decision over Hojda, Osborne; lost by a fall to McCall, Smith Center.

152: J. Sherlock, unable to wrestle due to illness.

189: Guthmiller won by a 5-3 decision over Stilwell, Eureka; lost by a fall to Engstrom, Hoisington; won by a 5-4 decision over Thomas, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Mellies, Silver Lake; lost by a fall to Godsey, Smith Center; lost by a 6-4 overtime decision to Krone, Beloit.



DAVID GUTHMILLER works for the takedown. He placed sixth in the State tournament.

Tourney results told

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St. Francis had one second place finisher at the Northwest Kansas League junior high wrestling tournament held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Hoxie. Eighth grader Zach Gienger led the Indians by pinning Whisnant of Goodland in the first match but losing to Bieberle of Colby in the second match to place second.

"This was a very tough tournament," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "There is real strength in this league and our younger kids just couldn't keep up in the league race but more than half of our kids placed and all showed tremendous improvement."

Placing third for St. Francis was Foster Grant who lost by decision to Schull of Colby in his first match but came back to pin Rorick of Oberlin and Smith of Quinter to place third.

Fourth place finishers included Casey Keller, Taylor O'Leary, Keegan Sherlock, Ross Nicklos, Sam Reed, Martin Hnizdil and Dylan Peter.

"The season had its ups and downs, but our kids wrestled with lots of heart and enthusiasm," Bruce Swihart, assistant coach said.

St. Francis as a team earned 80.5 points and placed sixth. Goodland won the tournament with 176 points, just one point more than Colby, who had 175.

Several end-of-the-season stats plus names of 2008 letterwinners



ZACH GIENGER works to take his opponent back down to the mat.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

will be published at a later time.

Team standings:

Goodland 176, Colby 175, Hoxie 164, Rawlins County 99.5, Oakley 86, St. Francis 80.5, Oberlin 78.5, Quinter 45.

Individual results

Casey Keller lost by fall to Reed, Colby; lost by a 6-1 decision to Solko, Rawlins County; placed fourth.

Foster Grant lost by a 19-2 decision to Schull, Colby; won by a fall over Rorick, Oberlin; won by a fall over Smith, Quinter; placed third.

Taylor O'Leary lost by a fall to Jones, Hoxie; won by a 16-0 decision over May, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Jones, Hoxie; placed fourth.

Isaac Schiltz lost by a fall to

Brown, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Langdon, Colby.

Keegan Sherlock won by a fall over Davis, Goodland; lost by a fall to Ochs, Hoxie; lost by an 8-1 decision to Keller, Oakley; placed fourth.

Lucas Raile won by a fall over Hefner, Oakley; lost by a 10-0 decision to Juennemann, Oberlin; lost by a 3-0 decision to Luther, Goodland.

Ross Nicklos lost by an 11-0 decision to Spresser, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Kanak, Rawlins County; placed fourth.

Dylan Wolaver lost by a fall to Berkgram, Oakley; lost by a 7-4 decision to Carter, Colby.

Thomas Douthit lost by a fall to Albers, Oakley; lost by a fall to Ziegler, Rawlins County.

Dillion Straub lost by a fall to Geist, Goodland; lost by a fall to Quenzer, Colby.

Sam Reed lost by a fall to Sharp, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Cowan, Goodland; lost by a fall to Cowan, Hoxie; placed fourth.

Zach Gienger won by a fall over Whisnant, Goodland; lost by a fall to Bieberle, Colby; placed second.

Martin Hnizdil won by a fall over Kerns, Quinter; lost by a fall to Fisher, Goodland; lost by an 8-0 decision to Faulkender, Oakley, placed fourth.

Dylan Peter lost by a fall to Sager, Colby; won by an 5-0 decision over Fulcher, Goodland; lost by a 3-1 overtime decision to Sager, Colby; placed fourth.

Wrestlers meet Hoxie

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Hoxie was the site of the junior high wrestling competition on Feb. 7.

"We're getting better," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

St. Francis wrestlers who won at least one match include Joey McCormick, Logan Whitmore, Zach Gienger and Nathan Lamb.

Individual results

Foster Grant lost by a fall to Schippers; Joey McCormick lost by a fall to Schippers; won by a 7-5 decision over Talbott; Taylor O'Leary lost by a fall to Jones; lost by a fall to Ochs, Hoxie; Logan Whitmore won by an 8-2

decision over Talbott; lost by a fall to Bainter; Keegan Sherlock lost by a fall to Jones; Jon Hilty lost by a fall to Ochs; Lucas Raile lost by a 9-2 decision to Heim.

David Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Heim; Ross Nicklos lost by a fall to Spresser; Ty Zwegyardt lost by a fall to Spresser; lost by a fall to Yergey; Brock Zwegyardt lost by a fall to Sealock; Dylan Wolaver lost by a fall to Sealock; Thomas Douthit lost by a fall to Carter; Dillion Straub lost by a fall to Salmans; lost by a fall to Carter; Zach Gienger won by a fall over Weber; Nathan Lamb won by a fall over Washington; Dylan Peter lost by a 4-2 decision to Washington.

Junior Varsity

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior varsity boys basketball players met teams from Cheylin and Quinter during their final week of action which began on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The team defeated Cheylin 45-37 but lost to Quinter 76-22.

vs Cheylin

The St. Francis scoring in the Cheylin win (45-37) was spread among 10 players with Ethan Zwegyardt having 9 and Cody Killingsworth 8.

Sainty began their scoring in the first quarter where they had 13 to 7 for Cheylin.

The second quarter saw Sainty again having 13 points.

Eight points were scored by the Indians in the third quarter. The fourth quarter saw Killingsworth scoring 6 of his 8 points with two baskets and two free throws.

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Scoring: E. Zwegyardt 9, Killingsworth 8, Garrett Figgins 6, Sam Sowers 6, Drew Zwegyardt 5, Brett Lampe 3, Tyler Lauer 3, Brendan Finley 2, Jacob Riedel 2, Zach Zwegyardt 1.

vs Quinter

In the 76-22 loss to Quinter the Indians could muster only 6 points in the first quarter and added 9 in the second for a total of 15 in the first half. They had even more scoring problems in the second half, earning only 7 more points for a final total of 22.

Finley collected two field goals, a three and a two for the high total of 5 points.

Scoring: Finley 5, D. Zwegyardt 4, Lauer 2, Figgins 2, E. Zwegyardt 2, Brooks Hobrock 2, Sowers 2, Jacob Riedel 2, Killingsworth 1.