



At the Game

Five Indians place Saturday

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St. Francis placed five wrestlers in the top four positions at the 48th annual St. Francis Larry Gabel/Steve Jenkins Invitational Wrestling Tournament held on Saturday.

Although the Indians had no champions, two St. Francis wrestlers, Cody Sherlock (125 pounds) and Jesse Pacheco (152 pounds), qualified for championship matches, ending the day in second place. The Saintry wrestlers earned a total of 63 points for a seventh-place finish.

Other Indian placers were Terrence Lamb (130 pounds), third, and Freddy Pacheco (119 pounds) and Grady Brunk (160 pounds), fourth. Darris Keller (140 pounds) and Adam Guthmiller also competed (189 pounds). Senior Scott Ford was unable to wrestle due to illness.

Colby, who won the tournament last year, repeated as champions. They collected a total of 201 points. Goodland earned second place with 141 points. Other placings include Scott City 111, Burlington, Colo., 72, Sterling, Colo., 69, Wray, Colo., 68, St. Francis 63, Rawlins County 32, Wichita County 22.

Colby had five champions to dominate the day. Second place Goodland collected two championships. Other teams having champions were Scott City, Wray and Burlington, two each and Rawlins County, one.

"The competition was a lot tougher than last year," Indian Coach Mike Frewen said. "The top four placers in each weight class were pretty solid."

"Cody (Sherlock) wrestled well in both matches. The Scott City wrestler he met was an outstanding boy, probably as good as he will see all year. It was a very close match."

"Jesse (Pacheco) beat the Colby kid who had defeated him twice last year. The Goodland kid he met placed at state in 4A last year. We will be seeing these two guys again this year. Jesse will get better."

"Terrence (Lamb) had a match

with Snyder of Goodland which was a lot closer than the final score (6-0). Snyder turned him over near the end. Terrence wrestled better against Green of Rawlins County.

"Freddy (Pacheco) was wrestling in his first real varsity tournament. After the first match with the Goodland kid, Freddy wrestled much better. He beat a Rawlins County kid (Griffith) who was a state qualifier two years ago.

"This was also the first varsity for Grady (Brunk). The kid he wrestled from Sterling (Helvie) was the number one seed in the tournament in this weight and Grady upset him by winning 6-5 in his first match. The match with the Goodland guy could have gone either way. He met Helvie again in the final match and Helvie wrestled much better this time.

"Darris (Keller) went up four weights from 119 last year to 140. Anytime you do that, you struggle as you meet kids who are bigger and stronger and you have to learn to adjust."

"Adam (Guthmiller) also went up a weight class from 171 to 189. He needs to learn to open up. The potential and skills are there."

Top four wrestlers

The top four wrestlers in each weight include (listed first through fourth):

103: Kriss, Colby; Avelar, Goodland; Mulligan, Scott City; Evanson, Wray.

112: Reed, Colby; Antillon, Scott City; Tankerstey, Wichita County.

119: Miller, Goodland; Crose, Sterling; Baumfalk, Colby; F. Pacheco, St. Francis.

125: Contreas, Scott City; Sherlock, St. Francis; Sheldon, Goodland; Kinder, Burlington.

130: Korbek, Burlington; Snyder, Colby; Lamb, St. Francis; Archer, Wray.

135: Schroeder, Colby; McDaniel, Scott City; Englehaupt, Sterling; Ricco, Burlington;

140: Wolters, Rawlins County; Stephens, Colby; Hayes, Scott



GRADY BRUNK has his opponent in a cradle hook and just needs to pull him up to get a pin or some back points. He earned fourth place on Saturday.

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City; Hoffman, Wray.

145: Numrich, Scott City; Zink, Sterling; Zwegardt, Colby; Delgado, Goodland.

152: Smith, Goodland; J. Pacheco, St. Francis; Taylor, Colby; Berning, Wichita County.

160: Flanagan, Colby; Johnson, Goodland; Helvie, Sterling; Brunk, St. Francis.

171: Arnberger, Colby; Taylor, Goodland; Brown, Wichita County; Merritt, Wray.

189: Satterly, Burlington; Bugbee, Colby; Martinez, Goodland; Hayes, Scott City.

215: Kriss, Colby; Churchwell, Burlington; Klobberanz, Sterling; Campfield, Wray.

275: Lund, Wray; Gardea, Scott City; Weber, Colby; Cotter, Goodland.

St. Francis wrestlers
119: F. Pacheco lost by a fall

to Miller, Goodland; won by a fall over Griffith, Rawlins County, lost by a 5-4 decision to Baumfalk, Colby. Placed fourth.

125: Sherlock won by a 7-1 decision over Sheldon, Goodland; lost by 3-1 decision to Contreas, Scott City. Placed second.

130: Lamb won by an 8-3 decision over Mancillas, Wichita County; lost by a 6-0 decision to Snyder, Colby; won by a 14-2 decision over Green, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Archer, Wray. Placed third.

140: Darris Keller won by a fall over Mastel, Wichita County; lost by an 8-2 decision to Stephens, Colby; lost by a 4-0 decision to Hoffman, Wray.

152: J. Pacheco won by a 12-4 decision over Taylor, Colby; lost by a 10-0 decision to Smith,

Goodland. Placed second.

160: Brunk won by a 6-5 decision over Helvie, Sterling; lost by a 6-4 decision to Johnson, Goodland; won by a fall over Rios, Scott City; lost by a fall to Helvie, Sterling. Placed fourth.

189: Adam Guthmiller lost by a fall to Finley, Rawlins County; won by a 14-2 decision over Jackson, Wray; lost by a fall to Martinez, Goodland.

vs Colby/Eagle Invitational
St. Francis will open their dual season on Thursday by meeting the Colby Eagles at home.

On Friday and Saturday St. Francis will be one of 16 teams to participate in the Colby Eagle Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The schools involved include Chaparral (Parker, Colo.), Concordia, Garden City, Hays, Hoxie, Hutchinson, Liberal, Oakley,

Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Pine Creek, Colo., Plainville, St. Francis, Scott City, Valley Center and Wray, Colo. The list encompasses schools from a variety of classifications.

Teams will be placed into three pools. Seedings will be determined by last year's team dual records, returning starters, individual honors and this year's schedule.

The first place teams from each pool will round-robin dual for first, second and third place. Second place teams from each pool will round-robin dual for fourth, fifth and sixth place, etc. until all team places have been determined.

Individual medals will go to members of the top four teams. First, second, third and fourth place team trophies will be awarded.

Dundy County outscores Saintry season opener

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St. Francis opened the basketball season in Benkelman on Thursday, Dec. 4, with the Indians meeting the Tigers from Dundy County.

The Saintry boys had a slow start and fell behind 20-6 after the first period. The third quarter was the most productive for the Indians with 17 points but the final score was a 66-34 loss to the Tigers.

"We ran into a buzz saw against Dundy County Thursday night," Coach Jeff Beims said. "Our biggest problem was our inability to break their press. They had good team speed. When you combine that with the fact that we lost our composure and started throwing the ball all over the court, it made for a long night. We have good shooters and a solid inside game, but were unable to capitalize on that for the most part."

Saintry shot 39 percent from two-point range making 14-of-44 attempts. At the free-throw line they were 5-of-12 for 42 percent with Trent Raile hitting both of his attempts.

Trent Kinen had 11 points for the evening with a three pointer, three two-pointers and two free throws while T. Raile had 10 points with eight points from the field and two from the line.

"Dundy County has three or four guys that can handle the ball and their big man, Kendall Glidden, is about as smooth a big man as you will see in this area," Coach Beims said.

"Guys like that you can't really stop, you just have to contain them. We didn't do that either. Having said that, we have implemented a new defensive philosophy and perfection is a little much to expect the first time out. We really play pretty well defensively I thought, although the score might not reflect that.

"Ultimately, I have to take responsibility for our poor play. Our boys weren't prepared properly for facing the type of pressure they encountered. We have talked all year about winning with class, and learning something from our losses. We got a hard lesson Thursday



DEFENSIVELY PLAYING was Alex Long on the Saintry team. The Indians played Dundy County on Dec. 4 in Benkelman.

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night, but all we can do is learn our lessons and move on. I think we've done that. I know I have."

T. Raile led the team in rebounding with 10, six of them defensive boards. Alex Long

have five steals for the Indians and Long, Matt Raile and T. Raile each blocked a shot.

SF 6 6 17 5 34
DC 20 16 15 15 66
Scoring: Kinen 11, T. Raile 10,

M. Raile 6, Drew Zwegardt 2, Garrett Figgins 2, Sam Sowers 2, Brooks Hobrock 1.

Rebounding: T. Raile 10, Kinen 8, M.w Raile 4, Long 4, Jacob Riedel 2, D. Zwegardt 1, Hobrock 1.

Junior varsity narrowly defeated

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The St. Francis junior varsity boys were narrowly defeated by Dundy County 36-31 on Dec. 4.

"The junior varsity boys played really well for their first time out," said Coach Jeff Beims, who led the team in the absence of Coach Devin Dinkel.

"Although they were unable to get a victory, I was impressed with their progress to this point."

"Any time you take a group of young men, and introduce something new there is a learning process that takes time."

"They are ahead of the curve at this point."

Brett Lampe connected for 10 points in this game followed by Garrett Figgins with seven. Other players putting points through the hoop were Ben Neitzel 5, Brooks Hobrock 3, Cody Killingsworth 2, Tyler Lauer 2, Zach Zwegardt 2.

