



At the Game

Indians earn championship on Saturday

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St. Francis won 25 matches and lost seven at the Wray Invitational on Saturday to come home with the team championship. Saintry earned 148.5 points for the day.

"The guys didn't give up and we had a great day of wrestling at Wray," Coach Mike Frewen said.

"This was a complete turn around from Friday night in Oberlin and this is one of the tougher Colorado tournaments."

The coach said St. Francis had won over some tough competition. A number of the teams attending are ranked in Colorado including Wiggins, who is ranked number two in 2A. Also ranked in 2A is Rocky Ford at number six, Akron at number seven, Wray at number eight, Merino at number nine and Sedgwick County at number 10. Yuma is ranked number eight in 3A, among the larger schools.

St. Francis had three champions, two seconds, one third place and one fourth.

Earning championships were Freddy Pacheco at 119 pounds; Terrence Lamb at 130 pounds and Jesse Pacheco at 152 pounds.

Darris Keller at 135 pounds and Scott Ford at 171 pounds placed second with Cody Sherlock (125 pounds) placed third and Adam Guthmiller (185 pounds) placed

fourth. Grady Brunk was just one match away from placing.

Wiggins came in second with 139.5 points and two champions, two second-place finishes and one fourth place.

Coach Frewen had the following thoughts about the wrestling at Wray:

"Freddy (Pacheco) didn't give up in his matches — in both his semi-final match with Long of Rocky Ford and in his final match with Sprouse of Yuma, he was losing but tossed them on their back and pinned them. At the beginning of one match he was on his back for 30 seconds and close to being pinned so he started out behind 0-5 and earned a fall. He had a good day of wrestling.

"Cody (Sherlock) wrestled good and is a consistent wrestler. In the semi finals with Watson of Wiggins he lost 5-3 to a wrestler who is ranked second in Colorado this year and placed fourth at state last year. In his first match he beat Hernandez of Rocky Ford who is ranked number one in Colorado this year.

"Terrence (Lamb) defeated Richards of Sedgwick County in overtime. Richards is ranked third in 2A in Colorado. In his last match with Archer of Wray, Lamb had just got ahead 9-8 in the third period when Archer was injured



TERRENCE LAMB was one of the three Indian wrestlers who earned a championship at the Wray Invitational Tournament

held in Wray on Saturday. Also placing first was Freddy Pacheco and Jesse Pacheco.

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and Lamb won by an injury default.

"Darris (Keller) battled back in his matches. In his semi-final match and also his third match of the day, he won by having a reversal and near fall in the last 10 second. He made five points in both at the end for the win. He could have easily lost both of these matches but he battled back and won.

"Jesse (Pacheco) wrestled well and had a good day. He was pretty consistent during his matches in Wray. He defeated White of Fowler who is ranked third for the championship.

"Grady (Brunk) defeated a kid (Taylor of Stratton) who had defeated him easily in a match at Benkelman last year. This year he fought him off and did a good job pinning him. His final match was a close one but Brunk lost by a fall.

"Scott (Ford) defeated two guys

from Wray who are comparable wrestlers, both tough, to get to the finals. He wrestled better at the tournament.

"Adam (Guthmiller) was defeated in the semifinals by an outstanding wrestler who is number two in the state and he is that good. Adam looked better; he just needs to be more consistent."

Team placings

There were 16 teams plus a number of Team X's. The Team X totals were not kept. The placing of the top teams are as follows: St. Francis 148.5; Wiggins 139.5; Yuma 139; Merino 132; Rocky Ford 115; Akron 102.5; Wray 92.5; Holyoke 79.5; Fowler 78; Stratton 63.5; Middle Park 60; Ponderosa 45; Sedgwick County 44.5; Simla 42; Fleming 33; Cheyenne Wells 4.

Individual St. Francis results
103: F. Pacheco won by a fall over Gross of Wiggins; won over

a fall over Long of Rocky Ford; won by a fall over Sprouse of Yuma. Placed first.

125: Sherlock won a fall over Hernandez of Rocky Ford; lost by a 5-3 decision to Watson of Wiggins; won by a 2-1 decision over Herrick of Sedgwick County; won by a 4-0 decision over Brophy of Yuma. Placed third.

130: Lamb won by a fall over Ewertz of Wiggins X; won by a 7-4 decision over Forsythe of Yuma; won by a 5-3 overtime decision over Richards of Sedgwick County; won by injury default over Archer of Wray. Placed first.

135: Keller won by a fall over Frecks of Stratton; won by an 8-7 decision over Gallegos of Ponderosa; won by a 9-8 decision over Hamacher of Simla; lost by a 10-1 decision to Visconti of Middle Park. Placed second.

152: J. Pacheco won by a fall over Mikelson of Sedgwick County; won by a fall over Birdseye of Middle Park; won by an 11-6 decision over Jackson of Wary; won by a 9-3 decision over White of Fowler. Placed first.

160: Brunk won by a 9-3 decision over Gonzales of Fowler; won by a fall over Taylor of Stratton; lost by a fall to Garcia of Wiggins; lost by a fall to Kasper of Merino.

171: Ford won by a fall over Kazmeroff of Ponderosa; won by a 7-3 decision over Jackson of Wray; won by a 22-11 decision over Braz of Wray X; lost by a fall to Trego of Yuma. Placed second.

189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Merritt of Wray X; lost by a fall to Davis of Wiggins; won by a fall over Gibson of Merino; won by a fall over Larson of Fleming; lost by a fall to Montoya of Fowler.

Ladies compete at home twice

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The Lady Indians had the crowd excited on Friday night when they tied the game 34-34 with just a short time remaining in the fourth quarter. They were playing the Lady Red Devils from Decatur Community/Oberlin and they had been playing catch-up ball, being behind 33-27 going into the final frame.

In the last couple of minutes of the game, Saintry had the opportunity for their first win of the season but the Lady Red Devils sealed the victory at the free-throw line.

"We played with more confidence and played smarter in this game," Coach Larry Fleming said. "We are still in a learning process as we do have a new system to adapt to this season, both offensively and defensively.

"The Ladies are eager to learn and are beginning to adapt to these new concepts. They always play hard, as they have no other choice!!!!"

"We always strive to improve as an individual and as a team and tonight we succeeded in both phases. We are still in the early stages of a long term plan!!"

Earlier in the week, St. Francis had been defeated by Colby by the score of 61-14.

Colby began their scoring early

in the game with a 20-point first quarter. They continued pouring points through the basket being in double figures in three of the four quarters of action.

The first portion of the season is over and St. Francis has played two exciting games. They lost to Cheylin in overtime in the final game of the Sagebrush Tournament and then again this week with Oberlin.

The team will have a break and then begin practice sessions on Monday, Dec. 29. A game in Rexford with Golden Plains is on the agenda on Jan. 6.

Colby 61, St. Francis 14

Defensively, Colby held St. Francis to four points or less in each of the four quarters. The final score was Colby 61, St. Francis 14.

Elizabeth Gienger scored two baskets and led the Saintry scoring with four points. The Lady Indians' scoring included making 5-of-34 field goal attempts and 4-of-10 shots from the free-throw line.

The team pulled down 14 rebounds with Christina Hilt having four and Joni Pevler three.

Fifteen assists were recorded and Sidnee Crabtree and Gienger each had four of them. Unfortunately the team also recorded 26 turnovers.



JONI PEVLER helps the Lady Indians set up a successful offensive play. Two Lady Red Devils are attempting to hinder her.

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SF 4 4 2 4 14
C 20 8 19 14 61

Scoring: Gienger 4, Jami Pevler 2, Andrea Holzwarth 2, Crabtree 2, Shayla Hilt 2, C. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: C. Hilt 4, Joni Pevler 3, Jami Pevler 2, Holzwarth 2, Gienger 2, Sarah Trembly 1.

Decatur Community 37 St. Francis 34

The Lady Indians never gave up in this game, working for a victory until the final buzzer. They outscored the Lady Red Devils 7-to-4 in the final quarter but just

could not put the game in the win column.

Crabtree had her highest scoring total of the year in this game with 16 points. She hit two threes, four other field goals and was 2-of-3 from the free-throw line. She also contributed two rebounds, had a steal and two assists.

Gienger led the rebounding with eight, four of them defensive and four offensive. She also had the most steals with three and had one assist.

Oberlin had St. Francis down

by five points after the first period, 12-5, but Saintry was only four points behind at halftime, 21-17, making it a tight game down to the end.

SF 7 10 10 7 34
DC 12 9 12 4 37

Scoring: Crabtree 16, Gienger 8, Joni Pevler 4, C. Hilt 3, S. Hilt 2, Kaycee Williams 1.

Rebounding: Gienger 8, Jami Pevler 3, Crabtree 2, and Williams, Holzwarth, S. Hilt and C. Hilt, one each.

Junior varsity sports

Basketball

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By a score of 71-21, the Colby boys junior varsity basketball team defeated St. Francis in action on Tuesday night. This was the first home game for the young Indians and only the second game of the season.

Colby brought over a strong offensive team which scored between 14 and 26 points per quarter.

St. Francis had eight players who scored at least one point for the Indians. Zach Zwegardt was the leader with seven points. He scored a basket in the first quarter and a two-pointer and a three in the

third quarter.
SF 7 5 7 2 21
C 16 15 14 26 71

Scoring: Z. Zwegardt 7, Garrett Figgins 4, Ben Neitzel 2, Tyler Lauer 2, Brock Zwegardt 2, Jonathan Butler 2, Cody Killingsworth 1, Brooks Hobrock 1.

Oberlin 54, Saintry 38

Ten Indians contributed to the scoring in this game with Hobrock leading the way with 10. He hit three field goals plus four of six free-throw attempts.

Decatur Community earned the victory by scoring 54 points to 38 for St. Francis.

In the third quarter, St. Francis outscored the Red Devils by a score of 12-6 but Oberlin led the scoring

in the other three periods.
SF 9 8 12 9 38
DC 13 17 6 18 54

Scoring: Hobrock 10, Brett Lampe 7, Figgins 6, Butler 5, Martin Hnizdil 3, Lauer 2, Z. Zwegardt 2, B. Zwegardt 2, Killingsworth 1, Braden Schmid 1

Wrestling

Five St. Francis wrestlers attended the junior varsity tournament held in Oberlin on Saturday. David Leibbrandt, Logan Whitmore, Ross Nicklos, Alex Draper and Nathan Lamb made the trip.

Each wrestler had at least three matches with some weights being wrestled by brackets and others by

round robin.

Leibbrandt placed third in the 112 weight class with Whitmore placing fourth in this weight. The 112 weight was a round robin event.

Lamb placed second at 285 pounds and Nicklos placed fourth at 125 pounds.

"Our junior varsity wrestlers are getting better," Coach Mike Frewen said. "A won-loss record does not always show the amount of improvement.

"Lamb wrestled much better against Dolon of Oberlin than he did on Friday night."

112: Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Helm of Oberlin; lost by a fall to Harlow of Colby; won by a fall over

Whitmore of St. Francis.

112: Whitmore lost by a fall to Harlow of Colby; lost by a fall to Helm of Oberlin; lost by a fall to Leibbrandt of St. Francis.

125: Nicklos won by a fall over Hefner of Oakley; lost by a fall to Standley of Garden City; lost by a fall to Tubbs of Colby; lost by a fall to Phyliss of Garden City.

135: Draper lost by a fall to Warta of Scott City; lost by a fall to Raener of Garden City; lost by a fall to Maganal of Garden City.

285: Lamb won by a fall over Carreen of Garden City; won by a fall over Kerkseck of Colby; lost by a fall to Dolon of Oberlin.

Dual held on Friday

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St. Francis won four matches in Oberlin on Friday night with Freddy Pacheco winning by a fall, Cody Sherlock by a major decision and Terrence Lamb and Grady Brunk by decisions. The Red Devils won the dual by a score of 49-16. This was the second Northwest Kansas League dual of the season with St. Francis standing at 0-2, losing to Oberlin and Colby.

Oberlin's only open weight was at 103 pounds while St. Francis was also open at 103 plus they forfeited to Oberlin at 145 pounds and 215 pounds.

"Oberlin had a better team than I expected," Coach Mike Frewen said.

"Grady Brunk was about pinned and was down 0-5. He put up a good fight off his back and won by a fall.

"Darris Keller wrestled a good kid and battled hard. They were tied 12-12 with Richards winning by a fall in overtime.

"Cody Sherlock is very consistent.

Jesse Pacheco wrestled a state qualifier and a regional winner. He just made a mistake at the end and Urban beat him.

"We wrestled up and down in Oberlin. We are just not consistent."

Individual results

103: Both teams open; 112: David Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Helm; 119: F. Pacheco won by a fall over Juennemann; 125: Sherlock won by a 14-0 major decision over Peters; 130: T. Lamb won by a 4-1 decision over Kane; 135: Darris Keller lost by a fall in overtime to Richards; 140: Alex Draper lost by a fall to Reichert; 145: St. Francis open; forfeit to Paul; 152: J. Pacheco lost by an 8-6 decision to Urban; 160: Brunk won by a 10-5 decision over Jordan; 171: Scott Ford lost by a 9-0 major decision to Simonson;

189: Adam Guthmiller lost by a fall to Alstrom; 215: St. Francis open; forfeit Larue; 285: Nathan Lamb lost by a fall to Dalton.

Junior varsity

Logan Whitmore was involved in a junior varsity dual on Friday. He was defeated by Helm by a fall. He wrestled at 112 pounds.