



# At the Game

## Regionals set for the weekend

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St. Francis will be attending the Ellis Regional wrestling 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 3-2-1 A State Tournament in Hays the following weekend.

"It will be an extremely tough tournament," Coach Mike Frewen said. "The Ellis and Beloit regionals are always the toughest. The top six or seven kids in each weight are tough at these two regionals while possibly only the top two in the others."

"When the top six or seven are good, some of the good ones will not make it to state."

"There will be very few easy matches. We hope the wrestlers have peaked at the right time and will wrestle the best they have all year."

"Much of winning is mental. They need to wrestle on an even keel. If they lose they need to shake it off."

"We have wrestled good in the tournaments we have attended this year, so hopefully this will continue."

The St. Francis wrestlers will be headed to regionals with the following regular season records: 112; Freddy Pacheco, 22-11; 119: David Leibbrandt, 7-15; 125: Cody Sherlock 28-7; 130: Terrence Lamb, 30-5; 135: Darris Keller, 19-19; 145: Jesse Pacheco, 23-9; 160: Grady Brunk, 23-14; 171: Scott Ford, 21-13; 189: Adam Guthmiller, 16-19.

"We have some good records," Coach Frewen said. "The number of kids that go (to state) could vary from a few to quite a few."

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

Goodland has moved down from 4A this year and will be competing against the Indians. Norton won the tournament last year followed by Scott City, who has moved to 4A, Oakley and then St. Francis.

Other regional tournaments for 3-2-1A wrestlers will be held at Beloit, Burlington and Garden Plain.

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, 5 p.m.
- Round 3: Consolation First Round, 6:30 p.m.
- Round 4: Championship Semifinals, 7:30 p.m.

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

- Session II
- Round 5: Consolation 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.

## Junior Varsity

The St. Francis boys junior varsity basketball team and the C-Team met teams from Rawlins County in St. Francis on Friday night. C-Team games have provided a good opportunity for a number of additional players to see competitive action.

In the junior varsity game, St. Francis had a 65-61 overtime victory and in the C-Team game, the Buffs had a 64-33 victory.

### Junior varsity

**St. Francis 65, Rawlins 61**  
Brett Lampe hit two three-pointers in overtime and Brooks Hobrock added a free-throw to give the Indians a 65-61 victory Friday night. The Indians not only had to outscore Rawlins County in the overtime for the win but had to score 27 points late in the game to force the contest into overtime.

Garrett Figgins scored 12 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter while Isaac Schiltz had four three's dur-

ing the evening to help account for his 16 points. Lampe's 10 points all came in the second half. Four other players helped add the needed points to force the game into overtime.

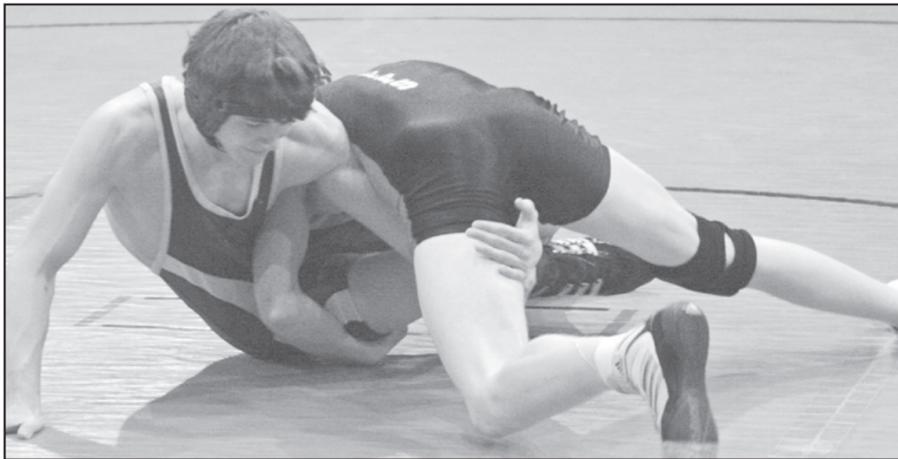
Scoring: Figgins 19, Schiltz 16, Lampe 10, Tyler Lauer 7, Ben Neitzel 4, Cody Killingsworth 3, Zach Zwegardt 3.

### C-Team

**Rawlins 64, St. Francis 33**  
Scoring for St. Francis in this contest were Jonathan Butler with 8 points, Schiltz and Ty Zwegardt with 6 each, Brock Zwegardt with 5, Gavin Cooper with 4, Z. Zwegardt with 3 and Martin Hnizdil with one.

St. Francis had a very low-scoring first quarter giving Rawlins County an advantage and forcing St. Francis to play catch-up ball.

The final score was Rawlins County 64, St. Francis 33.



**TERRENCE LAMB will be heading to regionals this weekend with his 30 to 5 season record. Terrence is pictured attempting a reversal against Green of Rawlins County, on Friday night.**

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

## Indians win dual 44-30

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"Against Rawlins County we didn't get many matches as the weights did not match up," Coach Mike Frewen said. "The kids that wrestled did pretty good."

The meet was held in Atwood on Friday evening. This ended the Northwest Kansas League dual season.

### Individual results

112: Freddy Pacheco won by forfeit; 119: David Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Griffith; 125: Cody Sherlock won by forfeit; 130: Terrence Lamb won by an 11-2 decision over Green; 135: Darris Keller won by forfeit; 145: Jesse

Pacheco won by forfeit; 160: Grady Brunk won by a 10-1 decision over Ruda; 171: Scott Ford won by a fall over Martin; 189: Adam Guthmiller won by forfeit.

### Junior varsity vs Rawlins County

In junior varsity action on Friday night with Rawlins County Logan Whitmore lost by a fall to Vap and Ross Nicklos lost by a fall to Ford.

### Colby Novice Tournaments

D. Leibbrandt, Whitmore, Nicklos and Brandon McGinnis attended the Colby Novice Tournament on Saturday.

McGinnis placed second at 125 pounds.

## Ladies compete in final home game

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The final game of the regular season will be played on Friday night in Quinter. The Lady Indians will then begin their final preparation for the substate tournament coming up the first week of March.

Two games were played the week of Feb. 9 with both contests being held on the home court. St. Francis lost to Wallace County on Tuesday night (88-63) and to Rawlins County on Friday night (50-40). Friday night was also senior night.

### Rawlins County 50, St. Francis 40

The Lady Buffs from Rawlins County took the lead early in the game and completed a 50-40 victory.

St. Francis played with heart throughout the game and on occasion had a scoring run to cut the Rawlins County lead. Actually, scoring wise, Saintry had 24 points in the second half and the Lady Buffs 25. It was during the first half of the game that St. Francis fell behind and never could make up the difference.

The Lady Indians were 26 percent from the field with 17-of-66 shots being successful. At the line they were 38 percent with 3-of-8. The Lady Buffs had many more opportunities at the line than did the Lady Indians.

Elizabeth Gienger had one of her better scoring evenings, coming away with 12 points. She had two three-pointers for half of her total

and then added three two-pointers. The two threes that went through the hoop were from only two attempts. Andrea Holzwarth hit on her only outside attempt also.

Saintry had 20 rebounds, 12 steals and 27 turnovers. The turnovers were more than double the steals which is always a help for the opponent.

Jami Pevler led the team in rebounds with four defensive and one offensive for a total of five. Nine other players also contributed.

"We are going to work on playing with more intensity!!!" Coach Larry Flemming said.

### Wallace County 88, St. Francis 63

The Lady Indians worked hard against Wallace County on Tuesday night but unfortunately they were matched up with a good-shooting team. The Lady Wildcats managed between 19 and 27 points per quarter to rack up their 88 points.

Saintry came up with 63 points which would have won a number of their contests this year. It should be noted they had 21 points in the third



**SETTING UP AN offensive play for the Lady Indians. Jodi Hilt looks for an open teammate.**

Herald staff photo by Betty Winston

quarter, a period which has often been low scoring.

Shayla Hilt scored 14 points and Sarah Trembly 11 points. These girls were aided by nine other Ladies hitting at least two points. S. Hilt had one three, five two's and one free throw (her only attempt) for her points while Trembly had one three and four two's. She had no free-throw attempts.

Saintry was 22-of-55 from the field for 40 percent. They hit 20 two-pointers and two three's for the evening. At the free-throw line they were 47 percent, hitting 17 of 36.

Having the best percentage from the field, with at least four attempts, was S. Hilt with 86 percent (6-of-7). From the free-throw line with at least four attempts Holzwarth, J. Hilt and Marin were each 3-of-4 for 75 percent.

"We played much better as a team tonight!" Coach Flemming said. "The concepts of team basketball and giving 100 percent effort are beginning to take hold."

The team had 30 rebounds with Jami Pevler having seven and Holzwarth six. They also recorded 12 steals. Seven players contributed to the steal total with Williams having three.

"We will continue to work on our skills," Coach Flemming said. SF 12 13 21 17 63 WC 19 21 21 27 88

Scoring: S. Hilt 14, Trembly 11, Jami Pevler 7, Holzwarth 7, J. Hilt 5, Gienger 5, Marin 5, Crabtree 3, Joni Pevler 2, Williams 2, C. Hilt 2.

Rebounding: Jami Pevler 7, Holzwarth 6, Marin 4, Williams 3, Trembly 3, Joni Pevler 2, Gienger 2, Grace 2, J. Hilt 1.

## Junior high plays ball with Quinter squads

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The junior high basketball squad traveled to Quinter on Thursday to continue their season with Northwest Kansas League teams. Both the A-Team and the B-Team suffered a loss.

Season-ending tournament action begins on Monday, Feb. 23.

### A-team

**Quinter 42, St. Francis 16**  
"I just did not have the girls ready to play," Coach Ted Busse said. "We didn't play with enthusiasm, passion, heart and desire like we had been and when you don't have these elements then the game of basketball can be difficult to play."

Clarice Neitzel paced the team with nine points followed by Aubrey Mills with five and Ally Northrup and Laura Brunk with one apiece.

### B-Team

**Quinter 17, St. Francis 11**  
"This was one of our best games

defensively," Coach David Morrow said. "In fact, we held the Bulldogs to a scoreless first half. The girls rotated on defense better, moved their feet better, and generally played very inspired defense. This was all done with no substitutions for personnel."

"Our problem throughout the game was our inability to score points. At the end of the third quarter, we still had only two points. Most of our scoring took place in the final period of play."

"Every player on our team played better than they have all season. Bailey Merklin and Randy Grover both played good defense. Aubrey (Mills) continues to improve as our point guard. Krissy Harris had a great defensive game and attacked the basket on offense. Nariah Hamilton continues to improve in all aspects of her game."

Scoring: Mills 5; Merklin 4; Grover 2.

## Junior High

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St. Francis met Hoxie and Goodland in junior high wrestling matches on Thursday. The meet took place in Hoxie.

St. Francis won three matches and lost nine against Hoxie and won 15 and lost 11 against Goodland.

For the evening Saintry had a total of 38 takedowns, 16 near falls, 1 reversal, 12 escapes and eight falls.

"I thought we were off a little but you have to hand it to Hoxie, who is really tough this year," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

### Individual results

Casey Keller won by an 8-5 decision over Ihrig, Goodland; won by a 15-0 decision over Arteaga, Goodland.

Lane Hoffman won by a 2-0 decision over Kennedy, Hoxie; won by a fall over Arteaga, Goodland; won by a fall over Ihrig, Goodland.

Foster Grant lost by a 15-2 decision to Kennedy, Hoxie; lost by a 9-0 decision to Paxton, Goodland.

Austin White won by a fall over Arteaga, Goodland.

Gaten Cooper; lost by a 9-6 decision to Kales, Hoxie; lost by a 6-3 decision to Fugleberg, Goodland.

Wyatt Landenberger lost by a 15-0 decision to Paxton, Goodland.

Mason Schiltz won by a fall over Fugleberg, Goodland.

Joey McCormick lost by a fall to Ochs, Hoxie.

Taylor O'Leary lost by a fall to Ochs, Hoxie; lost by a 4-0 decision to Heim, Hoxie.

Mikey Leibbrandt lost by a 10-2 decision to Bahe, Goodland; won by a 7-3 decision over Witman, Goodland; won by a fall over Rush, Goodland.

Dylan Wolaver won by an 11-3 decision over Gray, Goodland; lost by a fall to Peden, Goodland; won by an 8-0 decision over Ihrig, Goodland.

Keegan Sherlock lost by a 12-2 decision to Peden, Goodland; won by a fall over Hooker, Goodland; won by a 4-0 decision over House, Goodland.

Thomas Douthit lost by a 9-0 decision to Yergey, Hoxie; won by a fall over Jones, Goodland.

Joseph Fletcher lost by a fall to Wood, Hoxie; lost by a fall to House, Goodland.

Dillion Straub won by a fall over Helton, Goodland; won by a 5-2 over Carter, Hoxie.

Zach Gienger lost by a 5-0 decision to Bonsall, Goodland; won by a 9-7 decision over Salmons, Hoxie; won by a 13-0 decision over Whisnant, Goodland;

Lucas Carmichael lost by a fall to Smith, Goodland; lost by a fall to Whisnant, Goodland.

Scott Warren lost by a fall to Washington, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Unger, Goodland.

Dylan Peter lost by a fall to Washington, Hoxie.

## Wrestlers participate

During the high school dual with Rawlins County on Friday night there were six St. Francis wrestling kids who were lined up with matches with kids from the Atwood club.

### Atwood club

In the 6 and under: Brody Kaup lost and Shadryon Blanka won two matches; in the 10 and under: Taylor Rogers won a match, Garrett Brunk wrestled a 12 and under kid and lost 7-10 and in the 12 and under Justin Pacheco lost.

### Oakley tournament

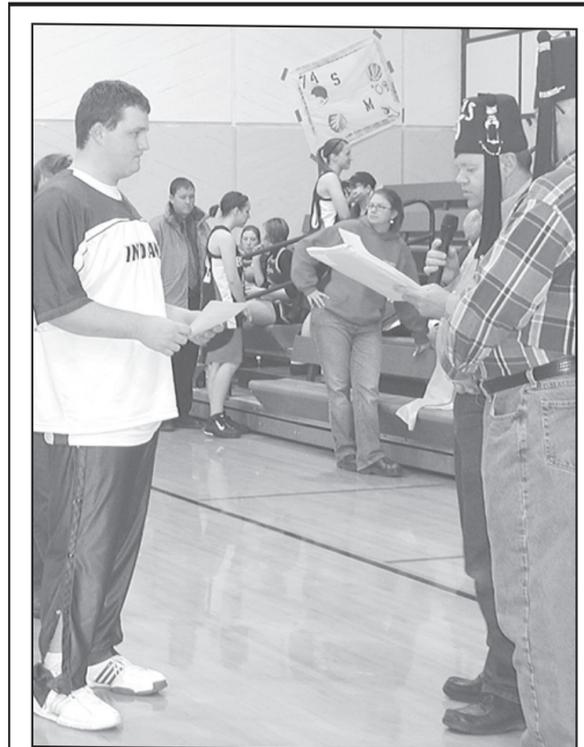
On Saturday the St. Francis kids took eight kids to the Oakley tournament. Two kids came home with first place, Cody Baxter and Luke Lampe.

In the 6 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 58 pounds, placed second; Seth Hilt, 64 pounds, placed second and Jesse Baxter, 67 pounds, placed fourth.

In the 8 and under: Cody Baxter, 64 pounds, placed first; Luke Lampe, 73 pounds, placed first and Wyatt Hilt, 75 pounds, placed fourth.

In the 10 and under: Garrett Brunk, 96 pounds, placed second.

In the 12 and under: Shakotah Blanka had an exhibition match and won by a fall.



**OFFICIAL INVITATION – Members of the Cheyenne County Shrine Club present Ethan Zwegardt with his invitation to play in the Kansas Shrine Football Game this summer. Introducing Ethan and telling about how proceeds of the game help the Shrine Hospital is Rodney Ritchey.**

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