



At the Game

Indian wrestlers attend Sterling tourney

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St. Francis met Flemming, Sterling and Akron in pool action at the Sterling Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday. The Indians finished pool play in second place and ended the evening by meeting both the first and second place finishers, North Platte and Merino, in the other pool for overall final placing.

In final pool results, Akron was first, St. Francis, second, Sterling, third, and Flemming, fourth.

Final placings were not available by the press deadline but St. Francis would have finished the tournament in one of the top four places. Placings will be published next week in the wrestling article.

St. Francis wrestlers who came home undefeated for the tournament were Adam Guthmiller, Freddy Pacheco and Terrence Lamb.

"These three wrestlers, Lamb, Pacheco and Guthmiller, were the best in their weight class," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Freddy and Adam pinned each wrestler they competed with and Lamb won by pins or 10 points or more."

Austin Manners, in only his second outing as an Indian, went 4-1 as did Casey Keller.

For the day, St. Francis wrestlers had 31 wins and 14 losses.

"Our wrestlers got better as the day went on," Coach Frewen said. "The young kids are showing improvement. They are learning that you need to be able to wrestle hard every match. You need to be ready to go."

St. Francis had five open weights in each dual match. On occasion, a wrestler would be moved around to a different weight but generally the team was open at 130, 145, 152, 215 and 275, which gave dual opponents a number of point per

match.

Attending the tournament from St. Francis were Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt, Pacheco, Manners, Lamb, Dylan Wolaver, Grady Brunk, Zach Gienger and Guthmiller.

St. Francis 36, Flemming 30
Results of the Flemming match include: 103: Keller won by forfeit; 112: Leibbrandt won by forfeit; 119: Pacheco won by a fall over Corwin; 125: both teams open; 130: Manner lost by a 7-2 decision to Ribel; 135: Lamb won by forfeit; 140: Wolaver lost by a fall to Johnson; 145: forfeit to Davis; 152: forfeit to Combs; 160: Brunk lost by a 10-9 decision to Stone; 171: Gienger won by a fall over Henery; 189: both teams open; 215: Guthmiller won by a fall over Davis; 285: both teams open.

St. Francis 40, Sterling 39
Results of the Sterling match include: 103: Keller won by a fall over Tidwell; 112: Leibbrandt won by forfeit; 119: Pacheco won by a fall over Chavez; 125: Manners won by a fall over Guenzi; 130: forfeit to Irdono; 135: Lamb won by a 10-0 decision over Whitid; 140: Wolaver won by forfeit; 145: forfeit to Englehaupt; 152: forfeit to Sturgion; 160: Brunk lost by a fall to Zink; 171: Gienger lost by a 9-3 decision to Veal; 189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Vollmer; 215: forfeit to Burton; 285: both teams open.

Akron 45, St. Francis 30
Results of the Akron match include: 103: Keller won by forfeit; 112: Leibbrandt lost by a 6-1 decision to Gonzales; 119: Pacheco won by a fall over Hill; 125: Manners won by a fall over Bull; 130: forfeit to Spear; 135: Lamb won by a fall over Florian; 140: Wolaver lost by a fall to Hottinger; 145: forfeit to Crumley; 152: forfeit to Florian; 160: Brunk lost by a 4-3 decision to Hubert; 171: Gienger lost by a 9-2 decision



SEVERAL YOUNG INDIANS had the opportunity to participate in the Sterling Dual Wrestling Tournament on Saturday. Here freshman Mikey Leibbrandt fills the 112-pound weight class for Sainty.

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to Monasmith; 189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Christianson; 215: forfeit to Harms; 285: forfeit to Christianson.

Final rounds St. Francis 40, North Platte 39

Results of the North Platte match include: 103: Keller won by a 10-0 decision over Carpenter; 112: Leibbrandt lost

by a fall to Hale; 119: Pacheco won by a fall over Novarrette; 125: Manners won by a fall over Avery; 130: forfeit to Holscher; 135: Lamb won by a fall over Short; 140: Wolaver won by a fall over Michaelis; 145: forfeit to Kasmacek; 152: forfeit to Craighead; 160: Brunk won by a fall over Holscher; 171: Gienger lost by a 6-3 decision

to Cohill; 189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Hunt; 215: forfeit to Fschleman; 285: forfeit to Myers.

Merino 39, St. Francis 34

Results of the Merino match include: 103: Keller lost by a fall to Hasting; 112: Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Hose; 119: Pacheco won by a fall over Hulstrom; 125: Manners won by a fall over

Weigle; 130: forfeit to Trout; 135: Lamb won by an 11-0 decision over Michel; 140: forfeit to Barber; 145: Wolaver lost by an 8-3 decision to Walser; 152: both teams open; 160: Brunk won by a 13-2 decision over Gurney; 171: Gienger won by forfeit; 189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Gibson; 215: forfeit to Urrithia; 285: forfeit to Stanley.

Kansas Kids Wrestling begins season at Scott City

St. Francis youth become busy with Kansas Kids Wrestling events when the new year begins. So far in January, several traveled to Scott City on Jan. 2 and Atwood on Jan. 9. St. Francis also had kids that wrestled Goodland kids after the high school dual on Jan. 7.

Scott City

In Scott City, Shadryon Blanka took first in the 6 and under, 67 pounds bracket and Connor Keller took fourth in the 8 and under 67 pounds class.

Goodland

Results from Goodland show: 6 and under: Brayden Kaup, 37 pounds lost to Eli Green; Brody Kaup, 45 pounds won vs Jordan Stoffel; Kobe Tice, 52 pounds lost to Blake Drennan; Shadryon Blanka, 67 pounds won vs Truman Hooker; Rylan Doyle, 80 pounds lost to Jared

Stoffel and Shadryon Blanka, 67 pounds won vs Christian Koch.

8 and under: Brady Dinkel, 70 pounds lost to Champ King; Garin Cooper, 60 pounds won vs Antonio Ledesma; Connor Keller, 61 pounds won vs Dawson Holub; Trenton Bartels, 56 pounds won vs Antonio Ledesma.

10 and under: Matt Leibbrandt, 61 pounds won vs Tate Withington; Martin Beikman, 112 pounds won vs Evan Peter; Luke Lampe, 85 pounds won vs Dawson Ensign; Trayton Doyle won vs Louis Ledesma and Tiernan Poling lost to Dawson Holub.

12 and under: Kenny Leibbrandt, 66 pounds won vs Jose Ledesma; Justin Pacheco, 120 pounds won vs Tristan Cooper and Garrett Brunk, 110 pounds won vs Tanner

Gastineau.

Atwood

Ten wrestlers made the trip to Atwood with the following results.

6 and under: Kobe Tice, 52 pounds, third; Shadryon Blanka, 67 pounds, first; Rylan Doyle, 80 pounds, third.

8 and under: Garin Cooper, 61 pounds, third; Cody Baxter, 70 pounds, third.

10 and under: Luke Lampe, 85 pounds, participated, Martin Beikman, 120 pounds, third; Trayton Doyle, 170 pounds, second.

12 and under: Garrett Brunk, 110 pounds, first; Justin Pacheco, 120 pounds, second.

"We are lining up some kids to wrestle at Hoxie tonight (Thursday) too," said Shawna Blanka, one of the organizers.

Junior varsity and C-team play Oakley Plainsmen

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Basketball with Oakley was played by both the junior varsity and the C-team boys on Friday night with Oakley winning both contests. The junior varsity score was 74-46 and the C-team played to a final of 25-13.

In junior varsity action, the second quarter had the best scoring for the Indians, as they had 18 points including two threes by Jonathan Butler. Dylan Peter was the other high scorer in this period with four baskets for 8 points. Ty Zwegygart also collected two three's in the game, one in the first quarter and one in the fourth. Oakley had seven three's to help their score.

Sainty was 6-of-14 at the free throw line with Peter being 2-of-2.

T. Zwegygart and Peter each

finished the evening with 14 points.

S 9 18 9 10 46
O 17 23 13 21 74

Scoring: Peter 14, T. Zwegygart 14, Butler 7, Zach Zwegygart 5, Cody Killingsworth 4, Tyler Lauer 2.

St. Francis was defeated by Idalia 30-19 on Tuesday night.

C-team vs Oakley

In the 24-13 C-team game on Friday against Oakley, six different players had a hand in making the 13 points for Sainty.

The stat sheet shows that David Palencia had the one successful three pointer, Jordan Easter was 100 percent with his free throw, making 2-of-2 and the second quarter was scoreless for the Indians.

S 5 0 6 2 13
O 4 12 5 4 25

Scoring: Palencia 3, Easter 2, Joey McCormick 2, Gavin Cooper 2, Gus Jardine 2, Mat Tygart 2.

vs Dundy County

An additional C-team game was added to the schedule and this took place on Monday night with Dundy County. The final score was Dundy County 52, St. Francis 25.

Three players tied for the scoring title with Keegan Sherlock, Cooper and T. Zwegygart each having seven points. Cooper hit a three-pointer early in the game, the only St. Francis one scored in this contest.

Dundy County had a 21 point third quarter which put the game away for them.

S 7 7 4 7 25
D 11 8 21 12 52

Scoring: Sherlock 7, Cooper 7, T. Zwegygart 7, McCormick 2, Dillion Straub 2.

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