

At the Game



INDIAN SENIOR TERENCE LAMB placed second in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament at 135 pounds. Lamb is applying pressure on his opponent as he works for a win
Herald photo courtesy of Kristi Guthmiller

Wrestling dual held in Sainty

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In Thursday junior high wrestling competition, St. Francis met Colby and Rawlins County before home town fans. "Atwood had some great talent but just not a lot of wrestlers so our younger kids matched up with their better kids and we took somewhat of a beating," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

"Our kids were fighters though and we narrowly escaped with a victory over Colby. Colby is always tough. "We're beginning to get a better sense of where we are as a team. I'm hopeful."

The final score for the Colby match was 9 wins and 8 losses. In competition with Rawlins County, St. Francis had 4 wins to 6 for the Buffaloes.

St. Francis wrestlers who went undefeated during the duals included Gaten Cooper, Logan Lampe, Shakotah Blanka and Scott Warren.

In the Colby match, St. Francis had 13 takedowns, 12 near falls, nine reversals, four escapes and St. Francis won two matches by falls and Colby won four by falls. Against Rawlins County, St. Francis had six takedowns, nine near falls; five reversals, three escapes. The Indians won two matches by falls and the Buffaloes won three by falls.

Individual results: Jacob Butler lost by a fall to Finley, Colby; lost by a fall to Woodcox, St. Francis; lost by a 6-3 decision to Shay, St. Francis; Riley Shay won by a 6-3 decision over Butler, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Woodcox, St. Francis; J.T. Woodcox; lost by a fall to Finley, Colby; won by a fall over Butler, St. Francis; won by a fall

over Shay, St. Francis; Lane Hoffman won by a 12-0 decision over Schoeder, Colby; lost by a 3-0 decision to Migchelbrink, Rawlins County; lost by an 11-6 decision to Mizer, Rawlins County;

Austin White lost by a 15-2 decision to Mizer, Colby; won by a 5-0 decision over Slavens, Colby; won by a 7-4 decision over Markland, Rawlins County; Gaten Cooper won by a 9-7 decision over Slavens, Colby; won by an 11-4 decision over Markland, Colby; Wyatt Landenberger lost by a 4-2 decision to Schissler, Colby; lost by a 10-2 decision to Kraft, Colby; Tanner Gilliland lost by a fall to Colson, Colby; lost by a fall to Schiltz, St. Francis; Mason Schiltz won by a 6-5 decision over Colson, Colby; won by a fall over Gilliland, St. Francis;

Logan Lampe won by a 10-2 decision over Schissler, Colby; won by an 8-4 decision over Kraft, Colby; Derek Queen lost by a fall to Wright, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Portschy, Rawlins County; Tyler Lee lost by a 7-0 decision to Schutte, Colby; lost by a 9-1 decision to Young, Colby; Cade Bracelin lost by a fall to Boehme, Colby; won by a fall over Morgan, Colby; Jon Hoard won by a fall over Henry, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Henry, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Henry, Rawlins County; Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Slinger, Colby; Scott Warren won by a 7-4 decision over Slinger, Colby; won by a fall over Blalock; won by a 5-4 decision over Slinger, Colby.

Colby wins league title at tourney

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Terrence Lamb led the St. Francis wrestlers Saturday at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament held in St. Francis. He was the lone Indian wrestler who was involved in a championship match. Lamb finished second at 135 pounds.

As expected, Colby finished their final year as a member of the Northwest Kansas League by taking the league wrestling title. The team earned 186 points. They were 64 points ahead of both Oakley and Hoxie who tied for second with 122 points.

Colby and Goodland each had four champions.

Other Indians who placed in the final four position were Casey Keller, who placed third and Freddy Pacheco, Dylan Wolaver, Darris Keller, Grady Brunk and Zach Gienger, who placed fourth. C. Keller, Wolaver and Gienger are all freshmen.

"This is a tough tournament," Coach Mike Frewen said. "The top three/four kids in each weight class are state medal contenders.

"A wrestler needs to wrestle well in every round and we didn't.

"Actually the young wrestlers (freshmen) were the most consistent. Zach (Gienger) and Dylan (Wolaver) both defeated wrestlers who had defeated them earlier this year. That is what you like to see.

"The freshmen wrestled as good as they could and they were competing against upperclassmen in many instances."

Adam Guthmiller did not wrestle as he was nursing an injury.

Team standings

Colby, first, 186; Oakley and Hoxie, tied for second, 122;

Goodland, 116, Rawlins County 101, Decatur Community 68, St. Francis, 65

Top four placers

103: Dustin Reed, Colby, John Solko, Rawlins County, Casey Keller, St. Francis, Cory Howard, Oakley.

112: Nathan Reed, Colby, Calvin Ochs, Hoxie, Dustin Vap, Rawlins County, Jacob Helm, Decatur Community.

119: Konnor Kriss, Colby, Garth Griffith, Rawlins County, Kade Brown, Decatur Community, Freddy Pacheco, St. Francis.

125: Andrew Peterson, Oakley, Seth Miller, Goodland, Brent Juenemann, Decatur Community, Chris Helm, Hoxie.

130: Donovan Schamberger, Hoxie, Michael Tubbs, Colby, Nolan Peters, Decatur Community, Levi Hefner, Oakley.

135: Jace Campbell, Oakley, Terrance Lamb, St. Francis, Dalton Snyder, Colby, Steven Yergey, Hoxie.

140: Nathan Deeds, Goodland, Cody Green, Rawlins County, Brandon Leth, Colby, Dylan Wolaver, St. Francis.

145: Kevin Wolters, Rawlins County, Eric Albers, Oakley, Bob Schroeder, Colby, Darris Keller, St. Francis.

152: Lorenzo Delgado, Goodland, Ethan Stickel, Colby, Dylan Bainter, Hoxie, Nate Cox, Oakley.

160: Torey Taylor, Colby, Cody Stewart, Oakley, Daniel Jordan, Decatur Community, Grady Brunk, St. Francis.

171: Paul Starr, Goodland, Brandon Salmons, Hoxie, Clayton Applehans, Colby, Zach Gienger, St. Francis.

189: Lance Finley, Rawlins County, Riley O'Harah, Goodland,

George Smollock, Colby, Jaxen Alstrom, Decatur Community.

215: Ethan Jirak, Oakley, Danny Baker, Hoxie, Adam Weber, Colby, Jacob Larue, Decatur Community.

285: Jay Cotter, Goodland, Dillon Salmans, Hoxie, Nathan Quagliano, Colby, Tyler Janzen, Oakley.

Individual results

103: C. Keller won by an 11-2 decision over Helm, Decatur Community; lost by a fall to Solko, Rawlins County; won by a 14-3 decision over Howard, Oakley; placed third.

112: Mikey Leibbrandt lost by a 17-2 decision to Reed, Colby; lost by a 5-2 decision to Helm, Decatur Community.

119: Pacheco lost by a 15-4 decision to Griffith, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Helm, Hoxie; lost by a 13-12 decision to Brown, Decatur Community; placed fourth.

135: Lamb won by a 9-2 decision over Snyder, Colby; lost by a fall to Campbell, Oakley; placed second.

140: Wolaver lost by a 13-1 decision to Leth, Colby; won by a fall over Sealock, Hoxie; lost by a 15-9 decision to Leth, Colby; placed fourth.

145: D. Keller won by a 14-0 decision over Glading, Decatur Community; lost by 9-6 decision to Wolters, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Schamberger, Hoxie; lost by an 8-5 decision to Schroeder, Colby.

152: Thomas Douthit lost by a fall to Bainter, Hoxie; lost by a 2-1 decision to Cox, Oakley.

160: Brunk lost by a 6-4 decision to Jordan, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Ruda, Rawlins County; lost by a 3-2 decision

to Jordan, Decatur Community; placed fourth.

171: Gienger lost by a fall to Salmons, Hoxie; won by a 20-4 decision over Berggren, Oakley; lost by a 4-2 decision to Applehans, Colby; placed fourth.

Phillipsburg Panther Classic

St. Francis will be attending the Phillipsburg Panther Classic this Saturday along with wrestlers from Abilene, Beloit, Ellis, Ellsworth, Hill City, Hoisington, Hoxie, Lakin, Lincoln, Minneapolis, Norton, Phillipsburg, Stockton and Sylvan Unified.

"This will be a really tough competition," Coach Frewen said. "Abilene is ranked in the top 10 in 4A while Ellis, Hoxie, Norton and Phillipsburg are all ranked in the top 10 in 3-2-1A.

Phillipsburg is also having a junior varsity division on Saturday.

"Our freshman wrestlers will probably be wrestling in this tournament," Coach Frewen said.

Varsity open rounds begins at 9 a.m. and the junior varsity matches will start in an auxiliary gym at the end of the first round of varsity.

Varsity quarterfinals are in the Newlin gym, first round consolation (if needed) will be next followed by semi-finals and consolation quarterfinals, a lunch break, consolation semi-finals and consolation finals and championship finals.

Medals will be awarded to the top four places in each weight and plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. An outstanding wrestler will also be named.

Bufs compete with St. Francis

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Rawlins County defeated St. Francis in wrestling action on Thursday night in St. Francis. The Indians had four open weights and the Buffaloes two. Both teams were open at 130 pounds.

The final score was Rawlins County 43, St. Francis 29.

Winning matches for the Indians were Terrence Lamb, Thomas Douthit, Grady Brunk and Adam Guthmiller. Receiving a forfeit was Mikey Leibbrandt.

The Red Devils from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin will meet the Indians in St. Francis tonight (Thursday). This is the final Northwest Kansas League dual of the season. Regional competition begins on Friday, Feb. 19.

Individual results:

103: Casey Keller lost by a 6-1 decision to Solko;

112: Leibbrandt won by forfeit;

119: Freddy Pacheco lost by a fall to Griffith;

125: St. Francis open to Simon;



130: Both teams open; 135: Lamb won by a 15-6 decision over Noble;

140: Dylan Wolaver lost by a 2-0 decision to Green;

145: Darris Keller lost by an 8-0 decision to Wolters;

152: Douthit won by a fall over Remely;

160: Brunk won by a 9-0 decision over Ruda;

171 Zach Gienger lost by a 6-5 decision to Flanders;

189: Guthmiller won by a 7-0 decision over Finley;

215: St. Francis open to Martin;

285: St. Francis open to Adams.

Junior varsity

112 Foster Grant won by an 8-3 decision over Solko.



TAYLOR ROGERS WRESTLES in the 12-and-under 92 pounds division. He is attempting to break his opponent down on the mat. Taylor placed third at Hoxie on Saturday, Jan. 30.
Herald photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Young wrestlers are busy

The St. Francis young wrestlers have been busy during the month of January. Recent action saw them competing with Hoxie, Atwood and Norton.

There will be match-ups with kids from Oberlin Thursday night during the junior high wrestling competition with Colby and Decatur Community and before the high school dual with Decatur Community. The matches will take place in the high school gym.

The Tate Siruta Memorial Tournament in Colby on Saturday will also be attended by St. Francis wrestlers.

On Saturday, Jan. 30 the St. Francis wrestlers traveled to Hoxie.

Results include: 6 and under: Brody Kaup, 49 pounds placed

first; Shadryon Blanka, 67 pounds placed first.

8 and under: Cody Baxter, 70 pounds placed third.

12 and under: Taylor Rogers, 92 pounds placed third; Travis Rogers, 96 pounds placed third and Garrett Brunk, 110 pounds placed first.

On Jan. 28, Atwood little kids matched up with some of our wrestlers. Atwood had some sick kids so we didn't have as many matches as planned.

Those that did have a match include:

6 and under: Chris Leibbrandt, 45 pounds lost by decision to Drew Withington; Brody Kaup, 47 pounds won by decision over Connor Finley.

8 and under: Dakota Morris, 62 pounds lost by a fall to Tanner

Hays; Connor Keller, 63 pounds lost by a decision to Tanner Hays.

10 and under: Matt Leibbrandt, 61 pounds won by a decision over Colton Tiemeyer; Luke Lampe, 85 pounds won by decision over Cauby Hayes.

12 and under: Justin Pacheco, 120 lost by a fall to Austin Rueber.

St. Francis had five wrestlers go to Norton on Jan. 23.

8 and under: Connor Keller, 67 pounds placed fourth; Cody Baxter, 70 pounds placed fourth and Trenton Bartels, 58 pounds participated.

10 and under Martin Beikman, 120 pounds placed fifth.

12 and under Garrett Brunk, 110 pounds placed first.