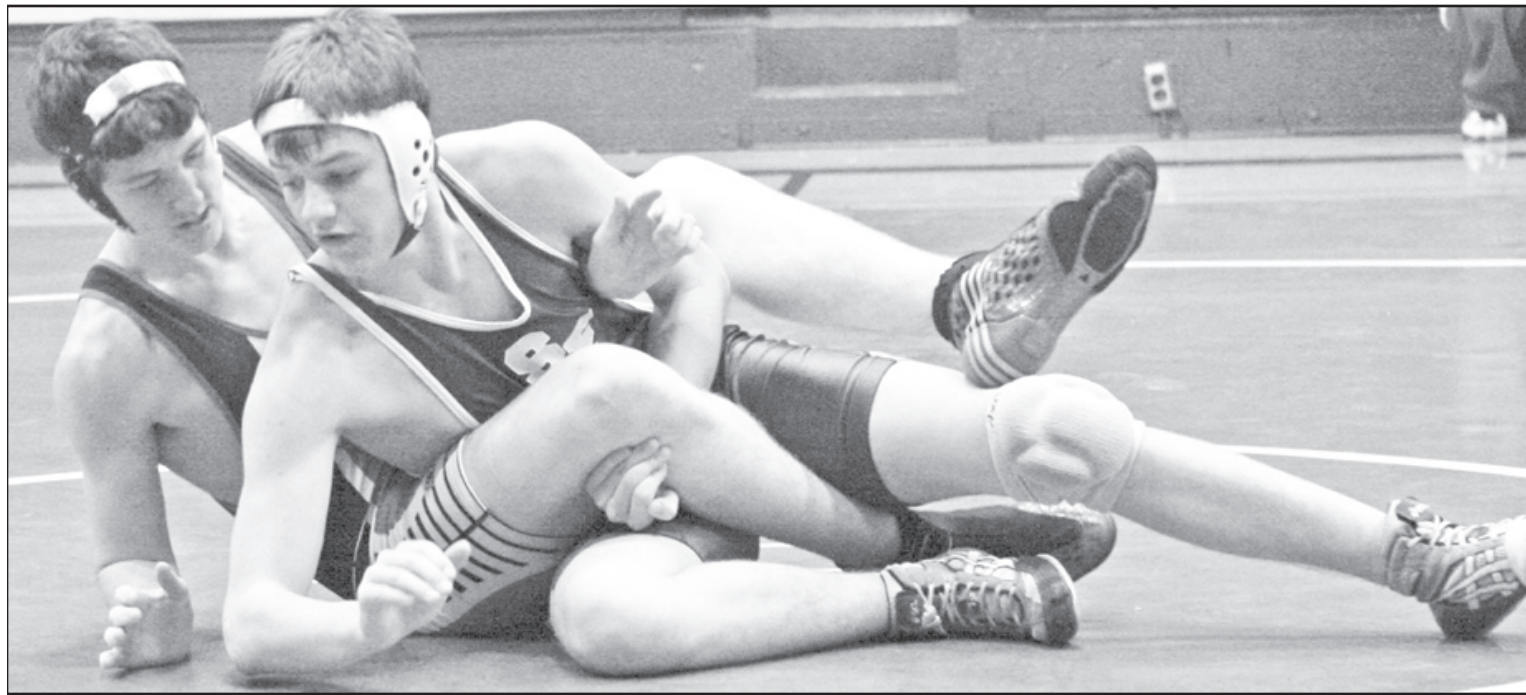


# At the Game



**ZACK GIENGER placed first in the junior varsity division of the Panther Classic Invitational Tournament held in Phillipsburg on Saturday.**

*Herald staff photo by Kristi Guthmiller*

## Several ranked schools at tournament

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Indian wrestlers Freddy Pacheco, Terrence Lamb, Darris Keller and Grady Brunk participated in the varsity division at the Panther Classic Invitational wrestling tournament in Phillipsburg on Saturday. Lamb worked his way to the championship match by defeating his first two opponents and ended up placing second.

Norton won the tournament with a score of 148.5. Norton, as a team, is ranked number one in the state in 3-2-1A. To show how strong the competition was, the number two team, Abilene is rated number four in 4A while Hoxie, who placed

third on Saturday, is ranked number three in 3-2-1A. Phillipsburg placed fourth in the tournament and they are ranked number two in 3-2-1A while the fifth place team, Minneapolis is ranked number five in 3-2-1A.

The Indians placed ninth out of 14 teams with only four competitors. They earned 36 points.

"This was a tough competition," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Terrence Lamb placed second and the other three were just one match away from getting a medal.

"Freddy Pacheco lost his first two matches against ranked wrestlers."

Wrestlers, as individuals, are ranked in the top six places in the state in their weight class, while

teams are ranked in the top 10 positions in their class.

"They all had some good matches," Coach Frewen said. "They just need to have a good match every time."

### Team standings

Norton 148.5, Abilene 145, Hoxie 128, Phillipsburg 116, Minneapolis 88, Hoisington 73.5, Ellis 59, Beloit 56, St. Francis 36, Ellsworth 31, Stockton 25, Lincoln 23, Hill City 16.5, Lakin 8.

### Individual Results

119: Pacheco lost by a 9-1 decision to Ceman, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Bainter, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Penn, Minneapolis.

135: Lamb won by a fall over

Schneider, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Hucklet, Minneapolis; lost by a 4-2 decision to Straus, Abilene. Placed second.

145: Keller lost by an 8-3 decision to Sanders, Hoisington; won by a 4-3 decision over Hewitt, Beloit; lost by an 8-2 decision to Brown, Phillipsburg.

160: Brunk won by a fall over Young, Lincoln; lost by a 17-2 decision to Kinderknecht, Ellis; won by a fall over Winters, Stockton; lost by a 19-6 decision to Morgan, Phillipsburg.

### Junior varsity

Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt, Foster Grant, Dylan Wolaver, Thomas Douthit and Zach Gienger represented St. Francis in the junior varsity tournament held the same day in Phillipsburg.

Four Indian wrestlers placed in the top four with Gienger placing first, Wolaver, second, Douthit, third and Keller, fourth.

"These kids wrestled pretty good," Coach Frewen said. "It was a tough junior varsity tournament overall, especially in the lower weights."

### Individual results

103: Keller lost by a 6-0 decision to Gordon, Norton; won by a fall over Juan; lost by a fall to Pfeifer, Hill City. Placed fourth.

112: Leibbrandt won by a 13-0 decision over Helberg, Hill City; lost by a 7-2 decision to Wise, Ellsworth; lost by a 5-0 decision to Chebultz, Abilene.

112: Grant lost by a 13-2 decision to Boxberger, Hoisington; lost by a 7-0 decision to Chebultz, Abilene; won by a fall over Fein, Beloit.

140: Wolaver won by a fall over Wickler, Ellsworth; won by a 4-3 decision over Brannum, Minneapolis; lost by a 10-2 decision to Boyington, Phillipsburg. Placed second.

145: Douthit won by a 7-4 decision over Trickle, Minneapolis; lost by a fall to Bozarth, Norton; won by a fall over Miller, Abilene; won by a 4-0 decision over Trickle, Minneapolis. Placed third.

171: Gienger won by a fall over Janousek, Hoisington; won by a fall over Smith, Ellsworth; won by a fall over Krone, Beloit. Placed first.

## Indians wrestle two duals at St. Francis on Thursday

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In Thursday junior high wrestling competition, St. Francis met Decatur Community/Oberlin and Colby at the high school in St. Francis.

"All in all, a pretty good day but Oberlin was just too tough for us," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

The final score for the Colby match was 7 wins and 5 losses. In competition with Decatur Community, Saintry had 12 wins to 6 losses.

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

In the Colby match, St. Francis had 10 takedowns, 16 near falls, two reversals, two escapes and St. Francis won two matches by falls and Colby won five by falls. Against Decatur Community, St. Francis had seven takedowns, seven near falls; four reversals, and two escapes. The Indians won three matches by falls and the Red Devils won 10 by falls.

Individual results:

Jacob Butler lost by a 9-4 decision to Shay, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Walinder, Decatur Community.

Riley Shay won by a 9-4 decision over Butler, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Walinder, Decatur Community.

J.T. Woodcox won by a fall over Breth, Decatur Community; lost by a fall to Mainus, Colby.

Lane Hoffman won by a 4-3 decision over Anderson, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Breth, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Schroeder, Colby.

Austin White won by a 6-4 decision over Landenberger, St. Francis; lost by a 13-2 decision to Preher, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Matchel, Colby.

Gaten Cooper won by a 6-1 decision over Zillinger, Decatur Community; won by a 5-2 decision over Slavens, Colby.

Wyatt Landenberger lost by a 6-4 decision to White, St. Francis; lost by an 11-1 decision to Preher, Decatur Community; won by a 6-2 decision over Matchel, Colby.

Tanner Gilliland lost by a fall to Schiltz, St. Francis.

Mason Schiltz won by a fall over Gilliland, St. Francis; lost by a fall to Erickson, Decatur Community.

Logan Lampe won by a 3-0 decision over Anderson, Decatur Community; won by a 12-2 decision over Schissler, Colby.

Derek Queen lost by a fall to Ke. Fortin, Decatur Community; lost by a fall to Ko. Fortin, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Morgan, Colby.

Tyler Lee lost by a fall to Gilliam, Decatur Community; lost by a fall to Schutte, Colby.

Ian Schmidt lost by fall to Pail, Decatur Community; lost by a fall to Young, Colby.

Cade Bracelin won by a 13-0 decision over Morgan, Colby lost by a fall to Boehme, Colby.

Jon Hoard lost by a fall to Boehme, Colby; lost by a fall to Glading, Decatur Community.

Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Warren, St. Francis; won by a fall over Glading, Decatur Community.

Scott Warren lost by a fall to Blanka, St. Francis, lost by a fall to Glading, Decatur Community.

## Wrestlers compete at Colby tournament

Several St. Francis kids have been having a busy wrestling season with a number of tournaments available for them to attend along with sessions during high school and junior high dual meets.

There were 260 wrestlers at the Tate Siruta Memorial Wrestling Tournament in Colby on Sat., Feb. 6. St. Francis had eight wrestlers competing and came home with two first places, Shadryon Blanka and Garrett Brunk.

6 and under: Brody Kaup, 49 pounds, fourth; Shadryon Blanka, 67 pounds, first.

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

10 and under: Luke Lampe, 85 pounds, third.

12 and under: Travis Rogers, 92 pounds, third; Garrett Brunk, 110 pounds, first; Justin Pacheco, 120 pounds, third.

### St. Francis vs Oberlin

On Thursday night Oberlin kid wrestlers came to town to match up with our wrestlers.

Trenton Bartels, St. Francis, won by a 12-10 decision over Colton Ketterl; Connor Keller, St. Francis, won by a fall over



**KANSAS KIDS WRESTLING is in full force and St. Francis kids have been attending many meets. Shadryon Blanka, top, wrestles in the 6 and under division at 67 pounds.**

*Herald photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka*

Dawon Kempf; Shadryon Blanka, St. Francis, won by fall over Gavin Uehlin; Kobe Tice, St. Francis, lost by a fall to Reece Grafel; Garin Cooper, St. Francis, lost by a 7-16 decision to Dawson Kempf; Chris Leibbrandt, St. Francis, won by a 11-2 decision over Shannon Semler, St. Francis;

Dalton Straub, St. Francis, won by a fall over Max Diederich; Cody Baxter, St. Francis, lost by a fall to Kel Grafel; Gus Hesse, St. Francis wrestler from Bird City, lost by a fall to Colton Ketterl; Seth Prentice, St. Francis, lost by a fall to Gavin Uehlin; Brody Kaup, St. Francis, lost by a fall to

Reese Grafel; Travis Rogers, St. Francis, won by a 7-4 decision and Justin Pacheco, St. Francis, won by a fall over Dayton Kempf.

Thirteen Saintry wrestlers competed and the evening ended with seven wins and seven losses.

## Red Devils and Indians earn tie

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The last dual of the wrestling season took place in St. Francis on Thursday night. The Red Devils from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin were the opposition. The dual ended in a 42-42 tie.

Only six competitions took place on the mat as St. Francis was open in five weights (125, 130, 189, 215 and 285) and the Red Devils in three (112, 160 and 171).

This was an evening of pins as no matches were decided by decision. St. Francis won four matches by pins and lost two.

"Adam Guthmiller is still nursing a knee injury and did not wrestle," Coach Mike Frewen said. "There were a lot of open weights."

Regional competition begins

on Friday, Feb. 19 in Norton with additional information next week. No varsity action takes place between now and then.

### Individual results:

103: Casey Keller won by a fall over Helm; 112: Decatur Community open to Mikey Leibbrandt; 119: Freddy Pacheco lost by a fall to Brown; 125: St. Francis open to Jueneman; 130: St. Francis open to Peters; 135: Terrence Lamb won by a fall over Samson; 140: Dylan Wolaver won by a fall over Reichert; 145: Darris Keller won by a fall over Glading; 152: Thomas Douthit lost by a fall to Jordan; 160: Decatur Community open to Brunk; 171: Decatur Community open to Zach Gienger; 189: St. Francis open to Alstrom; 215: St. Francis open to Larue; 285: St. Francis open to Dolan.

## Athletes achieve academic honors

The Northwest Kansas League is again honoring student athletes by naming All-League Academic Teams in football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling and track.

Only the volleyball and football academic teams are being announced at this time with the All-League teams for basketball, wrestling and track to be named at a later date.

"I want to congratulate Coach Talley Morrow and Coach Nathan Smith and their players for recognition of Northwest Kansas League Academic All-League honors," Hoagie Carmichael, St. Francis Community High School principal said.

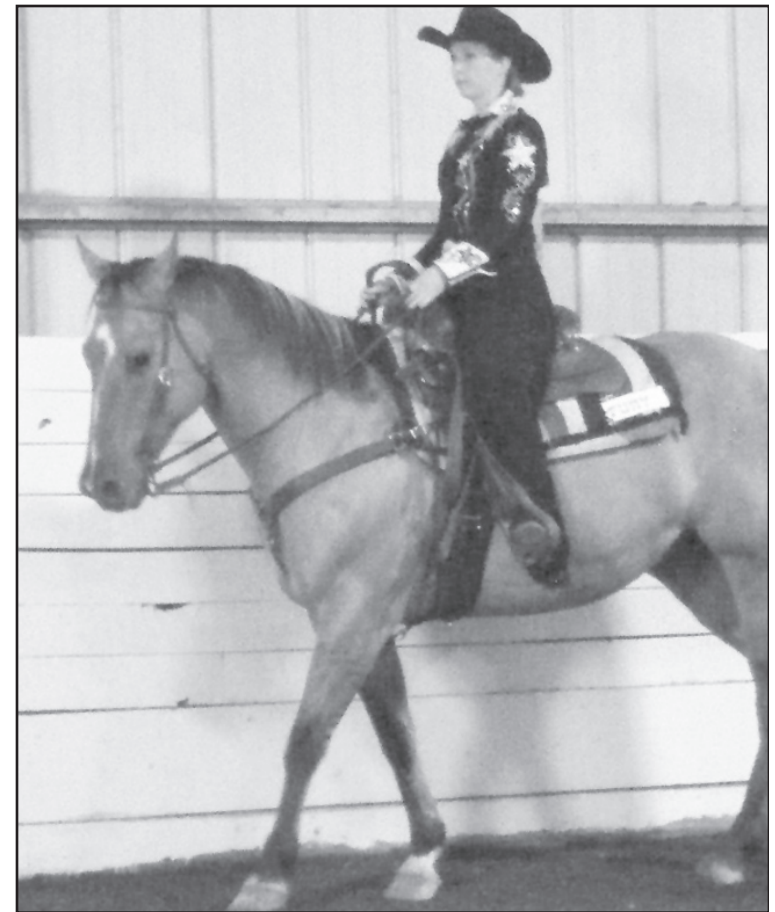
"To get this award, an athlete must get both letter in the sport, as well as have a grade point average

of 3.7 or above. These students have achieved a high level that comes from hard work both in the classroom and in competition.

"I commend them all for their representation of St. Francis Community High School and their families."

The Saintry football team had a team grade point average of 3.17 and the following players were named to the academic team: Cody Sherlock, Brett Lampe, Zach Gienger, Trent Raile, Ben Neitzel, Brooks Hobrock.

In volleyball, St. Francis had a team grade point average of 3.47 with the following players named to the team: Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Mikaela Grace, Jodie Hilt, Dale Northrup, Aubree Schleppe and Alyson Marin.



**COURTNEY DOUTHIT competes in horse show.**

## Horsewoman wins in college competition

Courtney Douthit of St. Francis is one of 25 members of the Black Hawk College Intercollegiate Horse Show team. The college, located in Galva, Ill., will be hosting the Zone 9, Region 2 Regional competition in their home arena on March 14.

Douthit, a 2009 St. Francis Community High School graduate, has placed in the novice division at the shows attended this fall.

The competition is a horse-riding contest where Douthit is judged on her horsemanship. They judge how well she rides her patterns, along with her precision and her commands. The contestant rides a different horse in each contest.

In the Truman State show she received a third in the first meet and second place in the second meet; in the Missouri State show she received a second in the first meet and first place in the second meet and in the Black Hawk College show she received a second place.

The Black Hawk College Horse Show Team finished up their fall 2009 season leading the Region

as High Point Team for the fourth consecutive year.

"For the first time in college's history, they scored a perfect 42 points at the first two meets of the seasons. This is indicative of the depth and talent of our team this season," said Coach Donna Irvin.

The fall season consisted of six meets, two at each school, Truman State University, Missouri State University and Black Hawk College.

At Truman State University, the Black Hawk team was Champion High Point team at both shows with a perfect score; at Missouri State University, they finished Reserve High Point team at both shows; and at the home meet the team placed Reserve High Point team the first show and Champion High Point team the second show.

Fall wrap up has Black Hawk College leading the region in the team competition with 202 points. The High Point Team in the region at the end of the season will advance to semi-finals.