

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Two Saintry wrestlers advance to state

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"This regional wrestling tournament in Norton was unbelievably tough, as tough as we thought it would be," Coach Mike Frewen said. "Some of last year's state placers, from some of the schools at this regional, didn't qualify again along with some of this year's ranked wrestlers."

For St. Francis, two wrestlers will be going to the state tournament at Hays this Friday and Saturday. Senior Terrence Lamb will return to state as he placed third at 135 pounds and junior Adam Guthmiller will be attending state as he placed fourth at 189 pounds.

"Terrence wrestled hard the whole time, he just ran into Newell from Smith Center (26-5 record) in the semi's," Coach Frewen said. "The Smith Center wrestler is outstanding."

"Adam defeated Jacobs from Phillipsburg (29-8) to get into the medal round. Jacobs had defeated him earlier this year."

These wrestlers will be carrying the St. Francis banner to Hays next weekend at the 3-2-1A State Tournament.

Norton dominated the regional tournament with 218 points. The number two team, Phillipsburg was behind Norton by 86 points, earning 132 points. Coming in third and fourth in a very close race were Hoxie with 111 points and Oakley with 110.

The St. Francis wrestlers earned 51.5 points for 14th place.

"The boys that did qualify know that the state tournament will not be any tougher than this regional was," Coach Frewen said.

"Overall we wrestled good and hard. There was not one guy that didn't battle hard. They all competed well."

"It was a good experience for the freshmen to be involved in some good quality wrestling. It could encourage them to do more wrestling in the off season, which could narrow the gap between how they wrestle now and know they need to wrestle to go to state. To gain experience and get better you need more mat time."

Also participating for St. Francis at regionals were Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt, Freddy Pacheco, Dylan Wolaver, Darris Keller, Thomas Douthit, Grady Brunk and Zach Gienger.

A number of team points were earned by wrestlers who won matches even though they did not qualify for state. Nearly all the St. Francis wrestlers won at least one match.

Team standings

Norton 218, Phillipsburg 132, Hoxie 111, Oakley 110, Smith Center 108.5, Rawlins County/Atwood 99, Thomas More Prep-Marian 81, Goodland 79.5, Beloit 77.5, Plainville 68.5, Osborne 63, Decatur Community/Oberlin 61.5, Ellis 52, St. Francis 51.5, Republic County/

Wrestlers meet three teams

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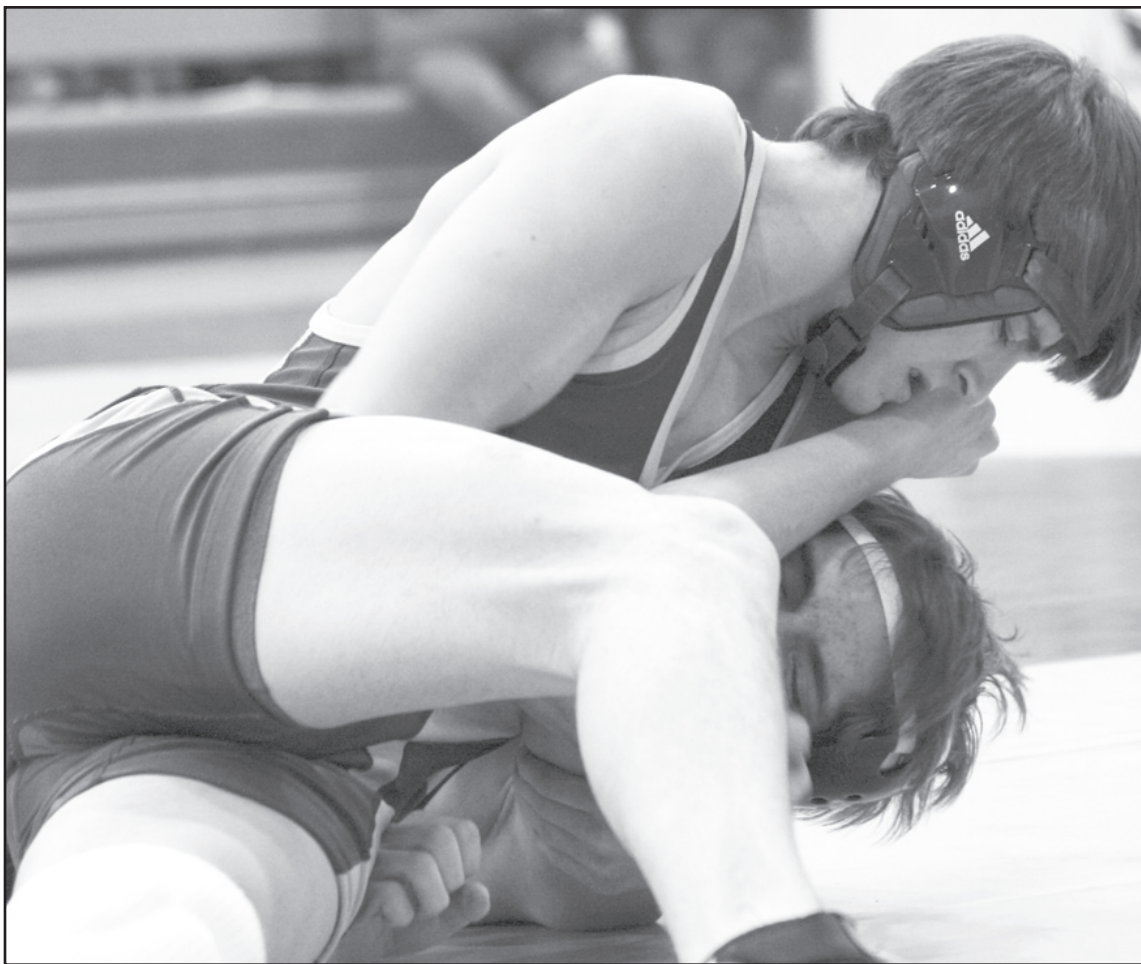
St. Francis was joined by Hoxie, Rawlins County and Decatur Community in junior high wrestling action on Thursday in St. Francis.

"Those were three tough teams today but I think we're ready for league," said Scott Warren, eighth grader. "It's hard to believe the season is about over...it has gone fast." Warren went 2-0 for the evening.

Next week, *The Herald* will print results of the final event of the season, the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Atwood.

Indian stats with Rawlins County on Thursday saw Saintry having two takedowns, two near falls, one reversal, eight escapes, one fall (Rawlins County had one also). Saintry finished with a 1-2 record.

Indian stats with Hoxie show eight takedowns, eight near falls, two reversals, three escapes and two falls (Hoxie had three falls). Saintry finished with a 5-6 record.



TERRENCE LAMB HEAD TO STATE after placing third at Regionals.

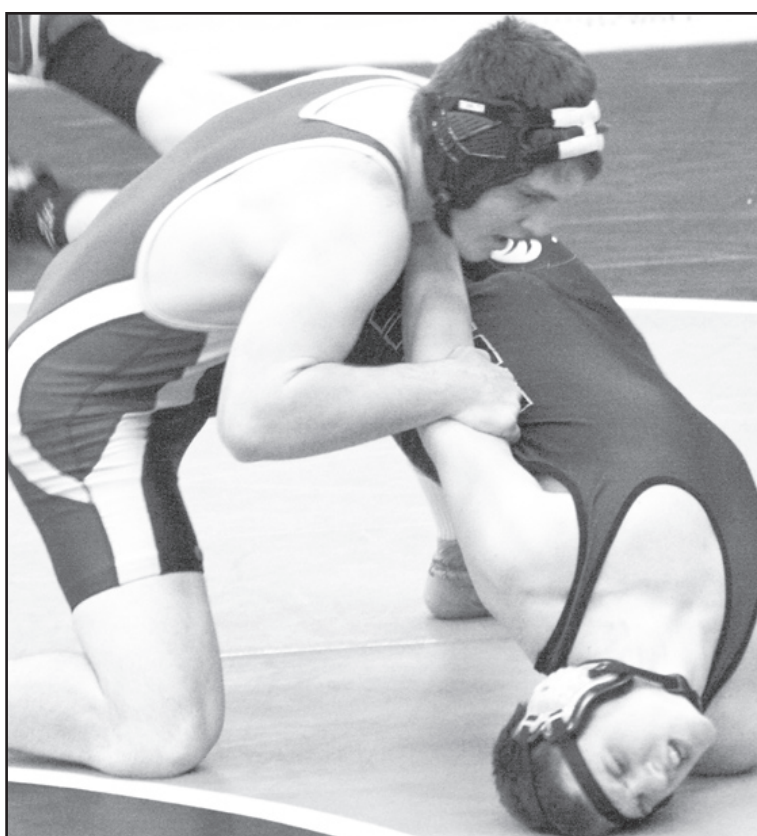
Belleville 22, Hill City 17, Stockton 14, Trego County/WaKeeney 9.5, Mankato/Rock Hills 2.5, Scandia/Pine Valley 0, Cheylin 0.

Top Regional placers

First through fourth place: 103: Risewick, Norton; Axelson, Plainville; Walker, Thomas More Prep-Marian; Lowell, Republic County; 112: Schumacher, Thomas More Prep-Marian; Ochs, Hoxie; Sahlfeld, Beloit; Vap, Rawlins County; 119: Werner, Plainville; Ceman, Phillipsburg; Griffith, Rawlins County; Galloway, Stockton; 125: Bainter, Norton; Peterson, Oakley; Juenemann, Decatur Community; Miller, Goodland; 130: Rogers, Smith Center; Broeckelman, Norton; Schamberger, Hoxie; Peters, Decatur Community; 135: Campbell, Oakley; Newell, Smith Center; Lamb, St. Francis; Schneider, Phillipsburg; 140: Floyd, Osborne; Nuzum, Beloit; Deeds, Goodland; Pfannenstiel, Norton; 145: Oliver, Osborne; K. Keiswetter, Norton; Wolters, Rawlins County; Albers, Oakley; 152: L. Keiswetter, Norton; Rachow, Phillipsburg; Bainter, Hoxie; Eaton, Smith Center; 160: Shirk, Norton; Kinderknecht, Ellis; Jordan, Decatur Community; Morgan, Phillipsburg; 171: Atwood, Smith Center; Perez, Norton; Cole, Phillipsburg; Stewart, Oakley; 189: McKenna, Norton; Werth, Thomas More Prep, Marian; Finley, Rawlins County; Guthmiller, St. Francis; 215: Jirak, Oakley; Baker, Hoxie; English, Beloit; Cook, Norton; 285: Salmans, Hoxie; Rice, Phillipsburg; Cotter, Goodland; Barnes, Thomas More Prep-Marian.

Individual stats

103: C. Keller lost by a fall to Rise-



ADAM GUTHMILLER works for a win at regionals.

Herald photos courtesy of Kristi Guthmiller

wick, Norton; won by a fall over Howard, Oakley; lost by a 4-2 decision to Lowell, Republic County.

112: Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Schumacher, Thomas More Prep-Marian; won by a fall over Radenahmad, Osborne; lost by a 4-2 decision to Helm, Decatur Community.

119: Pacheco lost by a 6-2 decision to Hall, Ellis; won by a fall over Heim, Hoxie; lost by a 2-1 decision to Brown, Decatur Community.

135: Lamb won by a fall over Nickelson, Hill City; won by an 8-5 decision over Lopez, Ellis; lost by a

14-6 decision to Newell, Smith Center; won by an 8-1 decision over Terrell, Norton; won by a 12-0 decision over Schneider, Phillipsburg. Placed third.

140: Wolaver won by a fall over Werth, Thomas More Prep-Marian; lost by a 4-0 decision to Cooms, Phillipsburg; lost by a 7-6 decision to Stansburg, Smith Center.

145: D. Keller lost by an 8-4 decision to Hewitt, Beloit; won by a fall over Brull, Thomas More Prep-Marian; won by a 7-2 decision over Schamberger, Hoxie; lost by a 5-3

State wrestling begins on Friday

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Terrence Lamb and Adam Guthmiller are headed to the 3-2-1A State Wrestling tournament in Hays on Friday with action continuing on into Saturday.

They earned the right to travel to state by placing in the top four in their weight class at Norton last weekend. Lamb came in third at 135 pounds and Guthmiller, fourth at 189 points.

"The regional tournament was tough," Coach Mike Frewen said. "There was not one kid that didn't compete hard."

"The wrestlers will compete as well as they can," Coach Frewen said. "They will work to bring home medals."

"Lamb and Guthmiller are in the caliber of the top six of the state (in their weight class)."

As of Feb. 15, which was prior to the sub-state tournament, Lamb led the team in most team points, most wins, most takedowns, most technical falls, most three-point near falls and most reversals. He was second in most major decisions and most escapes, third in most falls and fourth in most decisions. His record heading into Friday is 28-7.

Guthmiller, on Feb. 15, led the

team in most decisions and most falls. He was second in most team points, most wins and most two-point near falls. He also was third in most takedowns and fifth in most major decisions. His record heading into Friday is 29-4.

Note that Smoky Hills television will be providing live coverage of the Kansas State High School Activities Association's 3-2-1A Wrestling State Championships on Friday and Saturday with an encore on Sunday.

Friday

Session I: First round, 10 a.m. Second round, championship quarterfinals, 1:30 p.m.

Session II: First-round consolation, 3:30 p.m. Championship semifinals, immediately following the conclusion of the first round consolation but not earlier than 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

Session III: Consolation cross bracketing, 9 a.m.; Consolation quarterfinals, 10:45 a.m.; Consolation semifinals, 12:15 p.m. Fifth place, 1:45 p.m. Consolation finals, 2:30 p.m.

Session IV: Parade of Champions, 40 minutes after consolation match or 4:15 p.m.; Championship finals, 45 minutes after consolation finals or 4:30 p.m.

Smoky Hill TV broadcasts event

Those who can't make it in person can watch some of the best high school wrestlers in the state compete live on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Smoky Hills will be providing live coverage of the Kansas State High School Activities Association's 3-2-1A Wrestling State Championships when hundreds of wrestlers gather

to compete at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays Feb. 27 and 28.

The quarter and semi finals begin Friday, Feb. 26, at 1:30 p.m. and the finals are set for Saturday, Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. An encore broadcast is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 28, at 1:30 p.m.

decision to Brown, Phillipsburg.

152: Douthit lost by a 15-0 decision to Easton, Smith Center; lost by a 12-0 decision to Cox, Oakley.

160: Brunk won by a fall over Winters, Stockton; lost by a fall to Kinderknecht, Ellis; won by a fall over Staples, Trego County; lost by a fall to Thyfault, Plainville.

171: Zach Gienger lost by an 11-3 decision to Perez, Norton; lost by a

9-5 decision to Krone, Beloit.

189: Guthmiller won by a fall over Cordel, Beloit; lost by a fall to Finley, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Baxter, Smith Center; won by a 4-0 decision over Alstrom, Decatur Community; won by a 10-8 decision over Jacobs, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Finley, Rawlins County. Placed fourth.

B-team wins one

The St. Francis junior high girls B-team won their first game of the junior high league tournament on Monday. Due to the two junior high teams playing at the same time in different towns, Coach David Morrow substituted as the B-team coach at this game, with Coach Ted Busse, the junior high coach, traveling with the A-team.

In a very exciting game, St. Francis defeated Hoxie 22-20 and will advance to the championship round of the tournament on Thursday.

"The only thing I knew about these girls as basketball players before coaching them on Monday (I was a substitute coach for Coach Busse) was that every single one of them plays hard when they take to the court. They certainly held to their own high standards for this game," Coach Morrow said.

"The ladies took an early lead in this game and held it all the way into the last couple of minutes in the fourth quarter. With about 1:30 on the clock, Echo Jones came to the foul line to tie the game back up. About a minute later, from a sideline play in front of our bench, Brianna Cooks scored a lay-up to reclaim the lead. The rest of the

game was played out under Hoxie's basket, but the girls did a good job of handling the pressure and keeping calm.

There were two very gratifying aspects of this game. First, every single player contributed a lot to this win. Two players, Abby Fernandez and Mariah Beikman, played unbelievable defense at times, and though they didn't score points, their efforts made it possible to win. Ashley Orth and Echo Jones both hit free throws at critical times in game. Dallas Reed played great defense and handled the ball pretty well in the baseline area. Brianna Cooks had her best game of the year in scoring."

"The other point from which these kids and Coach Busse can take a lot of satisfaction is that all of the work that has gone into the season has paid off. It takes a lot of hard work to play this game at a competitive level, and these kids have been conditioned to give great effort when they play. I'm very happy for them and Coach Busse.

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Scoring: Cooks 14, Orth 5, Reed 2, Jones 1.



WINS THREE MATCHES – Lane Hoffman went undefeated on Thursday, Feb.18, when Saintry met Hoxie, Rawlins County and Decatur Community.

Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Indian stats with Decatur Community show eight takedowns, 15 near falls, nine reversals, one escape and five falls (Decatur Community had 14 falls). The dual ended Saintry 6, Decatur Community 18.

Lane Hoffman went undefeated for the quad as well as Warren.

Individual results include: Jacob Butler lost by an 8-2 decision to Baker, Decatur; lost by a fall to Breth, Decatur; lost by a fall to Walinder, Decatur; Riley Shay lost by a fall to Walinder, Decatur; lost by a fall to Baker, Decatur; lost by a fall to Kebret, Decatur; J.T. Woodcox lost by a 15-0 decision to Jueneman, Decatur; lost by a fall to Anderson, Decatur; lost by a fall to Kebret, Decatur; Lane Hoffman won by a

12-2 decision over Jueneman, Decatur; won by a fall over Zillinger, Decatur; won by a fall over Breth, Decatur;

Austin White lost by an 8-6 decision to Dreher, Decatur; lost by a 3-1 decision to Kennedy, Hoxie; Gaten Cooper won by a 7-0 decision over Priess, Hoxie, lost by a 6-1 decision to Kennedy, Hoxie; Wyatt Landenberger lost by a fall to Dreher, Decatur; lost by a 6-1 decision to Kennedy, Hoxie; won by a 12-0 decision over Priess, Hoxie;

Tanner Gilliland lost by a fall to Erickson, Decatur; lost by a fall to Kaus, Hoxie; Mason Schiltz lost by a fall to Anderson, Decatur; won by a fall over Erickson, Decatur; Logan Lampe lost by a 6-2 decision

to Decatur; lost by a 4-2 decision to Kaus, Hoxie; Derek Queen lost by a fall to Ko. Fortin, Decatur; won by a 6-4 decision over Smith, Hoxie;

Tyler Lee lost by a fall to Tiemeyer, Rawlins County; Ian Schmid lost by a fall to Paul, Decatur; lost by a fall to Gilliam, Decatur; Cade Bracelin lost by a fall to Diederich, Decatur; won by a fall over Henry, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Wood, Hoxie;

Jon Hoard lost by a 3-2 decision to Henry, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Wood, Hoxie; Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Glading, Decatur; lost by a fall to Colson, Hoxie; Scott Warren won by a fall over Colson, Hoxie; won by a fall over Glading, Decatur.