

# At the Game

## Indian season wraps up at state tournament

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The wrestling season ended with two St. Francis wrestlers, Terrence Lamb and Adam Guthmiller, qualifying for state and Lamb coming home with a fourth-place medal at 135 pounds.

Four wrestlers, Freddy Pacheco, Lamb, Darris Keller and Grady Brunk have wrestled their last match for the Saintry Indians as they are among the seniors who will graduate in May.

"The seniors will be missed next year," Coach Mike Frewen said, as he gave the following comments.

"Freddy (Pacheco) has wrestled varsity for the last two years and has been part of the program for all four years. He won a lot of matches for us and had a lot of big wins the last two years. A lot of his wins were by pins which helped add points to the score. He has been a solid wrestler during his high school career.

"Terrence (Lamb) has been on the varsity for the last three of his four high school years. His junior year, he was just one match from placing at state and his senior year he placed fourth at state. Terrence never had a bad match and he gave 110 percent in every match. He was a good leader for the underclassmen. Winning a medal at state makes for a good senior year.

"Darris (Keller) is a four-year letter winner and a two-time state qualifier. This last year, three of the four kids in his weight at Norton regionals were ranked. At any other regional, he would have made it to state. He was never out of a match as he was good at the cradle and the granby cradle so he could score points quick. He was a good pinner who will be missed. He won a lot of matches in his high school career.

"I have never met a nicer or more polite boy than Grady (Brunk). The way he handled himself both on and off the mat was exceptional, the kind you like to have on your team. This is how you want kids to handle themselves, which made him a good role model for the younger wrestlers. He was also a very hard worker. Grady won 20-plus matches for us both his junior and senior years. His junior year he came within one match of going to state.

"Guthmiller will be the only returning upperclassman letter winner next year, and will have a lot of experience including a trip



ADAM GUTHMILLER will be the only senior letter winner next year. This year he represented St. Francis at the state tournament.

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to state.

"The group of freshmen this year, Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt and Dylan Wolaver, could always be counted on to give good effort and battle hard until the match was over which is what you want.

The Indians finished 0-1-5 in Northwest Kansas League dual competition. They fell to Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley and Rawlins County and finished in a tie with Decatur Community/Oberlin. Quinter does not have a wrestling program. Next year Colby and Goodland will not be a part of the league.

Wrestlers earning championships in tournaments this year included Lamb, Cody Sherlock and Guthmiller at the St. Francis Invitational and Guthmiller at the Wray Invitational Tournament.

Several of the tournaments which Saintry attended, such as the Panther Classic and the Norton Regionals, had a number of schools with strong wrestling programs participating. The Indians placed fifth at the St. Francis Invitational, seventh at

the Wray Invitational, ninth at the Phillipsburg Classic and seventh at the league tournament. At the Norton regionals they placed 14th.

St. Francis also attended two dual tournaments. At the Colby dual tournament they lost to Valley Center, Phillipsburg, Liberal, Oakley and Chaparral, placing sixth in pool play. After pool play they met the sixth place winners from the other two pools, for 16th, 17th or 18th and finished in 16th place as they defeated Decatur Community and Wray.

At the Sterling dual tournament they defeated Fleming and Sterling and lost to Akron placing second in pool play. They then beat North Platte and lost to Merino for second place.

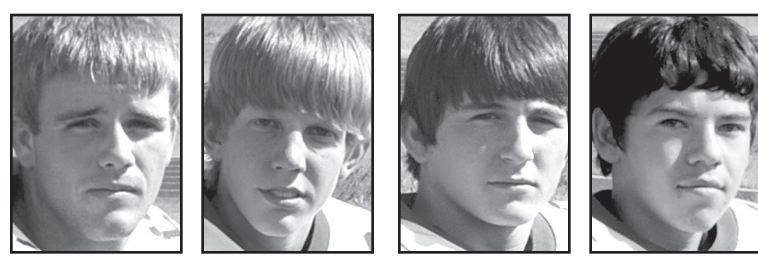
Mat maids for the team this year were Emily Mullins, Jandy Dunn and Taylor Archibald.

The manager was Trevor Reed.

**Team stats**  
The following team statistics were recorded this year. The first number listed belongs to St. Francis while the second number was recorded by their opponents: decisions 30/52; falls 86/56; tech

falls 5/4; major decisions 18/16; takedowns 216/260; three-point near falls 77/79; two-point near falls 48/53; reversals 136/91; escapes 137/98.

**Team leaders**  
• Most team points: Lamb 175.5; Guthmiller 135; Brunk 101.5, Pacheco 97; C. Keller 84.  
• Most wins: Lamb 30, Guthmiller 24, Brunk 22, Pacheco 18, D. Keller 16.  
• Most takedowns: Lamb 52, Brunk 40, Guthmiller 32, D. Keller 21, Pacheco 17.  
• Most decisions: Guthmiller 7, Lamb 7, D. Keller 6, Brunk 5, Wolaver 2.  
• Most falls: Guthmiller 15, Pacheco 14, Lamb 14, Brunk 12, Wolaver 9.  
• Most tech falls: Lamb 2, Brunk 1, D. Keller 1, Gienger 1.  
• Most major decisions: C. Keller 5, Lamb 5, Brunk 2, D. Keller 2, Guthmiller 1.  
• Most forfeits: Leibbrandt 6, C. Keller 5, Grant 3, Brunk 2, Pacheco 2.  
• Most three-point near falls: Lamb 19, Brunk 16, D. Keller 9, C. Keller 6, Pacheco 6.  
• Most two-point near falls: D.



Brunk Keller Lamb Pacheco

Keller 10, Guthmiller 8, Pacheco 6, Lamb 5, Douthit 5.  
• Most reversals: Lamb 28, D. Keller 17, Gienger 17, Pacheco 16, Brunk 15.  
• Most escapes: Brunk 30, Lamb 24, D. Keller 16, Leibbrandt 15, Douthit 14.

**Individual stats varsity matches only**

Season record shows both wins and losses with the wins listed first.

Brunk: season record 22-17; team points 101.5; takedowns 40; three-point near falls 16; two-point near falls 4; reversals 15; escapes 30; decisions 5; pins 12; technical falls 1; major decisions 2; wins by forfeit 2.

Douthit: season record 6-14; team points 37; takedowns 13; three-point near falls 4; two-point near falls 5; reversals 8; escapes 14; decisions 1; pins 4; technical falls 0; major decisions 1; wins by forfeit 0.

Gienger: season record 10-15; team points 61.5; takedowns 12; three-point near falls 6; two-point near falls 5; reversals 17; escapes 12; decisions 0; pins 6; technical falls 1; major decisions 1; wins by forfeit 2.

Grant: season record 3-5; team points 32; takedowns 0; three-point near falls 0; two-point near falls 0; reversals 0; escapes 1; decisions 0; pins 0; technical falls 0; major decisions 0; wins by forfeit 3.

Guthmiller: season record 24-6; team points 135; takedowns 32; three-point near falls 5; two-point near falls 8; reversals 12; escapes 4; decisions 7; pins 15; technical falls 0; major decisions 1; wins by forfeit 1.

C. Keller: season record 14-8; team points 84; takedowns 15; three-point near falls 6; two-point near falls 2; reversals 8; escapes 5; decisions 0; pins 4; technical falls 0; major decisions 5; wins by forfeit 5.

D. Keller: season record 16-14; team points 62.5; takedowns 21; three-point near falls 9; two-point near falls 10; reversals 17; escapes 16; decisions 6; pins 7; technical

falls 10; major decisions 2; wins by forfeit 0.

Lamb: season record 30-8; team points 175.5; takedowns 52; three-point near falls 19; two-point near falls 5; reversals 28; escapes 24; decisions 7; pins 14; technical falls 2; major decisions 5; wins by forfeit 2.

Leibbrandt: season record 8-14; team points 51; takedowns 3; three-point near falls 1; two-point near falls 1; reversals 5; escapes 15; decisions 1; pins 1; technical falls 0; major decisions 0; wins by forfeit 6.

Pacheco: season record 18-15; team points 97; takedowns 17; three-point near falls 6; two-point near falls 6; reversals 10; escapes 7; decisions 1; pins 14; technical falls 0; major decisions 1; wins by forfeit 2.

Wolaver: season record 12-12; team points 62; takedowns 10; three-point near falls 5; two-point near falls 2; reversals 10; escapes 9; decisions 2; pins 9; technical falls 0; major decisions 0; wins by forfeit 1.

**Letter winners**  
Seniors: Brunk, D. Keller, Lamb, Pacheco.  
Junior: Guthmiller.

Freshmen: Douthit, Gienger, C. Keller, Leibbrandt, Wolaver. Grant is a provisional letter winner.

**Looking ahead**  
"We are hoping that there will be a number of new freshmen join the returning members of the squad next year so we will be able to fill more weights," Coach Frewen said. "They have had some success in junior high.

"The group moving up to the sophomore class has gained plenty of varsity experience this year. These kids have competed hard and I expect them to improve next year.

"We also have Adam (Guthmiller) who will be our only senior. He is very experienced and has been to state."

Guthmiller is among the leaders in many of the categories list above and will be able to provide experienced leadership."

## Youth do well

Competing with 1,000 wrestlers at the Western Kansas Classic in Hays on Saturday, March 6, were seven St. Francis wrestlers.

"This is a great tournament and they get the chance to wrestle against kids from the other side of the state," said Shawna Blanka, one of the team helpers.

Results included:  
6 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 67 pounds, placed second.

10 and under: Luke Lampe, 85 pounds, participated

12 and under: Shakotah Blanka, 220 pounds, placed second.

14 and under: Lane Hoffman, 100 pounds, placed second; Logan Lampe, 125 pounds, participated.

In the high school division: Terrence Lamb, 140 pounds, participated.



LUKE LAMPE competes in the 10-and -under age bracket at 85 pounds at the Kids Wrestling Tournaments.

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**Burlington tournament**  
There were three St. Francis wrestlers who went to Burlington, Colo., on March 6.

Results include:  
6 and under: Brody Kaup, 47 pounds, placed third.

12 and under: Garrett Brunk, 110

pounds, placed first.  
14 and under: Gaten Cooper, 110 pounds, placed third.

**District IV Sub-District**  
There will be 15 St. Francis wrestlers going to WaKeeney this Saturday to participate in the District IV Sub-District tournament.

The wrestlers placing in the top four will then qualify for the District IV Championship Tournament that will be held in Goodland on March 20 and, from there, the top four will qualify for the Kansas Kids State Championship Tournament in Topeka.

## Junior varsity team season results told

Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt and Dylan Wolaver, were involved in junior varsity wrestling action during the season. The numbers below show only junior varsity activity.

**Team stats**  
The following are team statistics (St. Francis first, opponent second): decisions 5/5; takedowns 58/81; three-point near falls 20/1; two-point near falls 20/31; reversals 41/33; escapes 31/21.

• Most wins: Douthit 12, Gienger 11, Wolaver 10, Leibbrandt 9, Grant 6.

• Most takedowns: Grant 13, Douthit 12, Wolaver 11, Leibbrandt

10, Gienger 7.  
• Decisions: Douthit 7, Grant 2, Wolaver 2, Leibbrandt 1, Gienger 1.

• Most falls: Wolaver 8, Gienger 8, Leibbrandt 7, Keller 3, Grant 3.

• Major decisions: Douthit 2, Grant 1, Leibbrandt 1, Gienger 1.

• Most three-point near falls: Leibbrandt 5, Grant 4, Douthit 4, Gienger 4, Wolaver 2.

• Most two-point near falls: Douthit 9, Leibbrandt 4, Grant 3, Wolaver 2, Gienger 2.

• Most reversals: Douthit 16, Gienger 8, Leibbrandt 7, Wolaver 7, Grant 3.

• Most escapes: Keller 8, Leibbrandt 7, Douthit 5, Gienger 5,

Wolaver 4.

**Individual statistics**  
Douthit: season record 12-6; takedowns 12; three-point near falls 4; two-point near falls 9; reversals 16; escapes 5; decisions 7; pins 3; technical falls 0; major decisions 2; wins by forfeit 0.

Gienger: season record 11-3; takedowns 7; three-point near falls 4; two-point near falls 2; reversals 8; escapes 5; decisions 1; pins 8; technical falls 0; major decisions 1; wins by forfeit 1.

Grant: season record 6-6; takedowns 13; three-point near falls 4; two-point near falls 3; reversals 3; escapes 2; decisions 2; pins 3; technical falls 0; major decisions 1;

wins by forfeit 0.

Keller: season record 3-11; takedowns 5; three-point near falls 1; two-point near falls 0; reversals 0; escapes 8; decisions 0; pins 3; technical falls 0; major decisions 0; wins by forfeit 0.

Leibbrandt: season record 9-6; takedowns 10; three-point near falls 5; two-point near falls 4; reversals 7; escapes 7; decisions 1; pins 7; technical falls 0; major decisions 1; wins by forfeit 0.

Wolaver: season record 10-5; takedowns 11; three-point near falls 2; two-point near falls 2; reversals 7; escapes 4; decisions 2; pins 8; technical falls 0; major decisions 0; wins by forfeit 0.

## College hires new wrestling coach

Colby Community College has announced the selection of David Nordhues to head the Trojan wrestling program. Nordhues will replace Steve Lampe who recently announced his retirement.

Coach Lampe is very familiar to a number of St. Francis wrestlers who continued their wrestling career at Colby Community College, following their high school days. Several Saintry wrestlers were very successful at the junior college level, including

qualifying for the national tournaments.

Coach Nordhues was a four-time state champion and a member of the Colby Community College wrestling squad from 2001-03. He continued his career at Fort Hays State University and following graduation he was hired as an assistant wrestling coach. Nordhues has been the university's assistant wrestling camp director since 2004

## Bowling News

**Ladies Nite Out 3-4**

Team standings: Wray Meat Packing 21-11, Bankwest 21-11, Gutter Gals 20.5-11.5, Dundy Ag 18.5-13.5, Strikers 16-16, Wright Carpet 13.5-18.5, Jersey Maids 11.5-20.5.

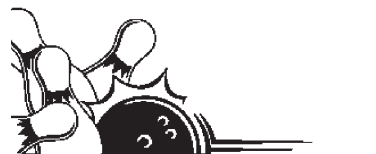
High game: (scratch): Kathy Blecha 196, Kim Ritter 185, Erica Harlan 172; (handicap): Ritter 248, Victoria Windell 239, Blecha 228.

High series: (scratch): Blecha 480, Laura Robbins 449, Windell 448; (handicap): Windell 664, Ritter 622, Harlan 600.

**Ladies Nite Out 2-18**

Team standings: Strikers 15-9, Bankwest 15-9, Dundy Ag 14.5-9.5, Wray Meat Packing 14-10, Gutter Gals 13.5-10.5, Wright Carpet 11-13, Jersey Maids 9-15.

High game (scratch): Renea Mathies 181, Mary Bier 175, Kathy Blecha 174; (handicap): Bier 229, Linda Mahon 224, Rhonda Olson 223.  
High series (scratch): Mathies



508, Bier 472, Blecha 458; (handicap): Bier 634, Mahon 618, Mathies 616.

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