

At the Game

Wrestlers place at tournament

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St. Francis athletes Shakotah Blanka and Dylan Wolaver placed at the Kansas Kids Folkstyle State Championships in Topeka on Saturday.

Blanka took second place in the 12-and-under division, at 240 pound.

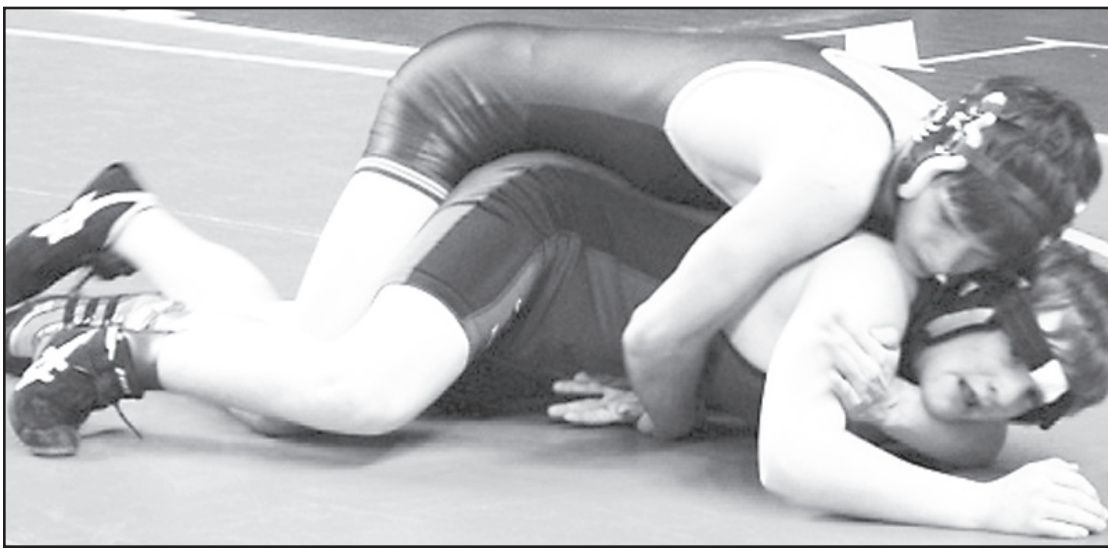
Wolaver took fifth place in the 14-and-under division, at 140 pounds.

These wrestlers were two of the six St. Francis wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament. Other qualifiers were Luke Lampe in the 10-and-under, 90-pound class; Garrett Brunk in the 12-and-under, 110-pound class; Lane Hoffman in the 14-and-under, 100-pound class and Terrence Lamb in the high school division, 140 pounds.

These six mat men earned their way to the state tournament by place in the top four at both the District IV Sub District Tournament in WaKeeney on March 13 and the District IV Championships in Goodland on March 20.

"Everyone wrestled really well and there were some very close matches," said Shawna Blanka, one of the teams coordinators.

Members of the St. Francis Kids Wrestling Club have been very active in attending weekend meets throughout the area since the season began in January.



STATE PLACERS – Shakotah Blanka, on top above, and Dylan Wolaver, on top below, placed in the top four positions in the Kansas Kids Folkstyle State Championships in Topeka.

Herald photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Junior high teams begin the season

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Junior high tracksters opened the season with a late March meet in Burlington. It happened on Tuesday with results to be printed when available.

There will not be another meet until the Indians open the season at home with the St. Francis Invitational on Tuesday, April 20. Additional practice sessions will be used to prepare the teams for this event and the remainder of the season.

Junior high meets consist of four divisions: eighth grade girls; eighth grade boys; seventh grade boys and seventh grade girls.

Rosters

Eighth grade boys: Jacob Butler, Gaten Cooper, Erik Hart, Lane Hoffman, Logan Lampe, Wyatt Landenberger, Tyler Lee, Len-nin Olivares, Derek Queen, Ma-son Schiltz, Scott Warren, Austin White.

Eighth grade girls: Rande-e Grover, Bailey Merklin, Alyssa Schlepp.

Seventh grade girls: Kyla Ban-del, Mariah Beikman, Brianna Cooks, Echo Jones, Ashlee Orth, Dallas Reed, McKayla Taylor, Justice Wiley, Valerie Wurm.

Seventh grade boys: Tristan Archer, Shakotah Blanka, Cade Bracelin, Tanner Gilliland, Jona-than Hoard, Riley Shay, Kyler Zwegygart.

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 3-22

Team standings: Neitzel Insur-ance 27-17, ABC-Z 27-17, Earl's Gals 19-25, Gutter Heads 15-29.

High game (scratch): JD Haw-kins 199, Tammy Zimbelman 193, Kale Zimbelman 192, Janice Krien 183, Eddie Zuege 176, Amelia Zuege 152, Katora Sherlock 152; (handicap) Sherlock 233, Krien 232, Hawkins 228, T. Zimbelman 226, Arrie Cox 206, E Zuege 200.

High series (scratch): K. Zim-belman 576, E. Zuege 495, Krien 485, Hawkins 474, Cox 474, T. Zimbelman 468, A. Zuege 428; (handicap): Krien 632, Connie Wilger 621, Sherlock 604, Cox

603, K. Zimbelman 588, E. Zuege 567.

Wednesday Afternoon 3-24

Team standings: Jolly Ranchers 32-12, Western State Bank 30-18, Lodge Sleepers 27.5-20.5, Kale's Girls 26-18, Dairy King 21.5-26.5.

High game (scratch): Carol Pe-terson 171, Marlys Poulignot 168, Donna Hall 162; (handicap): Pe-terson 219, Poulignot 217, Vicki Cox and Wynona Springer 216.

High series (scratch): Pouli-gnot 462, Peterson 458, Hall 442; (handicap): Poulignot 609, Cox 603, Peterson 602.

Dundy County meet opens the high school track season

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Twenty-nine boys and 11 girls have reported for high school track practice and the right to represent the Indians and Lady Indians this year. The boys team will include 13 upperclassmen, six of them juniors and seven of them seniors. The ladies team will be lead by four juniors.

On Tuesday, the teams will open the season at Benkelman, where they will attend the Dundy County Invitational. Results of the meets will be published in *The Herald*. Each trackster will be working to increase their skills between now and the regional meet which will be held on May 21. Placing in the top four positions at regionals is what is needed to qualify for state.

Coaches this year are Devin Dinkel and Nate Smith, co-head coaches, and Kyle Buffington. Managers are Caitlin Northrup and Chauntell Peter.

Among those who ended last year's season at the state track meet are returning squad members Matt Raile, Trent Raile, Drew Zwegygart, Garrett Figgins, Mikaela Grace, Jenna Hill and Kaitlin Figgins.

At state, M. Raile was a member of the boys 4x100-meter relay team which placed fifth. He also participated in the 100-meter dash, placing eighth and as a member of the 4x400-meter relay team which did not qualify for the finals.

T. Raile was a member of the 4x100-meter relay team which placed, a member of the 4x400-meter relay team which did not qualify for the finals and also participated in the long jump and the 400-meter relay, but did not place.

Drew Zwegygart was also a member of both the 4x100-meter and the 4x400-meter relay teams while G. Figgins was the alternate for both of the teams.

The boys team earned 21 points to place 11th.

Attending state for the girls team were returning members Grace and Hill, who ran legs of the girls 4x100-meter relay which placed seventh in the finals and K. Figgins, who was the alternate for the relay team.

The girls team earned 5 team points last year.

Other St. Francis athletes

who attended state last year were graduating seniors Trent Kinen, who took the gold in the 300-meter hurdles; Sam Sowers, Shawn Warren, Elizabeth Gienger and Sidnee Crabtree. Ashlynn Lambert, who has moved, also qualified last year.

Boys roster

Seniors: Erick Estrada, Dar-ris Keller, Alex Long, Marvin Miller, Matt Raile, Trent Raile, Drew Zwegygart.

Juniors: Garrett Figgins, Tye Gilliland, Adam Guthmiller, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lam-pe, Ryan Owens.

Sophomores: Jon Butler, Jon Hilty, Isaac Schiltz, Matt Tygart, Brock Zwegygart, Ty Zwegygart.

Freshmen: Lucas Carmichael, Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Gus Jardine, Casey Keller, Joey McCormick, Dylan Peter, Kee-gan Sherlock, Dillion Straub, Dylan Wolaver.

Girls roster

Seniors: Mikaela Grace, Shayla Hilt, Aly Marin, Sarah Trembly.

Sophomores: Kaitlin Figgins, Jenna Hill, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Christina Schoenrogge.

Freshmen: Clarice Neit-zel, Taylor Archibald, Ally Northrup.

Dundy County Invitational Schedule of Events

All times are central time
10 a.m.: Scratch meeting

11 a.m. First field event ses-sion: girls events: long jump, shot put and high jump; boys: long jump, discus, pole vault.

12:30 p.m. Track events (in order) 3200 relay finals (girls, boys) 100 intermediate hurdles prelims (girls); 110 high hurdles (boys) 100 prelims (girls, boys) 400 finals (girls, boys); 3200 finals (girls, boys) 200 prelims (girls, boys).

2:30 p.m.: Second session field events: girls events: triple jump, discus, pole vault; boys events: triple jump, shot, high jump.

4 p.m. track events (in order) 100 intermediate hurdle finals (girls); 110 high hurdles finals (boys); 100 finals (girls, boys); 800 finals (girls, boys) 300 low hurdle finals (girls); 300 inter-mediate hurdle finals (girls); 200 finals (girls, boys); 1600 finals (girls, boys); 400 relay fi-nals (girls, boys) 1600 relay finals (girls, boys)



SAINTY INDIANS have begun the track season prac-tice. Above, Shayla Hilt is a runner for the Lady In-dians. Zach Gienger, right, is practicing this throws. The Sainty Invitational is set for April 27.

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Spring School Section coming soon

