

At the Game

Wrestlers compete in invitational tournament

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Four St. Francis varsity wrestlers, Lane Hoffman, Dylan Wolaver, Zach Gienger and Adam Guthmiller, competed in the Wray Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday, Dec. 17. The St. Francis squad was small due partly to illness/medical problems.

St. Francis, as a team, placed fifth with Fowler and Rocky Ford vying for first place when the St. Francis team left for home.

Guthmiller, a senior, won the 215-pound championship by pinning each of his opponents. Also placing for St. Francis were Hoffman, third at 103 pounds, Gienger, third at 189 pounds and Wolaver, fourth at 152 pounds. Gienger was on the disabled list previously.

High school teams attending the tournament were from Byers, Calhoun, Fowler, Kiowa, Merino, Limon, Rocky Ford, Sedgwick County, Simla, St. Francis, Stratton, Wiggins and Wray.

"Lane Hoffman wrestled well," Coach Nate Smith said. "After an earlier match he had a comeback against Rodriguez, and wrestled really well against a good wrestler. He wrestled in a round robin as there were few wrestlers in this weight.

"Dylan Wolaver was ahead in his first match and then got pinned. He was in a 16-man bracket. He had three straight pins in the backside before losing to Warta of Sedgwick County.

"This is Zach's (Gienger) first match of the season and he ended up placing third, winning the

third/fourth place match by a fall. Gienger was ahead early but lost by a fall.

"Guthmiller won every one of his four matches with a first period fall."

Following the Christmas break, the Indians will be involved in a round robin meet at Stockton on Friday, Jan. 7, and the Dundly County tournament in Benkelman on Saturday, Jan. 8.

"We have added a round robin on Friday, Jan. 7, to our schedule," Coach Smith said. "We will be competing with Stockton, Hill City, Osborne and WaKeeney at Stockton."

Wrestlers and their families were in attendance at the high school Friday night during the basketball games as the free-style wrestling club sponsored a soup supper. They were pleased it was so well-attended, Coach Smith said. It is possible there will be another one in the future.

Individual results

103: Hoffman won by a fall over Rath, Byers; won by a 15-0 technical fall over Hinkel, Fowler; lost by a 14-3 decision to Grasmick, Fowler; lost by an 8-3 decision to Rodriguez. Placed third.

152: Wolaver lost by a fall to Difabio, Calhoun; won by a fall over Young, Simla; won by a fall over Griffin, Stratton; won by a fall over Erik; lost by a fall to Warta, Sedgwick County. Placed fourth.

189: Gienger won by a fall over Wenzke, Wiggins; lost by a pin to Campfield, Wray; won by a fall over Brewer; won by a fall



ADAM GUTHMILLER placed first in the 215 pound weight class at the Wray Invitational wrestling tournament held on Saturday.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Junior varsity Decatur Community Tournament

Several St. Francis freshman

wrestlers attended the Decatur Community Junior Varsity Tournament held in Oberlin on Saturday, Dec. 18, (details later).

A-Team finishes basketball season

The junior high boys A-team basketball tournament was held in Quinter with the first round on Monday, Dec. 13 and the final round on Thursday, Dec. 16. This was the final event of the basketball season for the boys. After Christmas break they will be competing in wrestling.

The young Indians faced the home team, Quinter in the first game and were defeated 47-21. This put them in the game for fifth or sixth place against Oakley. The Plainsmen won this contest 35-29 with the Indians placing sixth for the tournament.

Vs Quinter

"For whatever reason, we played about as poorly against Quinter as we've played all season," Coach David Morrow said. "I know these young men will look back on this game with

a lot of regret since we didn't play up to our potential.

"The game was still in reach by halftime, but the second half was not a good one for our squad. In fact, we only managed seven points in the second half. Had we been able to shoot more consistently, we might have made a game of it. As it was, we were all cold and struggled to score."

Cade Bracelin had seven points for the Indians to lead the way. He was followed by Garrett Brunk with six, Kyler Zweygardt and Justin Pacheco with four each.

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Vs Oakley

The Indian's final game of the tournament ended with a much closer score. Oakley had 35

points and St. Francis 29. Oakley just finished each quarter with a few points advantage and they totaled up to six at the end.

"We found it difficult to compete with Oakley the first time we played them this year," Coach Morrow said. "They are a tall, athletic team that really gave us fits earlier this season. The boys were ready to face that challenge on Thursday and were determined to win the game. Unfortunately, mistakes at just the wrong time and some fortuitous bounces for Oakley gave them the victory.

"This game was a very tough, physical contest from the beginning. The margin throughout most of the game was 1 to 3 points, and there were plenty of chances to pull out a victory.

"One thing I was really

impressed with was the effort of our guys. At times this season, we've been a slow-starting team that takes a half to warm up. In this game, however, we played as hard as we could from the tip-off. My only regret is that we didn't win.

"Cade Bracelin was a great leader in this game, especially during crunch-time. Jon Hoard, who was pressed into service on the A-team for the tournament did very well for himself, too. Garrett Brunk, Justin Pacheco, Ian Schimdt, and Philip White all played about as well as they have played all year. Garrett wasn't able to score like he usually does due to the type of defense Oakley was playing."

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Scoring: Bracelin 16, Pacheco 7, Brunk 3; Ian Schimdt, 3.

Junior high boys place third in tourney

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The St. Francis Junior High basketball B-team finished the season by placing third at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Quinter on Thursday, Dec. 16.

They began the opening round of the tournament on Monday, Dec. 13, by defeating Quinter 37-21, placing them in the top half of the bracket.

The first game on Thursday, also in Quinter, saw the young Indians lose a heartbreaker to Decatur Community by the score of 28-26. This put Sainty in the game for third and fourth place and the Indians came home with a win for third place. They defeated Rawlins County 35-9.

Vs Quinter

The team opened their tournament play with a 37-21 victory over the Bulldogs from Quinter.

"As if we were playing by a script, this team spent most of the first half getting ready for the second half," Coach David Morrow said. "Though we were able to capture a small lead by halftime, we didn't play nearly as well as we could have.

"In the second half, however, we were able to establish control

of the game and push on to a 16-point victory. For most of the game, we had pretty good guard play. Clay Cassaw started out the second half by making a jumper from the elbow. Despite making a few turnovers, the guards were instrumental in allowing us to shut down most of Quinter's offense.

"Carl Fabre had a great game in every aspect. He had 20 points and numerous steals. Our post players had a much better second half as well. Shakotah Blanka had four of his six points in the second half, all of them from the paint."

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Scoring: Fabre 20, Blanka 6, Cassaw 6, Jakob Church 4, Jude Faulkender 1.

Vs Oberlin

There is no data from this game but the final score indicates an exciting game, especially in the fourth quarter when the Indians were working on a comeback.

"This was the first game of the day for us on Thursday," Coach Morrow said. "Having played Decatur County twice before this, we knew what the keys to victory would be. We needed to play especially good defense against two players, and we

needed to take better care of the ball.

"Throughout most of the game, we accomplished these goals very impressively. There was, however, a period of about three minutes in the third quarter where our defense was allowed to slacken, giving the Red Devils a 12-point cushion. We worked the rest of the game trying to make that up but came up short in the end.

"Down the stretch in this game, most of our guys played some of their best basketball. Shakotah and Lane (Hobrock) defended their best post player well, and Carl Fabre took care of Oberlin's explosive guard very well. Had we been just a little sharper at some things, we would have won the game and played for the championship.

Vs Rawlins County

St. Francis has a decisive 35-9 win over Rawlins County for third place.

"Winning this game earned us third place for the B-Team tournament," Coach Morrow said. "This was one of those games in which the coach does very little and has the chance to simply watch his boys take care of business. The guys knew what to do and had very little trouble

shutting down the Buffaloes.

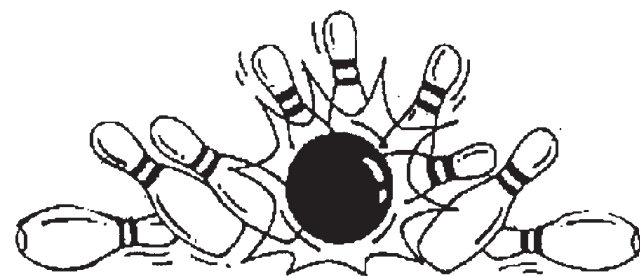
"We did not play flawless basketball, but we certainly played well enough to make this contest a runaway after the first quarter.

"Every player on this team made a substantial contribution to the victory. It was very encouraging to see their progress, especially considering that this year's B-Team will likely be next year's A-Team. Many of these guys have shown tremendous improvement. Jakob Church led this team in scoring and played another solid game for us. Carl (Fabre) and Clay Cassaw also played well up front. Shaq (Blanka) and Lane (Hobrock) had no trouble rebounding in the post area. They got quite a few chances to score from offensive rebounds.

"These guys have all done a great job this year. They've learned how to play, improved their skills, and hopefully learned a thing or two about being competitors.

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Scoring: Church 7; Blanka 6; Fabre 6, Cassaw, 5; Nicky Easter 4, Travis Rogers 3, Hobrock, 2; Francisco Fernandez, 2.



Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 11-29

Team standing: Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing.

High game (scratch): ABC-Z 543, Western State Bank 542, Earl's Mowing 498.

High game men (scratch): Eddie Zuege 167, Brad Merklin 153, Earl Hankins 153; (handicap): Steve Morris 220, Scott Wacker 220, Merklin 206, Hankins 206.

High series men (scratch): E. Zuege 437, Hankins 428, Arrie Cox 412; (handicap): Wacker 610, Hankins 587, Morris 569

High game women (scratch): Maggie Smith 148, Amelia Zuege 147, Pat Rose 133; (handicap): Smith 223, Vickie Cox 206, Rachel Schmidt 200.

High series women (scratch): A. Zuege 395, Smith 369, Rose 354. (handicap): Smith 594, V. Cox 568, A. Zuege 548.

Wednesday Night Men 12-1

Team standing: 2001 Electronics, Krien Steel, Wright and Wrong, Idalia JV, Haigler 2, Haigler 1, Bonanza Ford, Cheyenne Bowl.

High game (scratch): 2001 Electronics 700, Krien Steel 633, Idalia JV 622.

High game men (scratch): Jerry Olsen 197, Bob Lippert 193, Clint Custer 192; (handicap): Olsen 264, Custer 256, Jordan Easter 245.

High series men (scratch): Easter 517, Tyler Chamberlain 513, Darrell Webster 503. (handicap): Easter 700, Olsen 696, Webster 652.

Ladies Night Out 12-2

Team standing: Wright Carpet, Wray Meat Packing, Bankwest, Strikers, Bier's Maids, Yehas, Dundy Ag.

High game (scratch): Wray Meat Packing 575, Strikers 565, Wright Carpet 542.

High game women (scratch): Laura Robbins 186, Nancy Vernon 181, Terry Yost 175; (handicap): Vernon 242, Robbins 232, Sally Priest 229.

High series women (scratch): Yost 469, Marsha Kechter 459, Robbins 456. (handicap): Priest 603, Yost 595, Ilene O'Leary 595, Vernon 595.

Monday Night Mixed 12-6

Team standing: Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing.

High game (scratch): Merklin Construction 547, ABC-Z 517, Western State Bank 514.

High game men (scratch): David Morris 185, Eddie Zuege 168, Brad Merklin 162; (handicap): Morris 239, Merklin 216, Earl Hankins 213.

High series men (scratch): Morris 446, E. Zuege 446, Merklin 426; (handicap): Morris 628, Merklin 588, Hankins 567.

High game women (scratch): Amelia Zuege 173, Maggie Smith 145, Pat Rose 141; (handicap): A. Zuege 224, Smith 218, Vicki Cox 215.

High series women (scratch): A. Zuege 422, Rose 368, Smith 333; (handicap) Cox 577, A. Zuege 575, Smith 552.

Wednesday Night Men 12-8

Team standing: Krien Steel, Wright and Wrong, 2001 Electronics, Idalia JV, Haigler 2, Haigler 1, Bonanza Ford, Cheyenne Bowl.

High game (scratch): 2001 Electronics 690, 665, 664.

High game men (scratch): Ted Mosier 223, Bill Lippert 218, Bill Carpenter 209; (handicap): Mosier 260, Chris LaBarge 250, Bill Ehrman 242.

High series men (scratch): Lippert 558, Mosier 551, Carpenter 526. (handicap): Stan Webster 663, Mosier 662, LaBarge 635.

Ladies Night Out 12-9

Team standing: Wright Carpet, Wray Meat Packing, Strikers, Bankwest, Bier's Maids, Yehas, Dundy Ag.

High game (scratch): Wray Meat Packing 591, 571, Wright Carpet 564.

High game women (scratch): Joyce Williams 172, Renea Mathies 169, Terry Yost 163; (handicap): Williams 235, Connie Brown 218, Harford 217.

High series women (scratch): Mathies 468, Harford 442, Marsha Kechter 430. (handicap): Harford 619, Williams 596, Kim Ritter 583.

Monday Night Mixed 12-13

Team standing: Merklin Construction, ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing.

High game (scratch): Merklin Construction 534, ABC-Z 508, Western State Bank 475.

High game men (scratch): Eddie Zuege 67, Brad Merklin 159, David Morris 157; (handicap): Merklin 212, Morris 209, Bill Wilger 205;

High series men (scratch): Merklin 440, Cox 430, E. Zuege 427; (handicap): Merklin 599, Arrie Cox 571, Wilger 554.

High game women (scratch): Amelia Zuege 149, Dorothy Hankins 149, Maggie Smith 132; (handicap): Hankins 217, Smith 205, Rachel Schmidt 201.

High series women (scratch): Zuege 379, Pat Rose 371, Hankins 371; (handicap) Schmidt 575, Hankins 575, Smith 552.

Wednesday Night Men 12/15

Team standing: Krien Steel, Wright and Wrong, 2001 Electronics, Idalia JV, Haigler 2, Haigler 1, Bonanza Ford, Cheyenne Bowl.

High game (scratch): 2001 Electronic 720, Krien Steel 667, 2001 Electronics 653.

High game men (scratch): Bob Lippert 206, Eddie Zuege 201, Jordan Easter 198; (handicap): Easter 255, Jerry White 235, Zuege 234.

High series men (scratch): Zuege 543, Alan Rose 501, Tyler Chamberlain; (handicap): Easter 647, Zuege 642, Chamberlain 634.