# At the Game

# St. Francis wrestlers place fourth at tournament

**By Betty Jean Winston** betty.w@nwkansas.com placed fourth at the Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Tournament held in Oberlin on Saturday. They also ended up with two league champions, Lane

Hoffman at 103 pounds and Adam Guthmiller at 215 pounds. The league tournament is always a special event which happens at the end of January. During

February the teams go into their final preparations for the end-ofthe-season events leading up to the state tournament.

For the first time, the league tournament consisted of five teams, with Colby and Goodland no longer in the league and Quinter having no wrestling program.

St. Francis wrestler Matt White was also in a championship match Channing Fortin of Decatur but ended the tournament as the second place finisher at 112 pounds.

Indians placing third were Mikey Leibbrandt (125), Logan Lampe (130), David Leibbrandt (135) and Dylan Wolaver (152). Austin White (119) and Tyler Raby (140) placed fourth.

"The Boys wrestled well," Coach Nathan Smith said. "Lane County; Drew Jones, Hoxie; Hoxie; Levi Hefner, Oakley; Hoffman avenged an earlier loss in a big way by dominating the Rawlins County wrestler. He was focused and showed the league Decatur Community; Michael what a very fine young wrestler he is.

"Adam continued his impres-

sive season. He's has a goal of where he wants to be at the end St. Francis scored 86 points and of the year and he's is doing a great job of working his way to that goal.

> "Our young wrestlers are doing a better job of competing in matches. The freshman and sophomores are getting better every time they step on the mat.'

> Hoxie won the tournament with 180.5 points. Decatur Community placed second with 123.5 points; Oakley was third with 92.5 points, St. Francis fourth with 86 points and Rawlins County fifth with 66.5 points.

Lane Hoffman won his match by a technical fall over John Solko in the finals.

Matt White lost by a fall in the finals to Dayton Dreher of Decatur Community.

Adam Guthmiller pinned Community in the finals.

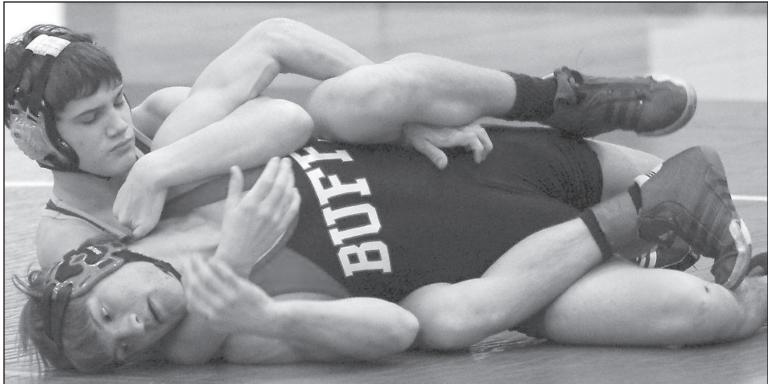
Tournament results (first place listed followed by other placings) 103: Lane Hoffman, St. Francis;

John Solko, Rawlins County; Cory Howard, Oakley.

112: Dayton Dreher, Decatur Community; Matt White, St. Francis.

119: Devin Simon, Rawlins Helms, Decatur Community; David Leibbrandt, St. Francis. Austin White, St. Francis.

125: Ochs, Hoxie; Juenemann, Leibbrandt, St. Francis; Clayton Griffith, Rawlins County.



AUSTIN WHITE, St. Francis high school 119 pound wrestler, placed fourth at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Oberlin Saturday. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Chris Anderson, Decatur Kolton Paul; Coulter Boyd, Community; Logan Lampe, St. Francis; Jonathan Markland, Rawlins County.

135: Donovan Schamberger,

140: Steven Yergey, Hoxie; Nolan Peters, Decatur Community; John Corbett, Oakley; Tyler Raby, St. Francis.

145: Dalton Snyder, Hoxie; 130: Britton Sealock, Hoxie; Cody Green, Rawlins County;

Oakley. 152: Eric Albers, Oakley; Dylan St. Francis.

160: Nate Cox, Oakley; Brady Bainter, Hoxie; Matt Glading, Community; Decatur Cody Wright, Rawlins County.

171: Brandon Salmans, Hoxie; Jason Berkgren, Oakley.

189: Kane Washington, Hoxie; Jacob Larue, Decatur Community;

Tyler Martin, Rawlins County; Asher Crandall, Oakley. Cody Faulkender, Oakley.

215: Adam Guthmiller, St. Bainter, Hoxie; Dylan Wolaver, Francis; Channing Fortin, Decatur Invitational on Saturday. Community; Kyle Albers, Oakley.

> 285: Dillon Salmans, Hoxie; dual will be featured in the Herald Cody Wurm, Decatur Community; next week.

-School Menu Monday Breakfast: Pancake and sausage

bits, syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed

potatoes, country gravy, peas, hot rolls, Mandarin oranges, milk. Tuesday

Breakfast: Ham, egg and cheese McMuffin, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: French dip sandwich, au jus, French fries, dill pickle spears, strawberry shortcake, milk. Wednesday

Breakfast: Coffee cake, orange Julius, juice, cereal assortment, in the junior/senior high school. milk.

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Lunch: Beef tacos with cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomato, sour cream, refried beans, cinnamon churros,

The next schedule outing for

Results of the Hoxie-St. Francis

St. Francis is the Phillipsburg

peaches, milk. Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: Pork fritter sandwich, curly fries, corn, oranges, snicker doodle cookie, milk.

### Friday

Breakfast: Donuts, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: Baked rotini, tossed salad, breadsticks, sliced pears, milk.

• Salad bar is offered at noon daily

Monday Night Mixed 1/24 Team standing: Construction, ABC-Z, Western Bowl, Idalia JV.

2001 Electronics, 2001 Electronics; Merklin (handicap): Krien Steel, Cheyenne



SHAKOTAH BLANKA, at the Hoxie meet on Thursday, is checking with the referee to see if his opponent is pinned.

Herald photo by Susan Hobrock.

## Junior high wrestlers meet Hoxie

**By Betty Jean Winston** betty.w@nwkansas.com The junior high wrestlers had their first road trip on Thursday in Hoxie against the Hoxie Indians. The team ended the evening with a 5-6 record and also had one exhibition match.

"We didn't win the dual (5-6) but I thought we were much

assistant coach.

Shakotah Blanka, an eighth grade student said, "We will continue to work hard and, down

the road, it will pay off in wins." Today (Thursday) the team will be in Oberlin meeting wrestlers

from Phillipsburg, Rawlins County decision to Heim; and Decatur Community.

Teams stats more aggressive and it paid off takedowns, 8; near falls, 5; in pins," said Bruce Swihart, reversals, 1; escapes, 4; falls 5; decision to Heim;

wins, 5; losses 6.

Results from Hoxie follow: Phillip White won by a fall over

Bacon; Clay Cassaw lost by fall to

Rowh: Riley Shay lost by a 12-0

Jesse Jenkins was pinned by include: Rowh, (exhibition match);

Travis Rogers lost by a 6-3

Garrett Brunk won by a fall over Storer;

Lane Hobrock won by a fall over Henn;

Justin Pacheco won by a fall over Henn;

Jonathan Hoard lost by a fall to Waggener; lost by a fall to Schippers;

Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Schippers; lost by a 2-0 decision to Waggener.

State Bank, Earl's Mowing. High game (scratch): ABC-Z, Merklin Construction, Earl's Mowing; (handicap): ABC-Z, Earl's

Mowing, Merklin Construction. High game men (scratch): Bill Wilger, Arrie Cox, David Morris; (handicap): Wilger, Scott Wacker, Morris.

High series men (scratch): Brad Merklin, Wilger, Eddie Zuege; (handicap): Wilger, Wacker, Wilger.

High game women (scratch): Amelia Zuege, Connie Wilger, Janice Krien; (handicap) Zuege, Wilger, Vicki Cox.

High series women (scratch): Krien, Zuege, Wilger; (handicap): Krien, Wilger, Cox.

Wednesday Night Men 1-26

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

High game men (scratch): Eddie Zuege, Dave Morris, Josh Morris; (handicap): D. Morris, J. Morris, Kyle Richards;

High series men (scratch): Alan Rose, Chris LaBarge, Zuege; (handicap): D. Morris, LaBarge, Phil Riggelman.

### Ladies Night Out 1-27

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

High game (scratch): Wray Meat packing, Strikers, Dundy Ag; (handicap): Yehas, Yehas, Dundy Ag.

High game women (scratch): Kathy Blecha, Tammy Drommond, Drommond; (handicap): Meghan Kinen, Holly Hingst, Hingst.

High series women (scratch): Drommond, Marsha Kechter, Tammy Overlease; (handicap): High game (scratch): Krien Steel, Hingst, Drommond, Kinen.

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