



At the Game



ADAM GUTHMILLER works on pinning his Beloit opponent at the tournament.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Northwest Kansas League dual held in Hoxie recently

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Hoxie and St. Francis varsity wrestlers met in a Northwest Kansas League dual on Thursday, Jan. 27, in Hoxie. The league dual season will be over when the Indians meet Decatur Community in St. Francis on Friday.

"Hoxie is a great team and we wanted to see where we stacked up against the best," Coach Nathan Smith said.

"They will be competing for some team hardware at the end of February and that was good for our kids to see the level of wrestling it takes to be a great team.

"Our kids will continue to work hard to get to that level."

Hoxie had open weights at 103, 112 and 215 while St. Francis was open at 119, 160, 171, 189, and 285.

Individual results are as follows:

103: Lane Hoffman won by forfeit;

112: Casey Keller won by forfeit;

119: St. Francis was open to Drew Jones;

125: Michael Leibbrandt lost to Calvin Ochs;

130: Logan Lampe lost to Britton Sealock;

135: David Leibbrandt lost to Donavan Schamberger;

140: Tyler Raby lost to Steven Yergey;

145: Derek Queen lost to Dalton Snyder;

152: Dylan Wolaver lost to Dylan Bainter;

160: St. Francis was open to Brady Bainter;

171: St. Francis was open to Brandon Salmans;

189: St. Francis was open to Ken Washington;

215: Adam Guthmiller won by forfeit;

285: St. Francis was open to Dillon Salmans.

Regional wrestling action begins on Friday, Feb. 18.

Football player proves a great leader for young kids

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Adam Guthmiller has been a standout football player for the St. Francis Indians as attested by the many post-season honors he has received.

Following his sophomore season, he received honorable mention on the Northwest Kansas League team as a defensive linebacker.

At the end of his junior year, he was named to the second team, Northwest Kansas League as an offensive tackle and on the first team as a defensive linebacker.

This year he was named to the league's first team as both an offensive tackle and as a defensive linebacker.

Adam has also been a team captain both his junior and senior years.

He was a three-sport letter winner in high school all four years as he participates in wrestling during the winter months and field events in track in the spring.

"I think my biggest contribution to the Indian football program has been as a leader," Adam said. "I have been giving younger kids something to follow.

"I helped with camps all four years. I also tried to be available to talking to someone to help them get a problem straightened out."

Adam said he thought about playing college ball when he was a freshman but it was not until his sophomore year that he decided for sure that he wanted to play.

It is not surprising that he has chosen to play at Sterling College as that is where his older brother, David is playing. The two brothers

played together in high school when David was a senior and Adam a freshman.

"I wanted to play with David," he said.

Adam changed positions in St. Francis between his freshman and sophomore years. As a freshman he was in the backfield but he changed to the offensive line his sophomore year to help the team.

His senior year in St. Francis, Adam led the team in tackles. He had 30 tackles and 47 assists for a total of 77 with an average of 9.6 a game, and was second in tackles his junior year.

The Sterling Warriors had a 7-3 overall season last year and had a 6-3 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference season. The Warriors are coached by Andy Lambert, brother of former Indian football coach, Tim Lambert.

"I want to help them have a successful season when I am there," he said. "I want to give them what I have given St. Francis when I've played here.

Adam said that Sterling runs the spread a lot with a single back I formation.

"I will probably play on special teams my freshman year and then work my way up to the team.

"This summer I will be given a program to follow for weightlifting and conditioning."

At Sterling, Adam plans on studying to be an elementary teacher.

"I would like to eventually be a coach," he said.

"Adam was a great leader for us this year in football," Coach Nathan Smith said. "He sets a great example for our younger



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kids as far as what it takes to be a great football player and person leading on the field and weight room in the summer.

"He's not only gifted on the field but also competes in the classroom having one of the highest grade point averages in the senior class.

"I'll always admire Adam for his willingness to change positions my first year, from a position that gets a lot of limelight to the offensive line without blinking an eye. He knew the coaches wouldn't move him unless it was what was best for the team and he would do anything for his teammates to have success.

"Him going to Sterling is not much of a surprise with his brother down there having a great career and the strong connection between the coaching staff down there to Coach Lambert. To me it's a great fit for his skill level and a place where he can not only play football for a top notch program but gain a great education.

"I'm so happy for Adam and his family. I would like to thank them for everything they have contributed to the St. Francis high school and to the St. Francis football family."

St. Francis senior earns tourney championship

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The St. Francis wrestling team was one of 16 squads that participated in the Panther Classic at Phillipsburg on Saturday. Saintry collected 55 points and had three placers.

It was a great tournament for our kids, Coach Nathan Smith said. We got to see some different teams and run into some tough competition.

Senior Adam Guthmiller continued his winning ways by earning the championship at 215 pounds. He pinned wrestlers from Stockton and Lincoln and had a major decision over a Beloit wrestler to win the crown.

Adam continued what's shaping up to be a special season, Coach Smith said. He's a special kid that hopefully people don't forget about when talking about how young we are. Being the lone varsity upper class man he's become our third coach on staff and is in the process of putting together one of the best individual seasons we've had around here for awhile. Hopefully the community shows up Friday (Parents' Night) like I think they will to show this young man their respect for everything he has done to point this wrestling program back to where it needs to be.

Lane Hoffman, 103 pounds, lost to a Norton wrestler and won by a decision over a Phillipsburg wrestler to place third. Casey Keller at 112 pounds also placed third by losing to a Beloit wrestler and winning over a Phillipsburg wrestler.

Norton won the classic by earning 198 points.

Felt bad for our little guys (Lane and Casey) as they had to sit around for what seemed like forever and didn't have that first match out of the way, Coach Smith said. They both ended up getting beat in matches that were close or we were ahead in.

Seven Indian wrestlers competed in the varsity action. Besides Guthmiller, Hoffman and Keller, wrestling were Michael Leibbrandt, Logan Lampe, Dylan Wolaver and Zach Gienger.

Mikey and Logan just got caught in tough weight classes and ran into solid kids, said Coach Smith. Zach Gienger is back and its great to see him on the mat. We made some early season mistakes that cost us a couple of winnable matches but we'll learn from it and get better. So happy for him to be back on the mat again.

Team standings: Norton 198, Phillipsburg 139, Abilene 138, Hoxie 121, Beloit 104, Hoisington 84, St. Francis 55, Ellis 54.5, Lakin 45.5, Ellsworth 40.5, Oakley 36, Stockton 36, Minneapolis 33.5, Lincoln 29, Thomas More Prep-Marian 24.5, Hill City 14.

Individual results:

103: Hoffman lost by a fall to Branson Addinton, Norton; won by a fall over Dakota Kohler, Phillipsburg.

112: Keller lost by a fall to Ethan Wessling, Beloit; won by a 5-0 decision over Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg.

125: Leibbrandt lost by a 9-7 decision to Bowe Behymer, Beloit; lost by an 8-4 decision to Mason

Bannister, Phillipsburg.

130: Lampe lost by a fall to Troy Bainter, Norton; lost by a fall to Britton Sealock, Hoxie.

152: Wolaver lost by a technical fall to Dalton Gonzales, Lakin; won by a fall over Matt Manka, Hosington; lost by a 6-0 decision to Connor Hewitt, Beloit.

189: Gienger lost by a 5-3 overtime decision to Mark Cordel, Beloit; lost by a fall to Jacey Minkler, Phillipsburg.

215: Guthmiller won by a fall over Marlin Pulec, Stockton; won by a fall over Steven Timson, Lincoln; won by an 8-0 major decision over Jacob English, Beloit.

At this point in the season, Hoffman has a 25-5 record; Keller, a 16-13 record; Leibbrandt, a 15-13 record; Lampe, a 9-17 record; Wolaver, a 17-17 record; Gienger, a 3-3 record and Guthmiller, a 29-2 record. Junior varsity Tyler Raby at 140 pounds and Derek Queen at 145 pounds participated in the junior varsity tournament action. Each of the Saintry wrestlers placed third. Decatur Community here Friday

The last home action for the Indians will take place in St. Francis on Friday evening. Besides competition with Decatur Community, the Indian wrestlers will be honored.

This is the final regular season action for the team. They will be attending regional competition on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19.

Wrestlers are improving but still have some work to do

Phillipsburg, Rawlins County, Decatur Community and St. Francis junior high wrestlers met in Oberlin on Thursday, Feb. 3.

"Actually I thought our kids wrestled well having won 14-of-25 matches but Rawlins County and Decatur Community narrowly defeated us in the dual competition, and I thought we dominated Phillipsburg," Coach Steve Jenkins said.

"All in all, our kids continue to improve and I'm happy with them."

St. Francis was victorious over Phillipsburg 9-3, lost to Rawlins County 2-3 and to Decatur Community 3-5.

"Still have some work to do but they are improving," said Bruce Swihart, assistant coach.

St. Francis will meet wrestlers from Norton, Stockton, Smith Center and Ellis at Norton today (Thursday).

Team stats from Oberlin include: takedowns 17; near falls 35; reversals 8; escapes 9; falls 10.

Individual results at Oberlin include:

Clay Cassaw lost a 10-0 decision to Juenemann, Decatur Community; won by a 17-0 decision over Solida, Phillipsburg;

Riley Shay lost by a fall to Juenemann, Decatur Community; won by a 10-8 decision over Solida, Phillipsburg;

Travis Rogers lost by a fall to Anderson, Decatur Community; lost by a 10-8 overtime decision to Brown, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Comes, Phillipsburg;

Garrett Brunk won by a fall over Nelson, Decatur Community; lost by a fall to Mizer, Rawlins County; lost by a 5-4 decision to Sage, Phillipsburg.

Lane Hobrock won by a 12-4

decision over Witt, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Prewitt, Phillipsburg;

Justin Pacheco won by a fall over Witt, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Previt, Phillipsburg;

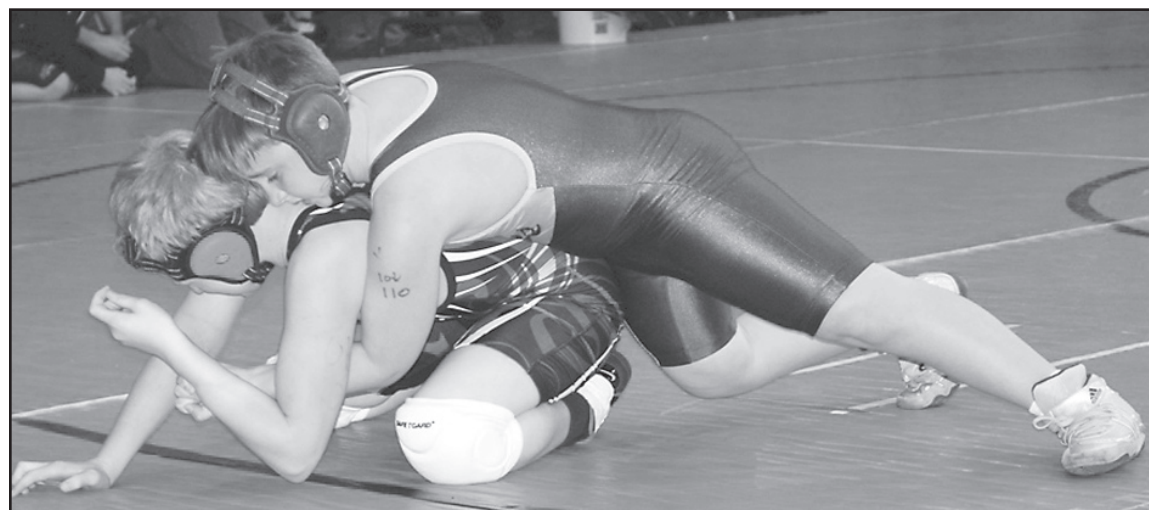
Blake Meyer lost by a fall to Reuber, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Mahathel, Phillipsburg, lost by a fall to Erickson, Decatur Community;

Cade Bracelin lost by a fall to Diederich, Decatur Community; won by a fall over Feik, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Jacobs, Phillipsburg;

Jude Faulkender won by a fall over Henry, Rawlins County;

John Hoard won by a fall over Lumpkin, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Boxler, Phillipsburg;

Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Boxler, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Lumpkin, Phillipsburg.



LUKE LAMPE took first in the Kansas Kids Wrestling Tournament in Hoxie.

Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

One kid was first place finisher

There were about 200 Kansas Kids wrestlers at Hoxie recently with 12 of them being from St. Francis.

St. Francis had one first place finisher, Luke Lampe, who was first in the 10-and-under division at 110 pounds.

As noted below there were several St. Francis youth who placed in the third through sixth place.

Individual results:
Six and under: Brayden Kaup,

participated; Ben Busse, 52 pounds, fifth place.

Eight and under: Brody Kaup, 52 pounds, fifth place; Adam Krien, 70 pounds, fifth place and Shadryon Blanka, 73 pounds, fourth place.

10 and under: KC Krien, 70 pounds, sixth place; Cody Baxter, 76 pounds, third place; Tate Busse, 82 pounds, fifth place; Luke Lampe, 110 pounds, first place; Kaleb Hays, 120

pounds, fourth place and Brice Hays, 130 pounds, third place.

12 and under: Taylor Rogers, 100 pounds, fifth place.

Friday/Saturday activities

Friday night at 6 p.m. before the high school dual with Decatur Community, there will be match ups with Saintry kids and Oberlin kids.

Saturday the wrestlers will go to Oakley's tournament.