



At the Game

Wrestlers defeat two teams at Sterling tourney

The St. Francis varsity and junior varsity wrestlers participated in the Sterling Dual Tournament on Saturday, Jan 11. They took on the Wiggins Tigers, Estes Park Bobcats, Merino Rams, and Sterling Tigers. Over all, the team did very well, defeating Wiggins and Estes Park.

Coach Dylan Loyd was pleased with the team's effort.

"After nearly 3 weeks off from competition we were finally able to compete against someone else other than ourselves," said Loyd. "I felt like, as a whole, we competed pretty well most of the day, up until the last dual against Sterling. We were able to win two out of the four duals, and honestly, should have won three out of the four, but hindsight is always 20/20. The first three, we competed hard and the kids didn't back down from anyone, and were very aggressive."

"Against Sterling, we kind of wrestled flat. Sterling has a very good team, probably the best team they have had in many years, and I think that may have intimidated us a little bit. We just weren't as aggressive against them as I would have liked, but, looking back on this weekend, I feel like we made improvements, and we took some steps in the right direction. The end of the season is very near, and right now all we can focus on is making improvements to get us to where we need to be come regional time."

St. Francis 30, Wiggins 24

Individual Results: 106- both teams open; 113- both teams open; 120- forfeit to Wiggins; 126- both teams open; 132- Clay Cassaw won by fall over Collins; 138- Garrett Brunk won by forfeit; 145- Justin Pacheco lost by fall to Keefe; 152- Lane Hoffman lost by fall to McCombs; 160- both teams open; 170- Lane Hobrock won by fall over Donaghy; 182- both teams open; 195- Ryan Grover won by forfeit; 220- Kyler Zwegardt won by fall over Donaghy; 285- Shakotah Blanka won by forfeit.

St. Francis 40, Estes Park 24

Individual Results: 106- both teams open; 113- both teams open; 120- forfeit to Estes Park; 126- forfeit to Estes Park; 132- Clay Cassaw won by a fall over Duemig; 138- Garrett Brunk won by a 15-0 technical fall over Steadman; 145- Justin Pacheco won by a 16-1 technical fall over Todd; 152- Lane Hoffman lost by a fall to Shankar; 160- forfeit to Estes Park; 170- Lane Hobrock

won by forfeit; 182- both teams open; 195- Ryan Grover won by a forfeit; 220- Kyler Zwegardt won by a forfeit; 285- Shakotah Blanka won by a forfeit.

St. Francis 26, Merino 36

Individual Results: 106- forfeit to Merino; 113- both teams open; 120- forfeit to Merino; 126- forfeit to Merino; 132- Clay Cassaw won by a 10-1 major decision over Egan; 138- Garrett Brunk won by a 10-2 major decision over Ramey; 145- Justin Pacheco lost by a 5-0 decision to Johnson; 152- Lane Hoffman lost by a 4-2 decision to Vollmer; 160- forfeit to Merino; 170- Lane Hobrock lost by a fall to Ramey; 182- both teams open; 195- Ryan Grover won by a fall over Matthews; 220- Kyler Zwegardt won by a fall; 285- Shakotah Blanka won by a forfeit.

St. Francis 15, Sterling 57

Individual Results: 106- forfeit to Sterling; 113- forfeit to Sterling; 120- forfeit to Sterling; 126- forfeit to Sterling; 132- Clay Cassaw lost by fall to Graves; 138- Garrett Brunk lost by fall to Krier; 145- Justin Pacheco lost by a fall to Contreras; 152- Lane Hoffman lost by a 6-5 decision to Ochoa; 160- forfeit to Sterling; 170- Lane Hobrock won by forfeit; 182- both teams open; 195- Ryan Grover lost by a fall to Holtzhauser; 220- Kyler Zwegardt won by a 4-2 decision over Little; 285- Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Soto.

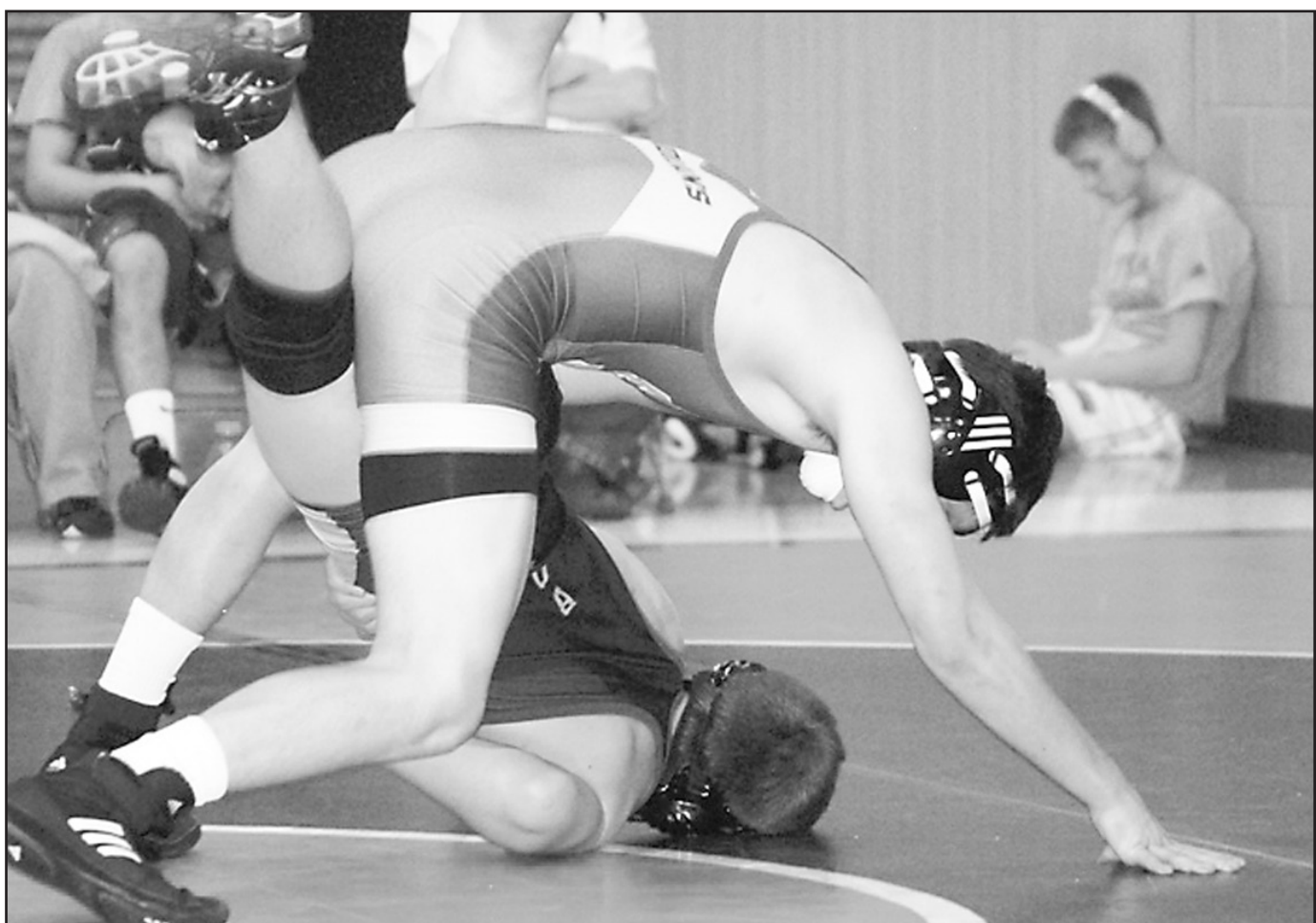
JuniorVarsity Matches:

Matt White: 2-1
 Won by a fall over Williams, Sterling.
 Won by a 13-7 decision over G. DeLeon, Sterling.
 Lost by a 4-1 decision to J. DeLeon, Sterling.

Coach Loyd was pleased with how Matt handled himself. "Matt started off the day slow losing his first match, but he rallied and won his last two in dominant fashion. He goes non-stop until the whistle blows and he is another one who works very hard in the practice room."

Phil White: 0-3
 Lost by a fall to G. DeLeon, Sterling.
 Lost by a 13-4 major decision to J. DeLeon, Sterling.
 Lost by a fall to Ramey, Merino.

"Phil has improved drastically from a year ago," said Coach Loyd. "Right now, his deal is all confidence. In the practice room he drills as good as anybody, but now it's all just a matter of having it translate into a match. Once he gets that good things



JUSTIN PACHECO prepares to pin his opponent.

Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

will come."

Individually Coach Loyd is impressed with the way the wrestlers continue to show improvement.

"Clay Cassaw wrestled very well for his first tournament back since our tournament which was the first weekend of December," said Loyd. "I feel like he should have gone undefeated. He made one mistake against the kid from Sterling who was able to capitalize on it, but if they were to wrestle again I'd put my money on Clay."

"Garrett Brunk was another one who dominated throughout the day up until his last match. He is making improvements each day and he works as hard as anyone in the practice room. Again, I feel like he very well could have gone undefeated on the day," said Loyd.

"Justin Pacheco had a tough weight class but, I felt like he wrestled extremely well. He battled every match, he never quit, and

he gets better each time he steps out on the mat," said Coach Loyd.

"Lane Hoffman had a rough weekend," said Coach Loyd. "If you ask him, he knows he was better than every kid he wrestled, he just had one of those days where he was off, which happens to every athlete. He, like Clay, has been out for over month due to injury and it takes some time to get the rust wore off which I have no doubts he will."

"Lane Hobrock had a good weekend, he's another one that just had one bad match. He made one mistake against the Merino kid which cost him the match, but Lane knows he is the better wrestler. Lane is another one whose main opponent is himself, he is as good as anyone he wrestles it is all just a matter in believing it," said Loyd.

"Ryan Grover battled tough again this weekend. He picked up a big win for us in the Merino dual which should help him build his confidence," said Coach Loyd.

"For a freshman going up against seniors the majority of the time he battles and he doesn't back down from anyone and that right there is going to take him a long ways."

Coach Loyd continues to be impressed with Kyler Zwegardt. "Kyler continues to get better each and every day. It's amazing, for having only wrestled two months, how comfortable he is in certain situations. He works hard to make improvements every day and that is exactly what is happening, and I look forward to seeing what he does come regional time."

"Shakotah wrestled very well. It stinks that he was only able to wrestle one match, but in that one match he was very dominant. He has got a real good shot of doing something special this season," said Loyd.

"This upcoming weekend we will travel to Scott City to compete in the Scott City Classic," said Coach Loyd.



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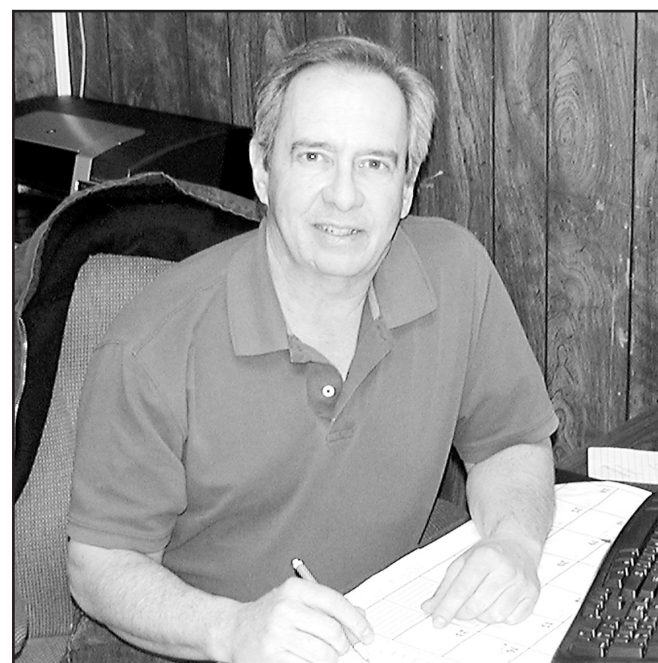
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