

At the Game

Varsity wrestlers participate in Hays tournament

The St. Francis varsity wrestlers participated on Jan. 24 and 25 in the Bob Kuhn Classic in Hays against some very tough competition from throughout the state. The Indians battled hard and finished 21 out of 25 teams.

Team Scores:
 1. Goodland, 193.50; 2. Kaupan Mt. Carmel, 186.50; 3. Spring Hill, 125.00; 4. Salina Central, 116.50; 5. Phillipsburg, 115.50; 6. Hoisington, 114.00; 7. Hays, 107.50; 8. Campus, 91.00; 9. Ulysses, 84.50; 10. Maize South, 70.50; 11. Hugoton, 67.00; 12. Oakley, 67.00; 13. Riley County, 64.00; 14. Russell, 63.00; 15. Ellis, 61.00; 16. Buhler, 60.00; 17. Ellsworth, 57.50; 18. STA, 54.50; 19. McPherson, 48.00; 20. Weld Central, 43.00; 21. St. Francis, 30.00; 22. Larned, 29.00; 23. Goddard Eisen, 26.00; 24. Trego Community, 23.00; 25. Wichita Independent, 0.0

"I felt like we did perform better over the weekend in Hays against tougher competition," said Coach Loyd. "This tournament is one of the tougher in the state, and we had an opportunity to wrestle some of the best kids from bigger schools, and I feel like it was important for us to do that. I don't know if the kids were kind of shell shocked from the quality of competition, because we did lose some matches that we shouldn't have lost, but at least we battled a

little better than we did Thursday night."

Individual Results:
 132- Clay Cassaw (placed 3rd)- won by a fall over Armbuster, Ellis; won by a 10-0 major decision over Wilson, Kaupan Mt. Carmel; lost by a 3-2 decision to Dofat, Spring Hill; won by a 4-0 decision over Hernandez, Goodland; won by a 5-4 decision over Rodriguez, Ulysses.
 "Individually, Clay Cassaw had a great tournament," said Coach Loyd. "I think coming into this weekend, he thought he could wrestle with anybody, and after this weekend I get the impression that now he knows he can wrestle anybody. He did very well, and is taking big steps in the right direction at the right time."

138- Garrett Brunk (0-2)- lost by a fall to Martin, Ellsworth; lost by a fall to Irvin, Weld Central.

"Garrett Brunk had a tough weekend, you look at the results and see that he got pinned twice, however he was ahead in both matches and unfortunately got caught in tight pin holds that he couldn't get out of. It's important for him to keep his confidence," said Coach Dylan Loyd.

145- Justin Pacheco (0-2)- lost by a fall to Truesdale, Riley County; lost by a 7-4 decision to Dinkel, Goodland.

"Justin Pacheco was winning his first match and again got caught in a throw and lost by fall. Second match, he just didn't wrestle like he's capable of, and lost to a kid



LANE HOFFMAN had his opponent in a pinning hold.

Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

that I know Justin knows he is better than," said Coach Loyd.

152- Lane Hoffman (2-2)- won by a 14-3 major decision over Eyestone, Riley County; lost by a fall to Flipse, Oakley; won by a 5-3 decision over Murphy, Russell; lost by a fall to Ryser, Salina Central.

"Lane Hoffman had a fairly good weekend in a tough weight class. He was a couple of matches away from placing, but I think he had some improvements this weekend," said Loyd.

170- Lane Hobrock (1-2)- won by a 6-1 decision over Higdon, Hays; lost by a fall to Hand, Kaupan Mt. Carmel; lost by a 8-6 decision to Townson, Campus.

"Lane Hobrock competed fairly

well," said Coach Loyd. "He lost a match right at the end that knocked him out of the tournament, and if he had won that I feel like he very well could have won his next match that would of guaranteed him a place."

220- Kyler Zwegardt (1-2)- won by a 7-0 decision over Bray, Campus; lost by a fall to Paxton, Weld Central; lost by a 15-0 technical fall to Tebo, Ellis.

"Kyler Zwegardt just got beat by a couple of kids that just had a little more experience than he did. I feel like he wrestled well again. He just found himself in a very tough weight class," said Coach Loyd.

285- Shakotah Blanka (1-2)- lost by a fall to Rains, Oakley;

won by a fall over Reed, Riley County; lost by a fall to Reed, Larned.

"Shakotah Blanka again was in a weight that ended up being tougher than I had originally thought," said Loyd. "There were some very good heavyweights there that could move very well. He got beat by a couple of kids that weren't better than him and I hope that he knows that. He can wrestled with anyone if he just puts his mind to it."

"Right now we are four weeks out from regionals, and I'd rather have us drop matches we shouldn't now and have the time to learn from our mistakes, than to be dropping matches come regional time. It's important for

these kids to push each other to be great every day, and to keep focused on what our goals for this season."

"It's easy to stay positive and to keep working when things are good and going your way, it's when things are tough and you hit bumps in the road that your true character comes out, and you can either learn from it and get back up and work harder, or you can stay down. I think our guys will pick themselves up and come to practice every day to improve and work to get better," said Coach Loyd.

The varsity wrestlers will be at home for Senior Night against the Hoxie Indians, on Thursday, Jan. 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



PABLO BERMUDEZ takes on an Atwood wrestler Thursday night.

Picture courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Varsity wrestlers stumble against Atwood Buffaloes

The St. Francis varsity wrestlers were on the road against the Atwood Buffaloes on Thursday, Jan. 23. Over all, the team did not perform up to par, and dropped the match to the Buffaloes, 44-16.

Coach Dylan Loyd was not happy with the team's performance against Atwood. "Thursday against Atwood-Rawlins County, I really do not know what our deal was. We as a team just didn't wrestle well, we were flat, we didn't wrestle our style, and we let them dictate the tempo of the match, and that's not our style of wrestling. I don't know if we overlooked them or what, but it wasn't a good performance on our part."

Individual Results:
 106- both teams open
 113- both teams open
 120- Connor McBride won by a forfeit
 126- open to Atwood-Rawlins

County

132- Cassaw lost by a 12-4 major decision to Migchelbrink
 138- Brunk lost by a fall to Mizer

145- Pacheco won by an 11-2 major decision over Skolout

152- Hoffman lost by a 10-2 major decision to Markland

160- open to Atwood-Rawlins County

170- Hobrock lost by a fall to Merida

182- both teams open

195- Grover lost by a fall to Wright

220- Zwegardt won by a fall over Colgan

285- Blanka lost by a fall to Henry

"This past week was, simply put, not very good. I felt like we took a step back, and right now at this point in the season we can't afford to do that," said Coach Loyd.

Kid wrestlers do well at tournaments

Thursday night there were seven matches with St. Francis kid wrestlers and Atwood kid wrestlers. Logan McCarty won by fall over Tommy McFee. Brady Ketzner won in overtime 13-11 over Tavin McDaniel. Pablo Bermudez lost 4-14 decision to Ryan Sramek. Dylan Ketzner lost a 4-6 decision to Ethan Drake. Shadryon Blanka won by fall over Kendrick Woody. Colton McCarty won by fall over Conner Finley. Rylan Doyle lost by fall to Cyrus Green.

On Saturday, there were seven that participated in the Norton Kids tournament. Brady Ketzner and Shadryon Blanka each brought home a championship.

6 and under, both were in eight-man brackets: Asher Robbins, 46 pounds, participated. He lost a 5-7 decision and lost a 4-9 decision. Shane Todd, 52 pounds, participated. He lost a 4-16 decision, won 8-3 decision and lost by fall.

8 and under: Brady Ketzner, 55 pounds, placed first. He won by fall, won by fall, won 10-2 decision and won a 9-2 decision. Logan McCarty, 58 pounds, placed third. He lost a 2-6 decision, won by fall and lost by fall.

10 and under: Dylan Ketzner, 67 pounds, participated. He lost by fall, lost a 7-11 decision.



COLTON MCCARTY won by a fall when he wrestled against Atwood.

Picture courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Shadryon Blanka, 95 pounds, placed first. He won a 9-0

decision, won by fall, won by fall, won by fall. Colton McCarty, 110

pounds, placed third. He won by fall, lost by fall, won by fall.

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