



At the Game



RYAN GROVER PLACED fourth in the Panther Classic. Grover is a junior varsity wrestler. Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Junior high wrestlers open Oberlin meet

The St. Francis junior high wrestlers began their new season by going to wrestle in Oberlin on Thursday, Jan 30. Coach Dylan Loyd was pleased with the teams first match of the season.

"In Oberlin, we competed against Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Smith Center, and Rawlins County, and many of the kids got at least three some even four matches on the day. As a team we finished the day with 35 totals wins against 27 losses."

"Though they don't keep score like a typical dual setting, anytime we win more matches than we lose I view it as a win. The junior high season seems to always fly by and there isn't much turnaround time in between competitions."

Individual Results:

Connor Keller- lost by a fall to White, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Niblock, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Wilson, Smith Center.
Coy Cassaw- lost a 3-1 OT decision to Tiemeyer, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Stocker, Smith Center; won a 7-3 decision over Minkler, Phillipsburg; won a 7-1 decision over White, Phillipsburg.

Tayton Weeter- won by a fall over Wurm, Oberlin; lost by a 6-2 decision to Grafel, Oberlin; won by a fall over Lehmkuhl, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Lenker, Phillipsburg.

KC Krien- won by a fall over Lehmkuhl, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Wurm, Oberlin; won by a 18-2 technical fall over Minkler, Phillipsburg.

Tiernan Poling- won by a 8-2 decision over Breth, Oberlin; won by a fall over Lehmkuhl, Smith Center; won by a fall over Stocker, Smith Center; lost by a 15-0 technical fall to Grafel, Oberlin.

Jake Faulkendar- lost by a fall to Infland, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Tucker, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Breth, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Moon, Phillipsburg.

Tate Busse- won by a fall over Thompson, Phillipsburg; lost by a 14-1 decision to Lenker, Phillipsburg; lost by a 18-1 technical fall to Hutchinson, Smith Center.

Kouper McQuigg- won by a 14-7 decision over Horinek, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Hunnaccutt, Phillipsburg; lost by a 13-6 decision to Juenemann, Phillipsburg; lost by a 10-7 decision to Kellerman, Phillipsburg.

Cody Baxter- lost by a fall to Leitner, Rawlins County;

Young wrestlers win medals in Ellis tournaments

Kid's Wrestling team members attended tournaments in Ellis over the weekend. At the Ellis Open Tournament on Saturday, Logan McCarty, 8 and under division, came home with a first place, and Colton McCarty, 10 and under division, placed fourth.

On Sunday, the McCarty boys and the Ketzner boys attended the Ellis Novice Tournament. Brady Ketzner, 8 and under division, took first place; Logan, in the 8

won by a fall over Kellerman, Phillipsburg; won by a 14-2 major decision over Russell, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Topel, Smith Center.

Jordan Raby- won by a 10-1 major decision over Waterman, Oberlin; won by a fall over Hackerrott, Smith Center; won by a fall over Trillo, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Staples, Smith Center.

Wyatt Hilt- lost by a fall to Ragsdale, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Wells, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Peterson, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Sperrn, Oberlin.

Luke Lampe- won by a 10-2 major decision over Green, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Buckmester, Smith Center; won by a fall over Pakkebier, Phillipsburg.

Dalton Straub- won by a fall over Schippers, Oberlin; won by a fall over VanKooten, Phillipsburg; won by a 12-9 decision over Kruep, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Withington, Rawlins County.

Kaleb Hayes- lost by a fall to Tedford, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Deal, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Witt, Oberlin.

Brice Hayes- lost by a fall to Coomes, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Reynold, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Crouse, Rawlins County.

Luin Norris- lost by a fall to Kuhn, Smith Center; won by a fall over Arment, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Duvell, Oberlin.

Martin Beikman- won by a fall over Dietz, Smith Center; won by a fall over Moore, Smith Center; won by a fall over Jimenez, Oberlin.

Trayton Doyle- won by a fall over Dunning, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Jimenez, Oberlin.

"This was our first competition of the season, and I felt like we did an outstanding job of competing," said Coach Loyd. "We had been practicing for a little over three weeks now and the kids were definitely ready to compete against kids other than themselves. This is a great group of young men, they work hard every day and they each have the desire and willingness to want to make improvements each time they step on the mat."

"I'm very excited for these young men, and am looking forward to watching them continue to push one another to become better kids off and on the mat."

High school wrestlers compete in Phillipsburg Panther Classic

The St. Francis varsity and junior varsity wrestlers traveled to Phillipsburg to compete in the Panther Classic. The Indians wrestled against 15 other schools throughout the region and finished in 13 place.

This tournament continues to get tougher each year. This year a lot of the top teams in 321a were there, and it was good for us to be able to compete against some schools that we haven't seen yet this season, said Coach Dylan Loyd.

Our performance this past weekend, again, was kind of mixed in my opinion. Like last week, each kid had moments where they looked really tough, followed by some not so tough moments. Thankfully, all of our mistakes are ones that are fixable, the kids just need to be disciplined enough to make the changes needed in order to get them to their ultimate goal. I don't doubt these guys one bit, we do have work that still needs to be done I firmly believe, however, that we will get there.

We haven't had the past couple weeks like we wanted to have, but, it's important to remember that the last two weeks of the

season are the weeks that define a season. No one will remember how you did at the Western Tournament of Champions, or how you did at the Panther Classic. People only remember how you perform at regionals, and how you did at state. We talk every week about how each competition is a stepping stone for the regional tournament, every guy has been working hard and I think they are ready to show the state what they can do next weekend. It's hard to believe that the season is starting to wind down already.

Regional's is only a week away and we are starting to get healthy at the right time. I think we are focused, I think that we are hungry, and I'm excited to see these guys finish this season off on a high note.

Team Scores

Phillipsburg-126.5; Hoisington-123.0; Marysville -112.5; Norton-103.0; Abilene-99.0; Beloit-90.0; Oakley-58.5; Minneapolis-55.0; Lincoln-50.5; Ellsworth-49.0; Ellis-32.0; Hoxie-25.5 St. Francis 25.0; TMP-17.0; Hill City-10.0; Stockton-2.0.

Individual Results

Clay Cassaw (placed 4th)- won

by a 6-1 decision over Bannister, Phillipsburg; lost by a 6-3 decision to Ragnoni, Minneapolis; won by a 6-3 decision over Barkow, Ellsworth; lost by a fall to Murphy, Oakley.

Garrett Brunk- lost by a fall to Coomes, Phillipsburg; lost by a 4-3 decision to Baker, Minneapolis.

Justin Pacheco- lost by a fall to Strauss, Abilene; lost by a fall to Watts, Beloit.

Lane Hobrock- lost by a fall to Langham, Beloit; won by a 7-4 decision over Martin, Lincoln; lost a 4-2 OT decision to Luebcke, Marysville.

Kyler Zwegardt- lost by a fall to Blackwell, Hoisington; won by a 6-0 decision over Roman, Ellsworth; won by a 7-3 decision over Suelter, Lincoln; lost by a 8-1 decision to Tebo, Ellis.

Shakotah Blanka (placed 4th)- won by a fall over Tope, Abilene; lost by a 1-0 decision to Rains, Oakley; won by a fall over Johnson, Norton; won by a fall over Kleinert, Marysville; won by a 5-4 decision over Schippers, Hoxie; default to Rains, Oakley (5 match rule)

JV Results

Trinity Weers- lost by a fall to

Whitehair, Abilene; lost by a fall to Krier, Stockton.

Connor McBride- lost by a 20-8 major decision to Graf, Stockton; lost by a fall to Kern, Ellsworth; lost by a fall to Bell, Norton; lost by a 4-2 decision to Lunsford, Phillipsburg.

Matt White (placed 4th)- lost by a 7-2 decision to Rowh, Norton; won by a 9-0 major decision over Phillip White, St. Francis; lost by a 8-4 decision to Kanz, Abilene.

Phillip White- won by a forfeit over Thornton, Minneapolis; lost by a fall to Vanover, Norton; lost by a 9-0 major decision to White, St. Francis.

Ryan Grover (placed 4th)- won by a fall over Gerber, Beloit; lost by a 10-6 decision to Detimore, Marysville; lost by a 3-2 decision to Gordon, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Dole, Norton.

"This week, we have a dual against Oberlin on Friday night in Oberlin. Oberlin again has a very tough team, and I think we match up with them pretty well if we wrestle to the best of our abilities, said Coach Loyd.

Saturday we have JV state in Colby, so again we will have a busy weekend ahead of us.

Junior high wrestlers travel to Norton

The St. Francis junior high wrestlers traveled to Norton on Thursday, Feb 6. The Indians went up against teams from Norton, Oberlin, Smith Center, and Stockton.

Coach Dylan Loyd continues to be proud of the wrestlers and how they are improving. "For the day, we won 29 matches and lost 17. Going into the day I was curious as to how well we would do. We had only practiced one time since the last time we had wrestled, due to no school. When all was said and done, I was very impressed with these kid's performance, they all competed to the best of their ability and got better."

Individual Results:

Connor Keller- lost by fall to Benoit, Smith Center; won by a fall over Wilson, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Grafel, Oberlin.

Tayton Weeter- lost by a fall to Grafel, Oberlin; won by a fall over Weigel, Stockton.

Coy Cassaw- lost by a fall to Grafel, Oberlin; won by a 9-3 decision over Hahn, Stockton.

Tiernan Poling- won by a fall over Weigel, Stockton; won by a fall over Wurm, Oberlin.

KC Krien- won by a fall over Weigel, Stockton; won by a fall over Lehmkuhl, Smith Center.

Jake Faulkendar- lost by a fall to Dicks, Norton; lost by a 7-2 decision to Breth, Ober-

lin; won by a fall over Stagemeyer, Norton.

Tate Busse- lost by a fall over Hutchinson, Smith Center; won by a fall over Juenemann, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Harting, Norton.

Kouper McQuigg- won by a fall over Stagemeyer, Norton; won by a fall over Harting, Norton; won by a fall over Gosselin, Norton.

Cody Baxter- won by a fall over Smith, Norton; won by a fall over Gruwell, Norton; won by a fall over Topel, Smith Center.

Jordan Raby- won by a fall over Gosselin, Norton; won by a fall over Lively, Norton; won by a fall over Gruwell, Norton.

Wyatt Hilt- lost by a fall over Peterson, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Bosart, Stockton.

Luke Lampe- won by a fall over Zabel, Smith Center; won by a 6-2 decision over Wiltfong, Norton; won by a fall over Kasson, Norton.

Dalton Straub- lost by a fall to Chisham, Norton; won by default over Petrie, Norton.

Kaleb Hayes- lost by a fall to Otter, Norton; lost by a fall over Witt, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Howe, Norton.

Brice Hayes- lost by a fall to Leibbrandt, Norton; lost by a Howe, Norton.

Luin Norris- lost by a fall to Kuhn, Smith

Center; won by a 12-0 major decision over Gosselin, Norton.

Martin Beikman- won by a fall over Habelman, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Vacura; won by a fall over Jimenez, Oberlin.

Trayton Doyle- won by a 22-8 major decision over Vacura, Norton; won by a fall over Jimenez, Oberlin; won by a 5-4 decision over Auker, Norton.

"This is a special group of kids, they have tasted success throughout every sport this season and they want to win, they have the desire to be the best, and they hold each other accountable and push each other to be better," said Coach Loyd. "Each day in the practice room, this group takes it upon themselves to get better and it's very encouraging to see. I'm excited to continue to watch this group get better and compete. I know these kids have the goal in place to win the league championship this year and I believe they can do it."

The next match for the junior high Indians will be in Atwood on Thursday, Feb. 13. They will take on the Atwood Buffaloes, Hoxie Indians, Leoti (Wichita County) Indians, Tribune (Greeley County) Jackrabbits and Trego/Wakeeney Golden Eagles.

Varsity wrestling Friday
Oberlin
6:30 p.m.



Regional Wrestling
Friday & Saturday
Feb. 21 - 22
Trego High School