

Wrestlers honored at annual banquet

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The St. Francis Indians varsity wrestling team held its annual awards dinner Sunday night at the high school cafeteria. A large crowd of wrestlers, parents and well wishers were on hand to enjoy a pot luck dinner and highlights of the year.

After the dinner, videos of the wrestlers in action during the season were shown. Coach Dylan Loyd then addressed the group, thanking everyone who sacrificed their time to help continue the tradition of St. Francis wrestling.

Gag gifts were then presented: Garrett Brunk and Connor McBride were awarded with an alarm clock as being the two wrestlers who, while never missing a workout or practice, were always five minutes late. Shakota Blanka received a box of nasal strips to help him control his snoring on the road. Ryan Grover received the 6 pound orange award, for being overweight at weigh in and only eating an orange for dinner the night before.

Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

Top 5 Wrestlers

Takedowns: Clay Cassaw 43, Justin Pacheco 29, Garrett Brunk 28, Kyler Zwegardt 28, Lane Hobrock 21.

Nearfalls: Clay Cassaw 28, Garrett Brunk 25, Justin Pacheco 15, Shakotah Blanka 14, Lane Hobrock 11.

Reversals: Garrett Brunk 14, Clay Cassaw 9, Lane Hoffman 8, Lane Hobrock 8, Shakotah Blanka 7.

Escapes: Kyler Zwegardt 22, Lane Hobrock 20, Lane Hoffman 15, Garrett Brunk 11, Clay Cassaw/Matt White 8.

Major Decisions: Clay Cassaw 6, Garrett Brunk 3, Justin Pacheco/Lane Hoffman 2.

Technical Falls: Clay Cassaw 3, Garrett Brunk/Justin Pacheco 1.

Falls: Shakotah Blanka 14, Kyler Zwegardt 13, Lane Hobrock 11, Clay Cassaw 9, Garrett Brunk 8.

Total Points: Clay Cassaw 122, Kyler Zwegardt 105, Shakotah Blanka 99, Garrett Brunk 72, Lane Hobrock 67.

Individual Statistics

Trinity Weers: takedowns 4; escapes 0; reversals 1; nearfalls 7; record 4-2;



KYLER ZWEGARDT accepts the Most Improved Wrestler award from coaches Dylan Loyd (left) and Kyle Buffington (center) at Sunday evening's award banquet

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major decisions 0; technical falls 0; falls 3; team points 21.

Connor McBride: takedowns 5; escapes 4; reversals 2; nearfalls 3; record 8-17; major decisions 1; technical falls 0; falls 3; team points 21.

Clay Cassaw: takedowns 43; escapes 8; reversals 9; nearfalls 28; record 25-9; major decisions 6; technical falls 3; falls 9; team points 122.

Matt White: takedowns 6; escapes 8; reversals 5; nearfalls 10; record 10-8; major decisions 1; technical falls 0; falls 3; team points 37.

Phillip White: takedowns 5; escapes 0; reversals 5; nearfalls 3; record 4-10; major decisions 0; technical falls 0; falls 3; team points 10.

Garrett Brunk: takedowns 28; escapes 11; reversals 14; nearfalls 25; record 18-21; major decisions 3; technical falls 1; falls 8; team points 72.

Justin Pacheco: takedowns 29; escapes 4; reversals 5; nearfalls 15; record 14-24; major decisions 2; technical falls 1; falls 7; team points 61.

Lane Hoffman: takedowns 12; escapes 15; reversals 8; nearfalls 11; record 9-16; major decisions 2; technical falls 0; falls 4; team points 33.

Lane Hobrock: takedowns 21; escapes 20; reversals 8; nearfalls 11; record 15-21; major decisions 0; technical falls 0; falls 10; team points 67.

Ryan Grover: takedowns 9; escapes 5; reversals 2; nearfalls 3; record 8-24; major decisions 0; technical falls 0; falls 2; team points 28.

Kyler Zwegardt: takedowns 28; escapes 22; reversals 4; nearfalls 10; record 25-15; major decisions 1; technical falls 0; falls 13; team points 105.

Shakotah Blanka: takedowns 12; escapes 4; reversals 7; nearfalls 14; record 20-12; major decisions 0; technical falls 0; falls 14; team points 99.

Banquet Awards

Most Improved Wrestler: Kyler Zwegardt

Most Exciting Match of the Year: Garrett Brunk pinning Brody Frieling from Smith Center at Regionals

Key Match Award: Shakotah Blanka beating Schippers from Hoxie in OT to go to state.

Newcomer of the Year: Kyler Zwegardt

Most Inspirational: Ryan Grover

P.R.I.D.E. Wrestler of the Year: Clay Cassaw

Letter Winners

Seniors: Lane Hoffman and Matt White

Juniors: Shakotah Blanka and Kyler Zwegardt

Sophomores: Clay Cassaw, Garrett Brunk, Phillip White (provisional), Justin Pacheco, Lane Hobrock

Freshman: Connor McBride (provisional), Ryan Grover, Joel Hill (provisional), Trinity Weers (provisional)

Managers: Ashlee Orth, Dallas Reed, McKenzie Taylor

The St. Francis wrestling season

came to an end last month. The Indians were able to qualify two wrestlers, Clay Cassaw and Shakotah Blanka, to the state tournament. While both wrestlers competed hard, both fell just short of bringing home a state medal, said Coach Dylan Loyd.

There were two seniors ending their St. Francis wrestling careers: Matt White and Lane Hoffman. Both served as team captains this past season with Hoffman ending his career as a 2x state qualifier.

Other wrestlers who competed on the varsity squad throughout the season were: Trinity Weers, Connor McBride, Clay Cassaw, Garrett Brunk, Justin Pacheco, Lane Hobrock, Ryan Grover, Kyler Zwegardt, and Shakotah Blanka. Rounding out the rest of the 2013-2014 Indian wrestling team were Phillip White, and Joel Hill who was hurt the second day of practice and was unfortunately unable to compete all season.

Returning to the team next season will be several wrestlers who gained key experience this past season and they include: Trinity Weers, Connor McBride, Clay Cassaw, Phillip White, Garrett Brunk, Justin Pacheco, Lane Hobrock, Ryan Grover, Kyler Zwegardt, Shakotah Blanka, and Joel Hill.

This past season each wrestler was tested every week. We changed up our schedule a bit from what it was in years past and these guys

wrestled tough competition every week. As we went through the year I felt like we wrestled at our peak at the regional tournament which is what we wanted to see, that was our goal, said Coach Loyd. However, our regional has always been very tough and we unfortunately were only able to qualify 2 wrestlers to the state tournament, but I felt like we had several who were good enough to go.

Going into this offseason we have had several wrestlers continue to develop, many have continued with their wrestling and that is key to propel them to success next season. To be the very best that you can be it's always a work in progress and I'm glad to see many of them continue to work hard.

We are going to miss this senior group, they provided us with some leadership and key experience. Both of them are going to serve our country after graduation and that goes to show what type of men both of them are.

But, looking forward we are going to get in a very tough and competitive freshman class and you couple that with the wrestlers we do have returning and I think we have the potential to be very tough in the next few years. I'm proud of these young men and I encourage them all to continue to push each other and to be the best kids that they can be on and off the mat.

Bowling News

Wednesday Night Mens 4/9/14

Team standing: Cheyenne Bowl, Haigler 1, The Drunks, Wright & Wrong, Gillywood, Lampe Motor Sports.

High game (scratch): Wright & Wrong 681, Haigler 667, The Drunks 630; (handicap): Wright & Wrong 865, The Drunks 864, Haigler 1 859.

High series (scratch): Wright & Wrong 1910, Haigler 1 1799, The Drunks 1688; (handicap): Wright & Wrong 2462, The Drunks 2390, Haigler 1 2375/

High game men (scratch): Alan Rose 199, Spencer Schlepp 197, Greg Walz 194; (handicap): Spencer Schlepp 250, John Brunswig 237, Alan Rose 235.

High series men (scratch): Alan Rose 572, Greg Walz 535, Mike Blecha 510; (handicap): Alan Rose 680, Spencer Schlepp 668, Greg Walz 643.

Most over average game: Spencer Schlepp 57.

Most over average series: Alan

Rose 95.

Ladies Night Out 4/10/14

Team standing: The Lodge, Strikers, Kathy's Krafts, Wray Meat, Dundy Ag, Bier.

High game (scratch): Strikers 587, Bier 581, Wray Mean 561; (handicap): Bier 804, Wray Meat 801, The Lodge 774.

High series (scratch): Strikers 1722, Bier 1626, Wray Meat 1596; (handicap): Wray Meat 2318, Bier 2295, The Lodge 2264.

High game women (scratch): Terry Yost 200, Laura Robbins 190, Pat Rose 180; (handicap): Laura Robbins 235, Deb George 231, Terry Yost 230, Pay Rose 230.

High series women (scratch): Terry Yost 561, Kathy Blecha 475, Pat Rose 462; (handicap): Terry Yost 651, Pat Rose 612, Debbie Bush 608.

Most over average game: Laura Robbins 50.

Most over average series: Terry Yost 93.

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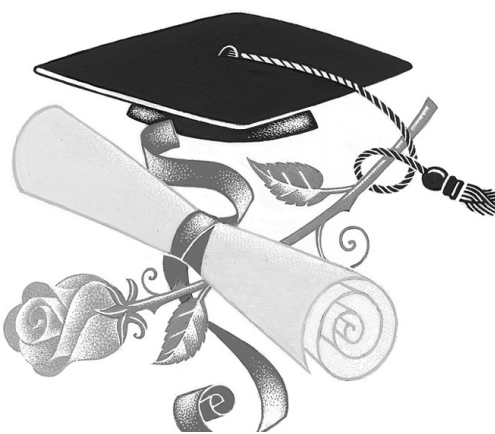
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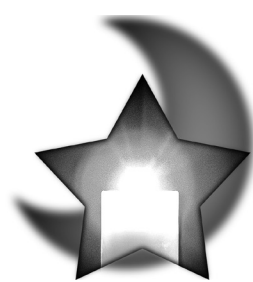
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