



# At the Game

## Wrestlers come home as champions

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis brought home the team championship from the Wray Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday, Dec. 21, when they earned 208 points and had six individual champions. Four other Saintry wrestlers were involved in championship matches but finished the tournament in second place. That makes a total of 10 Indians who worked toward an individual championship in the final match of the evening. These 10 wrestlers also earned a number of team points.

Earning championships were Dylan Loyd at 112 pounds, Trey Hilt at 152, Derek Ross at 160, Travis Hilt at 189, Dallas Walz at 215 and Gabe Walz at 275.

Second place finishers were Trevor Richard at 103, Kevin Brown at 130, Gabe Smull at 145 and Kyle Buffington at 171.

Also placing well (third) were Troy Torrence and Seth Swihart, junior varsity wrestlers, who filled brackets where needed at Wray. Varsity wrestler Gabe Gienger was a fourth place finisher.

"I was very pleased with our first place finish," Coach Larry Gabel said. "In perspective, this was not as strong of a field as in the past, but give our kids credit. The end of the year is what we are shooting for and we want to have fun while doing it."

Coach Gabel also wants to acknowledge the parents and community who give the wrestlers and coaches words of encouragement.

"They always seem to find something positive to say," Coach Gabel

said. "This happens every year and it is appreciated."

Going into the Christmas break, Saintry is 2-2 in dual action having lost to Colby and Oberlin and defeating Brush and Skyline. Three tournament have also been completed with Saintry placing first at Wray, third at Brush and fourth at St. Francis.

### Team scores

St. Francis 208, Wray 181, Akron 135, Revere 64, Holyoke 64, Erie 42, Crow Valley 21, Valley 3, Flemming 2.

### Team stats

Saintry wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns: 44-22; escapes: 9-12; reversals: 17-15; near falls: 24-14; wins 31-17; major decisions: 0-1; technical falls: 4-0; falls: 24-14.

### Individual stats

103: Richard lost by a fall to Sampren, Akron; won by a fall over Herrick, Revere, (1-1);

112: Loyd won by a fall over Lopez, Valley; won by a 17-0 technical fall over Perez, Valley; won by a 17-2 technical fall over Ritchie, Wray, (3-0);

119: Matt Brown lost by a fall to Navel, Erie; lost by a fall to Zahn, Erie, (0-2);

125: Gienger lost by a fall to Andersen, Wray; won by a fall over Badding, Holyoke; won by a 14-10 decision over Fletcher, Akron; lost by an 8-3 decision to Loyd, Wray, (2-2);

130: Brown won by a fall over Davidson, Wray; lost by a fall to an Akron wrestler, (1-1);

135: Devin Rohweder won by a fall over Brug, Wray; lost by a fall



DYLAN LOYD, wrestling at 112 pounds, had his opponent in a pinning hold. Dylan was one of the champions in the Wray Wrestling Tournament held before Christmas break. Other champions were Trey Hilt, Derek Ross, Travis Hilt, Dallas Walz and Gabe Walz.

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to Quick, Akron; lost by a fall to Dappen, Valley, (1-2);

145: Smull won by a fall over Schafer, Wray; won by a fall over Simpson, Crow Valley; lost by a 9-0 major decision to Bliven, Wray, (2-1);

152: Trey Hilt won by a fall over Rogers, Akron; won by an 18-3 technical fall over Cure, Wray; won by a 6-0 decision over Kerst, Wray, (3-0);

152: Josh Walters lost by a fall to Kerst, Wray; lost by a fall to Dirks, Holyoke, (0-2);

160: Ross won by a 16-0 technical fall over Brown, Akron; won by a fall over Bergner, Holyoke; won by a fall over Ramirez, Re-

vere, (3-0);

171: Kyle Buffington won by a fall over Millage, Holyoke; won by a fall over Davison, Akron; lost by a fall to Bossow, Wray, (2-1);

171: Grant Keller lost by a 12-7 decision to Davison, Akron; lost by a fall to Millage, Holyoke, (0-2);

189: Travis Hilt won by a fall over Stone, Flemming; won by a fall over Bossow, Wray; won by a fall over Thorton, Akron, (3-0);

189: Troy Torrence won by a fall over Green, Erie; lost by a fall to Thorton, Akron; won by a fall over Stone, Flemming; won by a fall over Bossow, Wray, (3-1);

215: Dallas Walz won by a fall

over Fuller, Valley; won by a fall over Reed, Wray, (2-0);

215: Seth Swihart lost by a fall to Reed, Wray; won by a fall over Earl, St. Francis; won by a fall over Fuller, Crow Valley, (2-1);

215: Tal Earl lost by a fall to Fuller, Crow Valley; lost by a fall to Swihart, St. Francis, (0-2);

275: G. Walz won by a fall over Hilbrecht, Wray; won by a fall over Rogers, Akron, (2-0);

### Coach's awards

Best freshman performance: Loyd, champion; best sophomore performance: Ross, G. Walz, champions; best junior varsity performance: Torrence, Swihart,

third place finishes; most exciting match: Rohweder winning by a fall over Brug of Wray; most takedowns, Travis Hilt, 10; most outstanding performances: Loyd, Ross, Travis Hilt, D. Walz, G. Walz, all undefeated for the week-end; fastest fall: D. Walz over Reed of Wray; practice wrestler of the week Buffington; key match, Gienger, 14-10 win over Fletcher of Akron in the consolation semi-finals.

### Wrestler of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected Derek Ross and Travis Hilt as Wrestlers of the Week.

## Lady Indians take to home court giving fans a thriller, winning against Oberlin

By Betty Jean Winston

The Lady Indians took to the home court for the first time this season when they met the Oberlin Lady Red Devils in Northwest Kansas League action Friday night. They gave the hometown fans a thriller, saving a one-point victory with Oberlin having the ball in the final seconds with a score of 63 to 63. The Saintry ladies were trailing in the competition at the end of each of the first three periods. Keeping their heads and scoring 25 points in the fourth quarter did the trick.

Starting for the Lady Indians were Amber Feikert, Kandee Raile, Toni Rice, Gina Frohlich and Kelsey Andrist.

A 45-36 victory on Saturday night, this time against Cheyenne Wells, Colo., sent the ladies into the Christmas break with a 4-2 overall record and a 1-0 league standing.

A number of upperclassmen with varsity experience are leading the way for St. Francis as they begin their 2002-03 season.

Play resumes on Saturday night, Jan. 4 when Colby, another league opponent, visits St. Francis. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

### St. Francis 63, Oberlin 62

In this contest, the ladies had no quarter where the baskets would just not fall. They kept an even pace keeping close to Oberlin before the final 25-point spurt to take the narrow victory.

"This was a great team effort!" Coach Ted Busse said. "The girls really stepped up and kept playing."

Oberlin had a small lead most of the second quarter until Saintry tied the score 26-26. The Lady Red Devils connected on a basket at the buzzer which gave them the two-point halftime advantage. Saintry took a four-point lead af-

ter halftime but then Oberlin had an 11-point run giving the Lady Indians a seven-point deficit in just a short time.

The Saintry Ladies worked their way back, tying the score at 60 and then taking the victory by keeping Oberlin away from the basket in the last seconds.

Two Lady Indians had a nice evening scoring with Kandee Raile having 26 and Kelsey Andrist 22. Raile poured in 10 of her points in the fourth quarter while Andrist also scored her most points, nine, in the fourth. The ability of the team to get the ball into Andrist was an important aspect of the game.

Three Ladies shot 50 percent or over from the field with Andrist being 9-of-12 for 75 percent, Raile 10-of-18 for 55.6 percent and Gina Frohlich 3-of-6 for 50 percent. The team as a whole was 46.2 percent in two-pointers.

The shooting percentage was even better from the free-throw line where they connected on 15-of-21 attempts for 71.4 percent. Raile had seven opportunities making six of them while Andrist was 4-of-5. Two players, Toni Rice and Ashley Holzwarth, were perfect from the line with 2-of-2.

Defensively Andrist had 15 rebounds with 10 of them defensive. Raile added nine and Frohlich seven for a team total of 42. This was a major difference from Oberlin who managed only 24 boards. Frohlich added a blocked shot while six players recorded steals. Amber Feikert had the most assists with three.

"I was pleased with their effort," Coach Busse said.

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Scoring: Raile 26, Andrist 22, Frohlich 6, Feikert 4, Rice 2, Holzwarth 2, Lori Faulkender 1.

Rebounding: Andrist 15, Raile 9, Frohlich 7, Holzwarth 4, Feikert 2, Allyse Lampe 2, Rice 1, Faulkender 1, Meredith Knodel 1.

### St. Francis 45, Cheyenne Wells 36

Saturday night the Ladies returned to the home court and scored another victory. This time they outscored their opponent in the first quarter and continued to out produce Cheyenne Wells throughout the game.

Nine players scored in this contest. Raile scored all of her 14 points in the first three quarters, having six field goals and two free throws. Andrist came on strong in the final period scoring three baskets, making six of her 13 points in the final frame.

"It is nice to go into the break with a win," Coach Busse said.

The scoring percentage from the field was lower than in the Friday night game at 30 percent compared to Friday's 46 percent. The ladies also had less success from the free-throw line making 9-of-20 for 45 percent.

They continued to be strong under the basket collecting 35 boards and also had 10 assists and 14 steals. Andrist had 10 of the boards while Feikert led in assists again, this time with five and Andrist had the most steals.

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Scoring: Raile 14, Andrist 13, Faulkender 4, Feikert 4, Holzwarth 3, Frohlich 3, Knodel 2, Dennon Zimbelman 1, Lampe 1.

Rebounding: Andrist 10, Feikert 7, Faulkender 4, Holzwarth 4, Raile 4, Frohlich 4, Rice 1, Zimbelman 1.



GINA FROHLICH reaches for the basket in the Oberlin game which took place before the Christmas break.

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## Wrestling tourney scheduled

The St. Francis Wrestling Club will be hosting a kids' wrestling tournament on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the St. Francis Community High School, where young wrestlers ages 4 through 12 will take to the mats with the hope of taking home a medal for their efforts.

Wrestling action is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and concessions will be available all day. Wrestling club leaders would certainly appreciate the assistance of any former wrestlers or other interested persons in manning the tables as time keepers and score keepers. Those wishing to volunteer should call Clay Keller at 785-332-3108 or Dan Stephens at 785-332-2667.

Wrestling club members started practice the first part of December to ready themselves for the tournament season, which will start for many on January 4 at the Hoxie Kids Wrestling Tournament. Members should note that their next practice is Thursday, January 2, and club leaders hope that all wrestlers can be in attendance to complete sign up for the Norton tournament that will be held on Saturday, January 25.

### Schedule

- Thursday: School resumes
- Saturday: high school basketball, Colby, here, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday: high school girls C-team basketball, Goodland, here, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday: high school basketball, Atwood, there, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Board of Education meets

