



At the Game

Indians repeat as champions at Sterling Dual meet

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis wrestling team repeated as champions at the Sterling Dual Tournament held Saturday in Sterling, Colo., when they won all five duals. They had also earned the 2002 championship.

The Indian successfully defeated Greeley Central 76-6; Bennett 58-17; Adams City 43-24; Sterling 37-22 and Northridge 48-24.

"Most everyone wrestled very well," Coach Larry Gabel said. "And most of the schools we competed with were very large schools. Our kids competed with 'class' and weren't intimidated by 'cheap tactics' of their opponents.

"We kept our composure and thumped them. The kids are getting better every week."

Winning all of their matches on Saturday were Gabe Smull, Derek Ross and Travis Hilt.

St. Francis 76, Greeley Central 6
Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 17-3; escapes 3-5; reversals 2-3; near falls 18-3; wins 13-1; major decisions 1-0; technical falls 1-0; falls 9-1.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by forfeit; 112: Loyd won by a fall over LaBonde; 119: M. Brown won by forfeit; 125: Gienger won by a fall over Hesse; 130: K. Brown won by a fall over Chernoff; 135: Rohweder lost by a fall to Mijares; 140: Zwegardt won by a 20-6 major decision over Houf; 145: Smull won by a fall over



NICK KELLER wrestles 171 and works for a pin during the Sterling dual tournament held this weekend.

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Benich; 152: Trey Hilt won by a fall over Valazuela; 160: Ross won by a fall over Meza; 171: Buffington won by forfeit; 189: Travis Hilt won by a technical fall over Garza; 215: D. Walz won by a fall over Crawford; 275: G. Walz won by a fall over Benich

St. Francis 58, Bennett 17
Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 7-4; escapes 1-1; reversals 3-4; near falls 16-4; wins 10-4; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 2-1; falls 3-1.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by forfeit; 112: Loyd won by a fall over Peet; 119: M. Brown lost by a 15-0 technical

fall to Capps; 125: Gienger lost by an 8-4 decision to Siegman; 130: K. Brown lost by a 16-0 technical fall to Zolman; 135: Rohweder won by a fall over Tuttle; 140: Zwegardt won by forfeit; 145: Smull won by a fall over Fisher; 152: Trey Hilt lost by a 2-1 decision to Capeland; 160: Ross won by a 17-0 technical fall over Blase; 171: Buffington won by forfeit; 189: Travis Hilt won by forfeit; 215: D. Walz won by forfeit; 275: G. Walz lost by a fall to Sus

St. Francis 43, Adams City 24
Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 14-9; escapes 8-8; reversals 5-9; near falls 7-10; wins 8-6; major decisions 1-1; technical falls 0-1; falls 5-1.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by fall over Keinkant; 112: Loyd lost by an 8-8 two overtime decision; 119: M. Brown lost by a 14-4 major decision to Bajorons; 125: Gienger lost by a 16-0 technical fall to Ortiz; 130: K. Brown won by an 8-6 decision over Meatas; 135: Rohweder lost by a fall to Hedglin; 140: Zwegardt lost by an 8-1 decision to Deaguero; 145: Smull won by a 10-1 major

decision over Archulota; 152: Trey Hilt won by a fall over Hargarth; 160: Ross won by a fall over Ornalos; 171: Buffington won by a fall over McQueen; 189: Travis Hilt won by forfeit; 215: D. Walz lost by an 8-4 decision to Quinter; 275: G. Walz won by a fall over Kuns

St. Francis 37, Sterling 22
Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 22-16; escapes 11-10; reversals 8-5; near falls 8-7; wins 9-5; major decisions 1-1; technical falls 0-0; falls 2-3.

Individual stats

103: Richard lost by a 5-2 decision to Anderson; 112: Loyd won by a fall over Grajeda; 119: M. Brown lost by a 10-1 major decision to Holgain; 125: Gienger lot by a 13-6 decision to Carey; 130: K. Brown lost by a 20-15 overtime decision over Armagast; 135: Rohweder lost by a fall to Koehler; 140: Zwegardt won by a fall over Milron; 145: Smull won by a 4-3 decision over Klindt; 152: Trey Hilt won by a 13-9 decision over Steele; 160: Ross won by a fall over Streb; 171: Buffington lost by a fall to Buseggers; 189: Travis Hilt won by a 9-0 decision over Yetter; 215: D.

Sainty wins over Oakley

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Oakley and St. Francis wrestling teams met in Northwest Kansas League action Friday evening in Oakley. The final score was St. Francis 51, Oakley 19.

"Oakley had several starters out, and a number of forfeits," Coach Larry Gabel said. "But, our kids are getting better each week.

"Overall I felt our kids wrestled fairly well. You can see the improvement."

Trey Hilt defeated a ranked wrestler, C. Yonkin, in a 3-2 double overtime tie-break decision.

Dylan Loyd suffered his first loss of the season Friday night following 15 straight victories.

"He lost a match which was much closer than the score indicates as he tried a move for the victory at the end which failed and gave his opponent a fast four points," Coach Gabel said.

Posting wins were Trevor Richard, Matt Brown, Kevin Brown, Troy Zwegardt, Gabe Smull, Trey Hilt and Derek Ross. Receiving forfeits were Travis Hilt, Dallas Walz and Gabe Walz.

Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 11-6; escapes 6-4; re-

versals 4-5; near falls 6-5; wins 10-4; major decisions 0-1; technical falls 0-0; falls 4-12.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by an 8-3 decision over Samuelson; 112: Loyd lost by a 10-5 decision to Yonkin; 119: M. Brown won by a 6-2 decision over Reitcheck; 125: Gabe Gienger lost by an 8-0 major decision to Kuhlman; 130: K. Brown won by a fall over Martin; 135: Devin Rohweder lost by a fall to Halblieb; 140: Zwegardt won by a fall over Kruse; 145: Smull won by a fall over Reitcheck; 152: Trey Hilt won by a 3-2 overtime decision over Yonkin; 160: Ross won by a fall over Halblieb; 171: Kyle Buffington lost by a fall to Baalman; 189: Travis Hilt won by forfeit; 215: D. Walz won by forfeit; 275: G. Walz won by forfeit.

Coach's awards

Best sophomore performance: Ross, undefeated for week of Jan. 18; best junior varsity performance: Grant Keller and Seth Swihart for week of Jan. 18; most exciting match: K. Brown against Agast of Sterling; best freshman performance, G. Smull, undefeated for week of Jan. 18; key match award, Trey Hilt vs Yonkin of Oakley in a

3-2 overtime decision; fastest fall: Troy Torrence vs Teasley of Kimball; practice wrestler: Loyd; most outstanding performance: Smull, Ross, Travis Hilt, undefeated week of Jan. 18; most takedowns, 12, Trey Smull; coach's award: K. Brown..

Wrestlers of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected Gabe Smull and Derek Ross as Co-Wrestlers of the Week. Both wrestlers defeated all six of their respective opponents in dominant fashion this past weekend. Their performance helped the Indians to go 6-0 in duals this weekend and claim the Sterling Dual Tournament championship.

Wrestling Rankings

3-2-1A Team rankings

Hoxie, Norton, Weelsville, Beloit, Oakley, Atchinson County Community High School, Ellsworth, Rossville, Sabetha, Ellis.

3-2-1A Individual rankings

Wrestlers are ranked one through six with the top wrestler listed first. St. Francis wrestlers ranked include Dylan Loyd, third, 112 pounds; Derek Ross, fifth at 160 pounds; and Dallas Walz, sixth at 215 pounds.

103: Cale Farber, Hoxie; Shaun George, Sabetha; Clay Madden, Norton; Jacob Deiter, Silver Lake; Nash Burtin, Eureka; Paul Owingws, Plainville.

112: Matt Warta, Ellsworth; Levi Younkin, Oakley; Dylan Loyd, St. Francis, Alex Miller, Onaga; Cody Gardner, Wellsville; Ryan Zolzman, Garden Plain.

119: Kyle Patton, Wellsville; Tait Weatherbee, Thomas More Prep; Tyler Baker, Hoxie; Chauncey Baxter, Stockton; Sean Alford, Eureka; Casey Leis, Garden Plain.

125: Tyrel Spillman, Hoxie; James Annon, Norton; Simon Orozco, Ellsworth; Kenny Tyler, West Elk; Chris Caruthers, Wellsville; Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley.

130: Mat Gilliland, Hoxie; Cody Lambotte, Rossville; Cody Sprang, Effingham; Matt Coleman, Oberlin; Brady Lamar, Silver Lake; Adam Myers, Plainville.

135: Matt Schippers, Hoxie, Kenyon Badsky, Oberlin, Jerrid Baumgartel, West Elk; Kalen Oswald, Effingham; Blaze

Mollhagen, Ellsworth; Matt Wright, Beloit.

140: Jeremy Morris, Beloit; Jason Shippers, Hoxie; Dan Pray, Rock Creek; Chance Harmon, Oberlin; Chris Kendell, Minneapolis; Ryan Weber, Effingham.

145: Shawn Drennen, Minneapolis; Matt Pyle, Sabetha; Matt Engelbert, Beloit; Eric Johnson, Norton; Kurt Schamberger, Hoxie; Blake St. Clair, Smith Center.

152: Brett Hille, Trego; Scott Wise, Plainville; Austin Kingsbury, Smith Center; Blake Thibault, Osborne; Cody Younkin, Oakley; Matt Heslet, Rossville.

160: Tim Sprigg, Norton; Doug Campbell, Hoxie; Mitch Johnson, Herington; Jason Rath, Plainville; Derek Ross, St. Francis; Jake Gawith, Minneapolis.

171: Bobby Dennis, Oakley; Ryan Augustine, Ellis; Chance Mitchell, Bellville; Jeremy Heston, Oskaaloosa; Joey Brewster, Silver Lake; Eric Stuhlsatz, Garden Plain;


189: Phillip Lyons, Effingham; Zach Lindsey, Leon Bluestem; Brandon Hickle, Trego; Tanner Schmidt, Atwood; Rogg Roberts, Wellsville; Justin Cooper, Hoxie.


215: Blake Zimmerman, Eureka; Matt Alison, Hesston; Allyn Plattner, Sabetha; Jeff Horinek, Atwood; Fred Pratt, Hoxie; Dallas Walz, St. Francis.

275: Ryan Honas, Ellis; Chris Eberwein, Wabaunsee; Michael Sprigg, Norton; Kyle Strait, Bellville; Joe Zlatnik, Rossville; Tyler Muir, Stockton.

Way to go Wrestlers!

1st Place at Sterling





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