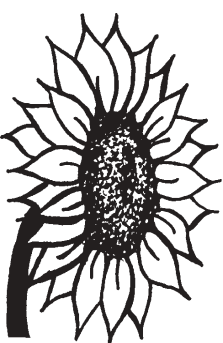


At the Game



TROY ZWYGARDT, Saintry wrestler, controls his opponent during the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament held Saturday in St. Francis.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt

Saintry places third with 114 points; three wrestlers go for first place

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis wrestlers did well on Saturday placing third in the tough Northwest Kansas League tournament. St. Francis had the privilege of hosting the meet which allowed local wrestling fans the opportunity to cheer on their Indian favorites. Saintry earned 114 points.

Taking the team title this year was Hoxie, who placed second last year, closely behind Goodland. Hoxie earned 185.5 points Saturday with the second place finisher far behind with 120.5 points.

The Saintry Indians had two champions, Dylan Loyd at 112 pounds, and Derek Ross at 160 pounds; one second place finisher, Trevor Richard at 103 points; three third place finishers, Kevin Brown at 130 pounds, Travis Hilt at 189 pounds and Dallas Walz at 215 pounds and two fourth place finishers, Gabe Smull at 145 pounds and Gabe Walz at 275 pounds.

"I was pleased with our performance," Coach Larry Gabel said. "We had three in the finals with two champions."

"There was a lot of improvement from last week to this week. They had good effort."

"We are looking forward to regionals and state; just taking each week one at a time. We are shooting for regionals."

"We hope to be recuperated from sickness and injury by then."

Winning championships at the league meet were the following: 103: Cale Farber, Hoxie; 112: Loyd, St. Francis; 119: Tyler Baker, Hoxie; 125: Tyrel Spillman, Hoxie; 130: Matt Gilliland, Hoxie; 135: Matt Schippers, Hoxie; 140:

Chance Harmon, Oberlin; 145: Eric Luedke, Colby; 152: Cody Younkin, Oakley; 160: Ross, St. Francis; 171: Bobby Dennis, Oakley; 189: Tanner Schmidt, Atwood; 215: Jordan Bedore, Goodland; 275: Brent Deibert, Colby.

Placing second were: 103: Richard, St. Francis; 112: Levi Younkin, Oakley; 119: Blaze Bahe, Goodland; 125: Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley; 130: Matt Coleman, Oberlin; 135: Kenyor Badsy, Oberlin; 140: Jason Schippers, Hoxie; 145: Logan Glaze, Oberlin; 152: Schuyler Sharpe, Colby; 160: Doug Campbell, Hoxie; 171: Brent Keck, Oberlin; 189: Justin Cooper, Hoxie; 215: Jeff Horinek, Atwood; 275: Andy Phillips, Goodland.

Team placings

The teams finished the tournament with the following team points: Hoxie 185.5; Colby 120.5; St. Francis 114; Oberlin 108; Goodland 94.5; Oakley 84.5; Atwood 58.5; Quinter.

Team stats

Saintry wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 22-43; escapes 25-14; reversals 20-20; near falls 12-36; wins 17-20; major decisions 4-4; technical falls 0-2; falls 7-9.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by a 6-4 overtime decision over Tibbles, Colby; lost by a fall to Farber, Hoxie; placed second.

112: Loyd won by a fall over Deeds, Goodland; won by a 7-6 decision over Younkin, Oakley; placed first.

119: Matt Brown lost by a 19-3 technical fall to Bahe, Goodland;

lost by a 6-5 decision to Hockersmith, Oakley;

125: Gabe Gienger lost by a 14-1 major decision to Kuhlman, Oakley; lost by an 8-5 decision to Miller, Oberlin;

130: Brown won by a fall over Goodley, Goodland; lost by a fall to Gilliland, Hoxie; won by a fall over Martin, Oakley; won by a fall over Goodley, Goodland; placed third.

135: Devin Rohweder lost by a fall to Schulte, Goodland; lost by a fall to Cervosky, Colby;

140: Troy Zwegardt lost by a technical fall to Schippers, Hoxie; lost by a 13-2 major decision to Bell, Colby;

145: Smull lost by a 17-6 major decision to Ludeke, Colby; won by a 10-1 major decision to Schulte, Goodland; lost by a 10-3 Schambeger, Hoxie; placed fourth.

152: Josh Walters lost by a fall to Scharpe, Colby; lost by a fall to Leitner, Atwood;

160: Ross won by a 5-3 decision over Brack, Goodland; won by default over Campbell, Hoxie; placed first.

171: Kyle Buffington lost by a fall to Sampson, Atwood; won by a 15-5 major decision over Starr, Goodland; lost by a fall to Olsen, Colby;

189: Hilt won by a fall over West, Goodland; lost by a fall to Cooper, Hoxie; won by a 15-4 major decision over Baalman, Oakley; won by a fall over Harmon, Oberlin; placed third.

215: D. Walz won by a 9-1 major decision over Cook, Oberlin; lost by a 13-4 decision to Bedore; won by Heremeza, Colby; won by a fall over Pratt, Hoxie; placed third.

275: G. Walz lost by a fall to Diebert, Colby; won by a fall over Padgett, Oberlin; lost by a 6-0 decision to Klein, Atwood; placed fourth.

Coach's awards

Best sophomore performance: Ross; most exciting match: K. Brown vs Goodley of Goodland (fall); best freshman performance, Loyd; key match award, D. Walz vs Pratt of Hoxie (fall); fastest fall: K. Brown, vs Martin of Oakley, 1:04; practice wrestler: Walters; most outstanding performance: Loyd; most takedowns, Hilt, 5; coach's award: Smull.

Wrestlers of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd and Derek Ross as Co-Wrestlers of the Week. Trevor got into the finals by defeating Tibbles from Colby who had previously pinned him, 6-4 in overtime. Dylan defeated Deeds from Goodland and previously undefeated Levi Younkins enroute to claiming the 112 pound Northwest Kansas League title. Derek averaged an early season loss to Taylor Brock from Goodland and won by injury default in the finals against Campbell from Hoxie.

Next action

Parents' night is scheduled for Friday when the Indians meet Goodland at St. Francis.

The complete Indian squad is planning on traveling to Cheyenne Wells on Saturday rather than sending some of the mat men to the 9-10 tournament in Goodland. This is due to a change in the format at Cheyenne Wells.

Team does well in double dual action

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis competed with junior high wrestlers from Colby and Hoxie in Colby on Thursday. St. Francis had a 19-10 record against Colby and 14-5 record with Hoxie.

"We wrestled so much better on our feet this week," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "I know our kids get tired of hearing me talk about takedowns, but in wrestling it is everything and they are improving in that department."

St. Francis will be meeting Colby again today (Thursday) along with Oakley at Oakley.

Colby dual

Team statistics, St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 19-10; pins 16-5; takedowns: 29-18; near falls-2; 5-4; near falls-3; 31-9; reversals 10-10; escapes 6-7.

Individual results

100: Ted Crabtree won by a 9-0 major decision over Talsma; won

by a 13-1 major decision over Talsma; 100: Brady Frewen won by a fall over Olsen; lost by a 17-3 decision to Olsen; 105: Justin Sherlock won by a fall over Baalman; lost by a 9-2 decision to Mainus; won by a fall over Schippers; 110: AJ McAtee lost by a fall to Landenburg; won by a fall over Vaughn; 115: Gavin Smull won by a fall over Vaughn; won by a fall over Erickson; 120: Jordan Gienger won by a fall over Hawk; 125: Travis Havel won by a fall over Tuma; 125: Darren Laffond lost by a 6-2 decision to Tuma; 130: Russell Rogers won by a fall over Lamm; won by a fall over Harter; 135: David Guthmiller lost by a fall to Jurek

140: Joel McAtee won by a fall over Fulwider 145: Keaton Frewen lost by a fall to Green; 150: Levi Weeden lost by a 10-5 decision to Cox; 135: Mac Frewen won by a fall over Turner; 155: Chance Hobrock lost by a fall to

Turner; 160: Adam Peter won by a fall over Jueneman; 165: Corbin Sherlock won by a fall over Schmidt; won by a fall over Dible; 275: Andy Waite won by a fall over Paulsen; 75: Josh Carpenter lost by a 9-4 decision to Talsma; lost by a fall to Wark; won by a 9-2 decision over Plumisto.

Hoxie dual

Team statistics, St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 14-5; pins 12-4; takedowns: 27-7; near falls-2; 6-3; near falls-3; 15-11; reversals 3-8; escapes 2-8.

Individual results

100: B. Frewen won by a fall over Moss; 115: Smull won by a fall over Rose; 120: Gienger won by a fall over Gaede; 125: Havel lost by a fall to Yergey; 125: Laffond lost by a fall to Yergey; 130: Rogers lost by a 15-6 major decision to Baalman; 135: Guthmiller won by a fall over Spreser; 140: J. McAtee won by a fall over Mosier; 145: K. Frewen won by a fall over Best; 150:

Weeden won by a fall over Farber; 155: M. Frewen won by a fall over Morgan; 155: Hobrock lost by a fall to Farber; 160: Peter won by a 10-0 major decision over McGinty; 160: RL Walz won by a fall to Morgan; 165: Sherlock lost by a fall to McGinty; 275: Waite won by a fall to Bird; won by a fall to Burris; 275: Brennon Wilger won by a fall over Burris; won by 13-3 major decision over Bird

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Wednesday Mens 1/8

Team standings: Post Plumbing 4-0; Cox Construction 4-0; Grace Flying 3-1; 2001 Electronics 3-1; Krien Steel 1-3; First National 1-3; Haigler 0-4; High Rollers 0-4

High game (scratch): Roger Faulkender 235; Rob Peery 230, Bill Ehrman 202; Terry Cheek 202

High series (scratch): Ehrman 595; Peery 557; Faulkender 528

Ladies fall twice

By Betty Jean Winston

Both Goodland and Atwood were on the junior high girls' basketball schedule this past week with Goodland dominating the St. Francis eighth grade 53-10 in the game played Tuesday, Jan. 28, in Goodland and Atwood earning a slim margin of victory (21-13) on Thursday in St. Francis.

vs Goodland

The Saintry ladies were 6-of-16 from the free-throw line for 38 percent while Goodland was 9-of-12 for 75 percent in the first game of the week.

Megan Rice scored half of the St. Francis points with a total of five with the team scoring in the first, third and fourth quarters.

"As the score indicates, the game was pretty ugly for us," Coach Rob Schiltz said. "I have to give credit to Goodland's team; they are good and they are deep. Our girls may have lacked the skills to compete strongly in this game, but I was very proud of them for their effort."

"One thing these girls do not lack is heart. It's very hard to not give up when getting beat that bad, but our girls showed a lot of class and held their heads high throughout the game. Someday, the character these

girls have will pay off for them. They are great kids!"

S	03	00	04	03	10
G	15	18	16	04	53

Scoring: Rice 5, Lauren Ross 3, Danielle Flemming 1, Mindy Cooper 1.

vs Atwood

Atwood had their highest scoring quarter (9 points) at the beginning of the game while St. St. Francis came back after halftime for their best scoring quarter (5 points).

Rice again led the scoring, this time with seven points.

"I felt we played a good game defensively, especially in the second half," Coach Schiltz said. "Offensively, we need to work on running our offensive plays in order to get higher quality shots."

"Also, our shooting in this game was terrible, both from the field and from the free-throw line."

"We are going to have to score 30 plus points in order to compete in the league this year."

"Once again, the girls' effort was great. Sooner or later we'll get the shots to fall and we'll get a win."

S	03	02	05	03	13
A	09	06	11	05	21

Scoring: Rice 7, Janelle Zwegardt 3, Alecia Zimelman 3.



SENIOR MIKE WOLTERS helps guide the offensive effort as he moves the ball down the floor.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Indians experience tough loss Friday

By Betty Jean Winston

In non-league basketball action on Friday night, the St. Francis Indians fell to Sharon Springs 62-49. Overall going into the final month of the regular season, Saintry has a 6-9 record.

"This was a tough loss," Coach Greg Wolters said. "We need a win and I thought we could win this game."

The teams played evenly in the first quarter and finished the period tied at 10.

The Wildcats then had a strong second period and pulled away 36-25 by halftime. Saintry stayed within range with the help of Jonathan Roelfs, who scored all eight of his points in this frame. Cale Rieger also added two baskets, Tyler Voorhies one and Marcus Dodd, a free throw.

Saintry could never make up the ground they lost in the second period as both teams scored almost evenly (Saintry 24, Sharon Spring 26) in the last half.

"This was another game where we just shot so poorly that it made it very difficult to win (32.8 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from the free-throw line)," Coach Wolters said.

Leading the scoring for Saintry

were three players in double figures including Tyler Wolters with 13 points and Dodd and Rieger with 10 points each.

Saintry was 6-of-14 from the free-throw line with Roelfs being the lone player with a 50 percent or better percentage.

Wolters had the most steals (3.5) and Roelfs and Voorhies each had three assists to lead the team. There were six blocked shots for Saintry with Dodd having half of them.

"We had less turnovers (13-14) and outrebounded them (41-27), but they had more points and that's what counts," Coach Wolters said.

In the rebounding department, Dodd pulled down 17 with 15 of them defensive.

"We played hard, but had some lapses defensively, especially in the second quarter, when Sharon Springs outscored us 26-15," Coach Wolters said.

SF	10	15	08	16	49
SS	10	26	08	18	62

Scoring: Wolters 13, Dodd 10, Rieger 10, Roelfs 8, Voorhies 4, Michael Raile 4.

Rebounding: Dodd 17, Rieger 7, Voorhies 5, Raile 5, Wolters 4, Roelfs 2, Chase Collier 1.

• Cale Rieger was named to the All-Academic Team at Oberlin.