

At the Game

Nine wrestlers represent St. Francis at State

By Betty Jean Winston

Nine St. Francis wrestlers earned the right to travel to the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament in Hays on Friday and Saturday as the St. Francis team did an excellent job at Regionals in Lakin.

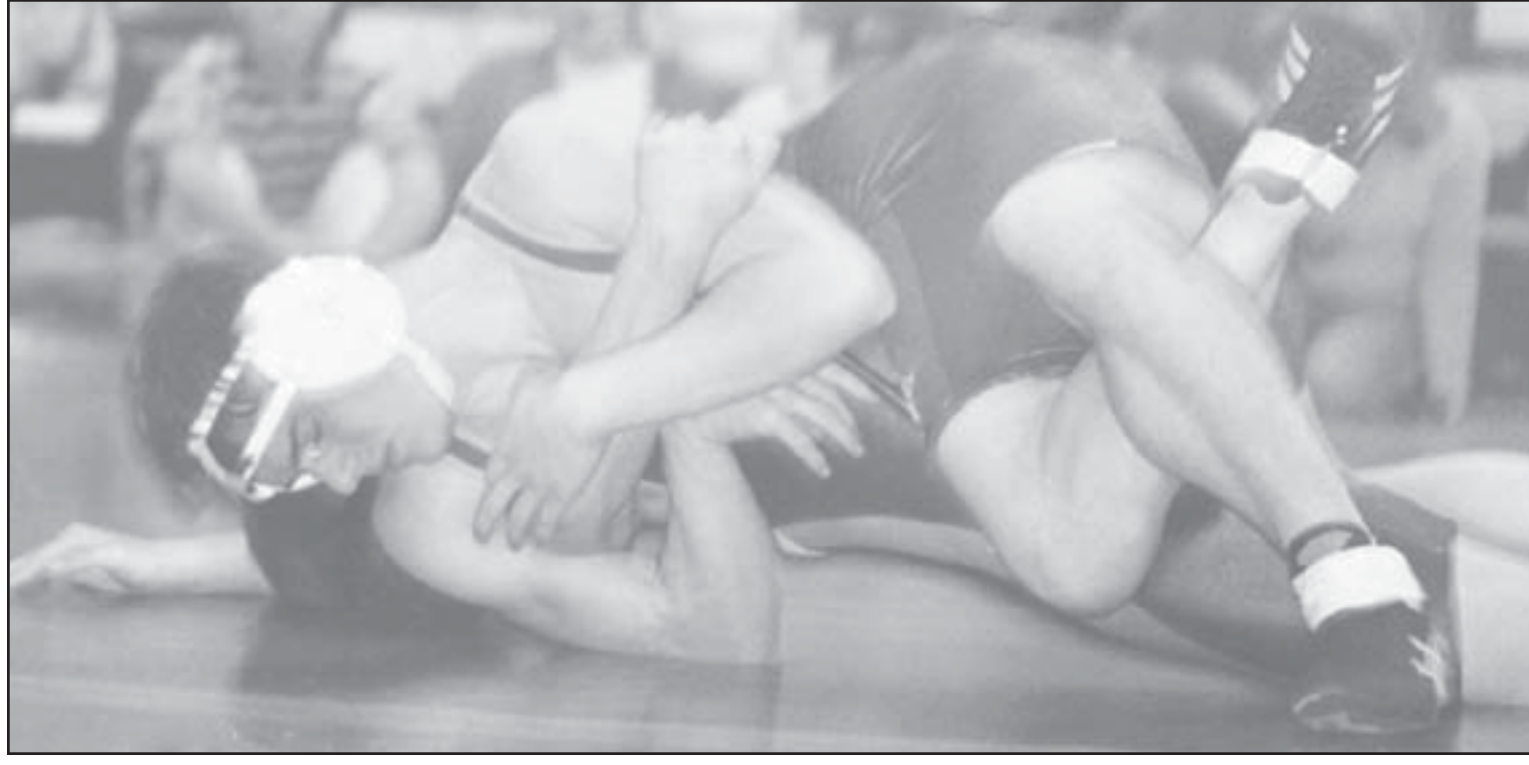
"I'm really excited about the nine that qualified," Coach Larry Gabel said. "I wish we had several more. Every year the coaches feel that way. There were several matches that were close. Kevin Brown was just an overtime away from going."

It wasn't just individual honors that the Indian mat men were working for, but they put their efforts together and earned a second place finish for St. Francis. As a team they earned 159.5 points for a second place trophy. Hoxie placed first with 258.5.

Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Trey Hilt, Derek Ross, Dallas Walz and Gabe Walz were all involved in championship matches on Saturday at Lakin and all finished the tournament in second place. Also earning the right to compete at Hays for that prized State Championship were Gabe Smull and Travis Hilt, who placed third and Gabe Gienger, who placed fourth.

Additional information concerning the 3-2-1A State Tournament can be found on page one of this edition of the Herald.

Team placings



STATE BOUND— Gabe Smull works for the pin at Regionals held last weekend in Lakin.

Herald staff photo by Lezie Hilt

The teams finished the tournament with the following team points: Hoxie 258.5; St. Francis 159.5; Decatur Community 149.5; Oakley 138.5; Atwood 90.5; Hoisington 57; Cimarron 41; Deerfield 37.5; Lyons 27; Hutchinson-Trinity 21.5; Wichita County 21; Sublette 18; South Gray 18; Elkhart 12; Stafford 6; Quinter

6; Lakin 0; Kinsley 0.

Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 45-29; escapes 8-24; reversals 27-22; near falls 38-22; wins 26-19; major decisions 5-1; technical falls 1-1; falls 15-6.

Individual stats

103: Richard won by a fall over

Koonce, Elkhart; won by a fall over Samuelson, Oakley; lost by a fall to Farber, Hoxie

112: Loyd won by a fall over Wiggins, Elkhart; won by a 16-1 technical fall over Cook, Hoisington; lost by a 3-1 decision to Younkin, Oakley;

119: Matt Brown lost by a 4-0 decision to Benning, Atwood; lost by a 5-2 decision to Barth, Oberlin; 125: Gienger won by a 16-4 major decision over Baxter, Leoti; won by a 17-8 major decision over Porter, Lyons; lost by a 9-2 decision to Miller, Oberlin;

130: Kevin Brown won by a fall over Sharpe, Oakley; lost by a 13-11 overtime decision to Coleman, Oberlin; lost by a 14-3 major decision to Vonlintel, Elkhart;

135: Devin Rohweder lost by a 17-2 technical fall to Badsky, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Quimby,

Sublette;

140: Troy Zwegardt lost by a fall to Schippers, Hoxie; lost by a 13-9 decision to Argabright, Atwood;

145: Smull won by 6-3 decision over Rietcheck, Oakley; won by a fall over McCarrel, Elkhart; lost by a 3-0 decision to Glaze, Oberlin; won by an 8-0 decision over Rietcheck, Oakley; won by a fall over Mendoza, Cimarron;

152: Trey Hilt won by a fall over Beach, Lyons; won by an 11-5 decision over Montgomery, Oberlin; won by an 8-6 decision over Lewis, Hoxie; lost by injury default to Younkin, Oakley;

160: Ross won by a fall over Bieber, South Gray; won by a fall over Woods, Cimarron; won by a fall over Schneider, Hoisington; lost by a 7-6 decision to Campbell, Hoxie;

171: Kyle Buffington lost by a fall to Shipley, Hoxie; won by a fall over Watson-Deernn, Lyons; won by a 9-1 major decision over Kinsley, Cimarron; lost by a 7-4 decision to Samson, Atwood;

189: Travis Hilt won by a fall over Baalman, Oakley; lost by fall to Cooper, Hoxie; won by a fall over Cline, Lyons; won by a 12-3 major decision to Harman, Oberlin;

215: D. Walz won by a 9-2 decision over Pratt, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Horinek, Atwood;

275: G. Walz won by a fall over Pratt, Hoxie; won by a 3-1 decision over Birney, Sublette; lost by a 7-0 decision to Klein, Atwood.

Champions

103: Farber, Hoxie; 112: Younkin, Oakley; 119: Hart, Hutchinson-Trinity; 125: Spillman, Hoxie; 130: Gilliland, Hoxie; 135: Schippers, Hoxie; 140: Schippers, Hoxie; 145: Schamberger, Hoxie; 152: Younkin, Oakley; 160: Campbell, Hoxie; 171: Dennis, Oakley; 189: Schmidt, Atwood; 215: Horinek, Atwood; 275: Klein, Atwood.

Coach's awards

Best sophomore performance: Gienger, Ross, G. Walz, State qualifiers; most exciting match: Gienger vs Porter of Lyons (17-8); best freshman performance, Richard, Loyd, Smull, State qualifiers; key match award, Trey Hilt vs Lewis of Hoxie (8-6); fastest fall: Loyd vs Wiggins, Elkhart; practice wrestler of the week: Richard; most outstanding performance: all State qualifiers; most takedowns, Travis Hilt, 14; coach's award: Travis Hilt.

Wrestlers of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected the nine State qualifiers: Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Gabe Gienger, Gabe Smull, Trey Hilt, Derek Ross, Travis Hilt, Dallas Walz, Gabe Walz as Co-Wrestlers of the Week.

Year-end statistics revealed

Sainty junior varsity wrestlers finished their season on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Colby Novice tournament.

Twelve different wrestlers represented St. Francis at the junior varsity level on at least one occasion during the season. These wrestlers collected 59 wins compared to 31 for their opponents.

Other team statistics with St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents include: pins: 41-21; takedowns: 91-51; near fall-2: 20-19; near fall-3: 85-37; reversals: 34-47; escapes: 25-26.

Statistics for each individual wrestler follows:

Mario Tafoya: record 6-2; pins: 4-0; takedowns 7-5; near falls-2-2-1; near falls-3 10-3; reversals 4-6; escapes 5-2;

Matt Brown: record 4-2; pins 1-1; takedowns 6-2; near falls-2-2-1; near falls-3 3-5; reversals 2-4; escapes 2-1;

Gabe Gienger: record 1-0; pins 1-0; takedowns 3-0; near falls-2 1-0; near falls-3 1-0; reversals 0-0; escapes 0-0;

Devin Rohweder: record 0-2; pins 0-2; takedowns 0-2; near falls-2 0-1; near falls-3 0-2; reversals 2-2; escapes 0-0;

Josh Walters: record 5-6; pins 2-3; takedowns 7-17; near falls-2 1-12; near falls-3 9-5; reversals 4-9; escapes 9-1;

Nick Keller: record 2-3; pins 2-3; takedowns 4-3; near falls-2 0-1; near falls-3 6-3; reversals 1-2; escapes 2-0;

Kyle Buffington: record 2-2; pins 2-2; takedowns 5-0; near falls-2 1-

0; near falls-3 2-5; reversals 2-6; escapes 0-0;

Grant Keller: record 16-0; pins 10-0; takedowns 21-3; near falls-2 5-1; near falls-3 19-0; reversals 4-4; escapes 2-3;

Troy Torrence: record 7-1; pins 5-0; takedowns 9-6; near falls-2 1-2; near falls-3 10-2; reversals 7-4; escapes 2-4;

Tal Earl: record 3-9; pins 3-6; takedowns 6-8; near falls-2 3-0; near falls-3 6-8; reversals 2-8; escapes 0-4;

Seth Swihart: record 11-1; pins 9-1; takedowns 21-2; near falls-2 3-0; near falls-3 17-1; reversals 6-1; escapes 3-11;

John McWilliams: record 2-3; pins 2-3; takedowns 2-3; near falls-2 1-0; near falls-3 2-3; reversals 0-1; escapes 0-0.

These Babies Have Come A Long Way!

 Travis Hilt 7 lbs. 5 ozs. 189 lbs.	 Dallas Walz 8 lbs. 8 ozs. 215 lbs.
 Trey Hilt 7 lbs. 13 ozs. 152 lbs.	 Gabe Gienger 7 lbs. 7 ozs. 125 lbs.
 Dylan Loyd 8 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs. 112 lbs.	 Trevor Richard 5 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs. 103 lbs.
 Derek Ross 6 lbs. 10 ozs. 160 lbs.	 Gabe Walz 9 lbs. 3 ozs. HWT
 Gabe Smull 8 lbs. 2 ozs. 145 lbs.	

Back row: Travis Hilt, Gabe Walz, Trey Hilt, Derek Ross, Dallas Walz; front row: Gabe Gienger, Dylan Loyd, Trevor Richard and Gabe Smull.

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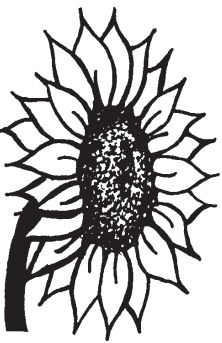
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At the Game



SCORING LEADER - Cale Rieger scored 18 points Friday night in the game with Quinter. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Indians ready for Sub-State action

By Betty Jean Winston
Northwest Kansas League opponent Quinter defeated St. Francis 85-54 on Friday night in Quinter. This was the final contest of the regular season and the team is now preparing for Sub-State which will begin for the boys division on Monday, March 3.

The Indians developed a first quarter lead Friday night but the Bulldogs outscored them 30-8 in the second period and rolled to victory.

Quinter's defensive strength forced St. Francis to put up a number of shots from beyond the arc and Cale Rieger connected on four three-pointers, Tyler Voorhies one and Tyler Wolters one.

"We understand going into the game that it was going to be a great challenge," Assistant Coach David Morrow said. "Quinter is the top-rated team in 2A and they showed it Friday night."

"Our first quarter lead quickly evaporated in the second quarter. Quinter shot the ball very well and

we had several starters on the bench who were in foul trouble. From that point on, we were never able to regain our foothold.

"Cale Rieger had a good night shooting the ball, ending the night with 18 points. This was the final regular season contest for these seniors."

Other leaders for the evening included Marcus Dodd with eight rebounds, Rieger with four assists and Rieger and Michael Raile each with one blocked shot.

Besides leader Rieger with 18 points, Wolters connected for 10 points with nine of them coming in the first half. He was the main scorer in the low-scoring second period.

SF	15	08	13	18	54
Q	12	30	23	20	85

Scoring: Rieger 18, Wolters 10, Raile 8, Voorhies 5, Dodd 5, Tanner Kinen 4, Jonathan Roelfs 2, Chase Collier 2

Rebounding: Dodd 8, Kinen 4, Rieger 3, M. Raile 3, Roelfs 2, Wolters 2, Nick Raile 1

Oberlin wins game

By Betty Jean Winston
On Thursday, Feb. 20, the Oberlin seventh grade girls basketball team defeated St. Francis 24-18. Oberlin scored in double digits (10) in the second quarter and the St. Francis team could not come back for the victory.

"This was a game of 'again's' it seems," Coach David Morrow said. "We had the lead for part of the game, again. We played hard, again. The team showed improvement, again. And we lost, again."

"The encouraging part of this game was to see our kids compete against a pretty good Oberlin team. We handled the press better than we ever have and played against a man-to-man defense a little more efficiently. We definitely have accomplishments to

be proud of.

"Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Cassie Dankenbring and Katie Marin scored for us. Loyd led the group with 7 points and played a great game at the point guard position. Marin contributed some good defense to the effort along with Kattie Ford, who is one of our better rebounders."

SF	07	04	02	05	18
O	05	10	04	05	24

Scoring: Loyd 7, Keller 6, Dankenbring 3, Marin 2

"Those who played in the fifth quarter also showed improvement," Coach Morrow said. "Teri Walters, for second or third outing in a row, scored very early in the contest. Defensively, we played the fifth quarter very well. Our offense is still coming along."

Kansas Kids wrestle at Atwood Saturday

Seventeen members of the St. Francis Wrestling club traveled to Atwood on Saturday, Feb. 22 to participate in a tournament hosted by the Atwood Kids Wrestling Club.

Those attending and their placings are as follows:

Six and under: Lane Hoffman, 43 pounds, second; Garrett Brunk, 46 pounds, third

Eight and under: Casey Keller, 52 pounds, third; Sage Gideon, 61 pounds, fourth; Dillion Straub, 64 pounds, third

10 and under: Cody Sherlock, 67 pounds, second; Grady Brunk 90 pounds, second; Trevor Reed, 90 pounds, third; David Stephens, 95 pounds, third; Adam Guthmiller, 110 pounds, third; Robbie Herman, 130 pounds, second.

12 and under: Garrett Zwegardt, 105 pounds, third.

Yuma, Colo., will be holding a Pee Wee Tournament on Saturday, March 1.

The next Kansas tournaments for young wrestlers will be on March 8 in Oberlin and Scott City.

College Sports

Basketball
Colby Community College
Mike Wolters

Colby Community College was defeated by Hutchinson 76-69 Saturday night. Colby is now 22-6 overall and 9-5 in conference play. Wolters hit one trey for three points.

Action this week includes a game at Dodge City on Wednesday and the final regular season home game on Saturday against Pratt.

Kansas Wesleyan
Jennifer Henderson

Thursday the Lady Coyotes were defeated by Bethany 84-38. Henderson scored 12 points with two three-pointers, one two-pointer and four free throws. She was a perfect 4-of-4 from the line. Tabor defeated Kansas

Wesleyan 93-44 on Saturday evening. Henderson led the scoring for Wesleyan with 11 points. This included one trey, one field goal and six free throws.

Wesleyan is seeded 10th in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament which began Monday. They played Saint Mary in a play-in game. Results next week.

Wrestling
Colby Community College
Ryan Zwegardt

The Colby Community College wrestling team earned the West-Central Regional Championship at Rock Springs, Wyo., and qualified their entire varsity line-up for the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament to be held Friday and Saturday in Rochester, Minn.

Boys finish season at Quinter Friday

By Betty Jean Winston
Friday night was the final basketball game for the St. Francis junior varsity boys and they ended the season with a 61-38 loss to a strong Quinter team.

"Looking back on the season, I would have to say that our young kids have definitely shown improvement," Coach David Morrow said. "This season has taught us, though, that effort and improvement in the season are only small parts in the equation for success in this difficult sport. Basketball is one of the most difficult sports to be good at, and most other towns in this league have some sort of summer basketball program for the boys to be a part of."

"We, and they (our opponents) have learned that unless kids play a lot of basketball in the summer, when school isn't in session, that success will not be easily found."

"In short, you can't compete in this sport if you don't have well-honed basketball skills. We will have to change in order to compete in the future."

Nick Raile 7, Trevor Henderson 6, Jonathan Zwegardt 4, Tyler Voorhies 2

St. Francis 46, Atwood 45

Friday, Feb. 14, St. Francis was ahead 46-45 when the final buzzer sounded and took home the win. This was an exciting basketball game against a league foe.

Although St. Francis scored the win they did not lead during the entire game. The quarter scores show Atwood ahead at the end of the first quarter and St. Francis in the lead at halftime. St. Francis had to outscore Atwood by two points in the final quarter to earn the win.

"On Friday, the boys were able to come away with a victory for which they played hard, but not particularly well," Coach Morrow said. "We were slow and a little sluggish in the first half. On defense we were slow and seemed to allow Atwood to determine the pace of the game. However, we were ahead by four points at halftime."

"The second half was a situation where we needed a couple people to step up during critical times and take control. All through the second half we fought Atwood up and down the court. In fact, Atwood had pulled ahead by four points with just a few minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. That's when Jon Zwegardt and Andrew Feikert took control of the game. Zwegardt scored 10 of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, giving us a lead of one point with just a few seconds remaining. Feikert was fouled and stepped to the line to hit both of his free throws, giving us a rather comfortable three-point lead. Atwood was able to score a basket as time ran out, but they were not able to score beyond the three-point line."

"I was very happy to see these two players and others on the team play that well in crunch time."

SF	10	17	05	14	46
A	15	07	10	12	45

Scoring: Zwegardt 11, N. Raile 7, Henderson 6, Tanner Kinen 5, Roelfs 4, Voorhies 4, Michael Raile 4, Feikert 2, JD Hawkins 2, Collier 1.

Quinter 61, St. Francis 38

Jonathan Roelfs and Chase Collier led the Indians in the scoring column with Roelfs scoring all 10 of his points in the second quarter with four baskets and two free throws and Collier having two baskets in the third quarter and five successful free throws in the fourth quarter.

"Frankly, we didn't play with much enthusiasm for most of the night," Coach Morrow said. "There were players who, at times, played well and with pretty good effort. Across the board, however, we didn't play hard enough or well enough to compete with a good Quinter junior varsity team."

"There were times in the second half when I thought it possible to make a comeback, but they never fully materialized. Quinter is a good shooting team with good athletes. It would have been hard, in any case, to beat them."

SF	06	10	13	09	38
Q	14	17	12	18	61

Scoring: Roelfs 10, Collier 9,



JUNIOR ASHLEY HOLZSWARTH helped the Lady Indians in the recent home game. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Ladies win final league contest

By Betty Jean Winston
St. Francis finished the regular season with a 55-46 Northwest Kansas League win over Quinter Friday night. This gives the team a 11-9 season record and the momentum to move into Sub-State play on Tuesday, March 4 (see related story on page one).

"This was a good win for us and a good way to go into Sub-State action," Coach Ted Busse said.

St. Francis was very consistent Friday, scoring in double figures in each quarter of play while Quinter produced only seven points in the first period and nine in the third.

The teams were close at halftime with Sainty leading by only two but the Lady Indians turned up the heat in the third quarter to move ahead 42-30.

Although Sainty had trouble hitting from a distance, they connected on 17 two-pointers and had a 34 percent success. From the free-throw line they had 41 attempts and made 21. Having this many opportunities gave the Ladies a definite advantage, especially when 51.2 percent went through the hoop.

"I was really pleased with our defensive intensity in the second half as I thought we stepped it up a notch and Quinter had trouble

matching it," Coach Busse said.

Hitting from the field at an 8-of-12 clip for 66.7 percent and from the line at 80 percent (4/5) gave Kelsey Andrist a 20-point evening. She also pulled down five rebounds.

The best percentage from the field belonged to Meredith Knodel who connected on her one attempt while two players, Ashley Holzwarth and Allyse Lampe were both 100 percent from the line with 2-of-2. Another player with a good night at the line was Kande Raile with 5-of-8 for 62.5 percent.

Quinter found their way under the basket to lead in the rebound category. They had 34 to 29 for Sainty. Gina Frohlich had seven for the Lady Indians.

Amber Feikert led in assists with three and Samantha Coates led in steals with six. Feikert added three steals.

SF	13	10	19	13	55
Q	07	14	09	16	46

Scoring: Andrist 20, Feikert 8, Raile 7, Toni Rice 4, Coates 4, Holzwarth 4, Knodel 2, Lampe 2, Frohlich 2, Dennon Zimelman 1, Heather Sowers 1

Rebounding: Frohlich 7, Andrist 5, Raile 4, Rice 3, Zimelman 3, Coates 2, Holzwarth 2, Feikert 1, Sowers 1, Lampe 1.

Ladies have 8-6 record

By Betty Jean Winston
The basketball season is over for the junior varsity girls and they finished the year with an 8-6 winning record. The final contest was a 39-35 loss to Northwest Kansas League opponent Quinter on Friday evening in Quinter.

The C-team, which only had three games on the agenda this year, finished with a perfect 3-0 record.

"We really got off to a very slow start (against Quinter)," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "Many of the team

members were sick and just didn't have a lot to energy.

"I really wanted to play everyone more than I got to, it's just hard working 16 girls into a 32-minute game."

"I was very pleased overall with the effort I got from the team the whole year."

Scoring: Amy Grace 13, Meredith Knodel 8, Chelsey Weeden 4, Hannah Sowers 3, Talisa Voorhies 2, Jade DeGood 2, Maddie Knodel 2, Janessa Jordan 2.

Bowling News

Ladies Nite Out 2/13

Team standings: First National Bank 17-6; Great Plains Co-op 16-7; Wright Carpet 16-8; Jake's 15-8; Troy's Alley Cat 12-12; Cheyenne Bowl 7-16; Jersey Maids 6-18; Dundy Ag 5-19.

High game (scratch): Nancy Vernon 196, Alberta Peterson 194,

Jenny Wright 192

High series (scratch): Vernon 527, Theresa Livingston 515, Jenny Wright 513

Good Luck Sainty

