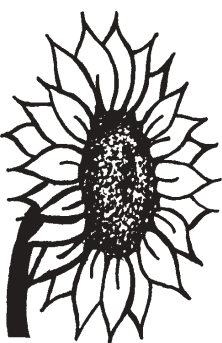


# At the Game



## Three place at State

By Betty Jean Winston

Nine St. Francis wrestlers qualified for State by placing in the top four at the Regional Tournament held in Lakin on Feb. 21-22 and three of these wrestlers come home from the 3-2-1A State Tournament in Hays on Saturday with medals.

Dylan Loyd, 112 pounds, advanced to the finals and was defeated by Younkin of Oakley by a 3-2 decision, thus placing second.

At 160 pounds, Derek Ross finished in third place after winning his final four matches.

The other St. Francis wrestler to place was Trevor Richard at 103 pounds. He finished the tournament with a 4-2 record.

Loyd and Richard are freshmen while Ross is a sophomore.

"We were encouraged by the St. Francis fans," Coach Larry Gabel said. "We appreciate them being willing to drive all that way to support the wrestlers and coaching staff."

St. Francis finished the tough tournament in ninth place with 62.5 points. Hoxie ran away with the event by scoring 218.5 points and having three champions. Additional team placings and tournament champions are listed below.

"Overall I was pleased," Coach Gabel said. "Considering the injuries and sickness, they represented St. Francis well. We had three finalist - a second place, a third place and a fifth place."

"Trevor Richard had an outstanding performance. He is just a freshman and needed to pin a kid for fifth place."

## Wrestlers have good season

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior high wrestling team from St. Francis earned 183 points Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the strong Northwest Kansas League tournament and this gave them a second place finish behind Goodland, who had 215 points.

The Northwest Kansas League is noted for good wrestling teams with 4A, 3A and 2A schools all going head-to-head, no matter the difference in school size.

St. Francis had an undefeated dual season going into Tuesday's tournament and they proved to be winners again with a 24-19 win-loss record.

Taking championships were Jordan Gienger, Levi Weeden and Brandon Wilger with Gavin Smull, Joel McAtee, Adam Peter and Mac Frewen coming in second.

Finishing in third place were Brady Frewen, AJ McAtee, Darren Laffond and Josh Carpenter while Justin Sherlock and Chance Hobrock placed fourth.

"Coach (Daryl) Loyd and I were very proud of these kids today," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "We had seven in the finals with three champions, since the junior high tournament has gone to a full eight teams, placing in the top three has become particularly impressive."

### Team standings

Goodland 215; St. Francis 183; Colby 159; Oberlin 141; Oakley 109; Atwood 86; Hoxie 82; Quinter 72.

### Team statistics

Team statistics with St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 24-19; pins: 19-16; takedowns: 35-19; near falls-2: 2-8; near falls-3: 28-21; reversals: 14-18; escapes: 73-3.

### Individual results

100: B. Frewen lost by a fall to Mason, Goodland; won by a 6-2 decision over Reichert, Oberlin, placed third;

105: J. Sherlock won by a fall over Manning, Oberlin; won by a 5-4 decision over Sperber, Oakley;



FRESHMAN TREVOR RICHARD, 103 pounds, placed fifth at State in Hays on Saturday at the 3-2-1A Tournament.

Herald staff photo by Leslie Hilt.

"Dylan Loyd had an outstanding tournament. He beat three really good kids to get in the finals and just fell one point short.

"Gabe Gienger was in a tough bracket. He needs to get stronger. It is a tribute to him and to his hard work that he got to state. He needs to continue to work to get better.

"What an outstanding overall season Gabe Smull had with 30 wins at 145 pounds, which is a tough weight. The flu hit and he was sick but still managed to compete and win one match at state.

"Trey Hilt was just an overtime away from placing. He had an outstanding performance. He blocked out his injury and concentrated at his level which shows a lot of heart and character.

"After losing his first match, Derek Ross had to battle his way through the back door. He also had to score a win over the wrestler that had defeated him in the first match to be able to go for third. He has had an outstanding season, winning over 30 matches.

"Travis Hilt has wrestled tough all year. He lost his first match at State

in a double overtime. The 189 pound bracket is a tough one. He had an outstanding season and was a great leader.

"It was the luck of the draw that put Dallas Walz in the bracket he was in. He saw kids in the other bracket which he had beaten twice during the season go on to place at State. He was another great senior leader.

"Gabe Walz had a great tournament going 2-2. He had a good season and was one match away from placing at State."

### Team standings

(Top 20): Hoxie 218.5; Norton 144; Atchison County/Effingham 94.5; Oakley 77; Beloit 67; Oberlin 67; Atwood 64; Minneapolis 63; St. Francis 62.5; Ellis 52; Wellsville 51; Thomas More Prep-Marian 45; Belleville 44; Ellsworth 40; Silver Lake 39.5; Rossville 38.5; Stockton 37.5; Sabetha 36.

### Champions

103: Madden, Norton; 112: L. Younkin, Oakley; 119: Baker, Hoxie; 125: Annon, Norton; 130: Gilliland, Hoxie; 135: M. Schippers, Hoxie; 140: Morris, Beloit; 145: Drennan, Minneapolis; 152: Hille, Trego; 160:

Pursel, Atchison County; 171: Dennis, Oakley; 189: Lyons, Atchison County; 215: Horinek, Atwood; 275: Honas, Ellis.

### Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 20-25; escapes 17-20; reversals 20-18; near falls 24-14; wins 18-15; major decisions 1-1; technical falls 1-1; falls 6-8.

### Individual stats

103: Richard by a 22-7 technical fall over Ryan, Russell; lost by a 7-4 decision to Eudora; won by a fall over Medina, Leoti; won by a 9-8 decision over Ruder, Thomas More Prep; lost by a fall to Owings, Plainville; won by a fall over Dieter, Silver Lake;

112: Loyd won by a fall over Spaeny, Southeast of Saline; won by a 6-5 decision over Zoogelman, Garden Plains; won by a 2-0 decision over Schambergher, Hoxie; lost by a 3-2 decision to Younkin, Oakley;

125: Gienger lost by a fall to Tyler, West Elk; lot by a 15-0 technical fall to Cox, Southeast of Saline;

145: Smull lost by a fall to Mendoza, Cherryvale; won by a fall

over Looney, Pleasant Ridge; lost by a fall to Schamberger, Hoxie;

152: Trey Hilt lost by a fall to Thibault, Osborne; won by a fall over Tyler, Onaga; won by a 9-7 decision over Rausch, Sabetha; lost by a 5-3 overtime decision to Gorton, Central Heights;

160: Ross lost by a 5-2 decision to Schumacher, Thomas More Prep; won by a fall over Knoll, Flint Hills; won by a 7-3 decision over Bina, Hillsboro; won by a 10-4 decision over Campbell, Hoxie; won by a 3-1 decision over Schumacher, Thomas More Prep

189: Travis Hilt lost by a 2-1 overtime decision to Roberts, Wellsville; lost by a fall to Henke, Osborne;

215: D. Walz won by a 10-4 decision over Willett, Silver Lake; lost by a fall to Strait, Belleville; lost by a 6-5 decision to Eite, Smith Center

275: G. Walz won by a 3-1 overtime decision over Hamilton, Eudora; lost by a fall to Eberwein, Alma-Wabaunsee; won by a 7-1 decision over Cummings, St. Marys; lost by a 10-2 major decision to Muir, Stockton



COMPETE IN FINALS - These junior high wrestlers placed either first or second at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament held Feb. 25. Wrestlers and their placings (L to R) include: Adam Peter, second; Brendon Wilger, first; Mac Frewen, second; Gavin Smull, second; Jordan Gienger, first; Joel McAtee, second and Levi Weeden, first.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

lost by a fall to Migkelbrin, Atwood; lost by a fall to Mainus, Colby, placed fourth;

110: Smull won by a fall over Ladenberge, Colby; lost by a fall to Younkin, Oakley, placed second;

115: AJ McAtee won by a fall over Erickson, Colby; won by a 14-1 major decision over Chase, Oberlin; won by a fall over Moore, Oakley, placed third;

120: Gienger won by a fall over Marcusson, Oberlin; won by a fall over Hawke, Goodland, placed first;

125: Russell Rogers lost by a 5-2 decision to Peterson, Oberlin; lost by a 10-4 decision to Yergey, Hoxie;

130: Laffond lost by a fall to Baalman, Hoxie; won by a fall over Asbridge, Colby; won by a fall over Talley, Oberlin; won by a fall over Deaton, Quinter, placed third;

135: David Guthmiller won by a fall over Robinson, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Spresser, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Mader, Quinter;

140: J. McAtee won by a fall over Binning, Atwood; won by a fall over Fulwider, Colby; lost by a fall to Goodley, Goodland, placed second;

145: Keaton Frewen lost by a fall

to Leighton, Quinter; lost by a fall to Warta, Oberlin;

150: Weeden won by a fall over Farber, Hoxie; won by a 10-3 decision over Urban, Oberlin; won by a fall over Farber, Hoxie, placed first;

155: Mac Frewen won by a fall over Cox, Colby; won by a fall over Ochs, Quinter; lost by a fall to McGinty, Hoxie, placed second;

165: Hobrock lost by a fall to Racette, Oakley; lost by a fall to Juenemann, Oberlin, placed

fourth;

165: Peter won by a fall over Searle, Goodland; lost by a 4-1 decision to Urban, Oberlin, placed second;

275: Wilger won by a fall over Bird, Hoxie; won by a fall over Hachmeste, Goodland; won by a 13-4 major decision over Euhus, Oberlin, placed first;

75: Josh Carpenter lost by a fall to Wark, Colby; lost by a fall to Normandin, Goodland, placed third.

## Tourney scheduled

The 11th annual MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook the weekends of March 29 and 30th and April 5 and 6th, sponsored by the McCook Optimist Club.

The fourth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls will compete during March weekend and the fifth and six grade boys and girls during April weekend. Entry deadline is March 10. There is a three-game guarantee. Entry

forms can be picked up at the Sports Shoppe in downtown McCook and when completed should be sent along with fee to McCook Optimist Club, 208 Norris Ave, McCook, NE 69001.

For more information, please contact the event chairman Bob Elder at (308) 345-4296 or the Optimist Club President Craig Olsen at (308) 345-1575.



## College Sports

### Basketball

#### Jennifer Henderson

The Kansas Wesleyan Lady Coyotes finished their season on Monday evening, Feb. 24, when they were defeated by Saint Mary 63-55 in a Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Tournament play-in contest.

#### Colby Community College Mike Wolters

Colby Community College finished their regular season with a 24-6 overall record and a 11-5 Jawhawk West conference play.

Colby's conference total of 11 victories is the most in school history. Their overall total of 24 is the second most in school history.

Colby defeated Dodge City 71-52 on Wednesday with Wolters making 3-of-4 free-throw attempts for 3 points.

Saturday Colby defeated Pratt 100-87 in the final regular season game. Sophomore players were honored on this occasion.

Colby is the second place finisher in the West meaning they hosted a play-off game on Wednesday night. Results were unavailable at press time.

### Wrestling

#### Colby Community College Ryan Zweggardt

The Colby Community College Trojan wrestlers traveled to Rochester, Minn., this past weekend to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. While they fell just short in their bid to bring home the school's second national wrestling team championship, the team represented their school, the large contingent of Colby fans in attendance and the community in fine fashion.

The Trojans accumulated 135 team points, five points behind North Idaho, and secured All-American honors in seven weight classes, including two national champions.

## Girls defeat Hoxie

By Betty Jean Winston

What a great way to end the season! The eighth grade girls were more proficient on the offensive side in the second half of the Thursday game against Hoxie and scored a 47-41 victory. They worked hard to end of season on a positive note.

"This group of girls has been a joy to work with and they will be fun to watch in the coming years," Coach Rob Schiltz said. "Although we struggled to win this year, I'm very confident in their ability to compete in the future. They have good work ethics, they seem to be very close knit as a team, and most importantly, they are great kids."

Northwest Kansas League Tournament games on Tuesday and Thursday finished off the season.

St. Francis lost the Tuesday game against Colby which put them in the consolation bracket with Oakley, Hoxie and Oberlin

In the first contest on Thursday, St. Francis lost to Oakley while Oberlin defeated Hoxie. This put St. Francis and Hoxie playing for seventh place and the Ladies pulled out the victory in the second half when they outscored Hoxie. The score was tied going into half time.

### Tuesday

Colby 37, St. Francis 8

Colby dominated St. Francis in the first round of the league tournament and held the Lady Indians to eight total points for the game.

Sainty was 2-of-4 at the free-throw line for 50 percent with Colby having the same percentage by making 4-of-8 attempts.

Megan Rice scored four points for St. Francis while Lauren Ross and Alecia Zimbelman each added two.

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### Thursday

Oakley 33, St. Francis 15

St. Francis scored points in each quarter of this consolation game, but the Ladies found themselves trailing 29-11 at the end of the third quarter and could not get the shots to fall, giving Oakley a 33-15 victory.

Rice scored 17 points to lead the team with six other players helping offensively by scoring baskets.

"This game was the same story as most of the rest of our games - we

couldn't get the ball in the basket," Coach Schiltz said. "As a team, we were 6-of-45 from the field for 13 percent. Few, if any basketball games will be won shooting that poorly."

"I felt the girls played well regarding the other aspects of the game; they hustled well, play good defense and handled the ball pretty good. Had we hit some of the easy shots we had, it would have been a different game."

Sainty hit 3-of-16 free throws for 19 percent while Oakley was 3-of-5 for 60 percent. Not taking advantage of shots from the line can hurt the final score, and Sainty had a number of opportunities.

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Scoring: Rice 5, Brittany Lucas 3, Ross 3, Danielle Flemming 2, Zimbelman 2.

#### St. Francis 47, Hoxie 41

St. Francis found the basket in this contest and took advantage of the opportunity to score a win.

"A new story for this game - the ball went in the basket!" Coach Schiltz said. "After shooting only 13 percent as a team in the first game of the tournament, we shot 43 percent making 20-of-46 from the field in this game."

"I was amazing to see how the girls' confidence built throughout the game as a result of making some shots."

"This game was a real teeth clincher with the lead changing hands several times throughout."

"It was also a very physical game. Both teams had girls in foul trouble early which results in shooting 46 free throw's collectively during the game."

"This game was fast paced, emotional for the players, and the fans were 'raising' the roof off the gym. It was by far our most exciting game of the season."

"I felt our girls did a tremendous job controlling the game in the last two minutes. They kept their composure and did all the right things to pull out the first victory of the season."

St. Francis was 7-of-28 from the line for 25 percent with Hoxie being 5-of-18 for 28 percent.

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Scoring: Rice 17, Mindy Cooper 8, Zimbelman 7, Ross 6, Flemming 4, Lucas 3; Janelle Zweggardt 2.