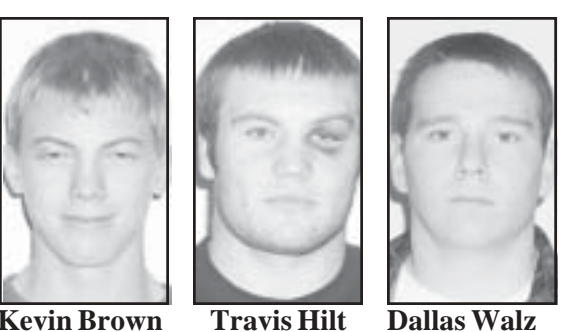


# At the Game

## Wrestling wrapup shows many have successful season

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
The Lakin 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament and the State Tournament in Hays climaxed the Indians season of duals and tournaments.



**Kevin Brown** **Travis Hilt** **Dallas Walz**

Nine wrestlers prevailed at Regionals winning the right to represent St. Francis at state and giving them the opportunity to place in the top six in their weight class.

Three of the State qualifiers earned medals at Hays the weekend of Feb. 28-March 1 with Dylan Loyd placing second at 112 pounds, Derek Ross third at 160 pounds and Trevor Richard fifth at 103 pounds.

Loyd and Richard are freshmen and Ross is a sophomore, giving them each additional years to participate in Indian wrestling.

Also attending State were seniors Travis Hilt and Dallas Walz; junior Trey Hilt, sophomores Gabe Gienger and Gabe Walz and freshman Gabe Smull.

Results from the year show the Indians won non-league duals over Skyline, Colo., and Brush, Colo., in a double dual held at Brush and Greeley Central, Bennett, Adam City, Sterling and Northridge, all at the Sterling (Colo.) dual tournament where they came home with the championship.

In Northwest Kansas League action St. Francis defeated Goodland, Oakley and Atwood while losing to Colby, Hoxie and Oberlin.

Sainty placed fourth at the St. Francis Invitational, third at the Brush Invitational, first at the Wray Invitational, first at Sterling, sixth at the Prairie Classic, first at Cheyenne Wells, third at the league tournament, second at regionals and ninth at state.

This year St. Francis fans had the opportunity to not only attend the St. Francis Invitational, several dual meets in St. Francis but also the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, where a number of top-ranked wrestlers participated.

Wrestlers earning championships at one or more tournaments during the year were Richard, Loyd, Kevin Brown, Gabe Smull, Trey Hilt, Ross, Kyle Buffington, Travis Hilt, D. Walz, G. Walz,

Three seniors finished their high school wrestling career: Travis Hilt, D. Walz and K. Brown.

Following is a wrapup of the statistics from all varsity matches during the 2002-03 season.

Several wrestlers listed also competed in a number of junior varsity or exhibition matches but the statistics listed below apply only to varsity matches.

### Top five wrestlers

Takedowns: Travis Hilt 95; Ross 51; D. Walz 51; Loyd 45; Smull 45; Escapes: D. Walz 34; Trey Hilt 28; Travis Hilt 21; Buffington 20; Matt Brown 19; Smull 19;

Reversals: Buffington 28; K. Brown 25; Trey Hilt 24; Richard 23; Loyd 22; Gienger 22;

Near falls: K. Brown 52; Ross 45; Richard 41; Loyd 34; Smull 32; Buffington 32;

Wins: Ross 34; Travis Hilt 32; Smull 30; Loyd 28; G. Walz 27

Fewest losses (20 or more matches): Loyd 6, Ross 7, Trey Hilt 9; Troy Zwegardt 10; G. Walz 10;

Major decisions: D. Walz 6; Smull 4; Travis Hilt 4; Gienger 3; Buffington 3;

Technical falls: Loyd 4; Ross 4; Richard 3; Travis Hilt 3; Buffington 2;

Falls: Ross 19; Smull 18; Travis Hilt 18; K. Brown 15; Richard 14; Loyd 14;

Total points: Ross 174; Travis Hilt 159; Smull 150; Richard 140; Loyd 139.

### Complete stats

(Where two numbers are listed such as falls 10-2, it means that the



**TREY HILT, 152 pounder, wrestled well at state and finished the season with a 25-9 record.**

*Herald staff photo by Leslie Hilt*

Sainty wrestler pinned 10 of his opponents, while he was pinned twice)

Richard: takedowns 31; escapes 3; reversals 23; near falls 41; record: 26-13; major decisions 2-0; technical falls 3-0; falls 14-10; points 140.

Mario Tafoya: takedowns 3; escapes 1; reversals 4; near falls 0; record: 2-5; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 1-2; points 12.

Loyd: takedowns 45; escapes 13; reversals 22; near falls 34; record: 28-6; major decisions 2-0; technical falls 4-0; falls 14-1; points 139.

M. Brown: takedowns 9; escapes 19; reversals 3; near falls 3; record: 8-19; major decisions 0-3; technical falls 0-6; falls 3-5; points 39.

Gienger: takedowns 13; escapes 10; reversals 22; near falls 20; record: 9-22; major decisions 3-4; technical falls 0-3; falls 3-5; points 45.

K. Brown: takedowns 24; escapes 14; reversals 25; near falls 52; record: 24-15; major decision 2-6; technical falls 1-2; falls 15-5; points 127.

Devin Rohweder: takedowns 3; escapes 3; reversals 8; near falls 3;

record: 4-17; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-1; falls 3-15; points 24.

Luke Keller: takedowns 3; escapes 0; reversals 2; near falls 2; record: 1-2; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 1-2; points 6. (injured early in the season)

Zwegardt: takedowns 20; escapes 6; reversals 6; near falls 23; record: 10-10; major decisions 2-2; technical falls 1-1; falls 3-3; points 46.

Smull: takedowns 45; escapes 19; reversals 21; near falls 32; record: 30-11; major decisions 4-2; technical falls 1-0; fall 18-4; points 150.

Trey Hilt: takedowns 35; escapes 28; reversals 24; near falls 17; record: 25-9; major decisions 1-1; technical falls 1-0; falls 9-2; points 106.

Josh Walters: takedowns 2; escapes 5; reversals 1; near falls 2; record: 2-13; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 0-13; points 9.

Ross: takedowns 51; escapes 15; reversals 15; near falls 45; record: 34-7; major decisions 1-0; technical falls 4-0; falls 19-0; points 174.

Nick Keller: takedowns 11; escapes 7; reversals 2; near falls 5;

record: 3-7; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 3-3; points 18.

Buffington: takedowns 37; escapes 20; reversals 28; near falls 32; record: 20-15; major decisions 3-2; technical falls 2-0; falls 10-12; points 103.

Travis Hilt: takedowns 95; escapes 21; reversals 9; near falls 20; record: 32-11; major decisions 4-0; technical falls 3-0; falls 18-9; points 159.

Grant Keller: takedowns 7; escapes 3; reversals 2; near falls 2; record: 3-6; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-1; falls 2-2; points 15.

Troy Torrence: takedowns 15; escapes 13; reversals 1; near falls 7; record: 8-7; major decisions 0-2; technical falls 0-1; falls 7-3; points 45.

Tal Earl: takedowns 0; escapes 0; reversals 2; near falls 0; record: 0-6; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 0-6; points 0.

John McWilliams: takedowns 2; escapes 7; reversals 2; near falls 1; record: 0-4; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-1; falls 0-2; points 0.

D. Walz: takedowns 51; escapes 34; reversals 9; near falls 12; record:

26-12; major decisions 6-1; technical falls 0-0; falls 9-3; points 123.

Seth Swihart: takedowns 15; escapes 7; reversals 7; near falls 12; record: 7-8; major decisions 1-0; technical falls 0-1; falls 5-5; points 37.

G. Walz: takedowns 25; escapes 18; reversals 6; near falls 1; record: 27-10; major decisions 0-1; technical falls 0-1; falls 11-5; points 117.

### Team statistics

St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 522-394; escapes 204-243; reversals 240-234; near falls 343-261; major decisions 31-23; technical falls 20-14; falls 161-106; record 333-218.

### Letter winners

Seniors: K. Brown, Travis Hilt, D. Walz

Juniors: L. Keller, Zwegardt, Trey Hilt, Buffington, G. Keller, N. Keller, Torrence

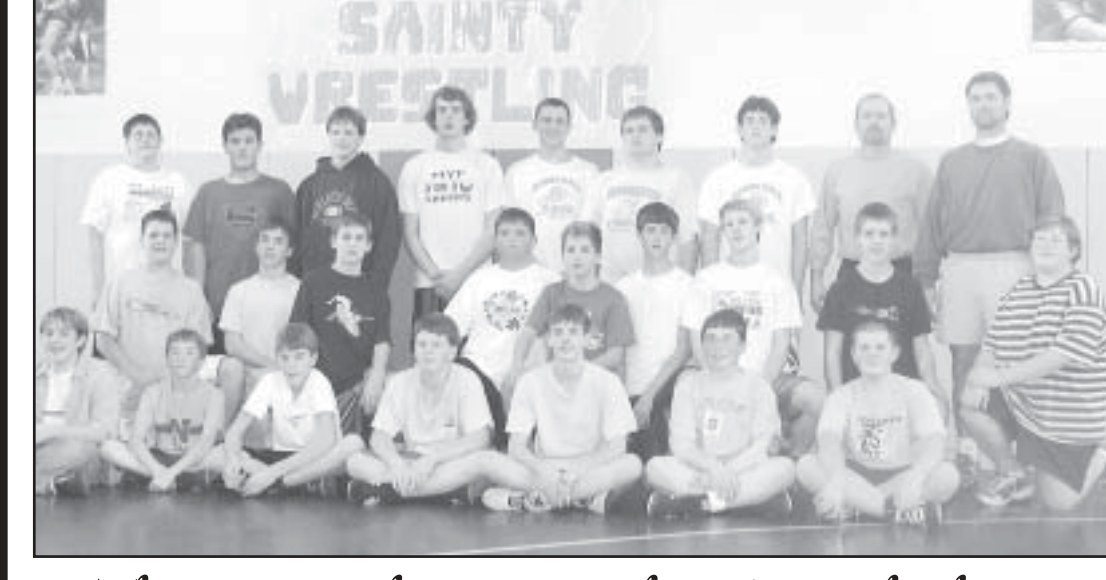
Sophomores: Tafoya (provisional), Gienger, Rohweder, Walters, Ross, Swihart, G. Walz

Freshmen: Richard, Loyd, M. Brown, Smull, Earl (provisional)

Mat maids: Brooke Lucas, Emily Walz, Kali Rueb, Hailey Frewen, Katora Sherlock

Filmers: Ale Tygart, Robin Burton

## What a Great Season Wrestlers!



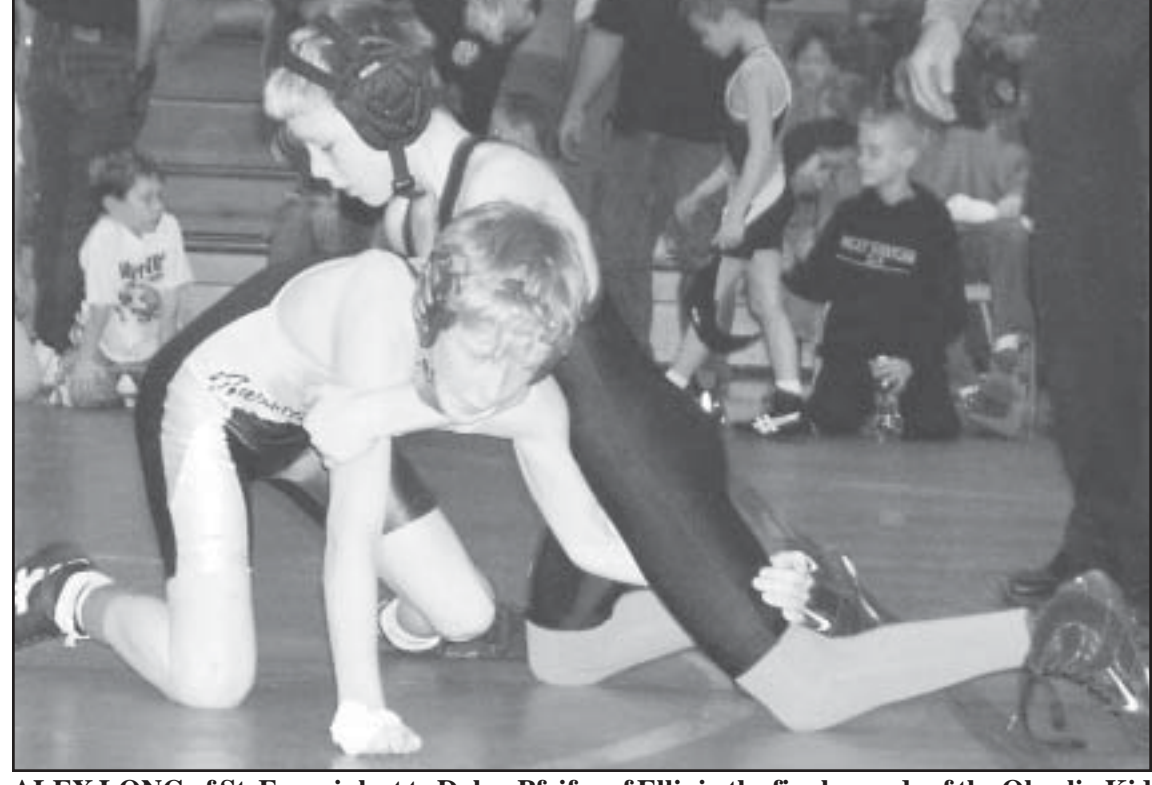
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**ALEX LONG of St. Francis lost to Dylan Pfeifer of Ellis in the final rounds of the Oberlin Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.**

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## Kids busy competing in area meets

Two St. Francis wrestlers participated in the Pee Wee Wrestling Tournament hosted by the Burlington (Colo.) Wrestling Association on Saturday, March 8.

Attending from St. Francis were the following: Jarod Schafer, who earned a second place ribbon in the 39-pound, Tiny Tots division

Logan Lampe, who wrestled at 47 pounds in the first and second grade division.

### Oberlin

**Basketball**  
**Colby Community College**  
**Mike Wolters**  
Coffeyville ended Colby's bid to win the Region 6 Basketball Tournament and advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament on Monday evening when they defeated Colby 78-53. The Colby Trojans ended the year with a 26-7 record after having advanced in post-season play to the Region's semi-final game, the first

In other wrestling action, 16 boys from the St. Francis Wrestling Club were among approximately 280 wrestlers attending the Oberlin Kids Invitational, also on Saturday. Results are as follows:

Six and under: Lane Hoffman, 43 pounds, first; Garrett Brunk, 46 pounds, first; Shakotah Blanka, 76 pounds, second;

Eight and under: Casey Keller, 52 pounds, participated; Dillion Straub, 67 pounds, participated

10 and under: Cody Sherlock, 67

pounds, second; Darris Keller, 85 pounds, third; Alex Long, 85 pounds, fourth; Grady Brunk, 90 pounds, third; David Stephens, 95 pounds, first; Adam Guthmiller, 110 pounds, third; Robbie Herman, 130 pounds, third

12 and under: Justin Sherlock, 105 pounds, first; Garrett Zwegardt, 105 pounds, fourth

14 and under: Darren Laffond, 130 pounds, participated; David Guthmiller, 140 pounds, participated

Wolters scored on a two-point field goal.

### Track

#### Kansas Wesleyan University

#### Jennifer Henderson

Now that the Lady Coyote basketball season is finished, Henderson will be joining the university's track team.

Her first outing will be at the Bethany Invitational in Lindsborg on March 15. The season runs through May 24.

## College Sports