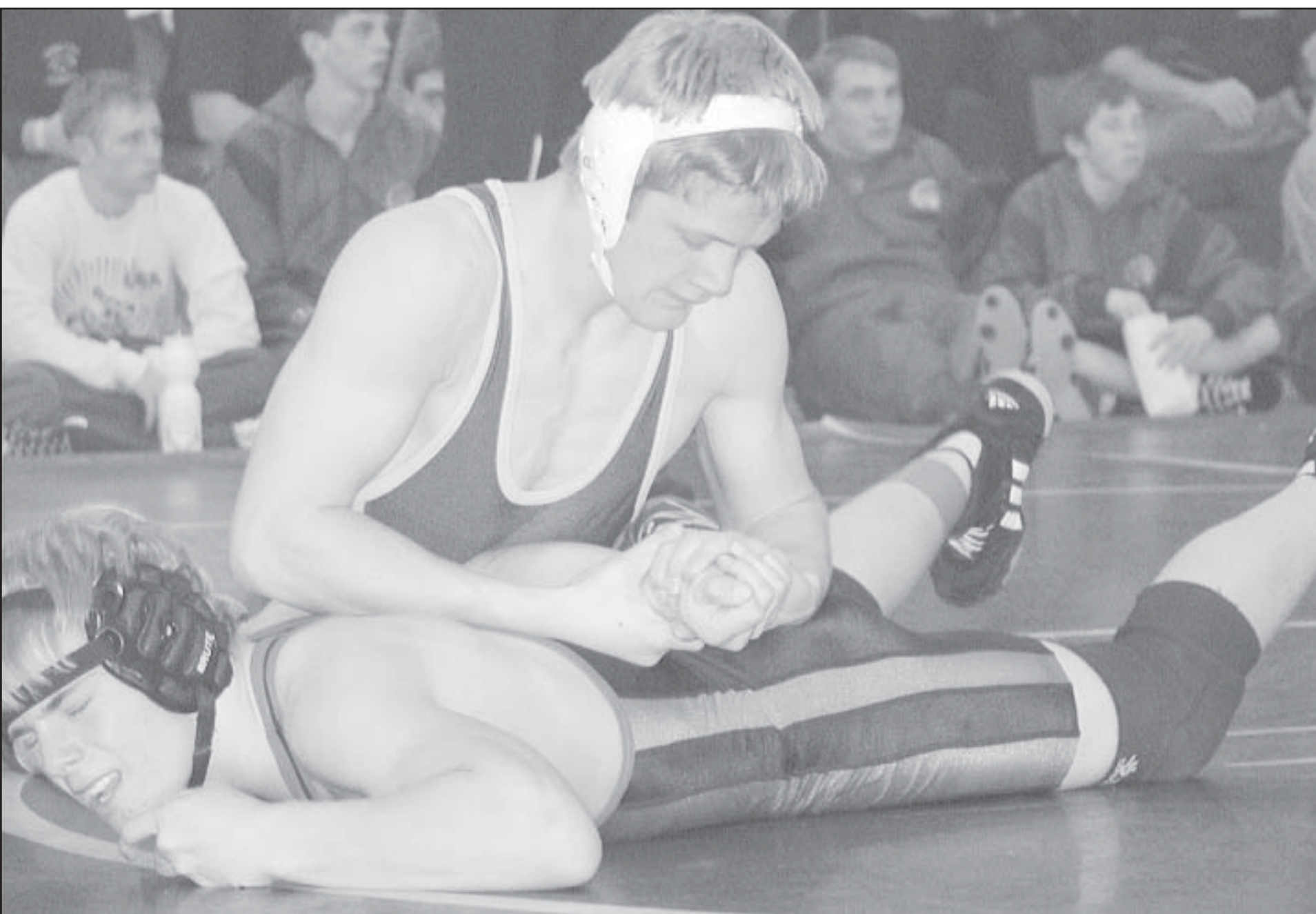
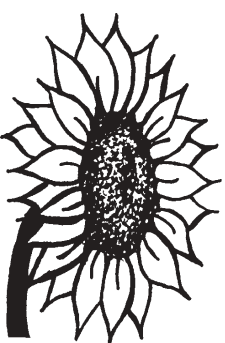


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At the Game



JORDAN GIENGER, Sainty Indian wrestler, had his oponent in pain as he controlled the wrist, working toward a bar arm series at the St. Francis Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. Gienger took first place in the tournament. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Sainty holds successful wrestling tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The 44th annual St. Francis Invitational opened the 2004-05 wrestling season for a number of teams. The tournament took place on Saturday with Goodland earning the championship with 168 points. They had four champions, one second place finish and three thirds. Last year the home team won the championship but this year even though they missed the top spot, the Indians had a second place finish with 154 points. They also had four champions, along with one second place finish, two thirds, two fourths, one sixth, one seventh and one eighth. Scott City earned third place with 131 points and three champions. Dylan Loyd of St. Francis and Dexter Deeds of Goodland were named Co-Outstanding Wrestlers by the coaches, with the co-winners being announced following the tournament.

The weather was beautiful and the high school gym was a busy place throughout the day with many fans following their teams to St. Francis. The Indian team ended the day with four champions, one second place finisher, two thirds, Taking the crowns in their weight class were junior Trevor Richard at 119; junior Dylan Loyd at 130; sophomore Jordan Gienger at 140 and senior Derek Ross at 189. Placing second was senior Gabe Gienger at 152 while Gabe Smull (160) and Brennan Wilger (215) placed third.

"It was a very tough tournament with some outstanding individuals," Coach Larry Gabel said.

"Goodland has a good team, they didn't lose a lot from last year and Scott City also had some outstanding kids.

"I want to commend Chuck Peters, Scott 'Hoagie' Carmichael and Tammy Grice for running a first-class tournament. Overall it was a very good.

"I was very pleased with the St. Francis kids with no more practices than they had due to being in the football playoffs. They did well but we certainly have a few things to work on.

"Trevor (Richard) had a tough bracket. In the finals he wrestled Migchelbrink of Atwood (Rawlins County) who placed third at State last year while Trevor placed second. They have met many times. Trevor bailed back from behind to win by a 10-6 decision. Migchelbrink is a good wrestler.

"Dylan (Loyd) had a tough kid in the finals, Dreiling of Scott City placed at state in 4A. Dylan fell behind but had the mental toughness to not let it bother him and he came back to win by a fall.

"Jordan (Gienger) had an outstanding tourney winning each match by a fall. The final match was won in 26 seconds. He was very impressive and completely dominated his weight.

"Derek (Ross) was in a competitive bracket, and he was clearly the class of his field at 189. He won a 10-2 major decision in the last match after having two previous falls.

"Gabe Gienger did an outstanding job. He got beat in the finals but is a much improved wrestler this year and I am looking for good things from him. Josh (Walters) placed seventh but he had to win in the pigtail in order to get on the bracket. Later he wrestled a State placer from Holyoke and even though he got beat, Josh wrestled with a lot of heart and the Holyoke guy was glad to get off the mat as Josh was coming back strong. Brennan (Wilger) really did well for his first time at 215 pounds. He did some good things.

"Gavin (Smull) was wrestling for his first time as a freshman. He was very competitive in a round robin weight. He placed fourth. Josh (Carpenter) wrestled for the first time on varsity and he had a lot of hustle and desire. Devin (Rohweder) is much improved from last year. He lost two

matches by one point. Gabe (Smull) lost a close 3-2 semi-final match. He would have liked to have finished higher but got a lot of good out of his matches. He will be a force to contend."

Team scores

Goodland 168; St. Francis 154, Scott City 131; Colby 111, Pine Creek 93, Holyoke 82, Wray 70, Rawlins County 61, Wichita County 53, Sterling 50, Quinter 5.

Championship round

103: Johnson of Pine Creek defeated Tibbles of Colby; 112: Bahe of Goodland defeated Powell of Colby; 119: Richard of St. Francis defeated Migchelbrink of Rawlins County; 125: Wenger of Pine Creek was first, Powell of Colby was second; 130: Loyd of St. Francis defeated Dreiling of Scott City; 135: Deeds of Goodland defeated Unrein of Sterling; 140: J. Gienger of St. Francis defeated Blecha of Wray; 145: Mettlen of Scott City defeated Carey of Sterling; 152: Hatfield of Goodland defeated G. Gienger of St. Francis; 160: Rosin of Scott City defeated Valko of Wray; 171: Bergner of Holyoke defeated Wright of Colby; 189: Ross of St. Francis defeated Cowen of Goodland; 215: Starr of Goodland defeated Fox of Scott City; 275: Miller of Scott City defeated Kennedy of Pine Creek.

Third/fourth place round

103: O'Neal of Holyoke defeated George of Scott City; 112: Sauer of Scott City defeated Nathan Porter of Wichita County; 119: Zelfer of Goodland defeated Olsen of Colby; 125: Stephens of Goodland was third and Smull of St. Francis fourth; 130: Anderson of Sterling defeated Sikorski of Pine Creek; 135: Davison of Wray defeated Baker of Wichita County; 140: Binning of Rawlins County defeated Ortnor of Holyoke; 145: Finley of Colby defeated Saint of Goodland; 152: Franklin of Holyoke defeated Dietz of Colby; 160: Gabe Smull of St. Francis defeated Streeb of Holyoke; 171: Jarmin of Goodland defeated

Berning of Wichita County; 189: Vargas of Wichita County defeated Wecker of Holyoke; 215: Wilger of St. Francis defeated Malley of Pine Creek; 275: Rodriguez of Wichita County over Walz of St. Francis.

Team totals

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns: 52-23; escapes: 21-24; reversals: 15-21; near falls: 31-12; wins: 25-16; major decisions: 2-3; technical falls: 3-0; falls: 17-6.

Individual results

103: Carpenter (eighth) lost by a fall to Johnson, Pine Creek; lost by a fall to Ritchey, Wray; lost by a fall to Fierro, Wichita County

119: Richard (first) won by a fall over Dirks, Wichita County won by an 18-3 technical fall over Olson, Colby; won by a 10-6 decision over Migchelbrink (Rawlins County)

125: Gavin Smull (fourth) lost by a 13-2 decision to Stephens, Goodland; lost by a fall to Powell, Colby; lost by a fall to Wenger, Pine Creek; won by a fall over Graff, Wichita County

130: Loyd (first) won by a fall over Vrbas, Rawlins County; won by a 17-1 technical fall over Sikorski, Pine Creek; won by a fall over Dreiling, Scott City

135: Rohweder (sixth) lost by a 10-9 decision to Davison, Wray; won by a fall over Conde, Holyoke; lost by a 5-4 decision to Warta, Scott City

140: J. Gienger (first) won by a fall over Numrich, Scott City; won by a fall over Binning, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Blecha, Wray.

145: Matt Brown (pigtail pre-rotter) lost by a 9-5 decision to Howard, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Baker, Wray; won by a fall over Carey, Sterling

152: G. Gienger (second) won by a technical fall over Probasco, Wray; won by a fall over Dietz, Colby; lost by a 14-5 major decision to Hatfield, Goodland

160: Gabe Smull (third) won by a fall over Voss, Colby; lost by a 4-3

decision to Rosin, Scott City; won by a 15-1 major decision over Streeb, Holyoke

171: Walters (fifth) won by a fall over Simpson, Sterling; lost by a 12-3 major decision to Bergner, Holyoke; lost by a fall to Hicks, Pine Creek; won by a fall over Radnor, Scott City

189: Ross (first) won by a fall over Mazanac, Colby; won by a fall over Wecker, Holyoke; won by a 10-2 major decision over Cowen, Goodland

215: Wilger (third) won by a 5-1 decision over Kriss, Colby; lost by a 6-5 decision to Starr, Goodland; won by a 6-2 decision over Malley, Pine Creek.

275: Gabe Walz (fourth) won by a fall over Doxon, Goodland; lost by a 1-0 decision to Kennedy, Pine Creek; lost by a 1-1 overtime tie breaker to Rodriguez, Wichita County Leoti.

Awards

Most exciting match: Loyd vs Dreiling of Scott City, Loyd won by a fall; most outstanding performance, Richard, Loyd, J. Gienger, Ross, champions at St. Francis Invitational; key match award, Richard vs Migchelbrink of Rawlins County and Loyd vs Dreiling of Scott City; coach's award, Walters; practice wrestler: Richard; best freshman performance: Gavin Smull, fourth place at Invitational; best junior varsity performance, Brady Frewen, Justin Sherlock, Darren Laffond and Russell Rogers, champions at Goodland Tourney; best sophomore performance: J. Gienger, champion at Invitational; most takedowns, Richard, 12; fastest fall, J. Gienger vs Blecha of Wray, 26 seconds.

Wrestlers of the Week

St. Francis Wrestling coaching staff has selected Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Jordan Gienger and Derek Ross as "Wrestlers of the Week." All four dominated their respective weight classes to win the St. Francis Invitational Championship.

Athletes receive letters

After a successful 8-4 football season which included three play-off games, Coach Tim Lambert has announced the following high school football letter winners: Joel McAtee, Dylan Loyd, AJ McAtee, Matt Brown, JD Hawkins, BJ Killingsworth, Trevor Richard, Jordan Gienger, Derek Ross, Andrew Feikert, Gabe Smull, Adam Peter, Josh Walters, Cody Barnhart, Levi Weeden, Gabe Gienger, Seth Swihart, Gabe Walz, Brennan Wilger, Heath Owens, Devin Rohweder, Tanner Kinen, Mac Frewen and Russell Rogers.

Ladies win in overtime

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior varsity girls basketball team had an exciting first game and what made it even better was they had a good overtime period and came home with a 49-38 victory. The game was played Thursday in Benkelman against Dundy County.

"I was very pleased with the way the girls played," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "The offense is pretty confusing and they ran it very well, usually getting an uncontested shot somewhere. We just need to improve our passing and shooting and then we will be a much better team."

The scoring was divided among 14 players with Maddie Knodel earning eight points.

"With 24 players, it's very difficult to get everyone a lot of playing time, but we were able to work with whoever was on the court and everyone was out on the court at one time or another," Coach Dinkel said.

"I believe that is what pleased me the most... that everyone did their fair share of the work in winning and played with whoever was out there with them on the court.

"An overtime victory is a great way to start the season and I am so thrilled that they didn't quit."

Scoring: Knodel 8, Lauren Ross 5, Megan Rice 5, Talisa Voorhies 4, Alecia Zimmelman 4, Danielle Flemming 4, Schuyler Coates 4, Dara Loyd 4, Kattie Ford 4, Sheryl Miller 2, Sam Marin 2, Jade DeGood 1, Erin Neitzel 1, Katie Marin 1.

School Schedule

Thursday: high school wrestling, Colby, here, 6:30 p.m.; junior high boys basketball, Goodland, there, 4:30 p.m.

Friday: high school basketball, Sagebrush Classic, semi finals, Brewster; high school wrestling, Brush, there, 6 p.m.

Saturday: high school wrestling, Brush Invitational, 10 a.m.; high school basketball, Sagebrush Classic, finals, Brewster;

Monday: junior high boys basketball, first round, Northwest Kansas League tournament;

Tuesday: high school basketball, Cheyenne Wells, here, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16: junior high boys basketball, Northwest Kansas League Tournament, seventh grade at Oakley, 3 p.m.; eighth grade at Quinter, 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17: high school basketball, Oberlin, here, 6:30 p.m.; high school wrestling, Oberlin, there, 6:30 p.m.



Junior varsity wrestles in tourney at Goodland on Saturday

By Betty Jean Winston

Seven Sainty wrestlers, Brady Frewen, Justin Sherlock, Darren Laffond, Russell Rogers, Zack Mills, David Guthmiller and Tal Earl, opened their season in Goodland Saturday as part of the Goodland Early Season junior varsity tournament.

Among the teams participating besides St. Francis were Oakley, Goodland, Liberal, Garden City,

Colby, Hoxie, Oberlin.

By the end of the day Sainty wrestlers had a combined 16-6 record. No individual placings or team scores were kept.

Indian wrestlers who finished the day undefeated included Frewen, Sherlock, Laffond and Rogers.

Team stats

Team statistics with St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 16-6; pins: 12-3;

takedowns: 19-12; near fall: 2-4-1; near fall: 3-20-5; reversals: 5-4; escapes: 1-2.

Individual stats

Frewen (125) won by a fall over Kahle, Oakley; won by a fall over Miller, Goodland; won by a fall over Garagioli, Liberal

Sherlock (135) won by a 1-7 decision over Dinn, Liberal; won by a fall over Nicodemus; won by a fall over Rodriguez, Garden City.

Laffond (145) won by a fall over Toth, Colby; won by an 8-2 decision over Quintoner, Garden City; won by a fall over Koenig, Colby

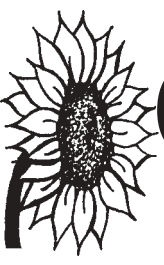
Rogers (152) won by a fall over Kleinsorge, Colby; won by a technical fall over Morales, Liberal; won by a fall over Rall, Hoxie

Mills (160) lost by a fall to Siruta, Goodland; lost by a fall to Martin, Oberlin; lost by a fall to

Miller, Liberal.

Guthmiller (189) won by a fall over Blanton, Colby; lost by a 4-2 decision to Strong, Colby; won by a 4-2 decision over Alcantora, Garden City.

Earl (215) won by a fall over Torres, Liberal; won by a fall over Juemann, Colby; lost by a 9-5 decision to Deiderick, Oberlin; lost by an 8-3 decision to Buckner, Liberal



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