

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game

Indians earn their second championship

By Betty Jean Winston

The second team championship of the season was won by the St. Francis Indian wrestlers when they participated in the Wray Invitational on Saturday. The team defeated their nearest competitor, Rocky Ford, by 50 points and finished the day with six champions. Eleven teams were represented at the meet.

"The addition of Rocky Ford and Antonito helped to make it a tougher tournament," Coach Larry Gabel said. "Rocky Ford is a dominating team in Colorado."

Earning championships were Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Jordan Gienger, Gabe Smull, Derek Ross and Gabe Walz. Placing second was Brennon Wilger while Devin Rohweder was third and Justin Sherlock, who wrestled for Team-X fourth.

The St. Francis team cannot earn points for a St. Francis wrestler who wrestles on Team X but the Team X wrestler uses the same bracket and competes as a varsity wrestler.

Other St. Francis mat men who wrestled Team-X were Darren Laffond, Zach Mills, David Guthmiller and Tal Earl.

St. Francis has now competed in three tournaments, having two firsts and one second, two league duals, and two non-league duals. They have a dual record of 3-1.

Christmas break is at hand and Coach Gabel said that practice will not resume until Dec. 28.

"It is nice to have a break," He said. "When we come back to practice on the 28th we will prepare to get geared up for Hoxie and the second part of the season. Seth Swihart will be back beginning Jan. 3."

Coach Gabel gave the following summary of the action at Wray:

"Trevor (Richard) moved down from 119 to 112. He wrestled Ritchey of Wray (who pinned him last year) in the first round and defeated him 15-0. In the finals he pinned a good wrestler from Rocky Ford after being behind 0-2.

"Dylan (Loyd) completely dominated at Wray.

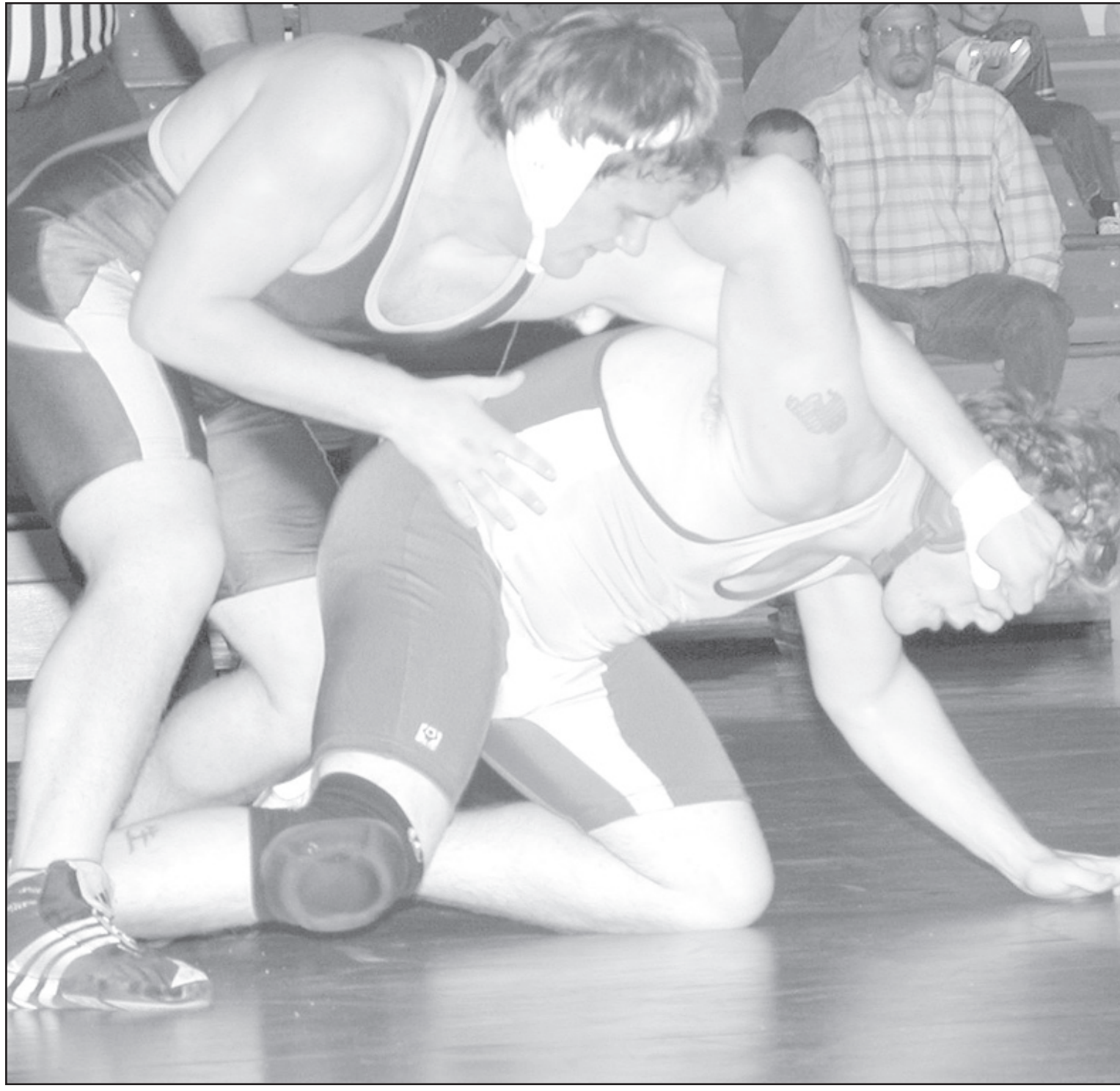
"Gavin (Smull) wrestled better. He was at 130 instead of 125, and won a couple of matches.

"Devin (Rohweder) rebounded from a not-so-good match on Friday to place third. He is improving every time out.

"Jordan (Gienger) completely dominated his weight class. He had a good kid in the finals.

"Matt (Brown) was one point away from placing. He lost 4-5 in the consolation semi finals.

"Russell (Rogers) was a little nervous for his first time, he will get



PLACES SECOND — Brennon Wilger earned a second place finish at the Wray Invitational held Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Jeannie Martin

better with experience.

"Gabe (Smull) walked through a tough weight class. He beat a kid from Antonito in the finals 7-3. His opponent is a Colorado State placer. He looked very impressive as he dominated his weight class

"Derek (Ross) continues to perform at a high level. He defeated a Colorado State champion 15-0.

"Josh (Walters) was one of the wrestlers who wrestled at a different weight. He moved up from 171 to 189.

"Brennon (Wilger) did a really good job and placed second. He is really coming along.

"Gabe (Walz) only had five kids in this weight class so they wrestled

a round robin. He defeated all four of his competitors."

Team scores

St. Francis 203, Rocky Ford 153, Wray 129.5, Akron 114, Antonito 111, Merino 101.5, Niwot 101, Holyoke 78, Colorado Springs Christian 56.5, Fleming 51, Refere 19

Team totals

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns: 71-42; escapes: 19-30; reversals: 29-23; near falls: 37-17; wins: 39-24; major decisions: 1-3; technical falls: 2-0; falls: 22-19.

Individual results

103: Josh Carpenter lost by a fall to O'Neil, Holyoke; lost by a fall to Trujillo, Antonito;

112: Richard (placed first) won by a 15-0 technical fall over Ritchey, Wray, won by a fall over Lindemann, Niwot, won by a fall over Maestas, Rocky Ford;

119: Brady Frewen lost by a fall to Hernandez, Rocky Ford; lost by a fall to Rodriguez, Niwot;

125: Loyd (placed first) won by a fall over Grinstead, Rocky Ford; won by a fall over Reed, Wray; won by a fall over Duran, Antonito;

130: Gavin Smull lost by a fall to Griffith, Colorado Christian; won by a fall over Tranquillino, Wray; won by a 9-5 decision over Streeb, Holyoke; lost by a fall to Fletcher, Akron;

135: Rohweder (placed third) won

by a fall over Lenz, Wray; won by a fall over Wise, Niwot; lost by an 18-7 major decision to Martinez, Antonito; won by a fall over Christensen, Akron; won by a 10-5 decision over Ornelas, Rocky Ford;

135: Laffond won by a fall over Smith, Merino; lost by a 17-3 major decision to Davison, Wray; lost by a fall to Christensen, Akron;

140: J. Gienger (placed first) won by a fall over Baker, Wray; won by a fall over Abeyta, Antonito; won by a 6-2 decision over Ortnr, Holyoke;

140: Sherlock (placed fourth) lost by a fall to Denbo, Akron; won by a 7-5 overtime decision over Cano, Niwot; won by a fall over Grasmick, Rocky Ford; won by a fall over

Abeyta, Antonito; lost by a fall to Blecha, Wray;

145: Brown lost by a 5-4 decision to Loyd, Wray; won by a fall over Probasco, Wray; won by a 10-3 decision over Casias, Antonito; lost by a 5-4 decision to Loyd, Wray;

152: Rogers lost by a fall to Trujillo, Antonito; lost by a fall to Contreas, Rocky Ford;

160: Gabe Smull (placed first) won by a fall over Chavez, Rocky Ford; won by a fall over Harris, Merino; won by a fall over Streeb, Holyoke; won by a 7-3 decision over Happel, Antonito;

160: Mills lost by a fall to Michaels, Merino; lost by a fall to Schweizer, Rocky Ford;

171: Ross (placed first) won by a fall over Walker, Rocky Ford; won by a fall over Davison, Akron; won by a 15-0 technical fall over Bergner, Holyoke;

189: Walters lost by an 11-2 major decision to Schweizer, Rocky Ford; lost by a fall to Austin, Colorado Christian;

189: Guthmiller lost by a fall to Taylor, Colorado Christian; lost by a fall to Bales, Akron;

215: Wilger (placed second) won by a fall over Garrett, Holyoke; won by a 5-0 decision over Kauffman, Merino; lost by a fall to Welp, Wray;

215: Earl won by an 8-1 decision over Goble, Akron; won by a fall over Rasmus, Colorado Christian; lost by a fall to Oestman, Wray; lost by a fall to Freidenberger, Rocky Ford;

275: Gabe Walz (placed first) won by a fall over Delavon, Colorado Christian; won by a 10-0 major decision over Reed, Wray; won by a 1-0 decision over Baulon, Rocky Ford; won by a fall over Gailan, Niwot.

Awards

Best junior varsity performance: Justin Sherlock, fourth at Wray Invitational; most outstanding performance, St. Francis team, champions at Wray; most takedowns: Loyd, 17; key match award, Richard vs Ritchey, Wray, 15-0; most exciting match; Sherlock vs Cano of Niwot, 7-5 overtime; best sophomore performance, J. Gienger, champion at Wray; best freshman performance, Sherlock at Wray; coach's award, Tal Earl for week of Dec. 18; fastest fall: Walz, vs Delavon, Colorado Christian, 29 seconds; practice wrestler, Wilger.

Wrestlers of the Week

St. Francis Wrestling coaching staff has selected Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Jordan Gienger, Gabe Smull, Derek Ross and Gabe Walz as Wrestlers of the Week. All six wrestlers went undefeated for the weekend and each claimed individual championships in the Wray Wrestling Tournament in their respective weight classes.

Team does well in tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The seventh grade junior high basketball team came home with a third-place finish following the final game of the league tournament which was held on Monday, Dec. 13, and Thursday, Dec. 16. In the opening round St. Francis defeated Hoxie. They then lost to Quinter and defeated Goodland in the game for third-and-fourth place. The final standings show Colby, first; Quinter, second; St. Francis, third; Goodland, fourth; Oakley, fifth; Hoxie, sixth; Rawlins county, seventh and Oberlin, eighth.

The St. Francis seventh grade basketball season ended with a winning 6-4 record.

"It was nice to finish the season with a win," Coach Kent Kechter said.

"These guys showed great improvement throughout the season. If they will do some off-season work, they could develop into a good team in the future."

St. Francis 34, Hoxie 18

In the first game of the tournament St. Francis scored a strong 34-18 win over Hoxie. The Indians pushed 16 points through the basket in the final quarter to claim a decisive victory.

"The guys did a good job throughout most of this game," Coach Kechter said. "We played good defense and rebounded es-

pecially well. Overall, we got good shots, they just did not fall well during the second and third quarters.

"We did a very good job of causing errors with our pressure defense, especially late in the game when we really needed to put the game away.

"I was proud of them."

Trent Raile and Matt Raile combined for 25 points with Trent having 13 and Matt 10.

"We will play some very good teams (in the second round of the tournament) on Thursday," Coach Kechter said. "We will most likely play the teams that have defeated us before. Hopefully we can do better than when we first played."

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Scoring: T. Raile 13, M. Raile 10, Alex Long 5, Darris Keller 4, Drew Zwegardt 2

Quinter 42, St. Francis 21

"We played Quinter much better than the first time early in the season," Coach Kechter said. "They beat us 48-15 early in the year and the score could have been much worse. This time we led them for a while and were even throughout much of the second quarter. With about 2:30 left in the second we turned the ball over several times and they scored on each of them opening the game up."

The final score was Quinter 42, St. Francis 21.

In this game T. Raile scored 10 points with three other players also contributing.

"I was proud of the guys," Coach Kechter said. "They played hard and executed pretty well throughout the game."

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Scoring: T. Raile 10, M. Raile 6, Long 3, Zwegardt 2.

St. Francis 34, Goodland 22

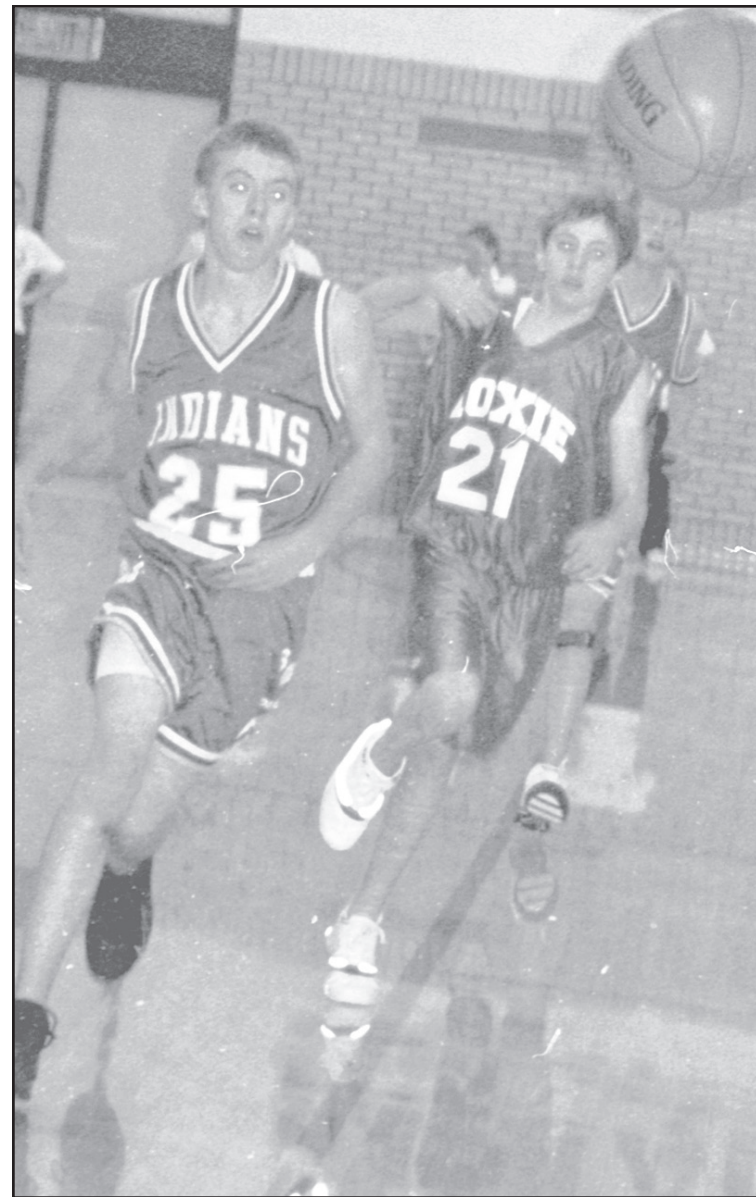
M. Raile had 12 points and T. Raile 11 to pace the team in the game for third place. Sainty scored a 34-22 win. This was a back-and-forth game with St. Francis leading after one and Goodland at halftime. St. Francis took over in the third quarter although both teams had a low-scoring period. During the final push in the fourth quarter, St. Francis outscored Goodland 12-5.

"We played very well against Goodland in the third place game," Coach Kechter said. "Our press caused them problems from the beginning and we rebounded especially well.

"We had good balance in our scoring."

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TRENT RAILE (25) and his Hoxie opponent race after the ball in a recent seventh grade basketball game.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Wrestlers collect four pins

By Betty Jean Winston

In junior varsity wrestling action in Oberlin on Friday night, St. Francis emerged with a 4-3 record. Six Indians competed with Justin Sherlock, Darren Laffond and David Guthmiller collecting only wins.

Team statistics with St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 4-3; pins: 4-2; takedowns: 7-4; near fall-2: 3-0; near fall-3: 9-5; reversals: 1-1; escapes: 0-0.

Individual stats

Laffond won by a fall over Miller; Sherlock won by a fall over Fisher, won by a fall over Marcussen; Russell Rogers lost by a fall to Urban; Zach Mills lost by a fall to Urban; Guthmiller won by a fall over Long; Tal Earl lost by an 9-2 decision to Diedrich.

