

# At the Game



HANGING ON is Devin Rohweder during a recent wrestling match. Devin, a senior, wrestled at 135 pounds for the Indians.

## Four Indians named championships at Northwest Kansas League tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis went into the championship round of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament with seven wrestlers vying for a championship title and finished four champions. Gabe Gienger was named champion at 152, Derek Ross at 171, Brennon Wilger at 215 and Gabe Walz at 275.

Placing second were Trevor Richard at 112, Dylan Loyd at 125 and Gavin Smull at 130.

As a team, the Indians placed second with 134 points. Goodland, with 182 points, won the league championship.

Following the action, the league coaches named Derek Ross as the Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament.

"Even though the numbers are down, the quality of the tournament is still good," Coach Larry Gabel said. "We will see many state champions come out of our league."

"I was pleased with the four that won and the other three did not wrestle that badly in the finals, they each just made one mistake. They had the opportunity to win."

"Now we have no undefeated wrestlers which will take the pressure (conscious or unconscious) off as they will not have to protect a perfect record...they can just wrestle and have fun."

"Trevor (Richard) made one mistake in the finals, otherwise he had a good tournament. He has defeated Bahe before so they are now 1-1 for the year."

"Dylan (Loyd) had defeated Baker earlier - he just made one major mistake. If he can eliminate that mistake, he has proven that he can beat him"

"Strong competition can only make Trevor and Dylan stronger...better"

"Gavin (Smull) had a great tournament for a freshman. He made one mistake and lost a takedown in the final seconds of the championship match. He has the 'heart of a lion.'"

Gabe (Gienger) had a good semi-final match. He defeated Jurek of Colby 7-4. He had lost a major decision to Jurek earlier in the year.

Gabe defeated Miller of Oberlin in an exciting final match. Miller is a ranked wrestler. In a previous match, Miller had won.

"Derek (Ross) continues to demonstrate a solid performance. He won by a 18-2 technical fall over Dennis of Oakley"

"Brennon (Wilger) had an outstanding tournament in the semi's. He defeated Erwin of Hoxie 6-0. Erwin is a state placer and defeated Wilger earlier. In the finals Wilger defeated Starr of Goodland 4-2 in overtime. Starr is ranked in 4A"

Gabe (Walz) had a very solid, strong performance. He dominated his opponents."

St. Francis was without Jordan Gienger and Gabe Smull, who both were nursing injuries. The Indians also were open at 119. Gienger

wrestles at 140 and Smull at 160.

"Overall there was good competition and it was a good experience," Coach Gabel said "We are looking forward to moving on to Regionals and State."

The dual with Goodland in St. Francis on Friday will decide the league championship. Coach Gabel said if Goodland wins they will be the league champions but if St. Francis wins there will be a three-way tie (St. Francis, Goodland, Colby) for the championship.

Also on the agenda for this week is the varsity and junior varsity Southwest Invitational at Republican Valley/Indianola.

"It will be fun to have some different competition and it is also nice that everyone can compete as the junior varsity wrestlers have not had matches the last two weeks," Coach Gabel said.

### League champions

The following wrestlers won their weight class at the league tourney:

103: Tibbles, Colby; 112: Bahe, Goodland; 119: Migchelbrink, Atwood; 125: Baker, Hoxie; 130: Flanagan, Colby; 135: Younkin, Oakley; 140: Garcia, Colby; 145: Schamberger, Hoxie; 152: G. Gienger, St. Francis; 160: Cook, Goodland; 171: Ross, St. Francis; 189: Rietcheck, Oakley; 215: Wilger, St. Francis; 275: Walz, St. Francis.

### Standings

Goodland 182; St. Francis 134; Oakley 118.5; Colby 110.5; Hoxie 106; Oberlin 89.5; Rawlins County 77; Quinter 14.

### Team totals

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 51-21; escapes 12-27; reversals 13-22; near falls 16-14; wins 17-15; major decisions 2-1; technical falls 1-0; falls 7-7.

### Individual results

103: Josh Carpenter lost by a fall to Tibbles, Colby; won by a fall over Bebb, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Popp, Hoxie;

112: Richard (second place) won by a fall over Samuelson, Oakley; lost by a 12-8 decision to Bahe, Goodland;

119: Open;

125: Loyd (second place) won by an 11-3 major decision over Stephens, Goodland; lost by an 8-4 decision to Baker, Hoxie;

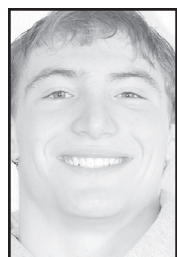
130: Gavin Smull (second place) won by a fall over Ware, Oberlin; won by a 6-4 decision over Deeds, Goodland; lost by a 5-3 decision to Flanagan, Colby;

135: Devin Rohweder lost by a fall to Deeds, Goodland; won by a 5-2 decision over Binning, Rawlins County; lost by a 12-0 major decision to Richards, Oberlin;

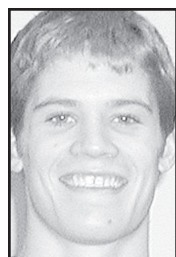
140: Justin Sherlock lost by a fall to Garcia, Colby; lost by a fall to Reuenschwander, Hoxie

145: Matt Brown lost by a fall to Kuhlman, Oakley; lost by a 10-4 decision to Finley, Colby;

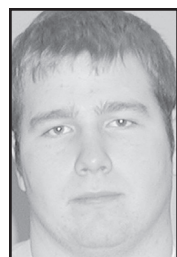
152: G. Gienger (champion) won



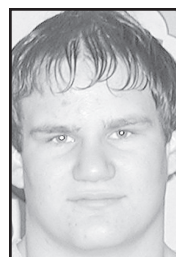
Ross



Gienger



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Wilger

by a fall over Leighton, Quinter; won by a 7-4 decision over Jurek, Colby; won by a 7-4 decision over Miller, Oberlin;

160: Russell Rogers lost by a 10-3 decision to Cook, Goodland; lost by a 4-0 decision to Halbleib, Oakley

171: Ross (champion) won by a fall over Solok, Atwood; won by a fall over Wright, Colby; won by an 18-2 technical fall over Dennis, Oakley;

189: Josh Walters lost by a fall to Rietcheck, Oakley; won by a 3-1 decision over Mazanec, Colby; lost by an 8-1 decision to Marietta;

215: Wilger (champion) won by a 6-0 decision over Erwin, Hoxie; won by a 4-2 overtime decision over Starr, Goodland

275: Walz (champion) won by a fall over Holzmeister, Oakley; won by a 14-4 major decision over Doxon, Goodland; won by a 7-2

decision over Higley, Atwood.

### Coach's awards

Most takedowns: Walz, 14; best freshman performance: Gavin Smull, placed second; best sophomore performance, Wilger, champion; most exciting match: Wilger, vs Starr, Goodland, overtime; most outstanding performance, Gabe Gienger, Derek Ross, Brennon Wilger, Gabe Walz, champions; key match award: Wilger, vs Erwin of Hoxie, 6-0 win; practice wrestler: Russell Rogers; coach's award: Walz; fastest fall: Carpenter, vs Bebb, Rawlins County

### Wrestlers of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected has selected Gabe Gienger, Derek Ross, Brennon Wilger and Gabe Walz as Wrestlers of the Week. They all were Northwest Kansas League champions in their respective weight classes this past weekend.

## Junior Varsity Girls

Cheyenne Wells defeated the St. Francis junior varsity girls basketball team by a score of 23-17 on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

On Friday, Brewster and St. Francis played three quarters with the final score being Brewster 39, St. Francis 15.

### Cheyenne Wells 23, St. Francis 17

"We didn't make many shots...we ran our offense well, we just didn't make our open shots," Coach Susan Dinkel said. "That is very discouraging. I also felt like some of the girls did not give me their whole effort...and that is frustrating. It's just strange to watch them in practice go all out and during the game be apprehensive to go after a loose ball or try to get a steal."

"I'm still trying to figure out how to get them to be more aggressive during the games when it really counts," Coach Dinkel said. "We can't hold back...especially when we are behind in the last quarter. Frustrated is how I feel right now." Nine players added to the total score with the highest total by one player being three of Jade DeGood.

Scoring two points each were McKenzie Grace, Brittany Lucas, Alecia Zimbelman, Lauren Ross, Addie Swihart and Kattie Ford. Megan Rice and Dara Loyd each hit a free throw.

### Brewster 39, St. Francis 15

"We got off to a slow start and we allowed way too many offensive rebounds," Coach Susan Dinkel

said. "When you give up 3-4 offensive rebounds each trip down the floor, then it's not going to take long for the score to add up. We have got to improve our rebounding, both offensive and defensive in order to be able to compete."

"We have to be able to score in order to compete, too. We didn't make many shots, either."

There was no dominate scorer in this game either, but Ford collected four points.

Also scoring were Ally Reichert with three points and having two points were Lucas, Voorhies, DeGood and Katie Marin.

## Kansas Kids

Eleven Cheyenne County wrestlers attended the Kansas Kids Tournament held in Colby on Saturday. Of the 11 wrestlers that participated eight of them placed in the top four.

Placings are:  
Six and under: Derek Vandike, 40 pounds, third; Luke Lampe, participated

Eight and under: Casey Vandike, 58 pounds, participated  
10 and under: Logan Lampe, 58 pounds, third; Dillon Straub, 90 pounds, second; Thomas Douthit, 76 pounds, fourth; Josh Teeters - 67 pounds, third

12 and under: Dusten Laffond, 96 pounds, participated; Garrett Figgins, 110 pounds, fourth; Trevor Reed, 110 pounds, second; Cody Sherlock, 88, second

## Eighth grade wins two ball games

By Betty Jean Winston

Two wins for the eighth grade girls was the highlight of the junior high girls basketball week. They outscored both Goodland and Rawlins County.

The small seventh grade squad is busy learning additional skills during practice sessions but are at a disadvantage over larger teams when it comes to depth.

### St. Francis 31, Goodland 17

"This was a very good win for the team," Coach David Morrow said. "We lost to Goodland twice last year in two very close games, but the improvement these girls have shown from their summer work made the difference on Monday. Really, it's a classic example of how hard one has to work in the sport of basketball to be able to compete with the teams in the league, and how that work will certainly pay off."

"After a slow start in the first quarter, the girls warmed up and played a very good ball game. Starting in the second quarter, we pressured Goodland with some full-court man-to-man defense and came up with a lot of steals."

"In the second half, the girls really performed well. We played very good defense and were able to use the press breaker to break Goodland's press and get some easy scoring opportunities. In fact, Goodland was held to just three points in the entire second half. Even though we have a lot of lessons yet to learn, it seems like we play a little bit 'smarter' each time we play. That's the sign of players eager to learn."

"In the fifth quarter, both teams experienced a scoring drought until the last few moments of the game. C. J. Douthit scored a lay-up with 25 seconds left to make the score 2-0. However, in a most improbable turn of events, Goodland made a shot with 7 seconds left. We weren't able to get the ball inbounds before time expired. It was exciting!"

Scoring: Sidnee Crabtree 14, Elizabeth Gienger 6, Jami Pevler 5, Joni Pevler 4, Ashley Zwegygart 2

### Seventh grade

### Goodland 35, St. Francis 5

Against Goodland BreAna Zwegygart and Brittney Stately each scored two points and Brittney Henderson added one. All of the points were scored in the fourth quarter.

"Goodland scored about all of their points from our mistakes," Coach Ted Busse said. "When we found our man on defense, we made it tough for them to score."

"We just need to continue working on fundamentals and handling pressure."

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### Eighth grade

### St. Francis 36, Rawlins County 18

"It would not have taken very much to convince me that we were re-living the Goodland game of Thursday night," Coach David Morrow said. "We got off to a slow start, got into foul trouble, and then came back to life in the third quarter. That was exactly what happened to us two nights prior to the Atwood game."

"There were a lot of encouraging things to take away from the game. Atwood played a good first half, making a few good shots and scoring four points from the free throw line. With a minute or two left in the first quarter, most of the kids who had been playing were in some sort of foul trouble, but we got a lot of help from the bench. In fact, Cara Hunt and Lacey Kibel both came off the bench to play well and contribute to the scoring."

Elizabeth Gienger hit the basket for 12 points to pace the Ladies. Sidnee Crabtree accounted for eight and six other players also added at least two.

"The kids had a great third quarter all around," Coach Morrow said. "We played good defense and scored 13 points. We added eight more in the fourth quarter, and for the entire second half, Atwood managed to score only four points."

"Coach Busse and I are very encouraged by the development of both the seventh and eighth grade teams. I think we're learning how to play the game and each week, we see improvement across the board."

Scoring: Gienger 12, Crabtree 8, Jami Pevler 6, Andrea Holzwarth 2, Taryn Richard 2, Kibel 2, Zwegygart 2, Cara Hunt 2.

### Seventh grade Rawlins County 38, St. Francis 13

Against Rawlins County, the seventh grade team had a final score in double figures. Expect for the first quarter, points were put on the board each period.

"Atwood scored most of their points on offensive rebounds," Coach Busse said. "We have to work on blocking out."

"I was pleased with our full-court defensive pressure as I thought the girls worked really hard at applying pressure without fouling."

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Scoring: Henderson 5, Kaycee Williams 4, Stately 2, Brooklyn Hnizdil 2



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