

At the Game

Eight wrestlers qualify to compete at 3-2-1A tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

Norton with 208 points took home the crown from the 3-2-1A WaKeeney Regional Wrestling Tournament held Friday and Saturday. Oakley placed second (180 points) and St. Francis third (163.5). "This was a very tough tournament, the toughest in the state," Coach Larry Gabel said. "At times we did well and at times not as well as we are capable of."

"I am pleased to take eight kids (Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd, Gavin Smull, Jordan Gienger, Gabe Gienger, Derek Ross, Brennon Wilger and Gabe Walz) to State. Everyone of them is capable of placing."

Additional information concerning the State tournament may be found on page one of the Herald.

"Josh Carpenter had one win and two losses," Coach Gabel said. "The two kids he lost to have qualified for State. I am happy with his improvement this year."

"Trevor Richard had a great tournament except for the finals. He made one mistake and Madden of Norton capitalized on it. Trevor can beat him, he just can't make a mistake."

"Dylan Loyd had a good tournament except for the finals. The team has some respiratory and flu symptoms and Dylan was not 100 percent. He has proven that he can beat Baker of Hoxie. If they should meet in the finals at State, Dylan can turn it around."

"Gavin Smull had an outstanding tournament. His only loss was to Weatherbee of Thomas More Prep, who was state runner up last year and probably rated number one this year. He beat Moore of Oakley, who defeated him earlier this year. He had a solid tournament."

"Devin Rohweder really wrestled well. He just ended up on the bracket in the consolation semi-finals to meet Richards from Oberlin, who defeat him earlier this year."

"Jordan Gienger lost a close semi-final match against Younkinn of Oakley, who he had beaten earlier this year. Jordan battled back after the loss. He had missed school due to illness before the tournament."

"Matt Brown wrestled very aggressively. He has been getting better all year. He was in a tough class and was one match short."

"Gabe Gienger lost in the tournament semi-finals and battled back to get into the consolation finals, placing fourth. He was in a tough weight class."

"Derek Ross completely dominated his weight class. The only close match was a major decision over Reichert of Oberlin. He pinned

Dennis in the finals.

"Brennon Wilger did real well. He had a close double overtime match against Erwin to get into the finals. He lost to a tough opponent (Racette) from Oakley."

"Gabe Walz lost a tough semi-final match to Brunswig of Trego. He battled back to take third."

This year each Regionals named the Outstanding Coach and the Outstanding Wrestler. Winning at WaKeeney was Coach Koster of Oakley. Madden of Norton was the wrestler chosen.

Team scores

Norton-Norton Community, 208; Oakley, 180; St. Francis, 163.5; Hoxie, 115.5; Oberlin-Decatur Community, 113; Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian, 92; WaKeeney-Trego Community, 71.5; Plainville, 67; Cimarron, 45.5; Hill City, 45; Ellis, 37; Atwood-Rawlins County, 37; Leoti-Wichita County, 27.5; Lakin, 26; Sublette, 20; Deerfield, 16; Quinter, 9; Montezuma-South Gray, 5; Kinsley 0.

First place finishers

103: Keiswetter, Norton; 112: Madden, Norton; 119: Owings, Plainville; 125: Baker, Hoxie; 130: Weatherbee, Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian; 135: Younkinn, Oakley; 140: Pfannenstiel, Norton; 145: Kuhlman, Oakley; 152: Roe, Norton; 160: Nightengale, Cimarron; 171: Ross, St. Francis; 189: Rietcheck, Oakley; 215: Racette, Oakley; 275: Sprigg, Norton

Team totals

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 60-39; escapes 28-31; reversals 15-19; near falls 36-19; wins 31-18; major decisions 1-6; technical falls 3-0; falls 18-6.

Individual results

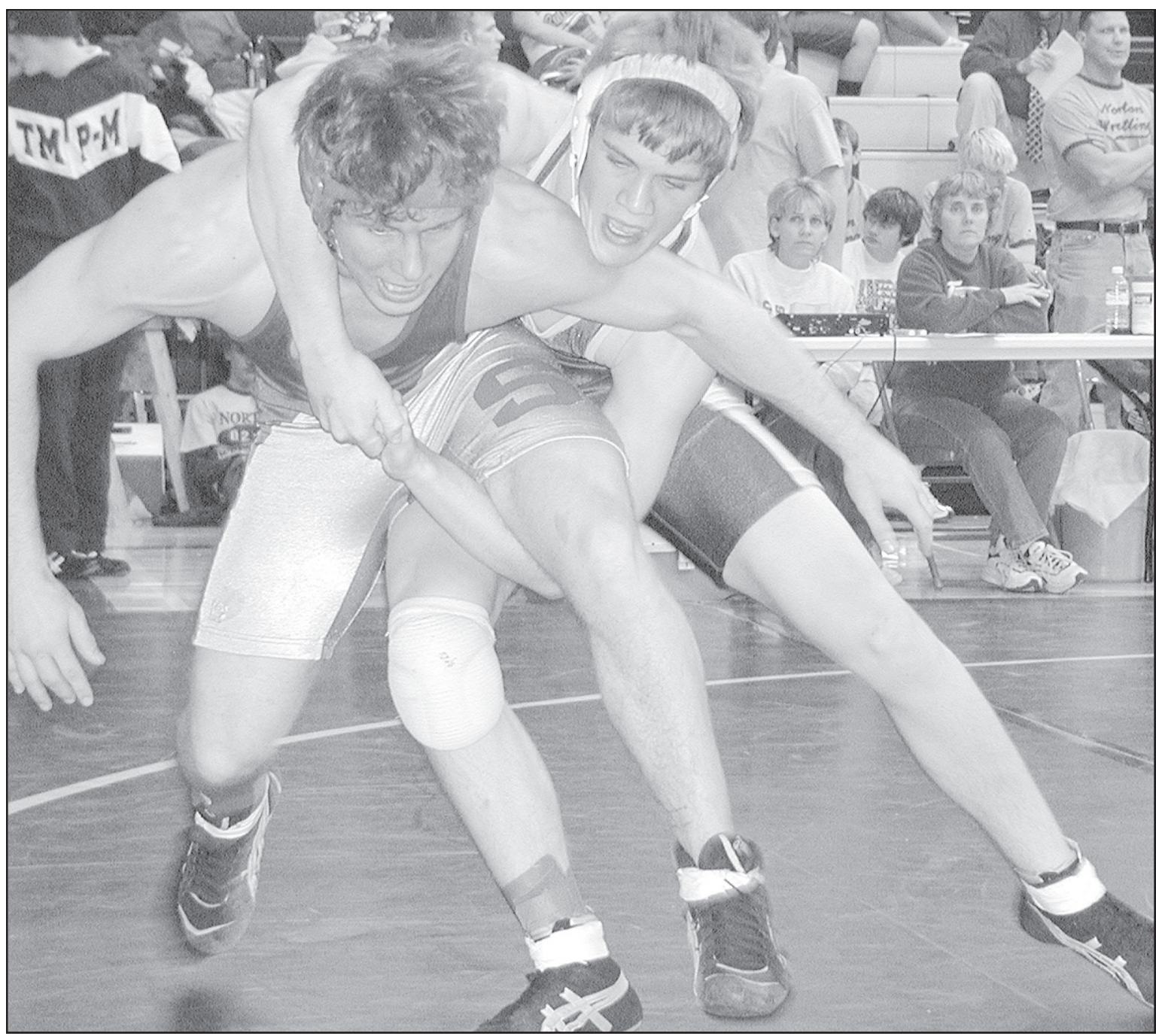
103: Carpenter (1-2) lost by a fall to McDonald, Thomas More Prep; won by a fall over Bebb, Atwood; lost by a fall to Orr, Hill City;

112: Richard (3-1, second place) won by a fall over Moss, Hoxie; won by a fall over Coover, Kinsley; won by a fall over Reichert, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Madden, Norton;

125: Loyd, (2-1, second place) won by a fall over Dreiling, Thomas More Prep; won by a 19-4 technical fall over Barth, Oberlin; lost by a 9-2 decision to baker, Hoxie;

130: Smull (4-1, third place) won by a 19-1 technical fall over Sisco, Deerfield; won by a 5-4 decision over Chase, Hill City; lost by a fall to Weatherbee, Thomas More Prep; won by a fall over Keller, Ellis; won by a 4-3 decision over Moore, Oakley;

135: Rohweder (2-2) won by a fall over Frick, WaKeeney; lost by



GABE GIENGER'S opponent is about to be on his back as Gabe executes a cradle hold. Gabe took fourth in Regional ac-

tion in WaKeeney on Friday and Saturday. He will compete at State this weekend.

major decision to Marietta, Oberlin; 215: Wilger (3-1, second place) won by a fall over Crawford, Plainville; won by a fall over Roth, Thomas More Prep; won by a 2-1 double overtime decision over Erwin, Hoxie; lost by a 13-2 major decision to Racette, Oakley;

275: Walz, (4-1, third place) won by a fall over Burns, Hoxie; won by a fall over Euhus, Oberlin; lost by a 5-1 decision to Brunswig, Trego; won by a 7-1 decision over Wagner, Sublette; won by a 4-0 decision over Allel, Lakin.

Coach's awards

Most outstanding performance: Ross, champion; most exciting match: Wilger vs Erwin, Hoxie, doubler overtime; best sophomore performance, Jordan Gienger,

Brennon Wilger, State qualifiers; practice wrestler: complete team; key match award, Gabe Gienger vs Hilgers, WaKeeney, 12-9; most takedowns, Richard, 13; best freshman performance, Gavin Smull, placed third.

Wrestler of the Week

The St. Francis wrestling coaching staff has selected the eight State qualifiers as Wrestlers of the Week.

Eighth graders win contest

By Betty Jean Winston

The regular season is over. The seventh and eighth grade girls played Oberlin in basketball action on Feb. 17. They have played Northwest Kansas League teams Colby, Hoxie, Atwood, Oakley, Quinter, Goodland and Oberlin during the season.

St. Francis 25, Oberlin 21

St. Francis defeated Oberlin in eighth grade basketball play on Thursday in Oberlin. The close game ended with a 25-21 score.

"Though we looked a little rough at times, the bottom line is that the ladies were able to hang on for a win," Coach David Morrow said. "After a slow start in the first quarter, we scored 14 points in the second quarter to take a 19-7 halftime lead."

"In the second half, we found ourselves in foul trouble and had to pull back into the zone defense to keep our kids in the game. Though we were outscored in both the third and fourth quarters, we were able to keep Oberlin contained enough to keep the game from getting away from us."

"We still show evidence of our desire to learn the game better. Most of the fouls that we were charged with were not "silly" fouls per se, but were the result of our effort to play close, pressure defense. In fact,

we fouled a lot less than we would have had the ladies not played as sharp mentally."

"Sidnee Crabtree led the team in scoring with 14 points, but was aided by other team members who are also learning how to attack the basket. Andrea Holzwarth, who has really improved her ball handling, and Elizabeth Gienger, who has also improved her offensive skills, both contributed with four points apiece. Ashley Zwegygart chipped in three points as well."

Our first tournament game was on President's Day against Oberlin (details next week).

"In the fifth quarter, we again

demonstrated our improvement in our basketball skills. We were edged out by the Red Devils, but were in the game to the very end."

Seventh grade

Oberlin 43, St. Francis 7

"We took the ball to the basket better than we have all year," Coach Ted Busse said. "Because we attacked the basket we shot 18 free throws, but only made five."

"We must continue to work on the fundamentals."

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Scoring: Kaycee Williams 3, Dale Northrup 2, Amber Smull 1, Breana Zwegygart 1

Wrestlers come out on top; winning against Quinter

By Betty Jean Winston

In junior high wrestling action on Thursday evening, St. Francis compiled a 7-1 record against Quinter but Colby came out on top 27-12 in the second dual of the evening.

Results of the Northwest Kansas League tournament held on Tuesday will be published next week.

Team totals vs Quinter

Team statistics with St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 7-1; pins: 7-0; takedowns: 14-2; near fall-2: 6-2; near fall-3: 11-2; reversals: 2-2, escapes: 1-0.

Individual results

116: Alex Long won by a fall over Brundage; 116: Drew Zwegygart won by a fall over Brundage; 130: Tyler Larson won by a fall over Deaton; 130: Benjamin Neitzel lost by a 7-4 decision to Deaton; 130: Jesse Pacheco won by a fall over Deaton; 275: Shawn Warren won by a fall over Hillman; 92: Terrence Lamb won by a fall over Patterson; 98: Darris Keller won by a fall over Wittman.

Team totals vs Colby

Team statistics with St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 12-27; pins: 7-19;

takedowns: 18-29; near fall-2: 2-4; near fall-3: 16-35; reversals: 6-18; escapes: 4-6

Individual results

110: Grady Brunk won by a 2-0 decision over Marker, won by an 11-1 major decision over Hillsman, lost by a 4-2 decision to Webb; 116: Trent Kinen lost by a fall to Stevens, lost by a 9-0 major decision to Stickle, won by a fall over Harter; 116: Long lost by a fall to Wehkamp, lost by a fall to Rasmussen; 116: David Stephens lost by a fall to Stickle, lost by a 12-0 major decision to Hutfles, lost by a fall to Stevens; 116: Zwegygart lost by a fall to Rasmussen, lost by a fall to Webb; 122: Trent Raile lost by a fall to Kraus, lost by a fall to Sager; 130: Neitzel lost by a fall to Sager; 130: J. Pacheco lost by a 10-0 major decision to Kraus, won by a fall over Sager; 138: Scott Ford lost by a fall to Kris, lost by an 8-7 decision to Schroeder, lost by a fall to Weber; 146: Tyler Miller lost by a fall to Weber, won by a fall over Anderson; 162: Sam Sowers lost by a fall to Bugbee, won by a 2-0 decision over Ryan; 170: Trevor Hilt won by a fall over Bugbee, won by a fall over Ryan, lost by a fall to Arnberger; 275: Warren won by an 8-0 major decision over Brown; 80:

Freddy Pacheco lost by a technical fall to Harlow, won by a fall over Wagner, lost by a fall to McClure; 92: Lamb lost by a fall to Taylor, lost by a 6-2 decision over Schroeder; 98: Keller won by an 8-5 decision over Schroeder, lost by a 4-1 decision to Schroeder.

Volleyball players win place on team

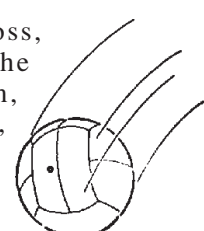
Four St. Francis girls are playing volleyball on the McCook Red Crush Junior Olympic Club volleyball team.

The girls went through a vigorous 3 hour try-out, showing their skills at hitting, passing, setting, service placement, attitude, hustle and coach ability to make the team.

Lexee Reichert will be playing on the 12-and-under team and her schedule includes: March 13: at the University of Nebraska-Kearney; April 3: at the University of Nebraska-Kearney and April 9, at Grand Island, Neb.

Lauren Ross, who made the 16-2's team, Ally Reichert, who made the 18-1's team, and T a l i s a V o o r h i e s , who made the 18-2's team will have the following schedule:

There were 45 girls that tried out for the 18's team and 18 were chosen for the two teams and there were 48 girls that tried out for the 16's team and 18 were chosen for the two teams.



Youth to compete at State Free-Throw contest on Sunday

By Betty Jean Winston

During the Knights of Columbus District Free-Throw competi-



TRENT KINEN was one of the participants at the Free-Throw contest on Feb. 12.

Photo courtesy of Rob Schiltz

tion held in Goodland on Sunday, Feb. 12, four Cheyenne County youth qualified for the Regional competition, which was held Sunday in Quinter.

One youth, 12-year-old Matt Raile, moves on to the State level to be held in Salina on Sunday after placing first at Quinter. Raile won his division by sinking 16-of-25.

The other three Cheyenne County players each placed second.

Isaac Schiltz, 11-year-old boys division, ended the first round by making 20-of-25. He was in a tie for second place so had a five shot play off in which he won the second place position by making 4-of-5.

Sarah Trembly was in the 12-year-old-girls division and placed second by making 14-of-25.

Trent Kinen, 14-year-old boys division, also won a shoot off to earn the second place position. In the opening round he was 20-of-25 and in the tie-breaker he put all five attempts through the hoop.



Raile