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At the Game

Sainty places second

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indians came home from the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament in Hays on Saturday with a second place finish. Eight St. Francis wrestlers qualified for State by placing in the top four at the Regional Tournament held in WaKeeney on Feb. 21 and 22 and they combine for a total of 104 points at State to bring home the second place trophy. Six wrestlers also earned individual honors by placing in the top six positions in their individual weight class.

Junior Trevor Richard, 112 pounds, advanced to the finals and was defeated 8-6 by Madden of Norton thus placing second. Richard also placed second his sophomore year and fifth his freshman

"Trevor had a really good tournament," Coach Larry Gabel said. "He just made a couple of mistakes in the finals against a good kid."

Senior Derek Ross, 171 pounds, finished in third place by defeating Alexander of Atchinson County 6-1. Ross placed third both his sophomore and junior years also.

"Derek lost a heart-breaker in the semi-finals," Coach Gabel said. "Derek was not able to wrestle his style in this match and succumbed to his opponent. He showed class in being able to battle back for third."

Junior Dylan Loyd, 125 pounds, finished in third place by defeating York of Smith Center 9-4. Loyd placed third his sophomore year and second his freshman year.

"Dylan battled back after his loss in the quarterfinals," Coach Gabel said. "He showed a lot of character; completely dominating his opponents on his way. He finished third but I feel that he is the best 125

Senior Gabe Walz, 275 pounds, finished in fifth place by pinning West of Chaney Valley. He also qualified for State his sophomore

"Gabe lost in the first round in double overtime," Coach Gabel said. "He battled back to pin several kids and take fifth."

Sophomore Brennon Wilger, 215 pounds, finished in fifth place by defeating Rorabaugh of Smith Cen-



ALMOST PINNED — Derek Ross, wrestling at 171 pounds for the Sainty Derek placed third in the State tournament held in Hays on Friday and Satur-Indians, had his opponent from Chase County, on his back and needing air. Photo courtesy of Doug Ross

ter 2-1 in a double overtime.

"Brennon had an outstanding tournament," Coach Gabel said. "He lost in the quarter finals to the eventual State champion. He battled back and had a good ending by winning fifth place in a doubleovertime match."

Sophomore Jordan Gienger, 130 pounds, finished in sixth place, Gienger qualified for State but did not place his freshman year.

"Jordan was in the toughest weight class in my opinion," Coach Gabel said. "In the first round he pinned Hazzard of Lyons, the same wrestler who was runner up at 135 last year. He also had a tough opponent from Silver Lake in the quar- placed fourth. ter finals. Jordan battled back and had an exciting match winning 7-6 every year," Coach Larry Gabel dent; 112: Madden, Norton; 119: over York, Smith Center; over Younkin. He was quick and said. "Norton dominated. They Owings, Plainville; 125: Baker, 130: Smull lost by a 13-1 explosive in this match."

The other St. Francis wrestlers to qualify for State were Gavin Smull (130 pounds) and Gabe Gienger (152 pounds). Smull, who is a freshman, had his first trip to State and G. Gienger also qualified for State

State competition," Coach Gabel Indian squad next year, along with

said. "He had a 1-2 record, contributed to the overall team points and got a lot of valuable experience.

"Gabe won one and lost two. He contributed to the team total not only in points but in leadership. He had a good year finishing with a 29-

Injured senior Seth Swihart qualified for State his junior year but was unable to wrestle most of his senior year.

Norton won the team title with 155.5 points to repeat as State Champions. After the second place finish which St. Francis claimed, Oakley with 90.5 points was third and Silver Lake with 84 points Atwood finished with 21 points.

eight and placed sixth.

character. They battled back through the back door after some tough losses.

Richard, Loyd, Smull, J. Gienger "Gavin got an introduction to and Wilger will be returning to the

State qualifier Gabe Smull, who lowed by their opponents: lost by a 4-3 decision to previous traveled to State but was takedowns 40-21; escapes 27-18; injured during the last weeks of the reversals 10-14; near falls 24-10;

Team standings

(Top 25): Norton 175.5, St. Francis 104, Oakley 90.5, Silver Lake 84, Smith Center 82, Hoxie 76.5, Atchison County 71, Beloit 59.5, Phillipsburg 47, Stockton 44, Segwick 43.5, Lincoln 42, Sabetha 39.5, Eureka 38, Wichita Independent 38, Sylvan 36, Cimarron 34, Trego 33.5, West Elk 32.5, Lyons 31, Oberlin 30, Plainville 30, Gar-

Champions

qualified nine wrestlers and every- Hoxie; 130: Pyle, Sabetha; 135: decision to Carstenson, St. George, one of them placed. We qualified Younkin, Oakley; 140: Tyler, West Elk; 145: Kuhlman, Oakley; 152: "I think our kids showed a lot of Roe, Norton; 160: Newell, Mankato; 171: Foster, Sedgwick; Pulec, Stockton; 275: Sprigg,

Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first fol-

wins 24-14; major decisions 1-1; technical falls 2-0; falls 13-2.

Individual stats

112: Richard (second) won by a fall over Vancil, Leon Bluestem; won by a fall over Deiter, Silver Lake; won by a fall over Berry, Cherryvale, lost by an 8-6 decision to Madden, Norton:

technical fall over Feldman, Atchinson, lost by a 3-2 decision to den Plain 29, Hoisington 28, Tho- Esterl, Beloit, won by a fall over over Eaton, Garden Plain, lost by a fall mas More Prep-Marian 24.5. Barth, Oberlin, won by a 6-1 decision over Bechtel, Eureka; won by a 19-2 technical fall over Peterson, "This tournament gets stronger 103: Mosley, Wichita Indepen-Osklaloosa; won by a 9-3 decision

won by a 15-8 decision over Nobel, Belleville, lost by a fall to Kaup, Phillipsburg:

189: Pursel, Atchison County; 215: fall over Hazzard, Lyons, lost by a over Vandemate, Fredonia, won by a 9-3 decision to Lamar, Silver Lake, fall over Ziatnik, Rossville, lost by a won by a 10-2 major decision over Cox, Southeast of Saline, won by a won by a fall over West, Caney Val-7-6 decision over Younkin, Oakley;

Pfannenstiel, Norton, lost by a 6-2 decision to Gregory, Herington;

152: G. Gienger lost by a 12-5 decision to Zahorsky, Phillipsburg, won by fall over Mason, Heston, lost by an 8-3 decision to Miller, Oberlin; 171: Ross (third) won by a fall over

Boor, Sylvan Grove, won by a fall over Heinen, Chase County, lost by a 3-2 double overtime to Kingsbury, Smith Center, won by a fall over Den-125: Loyd (third) won by a 16-0 nis, Oakley, won by a 6-1 decision over Alexender, Atchinson;

215: Wilger (fifth) won by a fall to Pulec, Stockton, won by a 3-2 decision over Padgett, Oberlin, won by a 3-2 decision over Galvan, West Elk, lost by a 5-2 decision to Vonada, Sylvan Grove, won by a 2-1 double overtime decision over Rorabaugh, Smith

275: Walz (fifth) lost in a double overtime to Webb, Alma Wabaunsee, won by injury default 140: J. Gienger (sixth) won by a over Brubaker, Eureka, won by a fall 7-2 decision to Boor, Sylvan Grove,

Wrestlers do well at tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

tling team finished the Northwest Kansas League Tournament with two champions, Sam Sowers at 162 pounds and Trevor Hilt at 170 pounds. They placing third as a team. The league is composed of eight teams, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oberlin, Oakley, Quinter,

Finishing in second place were Shawn Warren at 275 pounds and Darris Keller at 98 pounds while Scott Ford came in third at 138 pound along with Terrence Lamb, who placed third in the 92-pound weight class. Trent Raile (122) pounds), Jesse Pacheco (130 pounds) and Tyler Miller (146

"This was really a treat for Mike (Mike Frewen, assistant coach) and me," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "We came into the tournament not quite sure how it would turn out. To come in third (behind Colby and Goodland) is a reflection of just how hard they worked this season. We're very proud of them.

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Overall St. Francis won 17 matches and lost 16. Ten of those wins were by falls, which adds extra points to the team's total

pounds) placed fourth.

The Indian junior high wres-Rawlins County and St. Francis.

Warren, Scott Ford, Trent Raile, Tyler Miller, Jesse Pacheco, lowed by their opponents: wins:

15; escapes 7-9. **Individual stats** 110: Grady Brunk lost by a fall to Fortin, Oberlin; lost by a fall to

116: Trent Kinen lost by a fall to Fortin, Oberlin; won by a fall over Brundage, Quinter; lost by a fall to Rutz, Goodland; lost by a fall to Ruiz, Goodland;

Roeder, Goodland;

122: Raile won by a 10-0 major 17-16; pins: 10-15; takedowns: decision over Miller, Rawlins 23-24; near falls-two: 1-6; near County; lost by a fall to falls-three: 22-29; reversals: 10- Zweygardt, Colby; won by an 11-4 decision over Stewart, Oakley; lost by a fall to Urban, Oberlin;

130: J. Pacheco lost by a fall to Juenemann, Oberlin; won by a 5-4 decision over Taylor, Goodland; lost by a 5-4 decision to Finley, **Rawlins County**

138: Ford lost by a fall to Taylor, Hoxie; won by a fall over Deaton, Quinter; won by a fall Baumann, Oberlin; lost by a fall Rawlins County.

ST FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH wrestlers who placed in the Trevor Hilt, Terrence Lamb and Sam Sowers. They are showleague tournament include (from the left) Darris Keller, Shawn ing a Herald article to Mike Frewen, assistant coach.

> over Jirak, Oakley; won by a fall to House, Goodland; over Martinez, Goodland;

146: Miller lost by a fall to Taylor, Goodland; won by a fall over Herring, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Jones, Rawlins County;

162: Sowers won by a fall over Johnson, Goodland; won by a fall over Schroeder, Colby;

170: Hilt won by a 9-2 decision over Martinez, Goodland; won by

a fall over Bugbee, Colby; 275: Warren won by a fall over Oberlin; lost by a fall to Wolters,

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86: Freddy Pacheco lost by a

fall to Sheldon, Goodland; lost by a fall to Kastens, Rawlins County; 92: Lamb lost by a fall to Taylor, Colby; won by a fall over Kane, Oberlin; won by an 18-7

major decision over Patterson, Quinter; 98: Keller won by a 12-0 major decision over Roeder, Good; won by a 4-2 decision over Jordan, -College Sports -

Fort Hays State University Basketball Mike Wolters

The Fort Hays State University Tigers moved their record to 18-9 with two wins the week of Feb. 14 and a win and a loss the week of Feb. 21. They defeated Metro 86-76 on Thursday night, Feb. 17, Regis 69-53 on Saturday night, Feb. 19 and Chadron State 86-72 on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The loss came at the hands of the University of Nebraska-Kearney (83-51) on Friday, Feb. 25.

Wolters scored one assists against Metro; collected two rebounds in the Regis game; had nine points against Chadron State and two rebounds and six assists against University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Wrestlers are champions

The Yuma Wrestling Club hosted a kids' wrestling tournament on Saturday, Feb. 26 and approximately 440 wrestlers from eastern Colorado, northwest Kansas, and southwest Nebraska were in attendance. Wrestling from the St. Francis Wrestling Club were Lane Hoffman and David Stephens and both won championships in their respective age/weight divisions.

Hoffman wrestled in the eightand-under, 59-pound group and defeated three wrestlers to win his first place trophy.

Stephens placed first also by defeating two boys wrestling in the 12-and-under, 115-pound group.