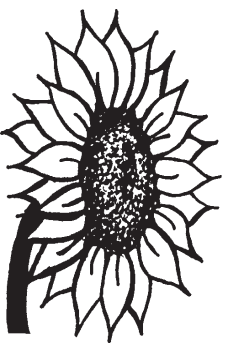


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At the Game



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 year.

"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 pounder."

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

"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 Center 2-1 in a double overtime.

Wrestlers do well at tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The Indian junior high wrestling 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, Rawlins County and St. Francis.

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 score.

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 pounds) placed fourth.

"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."

Team stats

Sainty wrestlers listed first fol-



ALMOST PINNED — Derek Ross, wrestling at 171 pounds for the Saint Francis Indians, had his opponent from Chase County, on his back and needing air. Derek placed third in the State tournament held in Hays on Friday and Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Doug Ross

lowed by their opponents:

wins: 17-16; pins: 10-15; takedowns: 23-24; near falls-two: 1-6; near falls-three: 22-29; reversals: 10-15; escapes 7-9.

Individual stats

110: Grady Brunk lost by a fall to Fortin, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Roeder, Goodland;

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;

122: Raile won by a 10-0 major decision over Miller, Rawlins County; lost by a fall to Zwegardt, 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 Juemmann, 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

over Jirak, Oakley; won by a fall 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 Baumann, Oberlin; lost by a fall

to House, Goodland;

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, Oberlin; lost by a fall to Wolters, Rawlins County.



ST FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH wrestlers who placed in the league tournament include (from the left) Darris Keller, Shawn Warren, Scott Ford, Trent Raile, Tyler Miller, Jesse Pacheco, Trevor Hilt, Terrence Lamb and Sam Sowers. They are showing a *Herald* article to Mike Frewen, assistant coach.

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lost by a 4-3 decision to 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 Dennis, Oakley, won by a 6-1 decision over Alexander, Atchinson;

215: Wilger (fifth) won by a fall over Eaton, Garden Plain, lost 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 Center;

275: Walz (fifth) lost in a double overtime to Webb, Alma Wabaunsee, won by injury default over Brubaker, Eureka, won by a fall over Vandemate, Fredonia, won by a fall over Ziatnik, Rossville, lost by a 7-2 decision to Boor, Sylvan Grove, won by a fall over West, Caney Valley.

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;

125: Loyd (third) won by a 16-0 technical fall over Feldman, Atchinson, lost by a 3-2 decision to Esterl, Beloit, won by a fall over Barth, Oberlin, won by a 6-1 decision over Bechtel, Eureka; won by a 19-2 technical fall over Peterson, Oskaloosa; won by a 9-3 decision over York, Smith Center;

130: Smull lost by a 13-1 major decision to Carstenson, St. George, won by a 15-8 decision over Nobel, Belleville, lost by a fall to Kaup, Phillipsburg;

140: J. Gienger (sixth) won by a fall over Hazzard, Lyons, lost by a 9-3 decision to Lamar, Silver Lake, won by a 10-2 major decision over Cox, Southeast of Saline, won by a 7-6 decision over Younkin, Oakley;

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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 eight-and-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.