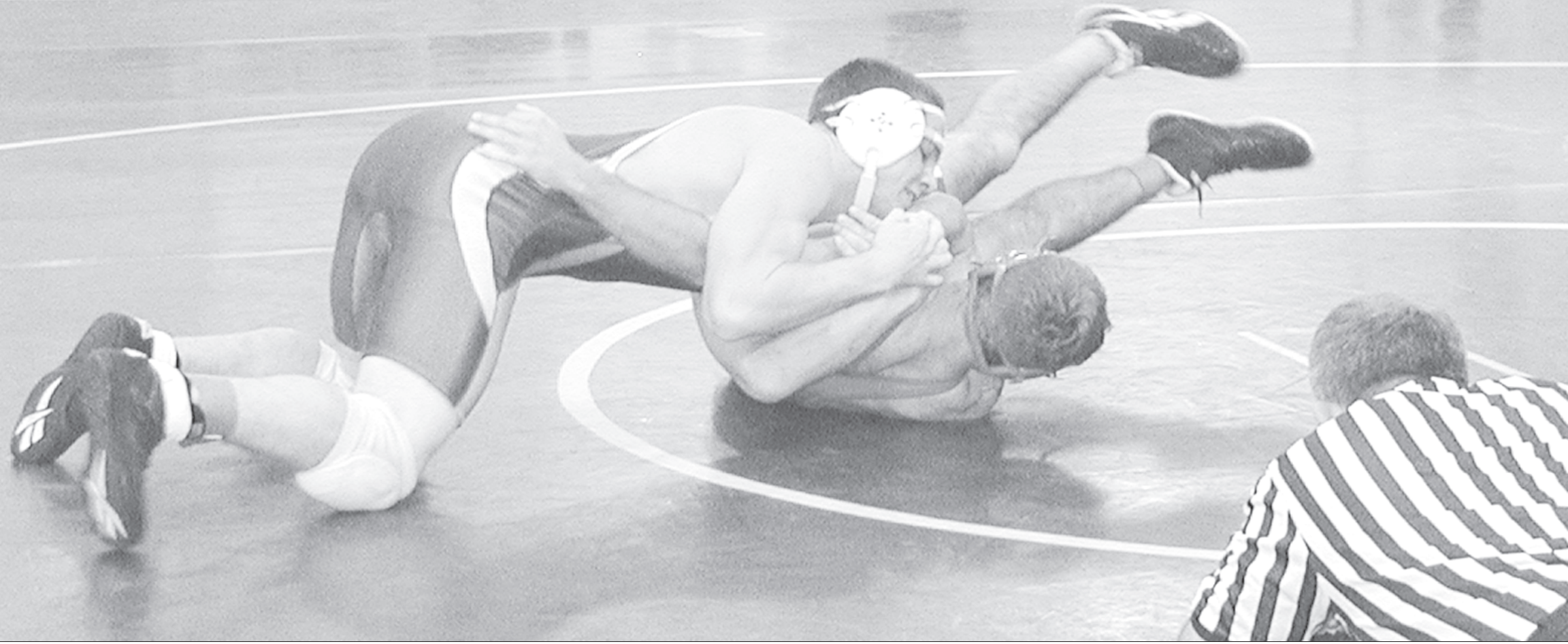
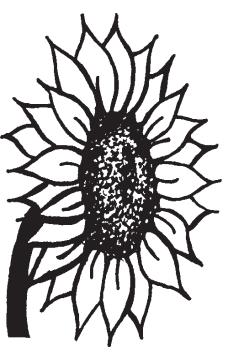


At the Game



RUSSELL ROGERS finished the day in second place in the 189 weight class. His record for the day was 2-1.

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Another successful Invitational in St. Francis

By Betty Jean Winston

The 46th annual St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament held on Saturday opened the 2006-07 wrestling season for the Indians. The tournament ended with Goodland earning the championship with 169 points. They had five champions, three second place finishes and two fourths.

Placing second with 158.5 points was the defending champions, Colby. The Eagles had one champion, four second place finishes, four thirds and two fourths.

This year the Indians placed third with 116 points, having two champions, two second place finishes and two thirds.

Indians taking the crowns in their weight classes were Jordan Gienger at 152 pounds and Brennon Wilger at 285 pounds. Gienger defeated Deeds of Goodland in the championship match while Wilger won over Doxon of Goodland.

Also qualifying for championship matches were Gavin Smull at 130 pounds and Russell Rogers at 189 pounds with each receiving second place honors.

Placing third for the Indians were Justin Sherlock at 145 pounds and David Guthmiller at 215 pounds. Jesse Pacheco was fifth at 140 pounds and Trevor Hilt was fifth at 171 pounds.

The Indian wrestlers had a limited amount of practice sessions prior to the tournament due to the

successful football season. "The upperclassmen did a good job. They are well schooled and used past year's experience," Coach Mike Frewen said. "The younger players struggled a little bit but showed some positive signs."

"Our wrestlers are not in bad shape but will be even better after more practice."

"There were some quality wrestlers at the tournament. Goodland is good and Colby is solid from top to bottom. Goodland and Colby are two of the top ranked teams in 4A. Colby is ranked number two. Scott City, another 4A school, also has a good team."

Colby Invitational

St. Francis will be attending the 21st annual Colby Eagle Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Tournament teams participating include Chaparral (Parker, Colo.), Colby, Concordia, Garden City, Goodland, Hays, Hoxie, Liberal, Oakley, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Plainville, St. Francis, Scott City, Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights, Valley Center and Wray, Colo.

This is a team dual tournament with the first session taking place at 2 p.m. on Friday. There are three pools involved with action taking place at the Colby Community Building, the elementary gym and the high school gym.

St. Francis will be involved in

a pool with Plainville, Oakley, Hays, Phillipsburg and Chaparral and these matches will be held at the Colby Community Building. There will be three matches on Friday and two on Saturday morning. Pool play begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning but St. Francis is not scheduled to participate in the first match.

Pool play ends at noon on Saturday and beginning at 1:30 p.m. the placing duals will start at respective sites. The first place teams from each pool will round robin dual for first, second and third place. Second place teams from each pool will round robin dual for fourth, fifth and sixth place, etc. until all team places have been determined. The presentation of awards at the Community Building will take place at approximately 6:30 p.m. that evening.

St. Francis Tournament team scores

Goodland 169, Colby 158.5, St. Francis 116, Scott City 101.5, Sterling 73, Rawlins County 65, Wray 60, Wichita County 42, Quinter 37.

Championship round

103: Ritchey, Wray, won by a fall over Sheldon, Goodland; 125: Migchelbrink, Rawlins County, won by a 14-0 major decision over Alva, Sterling; 130: Olson, Colby, won by a 4-0 decision over Smull, St. Francis; 135: Grey, Goodland, won by a 12-7 decision over Hayes,

Scott City; 140: Stephens, Goodland, won by a fall over Dirks, Wichita County; 145: Kough, Scott City, won by a fall over Flanagin, Colby; 152: Gienger, St. Francis, won by a fall over Deeds, Goodland; 160: Mader, Quinter, won by a fall over Amberger, Colby; 171: Schields, Goodland, won by a 15-0 technical fall over Kriss, Colby; 189: Goodley, Goodland, won by an 8-2 decision over Rogers, St. Francis; 215: Hawkins, Goodland, won by a 7-2 decision over Kriss, Colby; 285: Wilger, St. Francis, won by a 7-6 decision over Doxon, Goodland.

Third/fourth place round

103: Reed, Colby, won by a fall over Antillon, Scott City; 125: Luedke, Colby, won by a 5-2 decision over Mason, Goodland; 130: Numrich, Scott City, won by a fall over Lueth, Wray; 135: Stephens, Colby, won by a fall over Porter, Wichita County; 140: Zweygardt, Colby won by an 11-3 decision over Jackson, Wray; 145: Sherlock, St. Francis won by a fall over Berning, Wichita County; 152: Baseggio, Sterling, won by a 4-2 decision over Jurek, Colby; 160: Hoeme, Scott City, won by a 6-0 decision over Taylor, Goodland; 171: Numrich, Scott City, won by a fall over Richmeier, Quinter; 189: Binning, Rawlins County, won by a 10-5 decision over Bugbee, Colby; 215: Guthmiller, St. Francis, won by a fall over Bartholemew, Quinter;

285: Scofield, Sterling, won by a 5-3 decision over Wright, Rawlins County.

112/119 brackets

The 112 and 119 brackets were run as round robins.

112: Wark, Colby, 3-0; Stucky, Scott City, 2-1; Martinez, Wray, 1-2; Lamb, St. Francis, 0-3.

119: Eastep, Sterling, 3-1; George, Scott City 2-1; Powell, Colby 3-1; Vrbas, Rawlins County 1-3; Tarin, Wray, 0-4.

Team totals

Sainty wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns: 3329; escapes: 14/19; reversals: 21/19; near falls: 14/08; wins: 18/16; major decisions: 2/3; technical falls: 1/0; falls: 10/8.

Individual results

103: Keller lost by a 6-2 decision to Antillon, Scott City; lost by a fall in overtime to Griffith, Rawlins County;

112: Terrence Lamb lost by a fall to Wark, Colby; lost by a fall to Stucky, Scott City; lost by an 8-2 decision to Martinez, Wray;

125: Carpenter lost by a fall to Luedke, Colby; lost by a fall to McDaniel, Scott City (score was tied 6-6 when pinned);

130: Smull received a bye; won by a 7-3 decision over Lueth, Wray; lost by a 4-0 decision to Olson, Colby, placed second;

140: Pacheco lost by a 7-5 decision to Zweygardt, Colby; won by a 6-2 decision over Anlicker, Scott

City; won by a fall over Baker, Sterling, placed fifth;

145: Sherlock won by a fall over Acorio, Sterling; lost by a fall to Flanagin, Colby; won by a fall over Berning, Wichita County; placed third;

152: Gienger won by a fall over Kantz, Wray; won by a fall over Jurek, Colby; won by a fall over Deeds, Goodland, placed first;

160: Scott Ford lost by a fall to Schneider, Sterling;

171: Hilt lost by a fall to Numrich, Scott City; won by a fall over Phillips, Sterling, placed fifth;

189: Rogers won by a fall over Deaton, Quinter; won by a fall over Binning, Rawlins County; lost by an 8-2 decision to Goodley, Goodland, placed second;

215: Guthmiller lost by a fall to Hawkins, Goodland; won by a fall over Bartholemew, Quinter, placed third;

275: Wilger, won by a fall over Scofield, Sterling; won by a 7-6 decision over Doxon, Goodland.

Rankings

The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association has ranked the following St. Francis Indians as of Dec. 5.

130: Gavin Smull, St. Francis, sixth.

145: Justin Sherlock, St. Francis, sixth.

152: Jordan Gienger, St. Francis, first.

171: Russell Rogers, St. Francis, fifth.

Two junior high teams prepare for tourney

By Betty Jean Winston

The St. Francis junior high boys basketball teams traveled to Colby on Tuesday, Nov. 28, as their season begins to wind down. They meet Goodland today (Thursday) and then head into the opening round of tournament action on Monday, with the finals being played on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The final score of the eighth grade game on Tuesday was Colby 61, St. Francis 24. Colby earned a 44-25 victory over the seventh grade.

Eighth grade Colby 61, St. Francis 24

St. Francis' season record moved to two wins and four losses when they were defeated by Colby 61-24. "We played with a lot of heart," Coach Larry Flemming said. "We just met a more skilled team."

The St. Francis scoring was divided among eight players with Cody Killingsworth and Adam Guthmiller having six points each. Sainty made two free throws out of a total of seven for 28 percent. They had 18 rebounds with Garrett

Figgins and Trevor Reed having five and four respectively. Figgins had three of the eight steals for the night. Sainty was responsible for 27 turnovers.

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Scoring: Killingsworth 6, Guthmiller 6, Brett Lampe 2, Cody Sherlock 2, Brendan Finley 2, Figgins 2, Reed 2, Brooks Hobrock 2.

Seventh grade Colby 44, St. Francis 25

Colby had a strong first quarter and went on to defeat St. Francis 44-25.

"Again, we showed improvement in many areas," Coach Kent Kechter said. "Colby gave us a strong man-to-man defense all over the court."

"We handled the ball well against their pressure. We rebounded aggressively even though we gave up a bunch of height. We did not execute offensively as well as I would have liked."

"Each week we are better. We'll keep working!"

SF 04 07 06 08 25
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Scoring: Jonathan Butler 6, Isaac Schiltz 6, Martin Hnizdil 5, Sam Reed 4, Brock Zweygardt 2, Gavin Cooper 2.

School Schedule

Thursday: High school wrestling, Colby, here, 6:30 p.m.

Friday: High school wrestling, Colby Invitational; high school basketball, Sagebrush Classic semi-finals at Brewster.

Saturday: High school basketball, Sagebrush Classic finals at Brewster; high school wrestling, Colby Invitational; honor choir, Hays.

Monday: Junior high boys basketball, Northwest Kansas

League Tournament, first round; Board of Education to meet.

Tuesday: High school basketball, Cheyenne Wells, here, 5:30 p.m., junior varsity; 6:30 p.m., girls varsity; 8 p.m. boys varsity.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Junior high basketball, Northwest Kansas League Tournament, final round; A-team in Colby, 3 p.m.; B-team in St. Francis, 3 p.m.

Junior Varsity Girls

By Betty Jean Winston

The junior varsity girls basketball team posted a win in their first game of the season when they defeated Dundy County 16-15 in an abbreviated game. The squad will be playing a number of two-quarter contests this season. Sainty scored eight points in each of the two quarters.

Kattie Ford scored six points and Sidnee Crabtree added four to pace the Lady Indians.

"The Ladies played a very aggressive defense and were able to get the victory," Coach Larry Flemming said.

St. Francis pulled down a total of 16 rebounds with 11 of them being defensive and five offensive. Elizabeth Gienger had four boards to lead the team.

The Lady Indians collected five steals, had five assists but lost the ball nine times by turnovers. Crabtree and Ford each had two steals.

Two-of-four St. Francis free throw attempts were good for a 50-percent average with Dundy County having a 14 percent average (1-of-7). This was a factor in the Lady Indians victory.

The junior varsity has a week off while the varsity competes in the Sagebrush Classic but returns to action on Tuesday, Dec. 12, against Cheyenne Wells, Colo. This is the home opener.

Scoring: Ford 6, Crabtree 4, Gienger 3, Andrea Holzwarth 2, Jamie Pevler 1.

Leading rebounders: Gienger 4, Crabtree 3, Ford 3, Holzwarth 3.

Sagebrush details told

The St. Francis Indians and Lady Indians are involved in the Sagebrush Shootout varsity basketball tournament this week. The opening games were played on Tuesday with the semi's on Friday and the finals on Saturday.

Teams participating in the tournament include Brewster, Rawlins County, Cheylin,

Oberlin, St. Francis, Idalia, Golden Plains and Stratton.

Both the St. Francis girls and boys teams were matched up with Idalia in the opening round. Other teams on their side of the bracket are Golden Plains and Stratton. Full tournament results will be published next week.

College Sports

The Fort Hays University - Bob Smith open wrestling tournament was held at Hays on Saturday, Dec. 2. Four former St. Francis Indian wrestlers competed in the event.

Trevor Richard, a student at Fort Hays State University, wrestled at 125 pounds, Dylan Loyd, also a student at Fort Hays, wrestled at 141 pounds; Derek Ross, a student at the University of Nebraska - Kearney, wrestled at 174 pounds and Gabe Walz, a student at Colby Community College, wrestled at 285 pounds.

Richard, who is red shirted at Fort Hays, received a bye in his first round, lost by a 6-3 decision to Webb, received a bye in the wrestleback, lost by a fall to Garcia.

Loyd, who is red shirted at Fort Hays, received a bye in his first round, defeated Chrisinger by a

10-5 decision, lost to Francis by a 6-0 decision. In the wrestleback, he defeated Shatto by a 2-0 decision, lost to Younkin by a 5-2 decision.

Ross, who wrestles at 174 pounds, defeated Jackson by a 3-2 decision, won by a fall over Watts, lost by a fall to Medill. In the wrestleback he won by a fall over Kelly, won by a fall over Wengart, won by a 3-1 decision over Morrison, lost by a 3-1 overtime decision to Cornett. He ended the tournament in fourth place.

Walz, lost by a 5-0 decision to Wilkinson. In the wrestlebacks he lost by a fall to Bazynski.

Greeley meet

Richard participated in a tournament held at Greeley on Nov. 19. He received a bye, won one match and lost two at this competition.