

OBERLIN RED DEVIL GAGE REICHERT (above) pinned Aaron Husted of Norton in the quarterfinals, then took first place in the 140-pound class to advance to the state finals

in Hays on Saturday. David Urban (below) put the fireman carry on Nathan Gonzalez of Holcomb. Urban defeated Gonzalez 13-4 in the consolation round. — Photos by Dick Boyd

Four for state

Wrestlers earn trip to Fort Hays

The Oberlin Red Devils pinned down four spots at the state tournament during regional wrestling competition in Norton this weekend.

Gage Reichert, 140 pound; Terry Urban, 189; Regan Badsky, 215; and Brock Euhus, 285, qualified for the Class 3-2-1A state wrestling championships by finishing in the top four places at the regional meet in Norton over the weekend.

Reichert took first place; Urban, second; and Badsky and Euhus, third, to qualify for state.

Oberlin took sixth place with 114.5 points.

Norton won the tournament with 221.5 points qualifying 10 wrestlers for state; Scott City finished second with 159 and six wrestlers, followed by St. Francis, 129; Oakley, 126; Phillipsburg, 126; Oberlin; Rawlins County, 68; Hill City, 66; WaKeeney, 62; Holcomb, 41.5; Lakin, 38.5; Stockton, 30; Leoti-Wichita County, 23.5; Hoxie, 21.5; Cimarron, 18; Quinter, 15; Montezuma-South Gray, 12; Sublette, 11; and Bird City-Cheylin and Grainfield-Wheatland, no score.

Winning state berths were:

- Reichert had a technical fall over Cody Johnson, Hill City; won 9-1 over Sam Schmitt, Lakin; pinned Aaron Husted, Norton; and won 10-7 over Dustin Warta, Scott City, for first place.

Reichert improved his record to 26-9 and Warta dropped to 19-5.

- Urban pinned David Guthmiller, St. Francis; won 5-2 over John Binning, Rawlins County; and lost 3-1 to Michael Malay, WaKeeney.

Malay's record climbed to 32-0 and Urban's is 26-5.

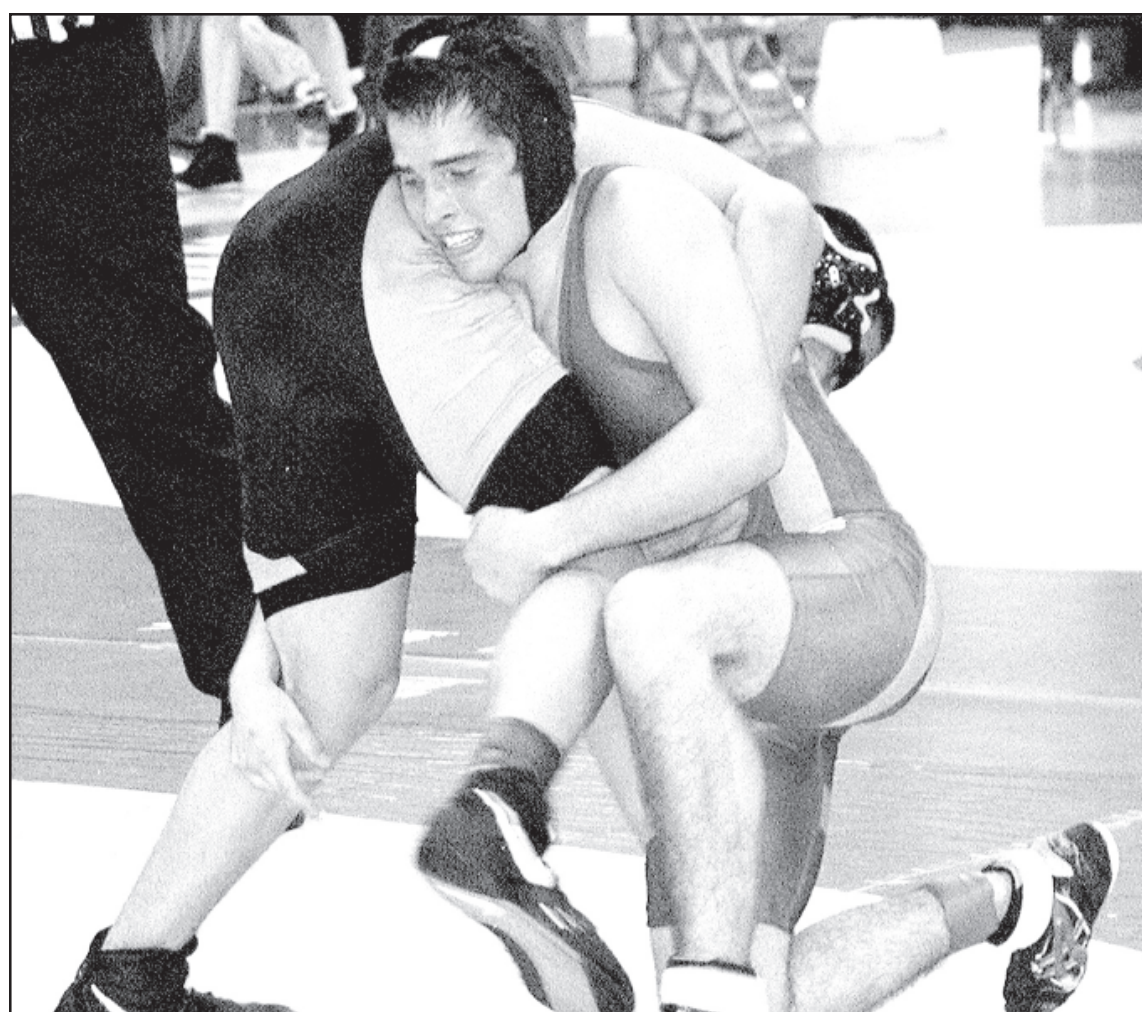
- Badsky pinned Logan Thomsan, Stockton; pinned Cody Page, Hoxie; lost 6-4 to David Hadley; won 5-2 over Shane Stanley, Norton; won 12-3 over Taylor Dirks, WaKeeney.

Badsky's record is 21-12 and Dirks finished 22-9.

- Euhus won 7-1 over Jace Smith, Phillipsburg; lost 0-5 to Brennon Wilger, St. Francis; won 1-0 over Luke Fabrizlua, WaKeeney; won 10-4 over Smith again for third.

The Euhus-Fabrizlua match proved controversial.

In the last seconds of the final period, Fabrizlua was awarded 2 points for the win, but after a discussion between referees and officials, the points were taken away because



How to get to state tourney

State wrestling action for Class 3-2-1A high schools begins at 10 a.m. Friday at Busch-Gross Coliseum on the campus of Fort Hays State University, off I-70 on the U.S. 183 Bypass.

From Oberlin, go south through Hoxie to I-70, then east about 60 miles to Hays. Exit on U.S. 183 Bypass and follow signs to the coliseum.

the wrestlers were out of the boundary circle. The last 12 seconds were redone and Euhus managed to hold on for the win.

Five Red Devils missed a trip to state by one match.

Wrestling for Oberlin were:

- Aaron Helm, 103 pounds, pinned Ethan Ghumm, WaKeeney; lost 8-6 to Garth Griffith, Rawlins County; pinned Andrew Peterson, Oakley; pinned Chris Caman, Phillipsburg; and lost 7-1 to Carlos Gallaway, Stockton.

Helm ended his senior year with a 14-6 record.

- Gatlin Reichert, 112, was pinned by Matt Amos, Holcomb, and lost 4-3 to Cordrey Spires, Stockton.

Gatlin Reichert's record was 5-13.

- Andrew Richards, 119, pinned Kevin Moss, Hoxie; lost 7-0 to Zane Perez, Norton; and lost 7-3 to Troy Krehbiel, Holcomb.

Richards' record was 15-17.

- Wiley Farr, 125, was pinned by Rayson Brachtenbach, Hill City, and lost 4-2 to Ryan Kaiser, WaKeeney.

Farr's record was 9-22.

- Ray Zodrow, 130, lost by technical fall to Gavin Smull, St. Francis, and lost 15-2 to Levi Koehn, Holcomb.

Zodrow's record was 7-14.

- Everett Urban, 135, won 9-7

over Heath Maley, WaKeeney; lost 4-1 to John Lynch, Lakin; and was pinned by Dakota Hayes, Scott City.

Everett Urban's record was 28-7.

- Breck Simonsson, 145, pinned Cass Baalman, Hoxie; was pinned by Jeff Soderlund, Norton; pinned John Shaughnessy, Cimarron; won 11-3 over Alan Nichol, Hill City; and lost 13-8 to Drake Moore, Oakley.

Simonsson finished his senior year with a 22-14 record.

- David Urban, 152, lost 5-4 to Clay Crott, Montezuma; won 13-4 over Nathen Gonzalez, Holcomb; pinned Cody Stewart, Oakley; and lost 7-1 to Lakin Dreiling, Scott City.

David Urban's record was 15-15.

- Jared Marcuson, 160, was pinned by Justin Sherlock, St. Francis, and was pinned by Todd Bolt, Norton.

Marcuson's record was 5-13.

- Garrit Peters, 171, pinned Josh Fielder, Stockton; lost 6-3 to Russell Rogers, St. Francis; pinned Elijah Jones, Rawlins County; and lost 7-6 to Logan Numich, Scott City.

Peters finished his senior season 13-17.

"It was one of the toughest regional tournaments we've seen in a while, with five schools ranked in the top 10 of the state," said Coach Joe Dreher.

College freshman qualifies for nationals

Scott Miller, a freshman at Colby Community College, was among seven wrestlers who qualified for the national meet during regionals held recently at Neosho Community College in Chanute.

The Colby team, which placed fifth, is coached by Steve Lampe. He said that his team struggled early on and expected to just have a couple

of wrestlers qualify.

Scott wrestles at 174 pounds and placed fourth to qualify.

He is a 2006 graduate of Decatur Community High and is the son of Carolyn Miller and Jerry Miller.

The National Junior College Athletic Association championship will be held Friday and Saturday in Rochester, Minn.



The Jayhawker

By Jim Merriott
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Fishing was his life after graduation

After high school graduation and just prior to joining the Navy, between 1965-'67, this urban Kansas City boy pounded the rocks in search of the wily walleye on Pomoma Reservoir just outside of Ottawa.

My mission was to seek and destroy as many walleye as possible.

Each Friday night after getting off work, my family would load up the station wagon and run I-35 as fast as possible to the small town of Pompano.

It made no difference if it was summer, fall, winter or spring, that is where my family would be from 7 p.m. Friday until 7 p.m. Sunday night.

Fish all Friday night until about 5 a.m. Saturday morning; sleep from 5 a.m. to noon; eat; water ski from 1 to 9 p.m.; and do it all over again on Saturday night and Sunday night.

Somewhere in between, we would play cards and listen to the Kansas City Athletics on the radio.

In those days, \$5 went a long way and it was legal to purchase 3.2 beer at 18.

My buddies and I would purchase a six-pack of Katz at 98 cents; gas the car at 19 cents a gallon; dig some night crawlers or buy a bucket of shiners; and drive my old "Lake Machine," a '53 Chevy two-door that we kept at the cabin, down to the water.

We would turn over the old 12-foot rowboat we kept down by the dock and begin running trot lines,

jug lines and limb lines during the night.

Sometimes when it was really hot, we would buy a couple of pounds of chicken livers and load the lines to catch channel and flat-head catfish. But most of the time, our goal was catching ol' moon-eyes.

The only things that kept us from our fishing were tornadoes, and snow so deep we'd get stuck.

In the fall and winter we would hunt instead of water ski, but in the dead of night whether it was 100 degrees or 10 below, we fished.

If the lake was froze, we ice fished.

Most of the time, as we searched for the walleyes, we would have to settle on whatever was biting. Perch and crappie, along with an occasional catfish, were usually the going item for the surf. The turf mainly was rabbit with a side of poultry in the form of quail, ducks and snow geese.

What we learned was about being a young man with his dog and the camaraderie of friends.

Those two years will always bring fond memories of the great friendships we had prior to college, marriage and the Vietnam war.

Some of my friends went to college and became professionals, some married and raised children and some fought and died in a war no one wanted.

I prefer to remember the good times when we were all innocent.

Atwood gets new coach

Rawlins County High School hired Scott Noble as head football coach, athletic director and physical education teacher last week.

He lives in Rose Hill with his wife, Debra, and children, Cade, 12; Danielle, 10; and Karli, 7.

Noble graduated from South Barber High School in Kiowa in 1982; played football at Dodge City Community College; transferred to Western Illinois University, where

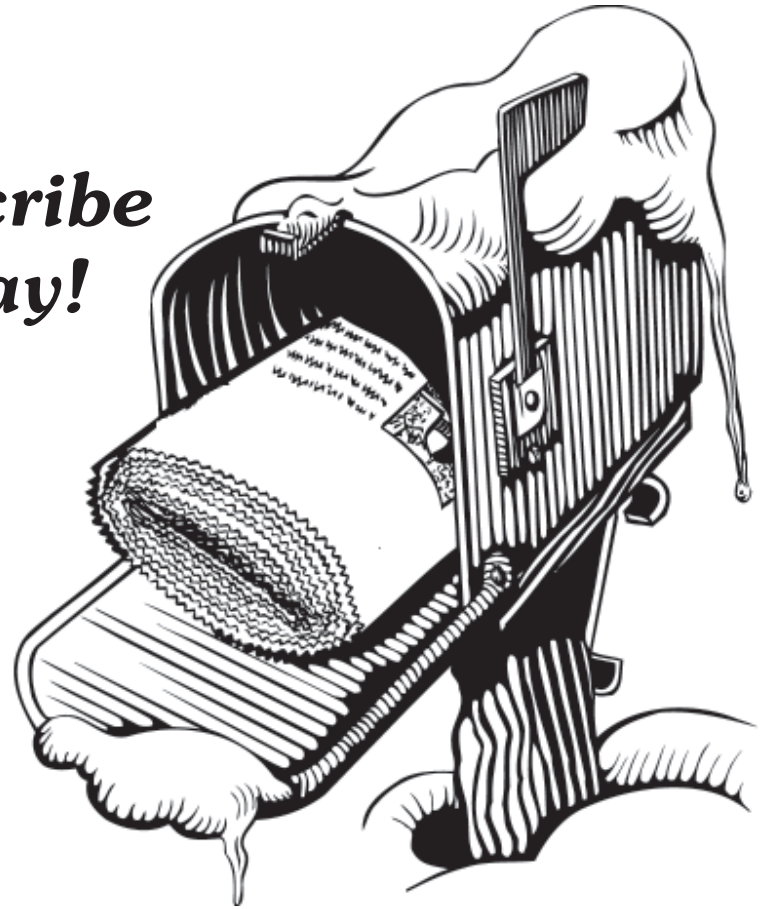
he graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education; and graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a master's degree in sports administration.

Noble replaces longtime Atwood coach and athletic director Dan Lankas.



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