

# Wrestlers take fifth at regionals

Oberlin took fifth place in the regional wrestling tournament and will send four men to the Class 1-2-3A State Wrestling Tournament in Hays this Friday and Saturday.

Junior Everett Urban took first at 140 pounds at regionals, held Friday and Saturday at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney.

Gage Reichert, 145 pounds, came in second and Jacob Helm, 103 pounds, and Colt Diederich, 285 pounds, took forth place to win berths to the state meet.

Norton took first at regionals with 226.5 points, followed by Scott City, 160; Oakley, 133; St. Francis, 127; Oberlin, 99.5; Lakin, 81; Atwood/Rawlins County, 78; Hoxie, 70; Cimarron, 61; Ellis, 52.5; Hill City, 49; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 46; WaKeeney-Trego, 38; Leoti/Wichita County, 36; Holcomb, 14.5; Laredo, 2; Elkhart and Montezuma-South Gray, 1 each; and Grinnell/

Wheatland and Quinter, no score.

Oberlin regional results:

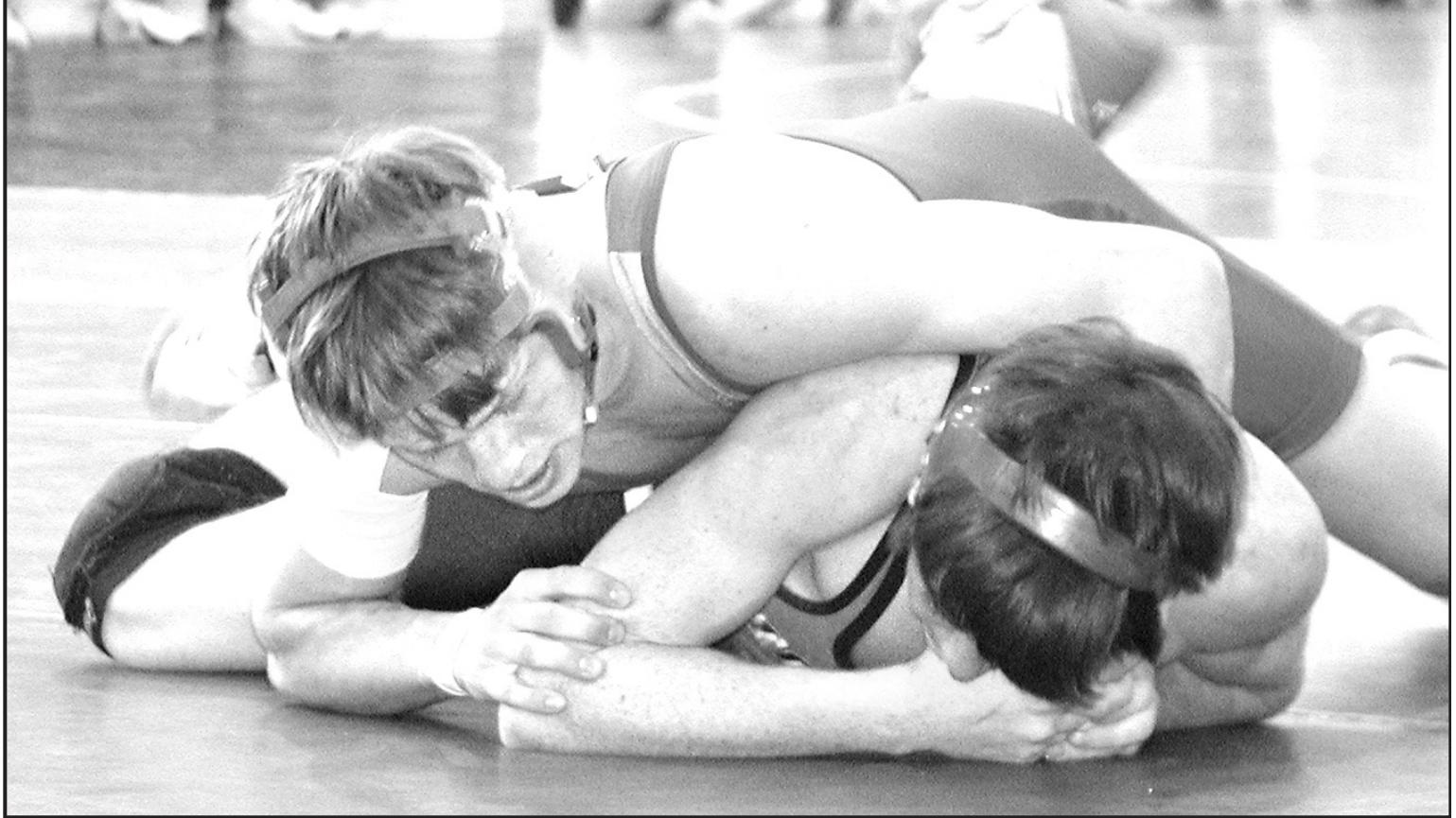
- 103 pounds, Helm, pinned Jordan Osborne, Cimarron; was pinned by Samantha Gonzales, Lakin; won 7-5 over Dustin Vap, Atwood; won 8-5 over Grant Holub, Thomas More for fourth.

• 112 pounds, Nolan Peters, was pinned by Cody Sherlock, St. Francis, and was pinned by Donovan Schamberger, Hoxie.

• 119 pounds, Cody Kane, lost 11-2 to Tyrel George, Scott City, and lost 15-5 to Mario Mancillas, Leoti.

• 125 pounds, Andrew Richards, pinned Dylan Lacy, Cimarron; lost 7-0 to Steve Samuelson, Oakley; pinned Trevor Popp, Hoxie; pinned Justin Henrickson, Ellis; and lost 7-6 to Dillion Stucky, Scott City.

• 130 pounds, Wiley Farr, pinned Ryan Morales, Holcomb; was pinned by Kevin Wolters, Atwood; pinned



**OBERLIN'S ANDREW RICHARDS** went 2-2 at the Class 1-2-3A Regional Wrestling tournament at WaKeeney on

Jonnie Dooley, Laredo; and lost 5-0 to Jeremy Chase, Hill City.

• 135 pounds, Daniel Jordan, won 9-2 over Kevin Urban, Ellis; won 5-4 over Kevin Moss, Hoxie; lost 10-8 to Zach Bainter, Norton; and lost 2-0 to Kevin Urban.

• 140 pounds, Urban pinned Dylan Bainter, Hoxie; won 16-0 over Charles Shaughnessy, Cimarron; and was pinned by Blake Garcia, Lakin.

• 152 pounds, Ace Manning, was pinned by Justin Sherlock, St. Francis; won 10-5 over Cody Stewart, Oakley; and was pinned by Blake Garcia, Lakin.

• 171 pounds, Nathan Simonsen, was pinned by Ben Brown,

Friday and Saturday. Richards missed going to state by one point.

— Herald photo by Patti Richards

pinned Dante Horomza, Laredo; pinned Jesse Barnes, Thomas More; won 4-0 over Tyler James, Trego; won by default over Alex Thomas, Norton; and lost by default to Shelby Wright, Rawlins County for fourth.

The state tournament will be held at Busch-Gross Coliseum at Fort Hays State University on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Mark Pahls at (785) 628-4050.

## Seeing basketball great filled youngster with awe in 1957

It was early one fall Saturday morning in 1957 when I first set eyes on Wilt Chamberlain, who played basketball for the University of Kansas.

My father was a mechanic for an Oldsmobile dealer in Kansas City and I was waiting for my 10th birthday.

It was his job to go over the automobile and get it ready. He had to make sure that everything was in proper order prior to the customer picking up the car.

Chamberlain had been dropped off to pick up a shiny new Oldsmobile convertible he had ordered and he talked to several sales people and the owner as a cameraman took pictures of the lot.



### The Jayhawker

By Jim Merriott

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As I sat on my dad's workbench that Saturday morning, I couldn't believe my eyes. This was the tallest man I had ever seen. He was at least a foot taller than my father, who was no small man at 6 foot, 4 inches.

"Mr. Chamberlain," my Dad said, "I need you to sit in the driver's seat to see how you fit."

Chamberlain didn't say much;

mostly he just nodded his head.

As I watched the enormous man stoop to get into the vehicle, it reminded me of sardines packed into a can.

My father took his measurements and chatted, then Chamberlain stepped out of the automobile.

A few minutes later, my father removed the front seat and began

to drill new holes to mount the seat further back from the steering wheel.

Chamberlain and his group went into the company's showroom and chatted with other customers who came into building.

After about an hour, my father asked me to go into the showroom and tell the general manager that Mr. Chamberlain needed to come back to the service department and check the vehicle because it was ready for him.

I stuck my head into the cigar smoke-filled room and knocked on the door ledge.

"My daddy told me to tell you that Mr. Chamberlain's car is ready," I said.

The general manager nodded and told me to get along.

A few minutes later Chamberlain and a small group walked over to my father.

Chamberlain was carrying a large brown leather bag that looked like a large doctor's bag, which he placed in the back seat.

As I stood watching, he learned how to operate the convertible top and my father showed him how to operate the electric seat, a fancy option in those days.

Chamberlain looked at me and I smiled.

After operating the front seat to his liking, he reached in the back seat, opened the bag and pulled out a basketball. Pulling a maroon

fountain pen from his shirt pocket he autographed it and tossed it to me.

"Here kid, take good care of this," he said.

Then he started up the car, thanked my father and drove off.

From that day forward, I became a Kansas Jayhawks fan. That was the day I decided to go by the nickname "The Jayhawker."

Unfortunately, when my sons were 10 and 8 years old, they decided to use the trophy basketball on our backyard concrete court one sunny summer day and the autograph wore off — along with the leather covering.

I still have the ball and the memories, but as collectors know, the ball has only sentimental value now.

## Junior High splits with Quinter, Oakley

The Decatur Community Junior High's seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball teams split a double header against the Lady Bulldogs in Quinter.

The seventh graders lost 21-14 and the eighth-graders edged Quinter 19-17 on Jan. 31.

"The (seventh-grade) girls had a rough time against Quinter," said Coach Gina Witt. "They didn't play as aggressively as they had been playing."

Quinter took a 4-0 lead into the second quarter. Oberlin then opened up on offense matching the Lady Bull Pups 6-6, but trailed 10-6 at halftime.

Oberlin only scored two points in the third quarter and Quinter took a 15-8 lead into the fourth, then matched Oberlin evenly 6-6 in the last quarter to seal the victory.

Scoring for Oberlin were Mika Hackney, 6; Keatira Fisher, 4; and Taylor Macfee and Miki Dorhorst, 2 each.

Scoring 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final Oberlin 0 6 2 6 14 Quinter 4 6 5 6 21

On the eighth-grade side, the game was tied 6-6 heading into the second quarter and Quinter had an 11-10 lead at halftime.

Oberlin came out flat in the third quarter only scoring 1 point and trailed Quinter 15-11 at the end of three.

Oberlin caught fire in the final quarter out scoring Quinter 8-2 as their defense tightened and their offense started clicking.

"The girls were much more aggressive this game," said Coach Melissa Dreher. "They played well together as a team."

Scoring were Megan Wentz, 6; Kiah Blau, 4; Serena Stacy and Bri-

anna Klima, 3 each; Megan Huntley, 2; and Samantha Anderson, 1.

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### Oakley

The seventh-graders squeezed by Oakley 18-17 but the eighth graders lost 34-23 on Thursday, Feb. 7, in Oberlin.

The seventh graders came from a three-point deficit as Dorhorst stole the ball twice in the final minute scoring four of her 12 points for the victory.

She was followed by Fisher, 4, and Macfee, 2.

"The girls got a lot more aggressive against a good Oakley team," said Coach Witt. "We were behind going into the last minute of play by three points, when the girls really dug in and played with everything they had. I was very proud of the girls. They put their hearts into the game, competing even when they were down."

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In the eighth-grade game, Oakley downed the young Lady Red Devils 34-23.

"We missed many shots under the basket," Coach Dreher said. "We need to stay more focused on offense, Oakley's defense really seemed to frustrate us."

Blau was top scorer for Oberlin with 9 points followed by Stacy, 7; Anderson, 3; and Klima and Wentz, 2 each.

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On Thursday, the seventh grade will be in Colby and the eighth-grade girls in St. Francis for their league tournaments.

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