

At the Game

Sainty wrestlers head to regionals in Goodland

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St. Francis will be attending the Goodland Regional wrestling tournament on Friday and Saturday. This tournament is what the wrestlers have been working hard toward since December.

Placing in the top four at regionals is the only opportunity for a wrestler to earn a trip to the 3-2-1 A State Tournament in Hays the following weekend.

The Indian wrestlers will be headed to regionals with the following regular season records:

103: Lane Hoffman, 26-5; 112: Casey Keller, 16-14; 125: Michael Leibbrandt, 15-14; 130: Logan Lampe, 10-17; 135: David Leibbrandt, 4-12; 140: Tyler Raby, 3-9; Derek Queen, 5-18; 152: Dylan Wolaver, 18-17; 189: Zach Gienger, 3-4; 215: Adam Guthmiller 30-2.

Other teams besides St. Francis and Goodland involved in this year's regional tournament include Rawlins County/Atwood, Cimarron, Elkhart, Ellis, Hays-Thomas

More Prep-Marian, Hill City, Holcomb, Hoxie, Lakin, Leoti-Wichita County, Meade, Montezuma-South Gray, Norton-Norton Comm., Oakley, Oberlin-Decatur Community, Plainville, Quinter, Scott City-Scott Community, St. Francis, Stockton, Sublette, WaKeeney-Trego Community.

Norton had the winning team last year, followed by Phillipsburg, Hoxie and Oakley.

"Norton, Hoxie and Goodland all have strong tournament teams this year," Coach Nathan Smith said.

"We have some kids wrestling well at the right time. Our records don't do our kids justice because we put our kids against the best competition we can find and we struggled early with our inexperience. We have made great strides through the season.

"We have some kids that could surprise some people this weekend."

Other regional tournaments for 3-2-1A wrestlers will be held at Beloit, Leon-Bluestem and Silver

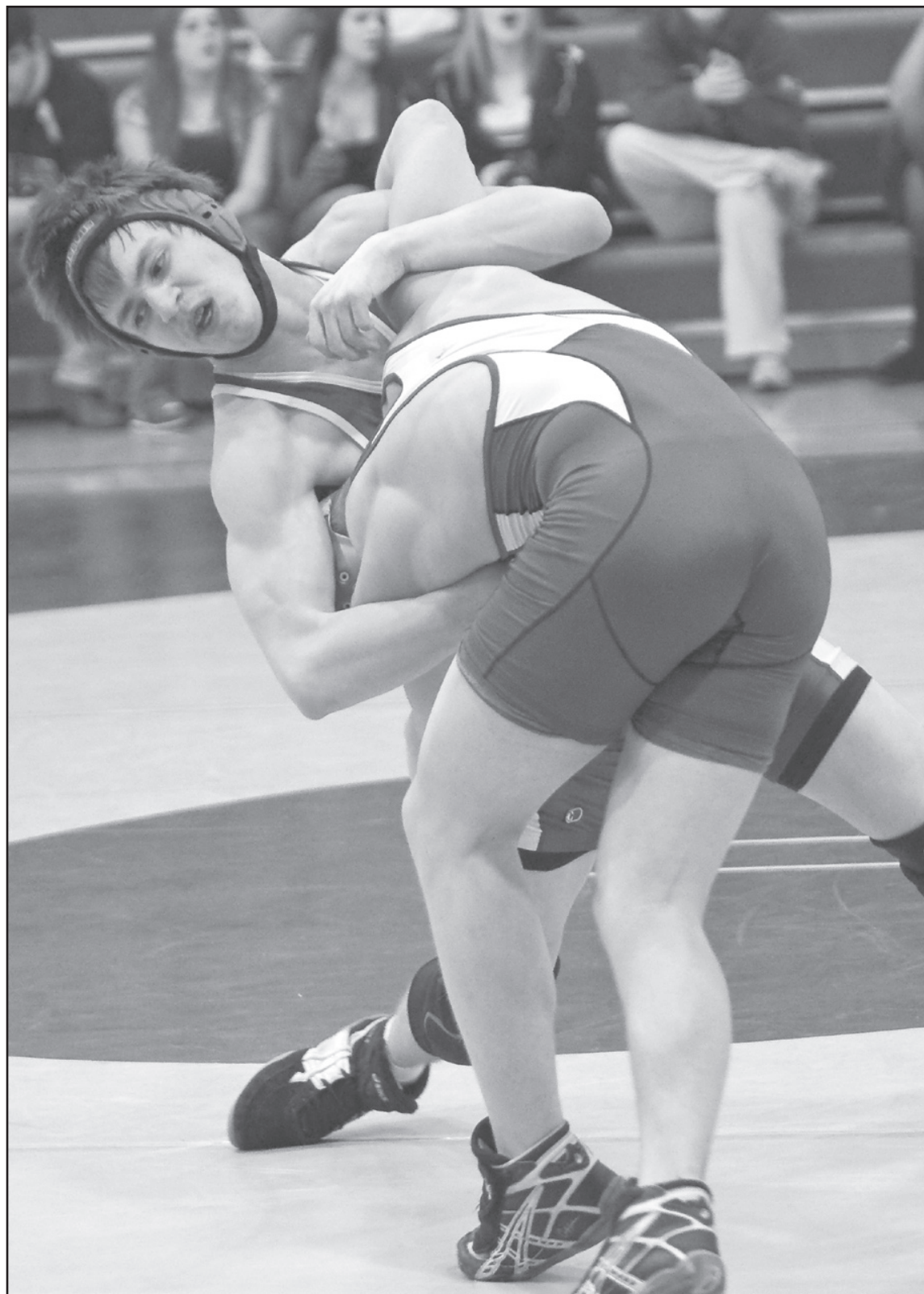
Lake. Regional action begins at 2 p.m. Friday with many St. Francis fans planning on making the trip to view the competition and cheer on the Indians.

The Friday schedule runs as follows:

- Session I
- Round 1: First round, 2 p.m.
- Round 2: Championship Quarterfinals, 5 p.m.
- Round 3: Consolation First Round, 6:30 p.m.
- Round 4: Championship Semifinals, 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, activity begins at 11 a.m.

- Session II
- Round 5: Consolation Cross Bracketing, 11 a.m.
- Round 6: Consolation Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.
- Round 7: Consolation Semifinals, 3 p.m.
- Round 8: Consolation Finals, 5 p.m.
- Round 9: Championship Finals, 6:30 p.m.



LOGAN LAMPE throws front head lock with an underhook on his opponent.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller



LANE HOBROCK, St. Francis wrestler, is close to pinning his opponent.

Herald photo by Susan Hobrock

Decatur Community has advantage over the Indians

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Senior Adam Guthmiller and his parents, John and Kristi Guthmiller, were recognized at the St. Francis - Decatur Community Northwest Kansas League wrestling dual held in St. Francis on Parents' Night on Friday. Adam has a 30-2 record going into the regional tournament this weekend and has been a mainstay in the St. Francis program since junior high.

This was the final dual of the season for the Indians. At the conclusion of the dual Decatur Community had a 50-21 advantage over the Indians.

Individual result follow:

103: Lane Hoffman won by a fall over Matthew Helm; 112: Casey Keller lost by an 11-2 major decision to Dayton Dreher; 119: St. Francis open to Jacob Helm; 125: Michael Leibbrandt lost by a 9-2 decision to Brent Juenemann; 130: Logan Lampe won by a 7-6 decision over Chris Anderson; 135: David Leibbrandt lost by a fall to Kade Brown; 140: Tyler Raby lost by

a fall to Nolan Peters; 145: Derek Queen lost by a fall to Kolton Paul; 152: Dylan Wolaver won by a fall over Jon Samson; 160: St. Francis open to Matt Gladning; 171; both teams open; 189: Zach Gienger lost by a fall to Jacob Laure; 215: Adam Guthmiller won by a fall over Channing Fortin; 285: St. Francis was open.

Junior varsity results show Matt White lost to Helm; Raby lost by a fall to Grant Gilliam.

Junior varsity

Several St. Francis junior varsity wrestlers attended the Colby Novice Tournament on Saturday.

The wrestlers finished the day with the following results:

103: M. White, 0-2.
125: Lampe, 3-0, placed first in the A-division.
130: D. Leibbrandt, 1-3; placed third in the A-division.
140: Raby, 2-1, placed second in the C-division.
145: Queen, 1-2, placed fourth in the B-division.
189: Gienger, 3-0, placed first in the A-division.

Wrestling shoes needed

Ty Long, former St. Francis graduate, is collecting wrestling shoes for the team he is coaching at Berry Creek Middle School in Edwards, Colo. This is the first year for wrestling in this school and the families have little money for extras such as wrestling shoes.

Those having shoes can drop them by the high school office to be given to Mr. Jenkins who will make sure Mr. Long gets them.

Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association Rankings

The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Associations Rankings, published Feb. 13 in the Salina Journal show two St. Francis wrestlers ranked in the 3-2-1A classification.

At 103 pounds, Lane Hoffman, freshman, is ranked fourth.

At 215 pounds, Adam Guthmiller, senior, is ranked sixth.

Team rankings (first through 10th) Norton, Hoxie, Caney Valley, Central-Burden, Rossville, Burlington, Scott City, Goodland, Eureka, Wellsville.

Team wrestles in new tourney

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The St. Francis junior high wrestlers had a new event on their calendar this year. It was a wrestling meet between St. Francis, Stockton, Smith Center, Ellis and Norton at Norton. Thursday, Feb. 10, was the date it was held.

"I thought we were a little off tonight," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "We have fewer than 10 days left in the season and I hope we can rally."

Sub totals for the Indians Thursday included takedowns, 9; near falls, 17; reversals 3; escapes 6; falls, 7; wins, 10, losses 17.

The wins include five with Norton, one with Stockton, one with Ellis and three with Smith Center. Losses were nine to Norton, one to Stockton, five to Smith Center and two to Ellis.

"Tonight was a fun night for me personally but I also know we have some work to do before the junior high league tournament," said

Jude Faulkender, who finished the evening with two victories.

Individual results from Norton: Phillip White lost by a fall to Campbell, Norton; lost by a fall to Campbell, Norton.

Clay Cassaw lost by a fall to Rogers, Smith Center; won by a 10-6 decision over Younger, Ellis.

Riley Shay lost by a fall to Erbert, Norton; lost by a fall to Boutwell, Norton; lost by a fall to Gunter, Norton.

Garrett Brunk lost by a fall to Pfeifer, Ellis; lost by a fall to Talent, Norton.

Lane Hobrock won by a fall over Morris, Stockton; lost by a fall to Cole Smith Center.

Jesse Pacheco won by a fall over Rowh, Norton; lost by a 12-0 decision to Miller, Norton.

Austin Patton lost by a fall to Lemkall, Smith Center; won by a 5-3 decision over Peterson, Norton.

Tanner Gilliland lost by a fall to Hass, Ellis; lost by a fall to Peter-

son, Norton.

Blake Meyer lost by a fall to Overmiller, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Powell, Smith Center.

Cade Bracelin won by a fall over Nicholas, Smith Center; won by a fall over Sumner, Norton.

Jude Faulkender won by a fall over Nickels, Smith Center; won by a 3-0 decision over Sumner, Norton.

John Hoard lost by a fall to Pulec, Stockton; won by a fall over Nickel, Norton.

Shakotah Blanka won by a fall over Miller, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Harding, Norton.

Calendar update

The next competition for the wrestling team will be today (Thursday) when they will travel to Atwood to compete with teams from Hoxie, Trego Community, Oakley, and Rawlins County.

The wrestlers will compete in the Northwest Kansas League Junior High Wrestling Tournament in Oberlin on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Wrestlers participate in several events

Kansas Kids Wrestling activities took place on both Friday night and Saturday. Friday night the wrestlers met Oberlin at the high school prior to the Indian dual with Decatur Community.

Saturday several Sainty wrestlers traveled to Oakley for a tournament.

This is a busy season for the Kansas Kids as they attend meets going into regionals in March.

Friday night results:

Brody Kaup lost by a fall to Reece Grafel; Kobe Tice won 6-5 decision over Alex Eskew; Brady Dinkel lost by a 4-11 decision to Gavin Uehlin; Trenton Bartels lost by a fall to Colton Ketterl; Cody Baxter lost by a 0-15 technical fall to Kel Grafel;

Luke Lampe lost by a 0-4 decision to Tabor Erickson. Ben Busse lost by a fall to Reece Grafel; Garin Cooper won by 8-4 decision over Alex Eskew; Shadryon Blanka won by a 15-1 decision over Gavin Uehlin; Adam Krien won by a 8-6 decision over Colton Ketterl and Connor Keller lost by a 0-15 technical fall to Kel Grafel.

"There were some very exciting and close matches and the kids had fun!" Shawna Blanka, coordinator said.

Oakley tournament

Saturday at Oakley the wrestlers competed with 250 other area wrestlers.

Eight and under: Brody Kaup, 52



TAYLOR ROGERS attempts to cradle his opponent on the mat. Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

pounds, placed third and Shadryon Blanka, 73 pounds, placed second.

10 and under: Cody Baxter, 76

pounds, participated; Kaleb Hays, 120 pounds, participated; Brice Hays, 130 pounds, participated;

Martin Beikman, 130 pounds, placed third and Trenton Bartels, 61 pounds placed second.

Updates

February weather and a couple of no school days plus some additions and changes resulted in some adjustment to the school calendar for the final weeks of winter sports.

• High school basketball: The Indians played Cheylin on Tuesday night (results next week). Friday night the teams will play Greeley County at Tribune. Monday, Feb. 21, will be a makeup game with Wallace County in St. Francis. Tuesday, Feb. 22, will be a makeup game with Brewster/Triplains at St. Francis. This will also be Parent's Night; Friday, Feb. 25, the teams play at Quinter.

• Junior high wrestling: The next competition for the junior high wrestling team will be today (Thursday) when they will travel to Atwood to compete with teams from Hoxie, Trego Community, Oakley, and Rawlins County. This was not on the school calendar.

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