

Ten wrestlers win trip to state tournament

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burg, 58; Lincoln, 45; Stockton, 35; Minneapolis, 32.5; Sylvan, 30; Hill City, 21.5; Osborne, 19.5; Belleville, 11; St. John's, 4; Kensington, 0.

Winning regional championships were defending state champions Clay Madden, 112, and James Annon, 130; and state runner-up Michael Sprigg, 275. Earning second were Nathan Broeckelman, 119, and Lance Roe, 135. Taking third were Scott Goldsby, 140 pounds, and Jordon Haussermann, 152 pounds.

Placing fourth in their weight classes were Kent Mann, 103; Curtis Black, 125; and Bo Pfannenstiel, 171.

"The regional tournament was just a stepping stone to compete in the state tournament," said Coach Johnson. "We set ourselves up to be well represented with 10 wrestlers. I was pleased with the way we wrestled. Going in, I thought qualifying 11 of our wrestlers would be about perfection. We came very, very close to qualifying 11. C.J. Thiele lost in overtime to a Hoxie wrestler or we'd have had 11 at state and Hoxie would have had nine.

"I like where we are sitting. The hardest part is getting to the state tournament through this tough regional. Many of the wrestlers who didn't make it in this tournament have beaten wrestlers who made it from the other regionals.

"I'm proud of all of our wrestlers but qualifying for state was a special accomplishment for first-timers Kent Mann, Nathan Broeckelman and Curtis Black.

Adding these three to the seven others who have competed in the past will give us a lot of firepower. If you qualified at this regional tournament, you should have a good chance to place in the state tournament.

"I was sorry that several of our seniors did not make it to state. C.J. Thiele lost a 4-2 heartbreaker to No. 5 state ranked Doug Campbell of Hoxie in the consolation semi-finals. That would have been a huge win for us. C.J. would have been a qualifier and Campbell would have stayed home. C.J. was definitely the underdog. He has lost many times to Campbell and wrestled outstanding.

"Mark Maybon and Sean Lauer also went out as seniors without qualifying for the state tournament. They wrestled well for us this season."

Coach Johnson named Scott Goldsby the "Wrestler of the Week". "He defeated Beloit's Matt Wright, who placed fifth in the state last year and has been state ranked, twice in this tournament," Johnson said of Goldsby.

Norton compiled a 35-18 win-loss record in the tournament and had an outstanding 17-2 pin ratio.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

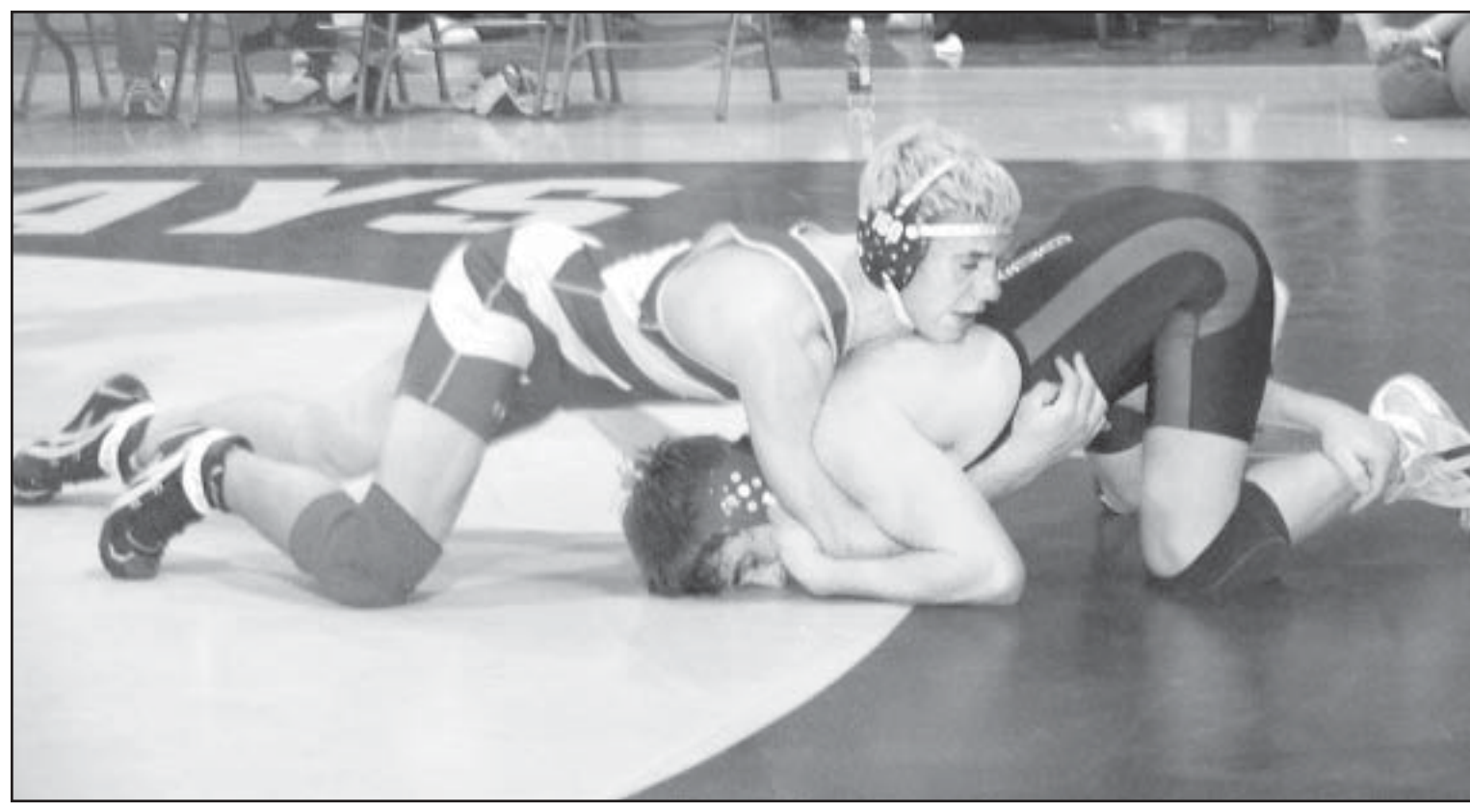
At 112 pounds, Norton's No. 1 state ranked and defending state champion Clay Madden was seeded No. 2. He pinned Brady Donely, Lincoln, in 53 seconds, pinned Kaid Calhoon, Beloit, in 54 seconds and won a 15-9 decision over Justin York, Smith Center, to reach the championship finals. He wrestled No. 2 state ranked and No. 1 seeded Paul Owings, Plainville, for the gold medal. The score was tied 2-all after one period but Madden pulled away in the next two periods to win 6-3. Madden's record is now 22-1.

York placed third with a 7-3 decision over No. 3 seed David Barth, Oberlin.

James Annon, Norton's defending state champion and No. 1 state ranked 130 pound wrestler, was seeded No. 1. He drew a first round bye, then pinned Mitch Beard, Phillipsburg, in 2:31 and won a 19-5 major decision over Jordan Gienger, St. Francis. In the championship finals, he wrestled No. 4 state ranked and No. 2 seed Michael Schamberger, Hoxie, and won the gold medal with a 6-2 decision. Annon's record is now 31-2.

Gienger placed third by pinning No. 3 seed Travis Warner, Smith Center, in 2:37.

At 275 pounds, Michael Sprigg is ranked No. 2 in the state and he was seeded No. 1. After drawing a first round bye, he pinned Dustin Patee, Osborne, in 38 seconds, then pinned No. 5 state ranked and No. 4 seed Heath Klein, Atwood,



C.J. Thiele, (above) 160 pound senior wrestler was in control of Doug Campbell, Hoxie, during their critical consolation semi-finals match on Saturday. Campbell prevailed 4-2 in overtime. Curtis Black (right) wrestled defending state champion Levi Younkin, Oakley, in the semi-finals. Younkin won and Black dropped to the consolation bracket where he wrestled Dylan Loyd, St. Francis, and placed fourth.

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in 1:59. In the championship finals, he wrestled No. 2 seed Jacob Boor, Sylvan. After taking a 2-1 first period lead, Sprigg extended it to 7-4 by the end of the second period. He continued to dominate Boor in the third period for a 14-7 decision and gold medal. Sprigg is now 38-3 for the season.

Seth Swihart, St. Francis, the No. 5 seed, decisioned Klein 4-3 to win third. Adam Rorabaugh, Smith Center, who is ranked No. 4 in the state, lost a 3-2 decision to Swihart in the consolation semi-finals and did not qualify for the state tournament.

Nathan Broeckelman, who is ranked No. 6 in the state at 119 pounds, was seeded No. 3. He won a first round 9-2 decision over Drake Moore, Oakley, then pinned No. 2 seed Brandon Tankersley, Lincoln, in 5:36. In the championship finals, he wrestled No. 1 state ranked and No. 1 seed Cale Farber, Hoxie. Farber held a slight 2-1 lead after one period but expanded it to 5-1 by the end of the second period. Neither wrestler scored in the third period. Broeckelman is now 26-11 for the season.

Tankersley won a 7-4 decision over No. 4 seed Brandon Kaup, Phillipsburg, to place third.

At 135 pounds, No. 4 state ranked Lance Roe was seeded No. 2. He won a technical fall over Matt Brown, St. Francis, in 4:10, won an 8-3 decision over Zach Allen, Smith Center, and won a 10-1 major decision over No. 3 seed Jeremiah Moss, Hoxie, to reach the championship finals. He wrestled No. 2 state ranked and No. 1 seed Tracy Jordan, Beloit, for the gold medal. Jordan won a 13-4 major decision. Roe is now 31-7 for the season.

Moss decisioned No. 4 seed Jared Spear, Lincoln, 4-3 for third place.

Scott Goldsby was seeded No. 4 at 140 pounds. He drew a first round bye, then won a 7-4 decision over No. 5 seed Matt Wright, Beloit. In the championship semi-finals, he lost a 9-1 major decision to No. 1 state ranked, defending state champion and No. 1 seed Mat Gilliland, Hoxie. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Dan Atkisson, Stockton, in 4:33, then won a 7-6 decision over Wright in a re-match to place third. Goldsby's record is now 23-14.

Gilliland pinned No. 4 state ranked and No. 2 seed Brad Rachow, Phillipsburg, in 48 seconds to win the championship. No. 5 state ranked and No. 3 seed Adam Meyers, Plainville, lost a 6-1 decision to Wright in the consolation semi-finals, and did not qualify for the state tournament.

Jordon Haussermann's 152 pound weight class was loaded with state ranked wrestlers. Haussermann drew a first round bye, then won a 9-4 decision over No. 3 seed Gabe Smull, St. Francis. In the championship semi-finals, he lost a 7-3 decision to No. 2 state ranked and No. 2 seed Logan Glaze, Oberlin. In the consolation bracket, he shutout Jeff Doering, Minneapolis, 6-0. Doering was tied for the No. 6 state ranking which had been held earlier in the season by Haussermann. Haussermann pinned No. 4 seed James Wright, Beloit, in 2:37 to place third. Haussermann's record is now 33-11.

No. 1 state ranked, defending state champion and No. 1 seed Matt Schippers, Hoxie, won the championship by pinning Glaze in 3:36.

Tanner Long, Hill City, who was ranked No. 3 in the state, lost a 7-0 decision to Doering in the consolation quarter-finals and did not qualify for the state tournament.

At 103 pounds, Kent Mann was seeded No. 3. He pinned Levi Hickman, Lincoln, in 1:11 and won a 13-6 decision over Zach Ceman, Phillipsburg, before losing a 4-0 decision to No. 3 state ranked and No. 2 seed Matt Michelbrink, Atwood, in the championship semi-finals. In the consolation bracket, he pinned No. 5 seed Jeff Everett, Smith Center, in 3:22, then lost the consolation championship match by a 2-0 score to No. 5 state ranked and No. 4 seed Mark Samuelson, Oakley. Mann's record is now 20-9.

No. 4 seed Curtis Black had three state ranked wrestlers in his 125 pound weight class and he wrestled two of them. In the first round, Black pinned Steve Boese, Osborne, in 1:59. In the quarter-finals, he pinned No. 5 seed Jason Calhoon, Phillipsburg, in 1:34. In the championship semi-finals, he wrestled No. 2 state ranked, defending state champion and No. 1 seed Levi Younkin, Oakley and lost a 13-1 major decision. In the consolation bracket, Black won a 9-0 major decision over Cody Denton, Smith Center. In the consolation championship, he wrestled No. 3 state ranked and No. 2 seeded Dylan Loyd, St. Francis, and lost a 4-2 decision. Black is now 21-16 for the season.

In a battle between two defending state champions for the regional championship, Younkin decisioned No. 4 state ranked, defending state champion and No. 3 seed Tyler Baker, Hoxie, 7-3 for the gold medal.

At 171 pounds, Bo Pfannenstiel is ranked No. 4 in the state and was seeded No. 1. In the first round, he pinned Levi Earl, Stockton, in 52

seconds. Next, he pinned Tyler Brungardt, Plainville, in 49 seconds. In the championship semi-finals, he wrestled No. 4 seed Ryan Shipley, Hoxie, and lost a 9-3 decision to him. In his first consolation match, Pfannenstiel pinned Kyle Rietcheck, Oakley, in 3:36. In the consolation championship, Pfannenstiel lost a 4-1 decision to No. 2 state ranked and No. 2 seed Derek Ross, St. Francis. Pfannenstiel's record is now 26-7.

No. 3 state ranked and No. 3 seed Brett Keck, Oberlin, won a 6-3 decision over Shipley for the championship.

Sophomore Jeremy Harding wrestled for Norton at 145 pounds. In the first round, he lost a 5-2 decision to Catlin Zahorsky, Plainville. In the consolation bracket, he lost a 7-2 decision to Jake Nichols, Smith Center.

No. 2 state ranked and No. 2

seed Matt Coleman, Oberlin, won the championship by default over No. 1 state ranked and No. 1 seed Jason Schippers, Hoxie. No. 6 state ranked and No. 3 seed Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley, placed third with a 10-3 decision over Chuck Knapp, Lincoln.

At 160 pounds, No. 5 seed C.J. Thiele pinned Alex Coffman, Minneapolis, in the first round. In the quarter-finals, he was pinned in 2:41 by No. 4 seed Austin Kingsbury, Smith Center. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Troy Zwegardt, St. Francis, in 2:20, then won a 15-2 major decision over Jordan Boor, Sylvan. In the consolation semi-finals, he lost a 4-2 overtime decision to No. 5 state ranked and No. 3 seed Doug Campbell, Hoxie. Campbell won third by pinning Kingsbury in 2:35. No. 1 state ranked and No. 1 seed Chance Harman, Oberlin,

won the championship with a 6-0 decision over No. 4 state ranked and No. 2 seed Jeff Dennis, Oakley.

Senior Mark Maybon wrestled at 189 pounds for Norton. He won a 5-4 first round decision over Nick Keller, St. Francis, then was pinned in 1:42 by No. 2 state ranked and No. 2 seed Lucas Scott, Smith Center. In the consolation bracket, Maybon lost a 3-0 decision to Tyson Vap, Atwood.

No. 1 state ranked, defending state champion and No. 1 seed Bob Dennis, Oakley, won the championship with a 4-3 decision over Scott. No. 3 seed Alex Smetana, Plainville, won third place with a 3-1 overtime decision over Justin Hall, Stockton.

Senior Sean Lauer wrestled for Norton at 215 pounds. In the first round, he lost a 7-6 decision to A.J. Garcia, Plainville. In the consolation bracket, he lost an 8-4 decision to No. 4 seed Clayton Holsinger, Phillipsburg.

No. 5 seed Chris Pulec, Stockton, placed third with a 4-0 decision over Tim Erwin, Hoxie. No. 1 state ranked, defending state champion and No. 1 seed Jeff Horinek, Atwood, won the championship with an 11-3 major decision over Garcia. No. 6 state ranked and No. 3 seed Gabe Walz, St. Francis, lost a 1-0 decision to Pulec in the consolation semi-finals and did not qualify for the state tournament.

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First Round Opponents

103 — Freshman Kent Mann, 20-9, vs. sophomore Jacob Deiter, Silver Lake, 30-6.

112 — Sophomore Clay Madden, 22-1, vs. freshman Lewis Cunningham, Deerfield, 5-8.

119 — Freshman Nathan Broeckelman, 26-11, vs. senior Jake Lamb, Rock Creek, 27-9.

125 — Senior Curtis Black, 21-16, vs. sophomore Eric Cross, Goessel, 20-10.

130 — Senior James Annon, 31-2, vs. freshman Wyatt Bechtel, Eureka, 25-9.

135 — Sophomore Lance Roe, 31-7, vs. senior Kyle Herron, Frontenac, 20-13.

140 — Senior Scott Goldsby, 23-14, vs. junior Matt Martinez, Deerfield, 28-5.

152 — Senior Jordon Haussermann, 33-11, vs. junior Ricky Hilgers, Trego, 16-10.

171 — Senior Bo Pfannenstiel, 26-7, vs. senior Bobby Homeier, Russell, 34-2.

275 — Junior Michael Sprigg, 28-3, vs. senior Ryan Cummings, St. Marys, 23-10.



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