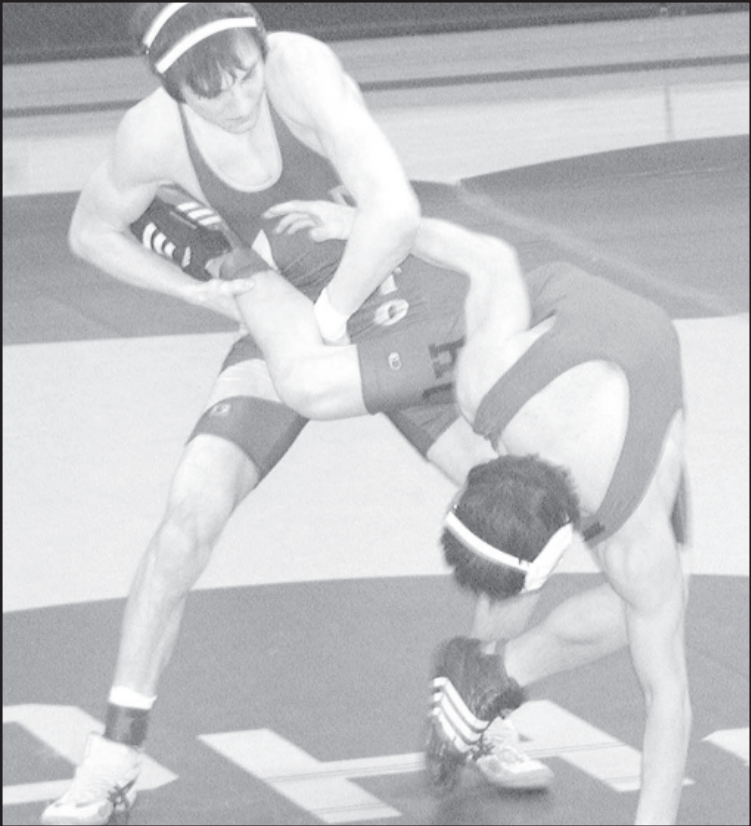


Wrestlers pin Osborne, Hill City



Blue Jay defending state champion senior Clay Madden works a takedown move on Hill City's Rayson Brachtenbach during his 12-7 decision at 119 pounds in Norton's dual wins over Hill City and Osborne.



Norton freshman Zach Bainter pinned Hill City's Cole Orr in 2:51 of their 112 pound match during the Jays' dual wins over Hill City and Osborne last night in Osborne. Coach Bill Johnson named Bainter "Wrestler of the Week". — Telegram photos by Dick Boyd

By DICK BOYD
Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team defeated Osborne 60-15 and Hill City 54-17 last night in Osborne to complete a perfect 8-0 record in the Mid-Continent League and repeat as dual champions.

Win over Osborne
Only five matches were wrestled and Norton won two of them.

At 135 pounds, Aaron Husted pinned Zach Cady in 1:20 and, at 215, Shane Stanley pinned Dan Pfannensteil in 2:37.

Phillip Becker lost his 103 pound match to Aaron Geist when he was pinned in 1:53.

At 140 pounds, Todd Bolt lost a 14-12 decision to Martin Hojda.

Zach Mannel was pinned in 2:23 of his 275 pound match by Dustin Patee.

Winning for Norton by forfeit, due to Osborne being open at those weights, were David Counter, 112; Breyer Simmons, 119; Jared Bebb, 125; Travis Ray, 130; Jeff Soderlund, 145; Brock Lauer, 152; Coady McMullen, 160 and Jordan Durham, 171.

Both teams were open at 189 pounds.

Victory over Hill City

Only eight matches were wrestled in the victory over Hill City and Norton won five of them.

Zach Bainter wrestled 112 pounds for Norton and pinned Cole Orr in 2:51.

At 119, Clay Madden won a 12-7 decision over Rayson Brachtenbach.

Kent Mann wrestled 130 and won a 6-4 decision over Jeremy Chase.

At 140 pounds, Jon Harding pinned Josh Bell in 3:18.

Brother Jeremy Harding re-

turned to the lineup after several weeks out due to injury and pinned Alan Nichol in 1:37.

At 103 pounds, David Counter was pinned in 3:05 by Scott Helberg.

Jordan Durham wrestled 171 for Norton and lost a 17-2 technical fall to Dillon Bell.

At 275, Zach Mannel was pinned in 1:23 by Justin Metcalf.

Winning by forfeit for Norton were Nathan Broeckelman, 125; Jordan Bebb, 135; Brock Lauer, 152; Coady McMullen, 160 and Shane Stanley, 215.

Both teams were open at 189 pounds.

Coach's comments

"It was kind of a lackluster way to end our dual season," said Coach Johnson.

"There weren't many matches so it was hard to get any intensity. Clay Madden and Kent Mann both won close matches with Hill City wrestlers and Zach Bainter wrestled well in pinning Orr of

Hill City.

"It was good to see Jeremy Harding back in the lineup. He is back to 100 percent now.

"We will now start preparing for the regional tournament."

Coach Johnson named Zach Bainter "Wrestler of the Week".

Norton junior varsity competed Saturday at Phillipsburg

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Ray's Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers competed in a Phillipsburg Tournament on Saturday.

No team scores were kept but 14 of the 16 Norton wrestlers who competed placed, eight were in the championship finals and six won championships.

Gold medal winners were junior Jared Bebb, 125; sophomore Travis Ray, 130; sophomore Aaron Husted, 135; sophomore Todd Bolt, 140; freshman Brock Lauer, 152 and sophomore Zach Mannel, 275.

Finishing in second place were junior Michael Ward, 130; and freshman Jordan Bebb, 135.

Bronze medal winners were freshman Kerby Brandyberry and junior Jordan Durham, 160.

Finishing in fourth place were freshman Phillip Becker, 103; freshman Breyer Simmons, 119; freshman Brad Nuzum, 145 and freshman Coady McMullen, 160.

Norton was open at 171, 189 and 215.

Coach Ray named Brock Lauer "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

Individual results

103 - Phillip Becker was seeded No.1 and drew a first round bye. In the semi-finals, he lost an 11-0 major decision to No.4 seed J. Hrabe, Stockton. In the consolation bracket, he drew a bye, then wrestled No.2 seed C. Spires, Stockton, in the consolation finals and was pinned in 1:37 to place fourth.

Hrabe wrestled No.3 seed T. Siemers, Minneapolis, for the championship.

119 - Breyer Simmons was seeded No.4. In the first round, he pinned No.5 seed S. Schmidt, Ellis, in the first period. In the semi-finals, he lost a 10-8 decision to No.1 seed N. Sicard, Concordia. In the consolation bracket, he decided No.6 seed J. Brungardt, Ellis, 13-4, to reach the consolation championship. He wrestled No.3 seed Caleb Burton, Hill City, and lost a 5-2 decision to place fourth.

Sicard won the championship over No.2 seed B. Wilson, Stockton.

125 - Jared Bebb was seeded No.1 and drew a first round bye. In the semi-finals, he won a 12-0 major decision over No.4 seed Kerby Brandyberry. In the championship finals, he won a 20-4 technical fall over No.3 seed C. Zachgo, Lincoln.

Brandyberry pinned No.5 seed K. Plush, Beloit, in 1:54 of their first round match. After losing to Bebb in the championship semi-finals, he drew a bye in the consolation bracket and wrestled Plush again for third place. Brandyberry pinned Plush this time in 1:41 to win the bronze medal.

130 - Round robin competition was held at 130 pounds. Travis Ray pinned Michael Ward in 2:21, pinned E. Estrada, Ellis, in 2:36 and pinned R. Hake, Concordia, in 3:12 to go 3-0 and win the championship.

After losing to Ray, Ward pinned Hake in 3:29 and pinned

Estrada in 2:55 to go 2-1 and place second.

135 - A round robin was also held at 135 pounds. Aaron Husted pinned Jordan Bebb in 1:34, pinned C. Fosdick, Ellsworth, in 1:13 and pinned B. Loeffler, Concordia, in 1:19 to go 3-0 and place first.

After losing to Husted, Bebb pinned Loeffler in 4:47 and pinned Fosdick, in 46 seconds to go 2-1 and place second.

140 - Todd Bolt was seeded No.2. In the first round, he pinned No.7 seed C. Loomis, Beloit, in 1:30. In the semi-finals, he pinned No.3 seed M. Watt, Phillipsburg, in 2:52. He wrestled No.4 seed S. Krone, Beloit, for the championship and won an 11-6 decision to earn the gold medal.

Logan Kelly was seeded No.8. In the first round, he was pinned in 3:07 by No.1 seed T. Hasenbank, Concordia. In the consolation bracket, he was pinned in 4:26 by No.5 seed McCasland, Ellsworth.

Watt defeated Hasenbank to place third.

145 - Clay McMullen was seeded No.4. In the first round, he was pinned in 2:41 by No.5 seed B. Melton, Beloit. In the consolation bracket, he pinned No.1 seed B. Guevara, Concordia, in 3:17. In the consolation semi-finals, he was pinned in 2:54 by No.3 seed R. Manes, Ellsworth.

Brad Nuzum was seeded No.6. He was pinned in the first round by Manes in 3:59. In the consolation bracket, he drew a bye, then pinned No.8 seed C. Likins, Ellsworth, in 15 seconds. In the consolation championship, he lost a 7-2 decision to Manes to place fourth.

No.2 seed T. Breault, Concordia, won the championship by defeating Melton.

152 - Brock Lauer was seeded No.4. In the first round, he won a 7-1 decision over No.5 seed J. Fielder, Stockton. In the semi-finals, he won a 10-3 decision over No.8 seed Cody Best, Hoxie. Lauer won the championship with a 6-3 decision over No.3 seed A. Stout, Ellsworth.

Best won third place by defeating No.1 seed G. West, Ellsworth, whom he had beaten in the first round.

160 - Jordan Durham was seeded No.4. In the first round, he lost a 3-0 decision to No.5 seed S. Warkentine, Concordia. In the consolation bracket, he pinned No.8 seed J. Bruning, Ellsworth, in 4:46, then won a 2-0 decision over No.3 seed C. Findley, Ellsworth, to reach the consolation championship. He pinned Coady McMullen, Norton, to place third.

McMullen was seeded No.6. In the first round, he was pinned in 3:13 by Findley. In the consolation bracket, he pinned No.7 seed J. Huber, Concordia, in 7:56. In the consolation semi-finals, he decided No.1 seed J. Kline, Minneapolis, 7-5, to reach the consolation championship where he lost to Durham and placed fourth.

275 - A round robin was held for the 275 pound weight class. Zach Mannel pinned D. Desaire, Ellis, in 1:24 and pinned T. Jamis, Beloit, in 3:55 to go 2-0 for first.

Regional wrestling tournament will be next action for Norton

Norton will compete in the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament next Friday and Saturday in Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. In addition to Norton and Oberlin, teams will be competing from Atwood, Cimarron, Deerfield, Hill City, Holcomb, Hoxie, Lakin, Leoti-Wichita

County, Montezuma-South Gray, Oakley, Palco, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Quinter, St. Francis, Stockton, Sublette and WaKeeney-Trego Community.

The tournament will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday.

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