



At the Game

Junior high teams complete basketball year

By Betty Jean Winston

The basketball season is over for the junior high girls and they each recorded a victory in the tournament played Monday and Thursday of last week.

The St. Francis athletes were divided into an A-Team and a B-Team this season with each division having their tournament in a different location.

The A-team won their second game of the tournament in a nail-biting overtime period. The final was St. Francis 27, Goodland 26.

The win for the B-team came in the final game of the season when they topped Quinter by the score of 14-13.

A-Team tournament game 1 Oberlin 44, St. Francis 25

Oberlin defeated St. Francis 44-25 in the first round of the tournament placing St. Francis in the consolation bracket.

"Oberlin shot the ball better, out hustled us, and played better defense," Coach Ted Busse said. "When that happens you are simply going to get beat."

Scoring: Clarice Neitzel 15, Krissy Harris 5, Jandy Dunn 3, Ally Northrup 2.

Tournament game 2 St. Francis 27, Goodland 26 (overtime)

"This was an exciting game that the girls just kept playing and finished the job in overtime," Coach Busse said.

"We were down 22-17 with less than 3 minutes to go and the girls just kept playing hard and found a way to win. Yes, a Goodland girl did make a basket for us in the final minutes to tie the game at 23 all.

"I was pleased with the girls efforts in this game".

Scoring: Neitzel 17, Laura Brunk 4, Katie Lambert 2, Dunn 2, Goodland 2

Tournament game 3 Oakley 34, St. Francis 13

"We didn't take very good care of the basketball in this game and in return it led to some easy baskets for Oakley," Coach Busse said.

"In the second half we played better and picked up our intensity. As a whole for the day we just could not seem to get a shot to fall other than a lay-up.

The only way to improve on that is to work from now until next season. I wish these eighth grade girls well and have really enjoyed working with them."

Scoring: Neitzel 8, Brunk 2, Dunn 2, Lambert 1.

B-team

Tournament game 1 Oakley 33, St. Francis 0

"This was the first game all season in which we didn't give full effort to the cause," Coach David Morrow said. "We worked hard at times, but playing a good team like Oakley graphically reveals poor effort."

Tournament game 2 Colby 34, St. Francis 14

"Colby was a team that we expected to compete with," Coach Morrow said. "They had defeated us in the first game of the season, but we had hopes of surprising them on Thursday.

"We played hard against the Eagles, but our difficulties in scoring were revealed once again. It was difficult to create scoring opportunities, but Aly Schlepp broke the game-and-a-half scoring drought with no time left on the clock in the first half when she scored a free throw.

"The second half was better for us. Though we were tired, we finally found our stride in the fourth quarter. We got a few rebounds and were able to convert on some free throw attempts.

Scoring: Aly Schlepp, 8; Rande Grover, 4; Aubrey Mills, 2.

Tournament Game 3 St. Francis 14, Quinter 13

"This was certainly our breakout game of the year," Coach Morrow said. "We played good defense and were able to put pressure on Quinter's ball handlers, which created quite a few turnovers. At the end of the first half, however, we were still behind by 3 points.

"In the second half, things started to click on offense. We created some scoring opportunities by moving the ball well and utilizing our height in the post area. Though we still trailed by three at the beginning of the fourth quarter, we were in a position to take over the game. Rande Grover, Nariah Hamilton, and Aubrey Mills applied just enough pressure on the ball to keep Quinter away from the basket for much of the final period. Our posts, Bailey Merklin and Aly Schlepp, rebounded well on both ends of the court and scored four points from that area. Ahead by only 1 point, we played the final 40 seconds of the game on Quinter's end of the court, but they were unable to score.

"The girls played a tough game and were rewarded with a victory. I'm sure this has whetted their appetite for the game of basketball.

Scoring: Schlepp, 10; Bailey Merklin, 2; Mills, 2.

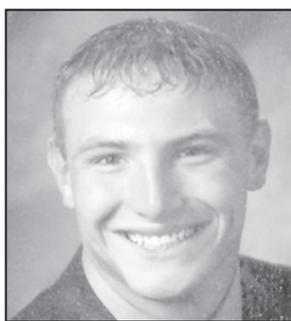
Wrestler places fifth at tourney

Derek Ross, a member of the University of Nebraska - Kearney wrestling team, finished the season by placing fifth in the 285-pound weight class at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Regional Tournament held on Feb. 28 in Kearney.

Derek wrestled the first half of the season at 197 and the second half of the season at 285. Derek's first match of the regional tournament was against Justin Glenn of Fort Hays State University and Derek won by a fall.

He then met up with the number one seed, Charlie Alexander of Western State College and lost in overtime 6-4.

Derek then wrestled Jesse Boggs of New Mexico Highlands University and lost another overtime match 6-4. He then wrestled for fifth place against Trevor Stapp of Mesa State College and won by a 8-6 decision. He was just one win away of qualifying for the National Tournament in Houston, Texas, that will be held on March 13 and 14.



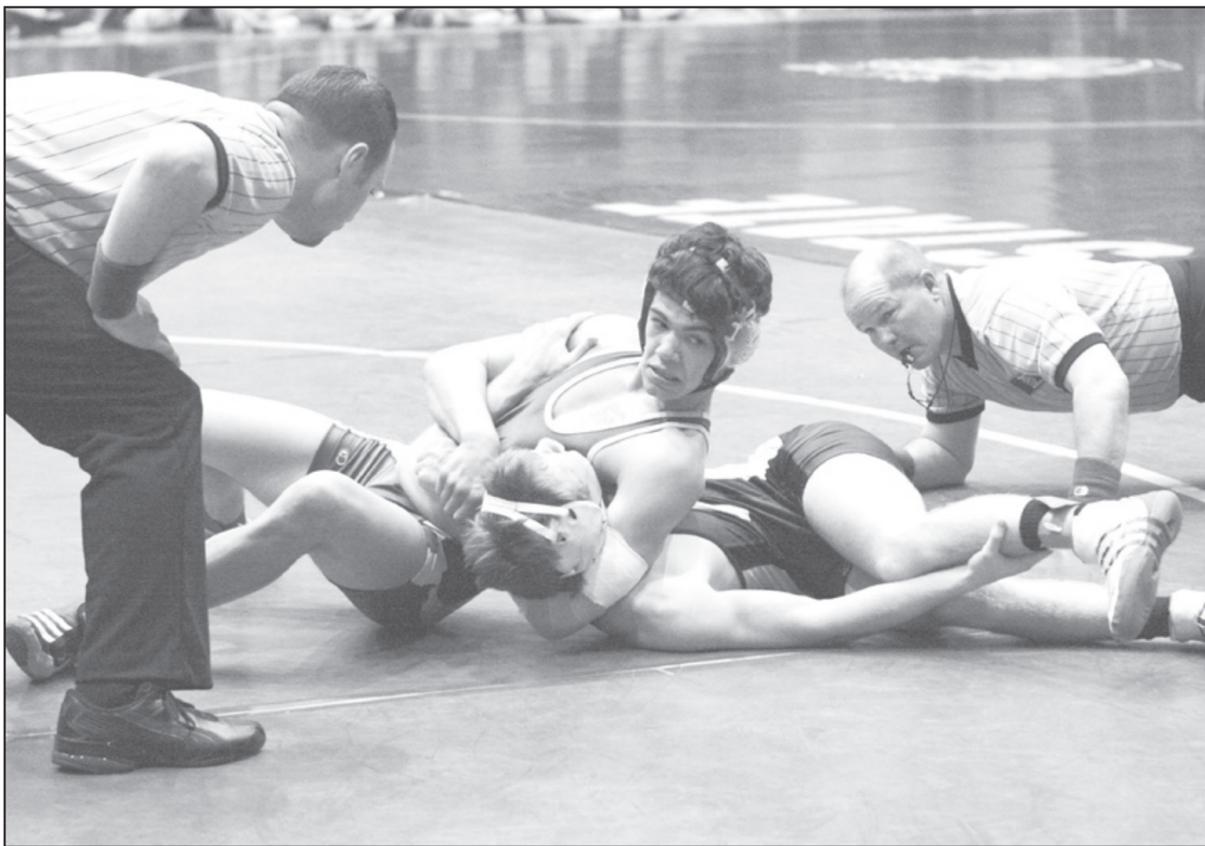
Ross

The University of Nebraska - Kearney team placed third in the regional tournament qualifying six out of 10 wrestlers for the national tournament.

Derek finished his season with 35 wins and 23 losses and lead the team with 16 falls for the season.

Academic award

Derek Ross, student at the University of Nebraska - Kearney, was awarded by the College of Fine Arts and Humanities the Dean's Academic Excellence Award for the fall semester.



THIRD PLACE FINISHER Jesse Pacheco has his opponent in a head lock at the state tournament. Jesse is a senior and has finished his last year of represent St. Francis on the wrestling mat.

Herald photos by Kristi Guthmiller

Two return with state medals

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Two Indian wrestlers placed in the top four at the 3-2-1A State tournament held in Hays on Friday and Saturday. Sophomore Cody Sherlock at 125 pounds and senior Jesse Pacheco at 145 pounds each earned a third place finish.

Also qualifying for the tournament were Freddy Pacheco at 112 pounds, Terrence Lamb at 130 pounds and Darris Keller at 135 pounds.

St. Francis, as a team, placed 14th with 36.5 points. Smith Center won the championship with 134.5 points while Beloit placed second with 109 points and Norton third with 103 points. Goodland, which transferred from 4A this year, placed fourth with 102 points.

"It was a tough tournament," Coach Mike Frewen said. "They get tougher every year and there is a better balance between the wrestlers. There are no easy matches. The first qualifying matches are as tough as the semis.

"The boys wrestled well. We placed two of five and the ones that didn't place are getting closer to being state champion caliber. I hope they hit the weights in the off season.

"Freddy (Pacheco) lost his first match against Henely of Herington by only three points. There was just one point difference going into the third period. Henely finished sixth in the tournament. Freddy picked up some good experience. Hopefully this will carryover and he will do some weight lifting before next season.

"Cody (Sherlock) wrestled better this week than he did last week and placed third. In the semis he held back a little. He lost to Patton of Wellsville who had been ranked first or second all year. Patton ended up placing sixth. Cody ended up a step higher than last year (he was fourth last year). He had an outstanding tournament and hardly made any mistakes.

Terrence (Lamb) had a fine tournament. The second kid he wrestled was a good kid (Wildin of Marion) who ended up placing second. Against Orr of Hill City, Terrence was leading the whole way until the last 2 seconds when he gave up 2 points to a pretty good kid (Orr of Hill City who ended up fourth).

Darris (Keller) wrestled pretty good and competed hard. He is getting closer to state placing level. He needs to develop the strength for that weight class. He defeated Yoker of Hillsboro.

Jesse (Pacheco) started a little slow but came back in his first match to tie the score and win in overtime. He beat Brown of Plainville who ended up sixth and McKenna of Norton who

placed fifth. He had a pretty good tournament. He kept getting better and better, just a little below the eventual state champion. He won his last match against a ranked kid (Wichman of Silver Lake).

Team rankings

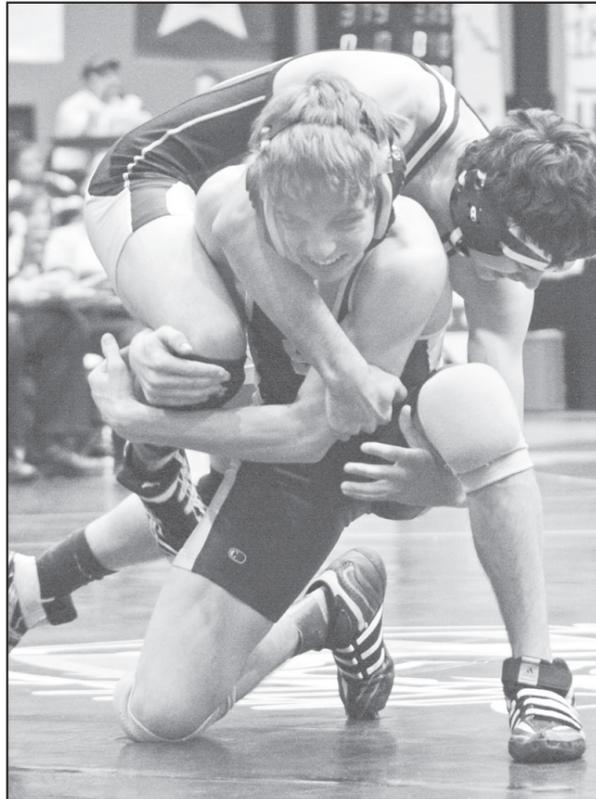
The top 10 teams include Smith Center 134.5; Beloit 109; Norton 103; Goodland 102; Plainville 68; Osborne 58; Hoisington 57; Thomas More Prep-Marian 56.5; Wellsville 47; Phillipsburg 39.5. Northwest Kansas League teams Oakley, Hoxie, Decatur Community and Rawlins County placed 16th, 25th, 27th (tie) and 37th (tie) respectively.

Top 4 placings

103: Schumacher, Thomas More Prep-Marian; Goepfert, Marysville; Avelar, Goodland; Mieher, Herington; 112: Bainter, Norton; Hunsicker, Ellis; Breen, Wellsville, Werner, Plainville; 119: Weigel, Plainville; Hoehn, Wellsville; Biddle, Burden Central; Soward, Halstead; 125: Frye, Eureka; Campbell, Oakley; Sherlock, St. Francis; McMullen, Plainville; 130: Rogers, Smith Center; Wilkin, Marion; Gaist, Osborne; Orr, Hill City; 135: Floyd, Osborne; Hewitt, Beloit; Creek, Marysville; Deeds, Goodland; 140: Bainter, Norton; Lynch, Lakin; Oliver, Osborne; Zahorsky, Silver Lake; 145: Spangler, Beloit; Rempe, Smith Center; Pacheco, St. Francis; Wichman, Silver Lake; 152: McCall, Smith Center; Urban, Oberlin; Smith, Goodland; Perez, Norton; 160: Rempe, Smith Center; Engstrom, Hoisington; Prater, Southeast of Saline; King, Ellis; 171: Taylor, Goodland; Taylor, Thomas More Prep-Marian; Brown, Wichita County; Atwood, Smith Center; 189: Krone, Beloit; Hickel, Hosington; Martinez, Goodland; Lehmann, Smith Center; 215: Kyler, Ellsworth; Sommer, Mission Valley; Heintzelman, Pleasant Ridge; Allen, West Elk; 285: Jared Rice, Phillipsburg; Huffman, Douglas; Salmans, Hoxie; O'Daniel, St. Paul.

Individual results

112: F. Pacheco lost by an 8-5 decision to Henely (placed sixth), Herington; lost by a fall to VanderLinden, Burlington.
125: Sherlock won by an 8-1 decision over Smith, Rossville; won by a 9-5 decision over Unruh, Rock Creek; lost by a 6-2 decision to Frye (placed second), Eureka; won by a 3-0 decision over Patton, Wellsville (placed sixth); won by a 4-0 decision over Carson, Plainville. Placed third.
130: Lamb won by a 17-1 decision over Engelkin, Oskaloosa; lost by a 6-1 decision to Wilden (placed second), Marion; lost by a 3-2 decision to Orr, Hill City.
135: Keller lost by a 17-7 decision to Bingham (placed sixth), Burlington; won by a fall



THIRD PLACE FINISHER Cody Sherlock, a sophomore, represented St. Francis well at the state tournament.

over Yoder, Hillsboro; lost by a fall to Graves (placed fifth), Rossville.

145: J. Pacheco won by a 7-5 overtime decision over Cummings, West Elk; won by a fall over Brown, (placed

sixth), Plainville; lost by an 18-7 decision to Spangler (placed first), Beloit; won by a 6-4 decision over McKenna (placed fifth), Norton; won by a 13-11 decision over Wichman, Silver Lake.

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 2-23

Team standings: Cheyenne Bowl 21-11, Neitzel Insurance 20-12, Wrecking Balls 18-14, Majestic 10-14, Wano's 10-18, Earl's Gals 9-19.

High game (scratch): Alan Rose 222, Kale Zimbelman 208, Eddie Zuege 192, Amelia Zuege 160, Dorothy Hankins 158, Erica Harlan 139, Kary Meyer 139; (handicap): Rose 244, Hankins 226, E Zuege 221, Ralph Lebow 217, A Zuege 215, Vicki Cox 214.

Wednesday Coffee 2-25

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 22-14, Dairy King 21-15, Western State Bank 15-21, Kale's Girls 14-22.

High game (scratch): Pat Confer 167, Carol Peterson 161, Virginia Lengel 151; (handicap): Karen McVey 221, Peterson 217, Vicki Cox 214.

High series (scratch): Confer 466, Janice Krien 397, Peterson

393; (handicap): Cox 613, McVey 599, Confer 586.

Wednesday Night Mens 2-25

Team standings: Bonny Solutions 23-9, Wright and Wrong 22-10, Haigler Two 18-14, Haigler One 17-15, Wray Lumber 15-17, Cheyenne Bowl 14-18, Krien Steel Buildings 10-22, Idalia J V 9-23.

High game (scratch): Josh Morris 218, Kale Zimbelman 206, Ed Schauer 192.

High series (scratch): Zimbelman 579, Morris 533, Bob Lippert 531.

Ladies Nite Out 2-26

Team standings: Mel's Gals 24-8, Strikers 19-13, Wright Carpet 18-14, Wray Meat Packing 17-15, Dundy Ag 17-15, Bankwest Alley Kats 17-15, Jersey Maids 15-17.

High game (scratch): Laura Robbins 208, Pat Confer 194, Marsha Kechter 192; (handicap): Robbins 257, Kechter 242, Confer and Kim Ritter 235.

High series (scratch): Kathy Blecha 516, Robbins 502, Confer 495; (handicap): Robbins 649, Kechter 641, Blecha 621.