

# At the Game

## Wrestling team earns wins over the weekend

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The Indian wrestling team traveled to Holyoke, Colo. for a dual match on Thursday, Jan. 5. It was a close duel, with the Indians defeating the Dragons 31-28.

Results of individual matches against the Dragons are listed below.

106 Both teams were open.  
113 Casey Keller won by fall over Morgan Golden.

120 Matt White won by forfeit.

126 Matt Howell won by forfeit.

132 Austin White lost by 16-2 to Mark Edmonds.

138 Mikey Leibbrandt won by 9-1 over Nickolas Ortner.

145 Erik Nelson lost by fall to Ben Martinez.

152 Dylan Wolaver won by fall over Leo Ortiz.

160 Derek Queen lost 12-0 to Parker Redfern.

170 Thomas Douthit lost 18-3 to Broc Pelle.

182 Both teams were open.  
195 Zach Gienger won 15-10

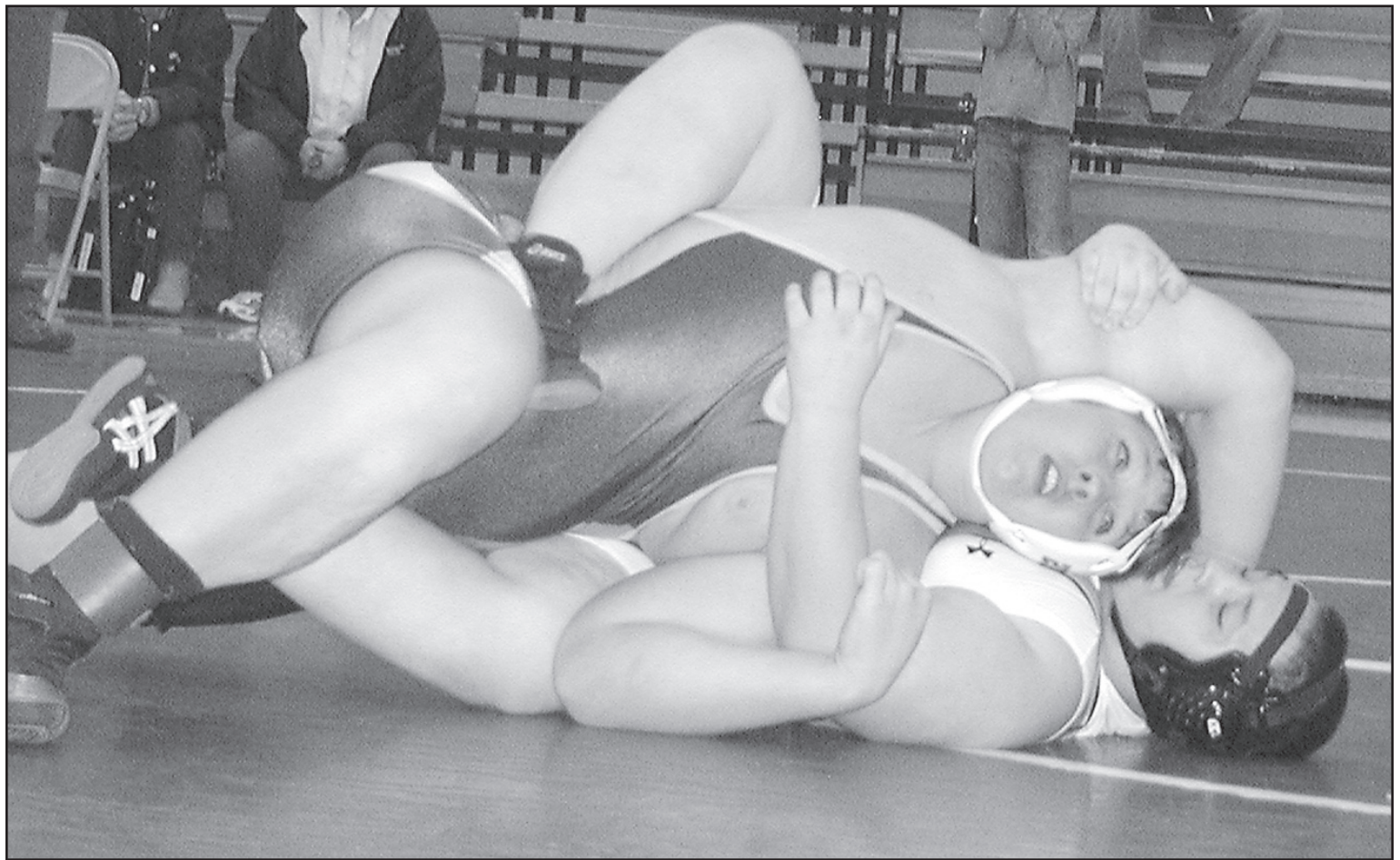
over Jesus Heramosillo.  
220 Paul Nelson lost 6-2 to Dylan Kotch.

285 Shakota Blanka lost by fall to Astolfo Rojo.

"I was very impressed with the way our boys went out and competed," Coach Nathan Smith said. "This dual came about last minute and our young men answered the challenge. We talk about any time there is a chance to compete, that's a chance to get better and as a team we took a step in that direction. It was a very exciting dual with Holyoke jumping out to an early lead and us battling back and winning the dual on the last match at 138. We had lots of quality matches for our kids coming out of the Christmas break."

### Hill City Quad

The team traveled to Hill City on Friday, Jan. 6, to compete in the Hill City Quad. Osborne, Stockton and WaKeeney also competed at the event, most teams incomplete. St. Francis would have been 4-0 in dual action if scores were kept. Individual records were:



**INA TOUGH SPOT, Shakotah Blanka struggles to get free from his opponent in Oberlin. Blanka won the 285 weight class at the junior varsity tournament on Dec. 17 and earned second place at the Dundy County Invitational last Saturday.**

- 113 - Casey Keller - 1-1
- 120 - Matt White - 1-2
- 126 - Matt Howell - 2-1
- 132 - Austin White - 3-0
- 145 - Eric Nelson - 1-3
- 152 - Dylan Wolaver - 3-0
- 160 - Derek Queen - 1-1
- 170 - Thomas Douthit - 3-0
- 182 - Zach Gienger - 1-1

- 220 - Paul Nelson - 1-1
  - 285 - Shakotah Blanka - 1-1
- "Really thought the kids competed," Coach Smith said. "Some of our younger guys found competition that was on the same skill level as them, allowing for good matches throughout the night. It was another step in the

right direction for our kids."  
**Dundy County Invitational**  
On Saturday, Jan. 7, the team wrestled in the Dundy County Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Benkelman. St. Francis scored 252 points to earn first place in the tournament. The Indians had six champions.

Five other Indians placed in the top three positions. Individual placings were:

- 113 - Casey Keller - 1st
- 120 - Matt Whittle - 3rd
- 132 - Austin White - 1st
- 138 - Mikey Leibbrandt - 1st
- 145 - Eric Nelson - 3rd
- 152 - Dylan Wolaver - 1st
- 160 - Derek Queen - 2nd
- 170 - Thomas Douthit - 1st
- 182 - Zach Gienger - 1st
- 220 - Paul Nelson - 2nd
- 285 - Shakotah Blanka - 2nd

"Not a lot of kids at this tournament this year but our young men know that's something we can not control," Coach Smith said. "They just have to wrestle whoever comes to the mat to wrestle them. Coming home with six champions and five other placers was a great end to a great weekend."

The wrestling team will compete in the Sterling Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 14.

## Young wrestlers start season at Colby tournament

The St. Francis Kids Wrestling club started their year Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Colby Tournament. St. Francis had eight wrestlers competing and Shadryon Blanka brought home first place.

"We have been practicing for roughly three weeks and it was good to finally see the kids wrestle other kids," Coach Nathan Smith said. "Each wrestler was able to win a match over quality opponents and they all battled tough, never giving up."

6 and under: Brayden Kaup, 55 lbs. placed sixth.

8 and under: Brody Kaup, 58 lbs, 2nd; Adam Krien, 76 lbs, 4th; Shadryon Blanka, 80 lbs, 1st and Rylan Doyle, 110 lbs, 3rd.

10 and under: Tayten Weeter, 82 lbs, 3rd place

12 and under: Luke Lampe, 120 lbs, 2nd and Trayton Doyle, 215 lbs, 2nd.

At the high school dual in Hill City on Friday, Jan. 6, Conner Keller and Shadryon Blanka wrestled two matches against Hill City kid wrestlers. Conner won one and lost one and Shadryon won both his matches.

The wrestlers will next compete on Saturday in Atwood's tournament.



**YOUNG WRESTLERS Rylan Doyle and Coy Cassaw practice under the supervision of kids wrestling coach Dylan Lloyd.**  
Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

## Coach picks wrestlers of the week

- KID CLUB**  
Practice: Matt Leibbrandt and Nate Leibbrandt  
Competition: Shadryon Blanka and Brody Kaup
- JUNIOR HIGH**  
Practice: Travis Rogers
- HIGH SCHOOL**  
Practice: Dylan Wolaver  
Competition: Austin White



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