



At the Game

Indian wrestlers compete in Tournament of Champions

On Saturday, Jan. 26, the St. Francis high school wrestling team was in action in Oberlin. The Indians were competing in the Western Kansas Tournament of Champions along with the other Northwest Kansas League and Mid-Continent League teams.

Norton won the tournament, scoring 196.5 points. The Indians placed eighth in the tournament, scoring 97 points. The St. Francis wrestlers (listed first, followed by their opponents) recorded the following statistics in the tournament: takedowns 27-39, escapes 18-17, reversals 14-10, nearfalls 21-26, wins 18-18, major decisions 1-3, technical falls 0-1, and falls 10-6.

Team placings
 First - Norton 196.5, second - Phillipsburg 171, third - Plainville 164.5, fourth - Decatur Community 160, fifth - Hoxie 142, sixth - Smith Center 138, seventh - Oakley 112, eighth - St. Francis 97, ninth - Rawlins County 63, 10th Wichita County 61, 11th - Hill City 57, 12th - Trego Community 44, 13th - Ellis 34.5, 14th - Tribune 21, 15th - Stockton 20, 16th - Osborne 3.

Individual results
 120 - Casey Keller earned sixth place and scored eight team points. The results of Casey's matches were: Champion Round 1 - Keller 21-10 received a bye. Quarterfinal - Keller 21-10 won by major decision over Trevor Houser

(Plainville) 21-11 (Maj 12-3); Semifinal - Gage Pfeifer (Hill City) 21-5 won by decision over Keller 21-10 (Dec 6-4); Cons. Semi - Riley Juenemann (Phillipsburg) 29-10 won by decision over Keller 21-10 (Dec 6-4); Fifth place match - Macoy Rains (Oakley) 29-9 won by decision over Keller 21-10 (Dec 7-0)

126 - Clay Cassaw placed fifth and scored 13 team points. The results of Clay's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - Cassaw 18-10 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Cassaw 18-10 won by pin over Mat Heim (Hoxie) 21-12 (Pin 0:58); Semifinal - Alec Hager (Norton) 23-6 won by pin over Cassaw 18-10 (Pin 1:58); Cons. Semi - Mason Bannister (Phillipsburg) 22-14 won by decision over Cassaw 18-10 (Dec 1-0); fifth place match - Cassaw 18-10 won by injury default over Rhett Mizer (Rawlins County) 15-5.

132 - Austin White earned sixth place and scored 11 team points. The results of Austin's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - White 21-10 won by pin over Zeke Stone (Tribune) 3-11 (Pin 0:46); Quarterfinal - John Risewick (Norton) 28-3 won by major decision over White 21-10 (Maj 12-0); Cons. Round 2 - White 21-10 won by pin over Corbin Schoenthaler (Trego) 7-12 (Pin 0:12); Cons. Round 3 - White 21-10 won by decision over John Solko

(Rawlins County) 10-5 (Dec 4-2); Cons. Semi - Clint Rogers (Smith Center) 21-8 won by tech fall over White 21-10 (TF 16-0); fifth place match - Adam Gehring (Plainville) 19-14 won by injury default over White 21-10.

138 - Logan Lampe did not place in the tournament. The results of Logan's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - Wayne Flipse (Oakley) 13-19 won by decision over Lampe 15-18 (Dec 5-0); Cons. Round 1 - Lampe 15-18 received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Tristan Houser (Plainville) 11-18 won by pin over Lampe 15-18 (Pin 1:16).

145 - Justin Pacheco did not place in the tournament. The results of Justin's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - Jacob Clark (Leoti) 13-13 won by pin over Pacheco 7-8 (Pin 0:21); Cons. Round 1 - Pacheco 7-8 received a bye; Cons. Round 2 - Isaac Coomes (Phillipsburg) 15-17 won by pin over Pacheco 7-8 (Pin 1:16).

152 - Mikey Leibbrandt placed fifth and scored seven team points. The results of Mikey's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - Leibbrandt 25-9 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Brad Blew (Phillipsburg) 16-12 won by decision over Leibbrandt 25-9 (Dec 4-3); Cons. Round 2 - Leibbrandt 25-9 received a bye.; Cons. Round 3 - Leibbrandt 25-9 won in overtime over Jared Bohl (Norton) 14-14 (OT 3-1); Cons.

Semi - Grant Lambert (Smith Center) 16-13 won by decision over Leibbrandt 25-9 (Dec 7-1); fifth place match - Leibbrandt 25-9 won by decision over Cody Werner (Plainville) 13-13 (Dec 3-0).

160 - Dylan Wolaver placed fourth and scored 18 team points. The results of Dylan's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - Wolaver 17-5 won by pin over Haden Finley (Trego) 6-16 (Pin 0:59); Quarterfinal - Cody Faulkender (Oakley) 20-8 won by major decision over Wolaver 17-5 (Maj 15-4); Cons. Round 2 - Wolaver 17-5 won by pin over Cale McDowell (Smith Center) 2-17 (Pin 1:16); Cons. Round 3 - Wolaver 17-5 won by pin over Devin Langdon (Tribune) 6-5 (Pin 0:04); Cons. Semi - Wolaver 17-5 won by decision over Matt Glading (Oberlin) 20-12 (Dec 1-0); third place match - Faulkender (Oakley) 20-8 won by forfeit over Dylan Wolaver 17-5.

170 - Lane Hobrock did not place in the tournament. The results of Lane's matches are below: Champ. Round 1 - Hobrock 10-11 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Cameron Staples (Trego) 19-7 won by pin over Hobrock 10-11 (Pin 1:06); Cons. Round 2 - Hobrock 10-11 received a bye; Cons. Round 3 - Tyrelle Thurman (Leoti) 8-8 won by pin over Hobrock 10-11 (Pin 0:19).

182 - Zach Gienger earned a second place finish and scored 22 team points. The results of Zach's matches were: Champ. Round 1 - Gienger 17-2 won by pin over Collin Sharpe (Oakley) 7-17 (Pin 1:09); Quarterfinal - Gienger 17-2 won by pin over Anthony Merida (Rawlins County) 8-10 (Pin 0:19); Semifinal - Gienger 17-2 won in overtime over Steven Yergey-Dible (Hoxie) 25-5 (OT 7-5); first place match - Kyler Atwood (Smith Center) 24-1 won by decision over Gienger 17-2 (Dec 10-3).

195 - Thomas Douthit placed third and scored 18 team points. The results of Thomas' matches are listed below: Champ. Round 1 - Douthit 8-3 received a bye; Quarterfinal - Douthit 8-3 won by pin over Brice Mason (Leoti) 20-12 (Pin 0:12); Semifinal - Brandon Salmans (Hoxie) 24-3 won by major decision over Douthit 8-3 (Maj 9-1); Cons. Semi - Douthit 8-3 won by pin over Konnor Witt (Oberlin) 6-24 (Pin 0:49); third place match - Douthit 8-3 won by decision over Brice Mason (Leoti) 20-12 (Dec 6-3).

"This was by the far the toughest tournament that we have been to this year, said Dylan Loyd, head coach. "It was a good preview of what our regional is going to be like here in just a few short weeks.

"I personally like how they have combined the Northwest Kansas League and Mid-Continent League into one very tough tournament.

Being a wrestling fan, you look back through the years and a Northwest Kansas League or Mid-Continent League school has won the state championship 58 times since 1930. That is a very strong tradition that we have out here in western Kansas, and one that I am very proud of.

"Our results from the weekend are kind of mixed in my opinion. Every kid had some good moments and some bad. I think we all were a little shell shocked on just how tough the tournament was.

"There were many weight classes with more than five state qualifiers or placers in one bracket. That just shows how tough our league is this year.

"We can definitely make some improvements, but like I told the kids, we have some time to work on mistakes that were made, and the season is far from over. Some of us just had ourselves an off day.

"We cannot afford to reflect back on this weekend and to beat ourselves up over some of our performances, we must push forward, keep our eye on the ultimate prize, and work to get better each and every day. And, I believe that we have the kids that can do it. We still have very high hopes for this season, and these guys want it pretty bad. I'm looking forward to watching these guys all finish this season on a high note."

Indians place 10th in Panther Classic

The St. Francis Indian wrestlers competed in tournament action on Saturday, Feb. 2. The Indians, both varsity and junior varsity, competed in the Panther Classic Wrestling Tournament in Phillipsburg. Two divisions were wrestled in the tournament; a varsity division and a junior varsity division. The varsity Indians placed 10th in the team scoring with 35 points.

Hoisington won the varsity tournament, earning 143 team points. Abilene placed second with 128.5 points. The remainder of the 16 teams placed as follows: third - Phillipsburg 127, fourth - Marysville 121, fifth - Hoxie 91, sixth - Norton 90, seventh - Beloit 80, eighth - Lincoln 53, ninth - Ellis 45, 10th - St. Francis 35, 11th - Minneapolis 31, 12th - Ellsworth 30.5, 13th - Lakin 24, 14th - Hill City 15, 15th - TMP 3, and 16th - Stockton 2.

St. Francis had five wrestlers entered in the varsity division of the tournament. Individual results for the St. Francis wrestlers, in the varsity division, were as follows: 120 - Casey Keller (22-12) - In the quarterfinals, Casey lost to Branson Addington of Norton (21-16) by 6-2 decision. In the first consolation round, he defeated Drake Rowh of Hoxie (6-22) 7-0. Riley Juenemann of Phillipsburg (31-11) defeated Casey by a 5-2 decision in the consolation semifinals. Casey scored 1 team point, and did not place in the tournament.

138 - Logan Lampe (16-20)-Michael Dusin of Phillipsburg (32-3) defeated Logan by fall (1:09) in quarterfinal action. In consolation round 1, Logan won a 15-3 major decision over Kyle Breneman of Lincoln (3-20). He lost in the consolation semis to Blake Anguiano of Abilene (16-20) by fall (2:50). Logan scored 2 team points, and did not place in

the tournament. 152 - Mikey Leibbrandt (26-11)-In championship round 1, Mikey received a bye. In the quarterfinals, he was defeated by Zach Sanders of Hoisington (22-7) by a 11-7 decision. In the second round of consolation, Mikey won by pin (2:04) over Jared Gabel of TMP (14-22). In consolation round 3, Tim Cramer of Marysville (27-11) defeated Mikey by an 8-4 decision. Mikey did not place, but scored 3 team points.

160 - Dylan Wolaver (21-5)-Dylan placed third and scored 15 team points in the tournament. He won by pin (2:55) over Hunter Kohler of Phillipsburg (11-16) in the opening round. In quarterfinal action, Dylan defeated Josh Nelsen of Marysville (21-11) by a 5-3 decision. Dylan advanced to the semifinals where he was pinned by Calvin Ochs of Hoxie (34-0) in 1:59. He won by 12-2 major decision over Dalton Gonzales of Lakin (19-7) in the consolation semi-final match. To earn third place, Dylan defeated Josh Nelsen of Marysville (21-11) by 3-2 decision.

182 - Zach Gienger (20-4)-In the first round of championship action, Zach won by pin over Justin Tate of Lakin (1-14). Zach recorded a pin in 55 seconds. In the quarterfinals, Zach won by 12-1 major decision over Dave Luebecke of Marysville (16-14). Advancing to the semifinals, Zach met Hagen Hanzlick of Hoisington (28-4) and lost by fall in 1:26. Zach wrestled Jacey Minkler of Phillipsburg (18-16) in the consolation semifinals and won by fall in 2:35. In the third place match, Steven Yergey-Dible of Hoxie (29-6) defeated Zach by a 2-4 decision. Zach placed fourth and earned 14 team points for the Indians.

The Indians recorded the following statistics in the tournament (Indians listed



LOGAN LAMPE has his opponent tied up and flat on the mat as he works to turn him over.

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first followed by opponents): Takedowns 19-16, escapes 16-15, reversals 5-4, nearfalls 12-8, wins 10-9, major decisions 3-0, technical falls 0-0, and falls 4-4.

Junior varsity
 In the junior varsity division of the tournament, St. Francis had three competitors: Matt Howell, Justin Pacheco and Lane Hobrock. All three placed in the junior varsity division of the tournament. The individual results for the junior varsity wrestlers are below.

138 - Matt Howell-In round one, Matt received a bye. In the second round, Matt won by pin over Jacob Kessler of Hill City in 1:10. In round 3, Toby Nickell of Norton Community High School defeated him by a 6-2 decision. In round 5, Dakota Kohler of Phillipsburg High School won by 16-0 tech fall over Matt. Matt placed third in the tournament and scored 7 team points.

145 - Justin Pacheco-Justin placed second and scored 8 team points for the Indians. In round

1, Matt McClanahan of Abilene High School pinned Justin in 2:55. In round 2, Justin won by an 8-1 decision over David Heck of Marysville High School. Justin defeated Reese Wilkison of Beloit High School by an 11-5 decision in round 3. Round four found Justin winning by pin (0:50) over Micahel Payton of Beloit High School.

160 - Lane Hobrock-In quarterfinal action, Lane lost a close 1-0 decision to Nate Prewitt of Phillipsburg High School. In consolation round 1, Lane received a bye. Lane won by pin (1:15) over Dylan Haas of Ellis High School in the consolation semi-final match. In the third place match, Jovany Garcia of Abilene High School defeated Lane in a 1-0 decision. Lane placed fourth and scored 6 team points in the tournament.

"We were again a little short handed this past weekend at Phillipsburg," said Coach Dylan Loyd. "We had some sickness

and a little bit of the injury bug hit us this past week. Thankfully, it was this week where we were missing some wrestlers and not next week.

"This was a very tough tournament with a total of 17 teams there. Our performance this past weekend again was kind of mixed in my opinion. Like last week, each kid had moments where they looked really tough, followed by some not so tough moments. I think we have improved from where we were a week ago, but we are not where we need to be. I firmly believe however, that we will get there. We haven't had the past couple weeks like we wanted to have, but it's important to remember that the last two weeks of the season are the weeks that define a season. No one will remember how you did at the Western Tournament of Champions, or how you did at the Panther Classic. People only remember how you did at regionals, and how you did at

state.

"Every guy has been working hard, and I think they are ready to show the state what they can do next weekend.

"It's hard to believe that the season is starting to wind down already. Regionals are only a week away, and we are starting to get healthy at the right time. I think we are focused, I think that we are hungry, and I'm excited to see these guys finish this season off on a high note.

"This week we have a dual against Oberlin on Friday night. This will be the last time that our seniors will be able to wrestle here in front of our home crowd. Oberlin has a very tough team, and I think we match up with them very well; it should be an exciting dual. Saturday, we have junior varsity state in Colby, so again we will have a busy weekend ahead of us."

The Indians will wrestle Decatur Community, in St. Francis, on Friday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Junior high wrestlers see action at Oberlin

The junior high wrestling team competed in a wrestling quad in Oberlin on Thursday, Jan. 31. The four teams competing in the quad were Decatur Community, Rawlins County, St. Francis and Phillipsburg. The young Indians performed well, winning 28 matches and losing 27.

Individual results for the Indians are listed below: Matt Leibbrandt 2-1; Coy Cassaw 1-2; Jake Faulkender 0-3; Kenny Leibbrandt 4-0; Tate

Busse 3-1; Quinton Cravens 3-1; Connor McBride 1-3; Luke Lampe 2-1; Dalton Straub 2-1; Joel Hill 3-1; J.R. Landenberger 1-3; Taylor Rogers 2-2; Jeremiah Neitzel -3; Martin Beikman 1-3; Ryan Grover 1-2; and Trayton Doyle 2-0

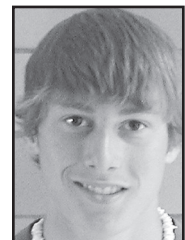
The junior high wrestlers will compete in Norton on Thursday, Feb. 7. Other teams competing in Norton will be: Norton, Stockton, Smith Center and Ellis.



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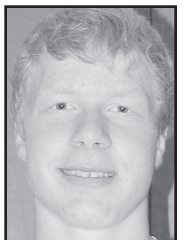
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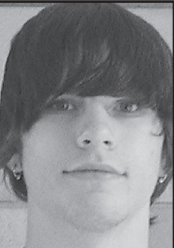
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Sainty football letter winners named

Head football coach, Kyle Buffington, has released the names of the St. Francis high school football letter winners for the 2012 season. Twenty-eight student-athletes earned letters including nine seniors, six juniors, four sophomores, five freshmen, and four managers.

Seniors: Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, Dylan Peter, Dillion Straub and Dylan Wolaver
 Juniors: Gaten Cooper, Lane Hoffman, Logan Lampe, Wyatt Landenberger, Derek Queen and Scott Warren
 Sophomores: Shakotah Blanka,

Cade Bracelin, Matt Howell and Kyler Zweggard
 Freshmen: Garrett Brunk, Clay Cassaw, Jude Faulkender, Lane Hobrock and Justin Pacheco
 Lettering as managers were: Mariah Beikman, Jon Hoard, Erik Nelson and Valerie Wurm.



Wolaver