

Varsity wrestles in Wray

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The St. Francis varsity wrestlers competed in the Wray Invitational tournament on Saturday. Coach Dylan Loyd was please with the results. Weight classes 106, 113, 126, 132, 152, 160, and 182 were open.

"I felt like we competed a lot better this past weekend," said Coach Dylan Loyd. "The kids battled tough and I feel like a lot of them started to get a glimpse of their potential. We wrestled with more confidence and we had a couple of kids pick up some key wins that they will be able to build on."

Team Totals: St. Francis wrestlers listed first followed by their opponents: takedowns 32-23, escapes 11-13, reversals 4-12, nearfalls 18-20, wins 13-19, major decision 4-1, technical falls 0-1, falls 7-12.

Individual Results:
120- Connor McBride- lost by a fall to Graham, Sedgwick County; won by a 9-3 decision over Lavender, Calhan; lost by a 15-0 technical fall to Lefever, Wray.

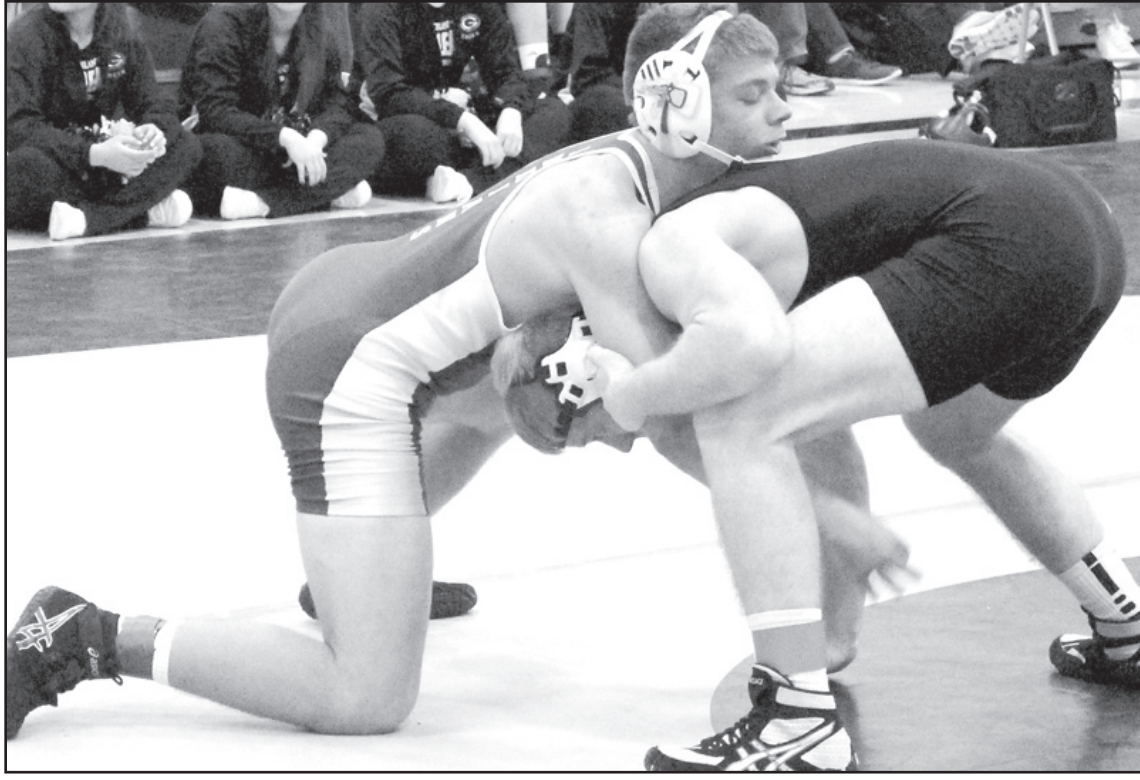
Coach Loyd was impress with Conner's never give up attitude, "Connor continues to battle tough. He never gives up in a match and he fights till the end and that is something you simply cannot teach."

138- Garrett Brunk (placed 3rd)- won by a fall over Casady, Sedgwick County; lost by a 12-2 major decision to Brown, Yuma; won by a 17-3 major decision over Barlow, Rangely; won by a 14-2 major decision over Casady, Sedgwick County.

"Garrett had a very good weekend. He is one that is starting to gain some confidence every time he steps on the mat. He works as hard as anyone and he is going into Christmas break with a full head of steam," said Coach Loyd.

138- Matt White- lost by a fall to Tarin, Wray; won by a fall over Underwood, Stratton; lost by a 8-1 decision to Casady, Sedgwick County.

"Matt had a good tournament. His first match was against a tough kid from Wray, but he battled back and finished the tournament well,"



LANE HOBROCK grabs a leg for a takedown.

Herald photo by Douglas Sloper

said Coach Loyd.

138- Phillip White- lost by a 7-4 decision to Underwood, Stratton; won by a fall over Pennington, Kiowa; lost by a fall to Barlow, Rangely.

Coach Loyd continues to see improvement and said, "Phil has really improved from a year ago, he works hard in practice and he competed well this past weekend. He dropped one match to a kid he knows he's better than but; he was able to bounce back."

145- Justin Pacheco (placed 4th)- won by a 12-3 major decision over Deleon, Rangely; lost by a fall to Duvall, Sedgwick County; won by a fall over Paintin, Limon; won by a 4-0 decision Dominguez, Yuma; lost by a 9-3 decision to Duvall, Sedgwick County.

"Justin wrestled real well. He beat some quality kids and finished the day with 5 matches. He beat the #1 seed in the consolation semi's to get into the 3rd/4th place match which was huge. I think he is one that's starting to see just how good he truly is and it will be exciting to watch him the rest of the season," said Coach Loyd.

170- Lane Hobrock (placed 4th)- won by a fall over Allred, Rangely; lost by a fall to Leth, Yuma; lost by a fall to Schultz, Wray; lost by a 8-6 decision to Anderson, Sedgwick County; won by a fall over Harper, Calhan.

Coach Loyd is pleased with Lane's building confidence, "Lane is really starting to come along. He has a wide open style of wrestling, but I think the light has switched on for him. He's starting to gain confidence

in his shots and that's all that this kid needs is to believe in himself."

195- Blake Meyer (placed 4th)- lost by a fall to Escamilla, Wray; won by an injury default over Kimble, Limon; lost by a fall to Wilczek, Rangely.

Coach Loyd is happy about Blake's improvement, "Blake battled tough in a tough weight class. I was happy for him that he was able to get on the podium. He continues to get better week by week and looking forward to watching him grow and develop throughout the rest of this season."

195- Ryan Grover- lost by a fall to Fresquez, Yuma; lost by a fall to Wilczek, Rangely.

"Ryan continues to battle. He is in a tough weight class battling a lot of seniors but, he doesn't back down from anyone and I love that about him. He has a great attitude and he's another that works hard. He has a lot of potential and will continue to improve," said Coach Loyd.

220- Kyler Zwegardt (placed 4th)- won by an 11-3 major decision over Korf, Yuma; lost by a fall to Elliot, Merino; lost by a fall to Davis, Sedgwick County; won by a fall over Chouinard, Yuma; lost by a 3-2 decision to Escamilla, Wray.

Coach Loyd was impressed with Kyler's performance, "Kyler was able to get 5 matches this weekend which is exactly what he needs. This is a first year wrestler and for him to be able to place in his first two individual tournaments is awesome. He has improved every week and is starting to get a grasp

for this sport. I'm really excited to watch him continue to improve."

"This break has come at an opportune time for us. The past couple of weeks we have dealt with some injuries and hopefully this break will allow us to get healthy again, said Coach Loyd. "As we go into the holiday's it gives the guys a chance to be able to spend some time with their families, relax a little, and truly remember why we celebrate this special holiday. We have a lot to be thankful for and from a coach's standpoint I couldn't ask for a better group of young men. Looking forward to continue to battle each day and grow together as a team and get to where we need/want to be.

Coach's Awards:
Most exciting match- Hobrock winning by fall over Harper, Calhan.

Coach's Award- Justin Pacheco- battled tough all day and showed improvement in each match.

Practice Wrestler- Kyler Zwegardt.

Best JV Performance- Matt White.

Key Match Award- Pacheco's 4-0 win over returning state qualifier Dominguez-Yuma.

Most Outstanding Performance- Garrett Brunk, finished 3-1 on the day and brought home a 3rd place medal.

The next tournament for the Indians, will be in the Sterling, Colorado tournament on Saturday, Jan. 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Junior high takes one in Atwood

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The Indians and Lady Indians were again put to the test by the Atwood Buffaloes and Lady Buffs on Thursday, Dec. 12 in Atwood. Atwood has been one of the few teams that has been able to mount any kind of contest for the St. Francis. Unfortunately, Atwood prevailed in 3 of the games, and also handed the Indians A team their first loss of the season. The Lady Indians B team were the only bright spot, squeaking by the Lady Buffs, in a close contest.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians were defeated 24-16. No stats were made available for this game.

The Lady Indians B team defeated Atwood, 33-27.

Indians

The Indians played a close game against the Buffaloes, before being defeated in the game 38-34.

The first quarter was nip and tuck throughout. At the end of the quarter the score was tied 10-10.

The action continued in the second quarter as both teams continued to battle it out. Leads changed hands several times and at half time the teams were again tied 18-18.

As the third quarter progressed, the game was still close, but as the quarter closed out, the Indians had taken a 6 point lead, 29-23.

In the fourth quarter, both teams continued to play a hard competitive game. The Buffaloes began to cut into the Indians lead and eventually came out on top 38-34.

High scorers: Trayton Doyle: 12 points; Tate Busse, 10 points; Dalton Straub, 8 points; Luke Lampe, 4 points.

"This was a very disappointing loss to all of us", said Coach Rob Schiltz. "The boys gave a tremendous effort the entire game. All of us made mistakes in the game, including me. Probably the main difference in this game from all others we have played is that Atwood plays an extremely good man to man defense and we struggled getting the ball in the basket."

The Indians B team was defeated by Atwood, 38-34.

The The Lady Indians will be competing at home against Hoxie on January 9 at 4:00 p.m. This will be their last regular season game. On Thursday, Jan. 16 and 18 the Lady Indians will be competing in the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Hoxie.

Club Clip

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, December 2, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center Building. Fifteen members were present.

DeEtta Knorr, Vice President, presided over the meeting. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Delores Kincheloe gave the treasurer's report.

New Business: Discussion was held on the amount of funds we have for disbursement. Sherry Schultz made a motion that the funds not be disbursed at this time and Anita Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Debbie Fiala and nine students of the Advanced Music group of the St. Francis High School

arrived to entertain us with Christmas music. It was a joyful concert and appreciated by everyone. The community is invited to their Christmas Concert to be given on December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

There is no meeting scheduled for January therefore the next meeting will be February 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Bonnie Jones and Kathy Weber will be the hostesses for the February meeting.

Hostesses Phyllis Crandall and DeEtta Knorr served Christmas cookies and coffee for refreshments.

Lee Russ
Co-Secretary

Herald And Times Happenings:

FIRST BABY CONTEST



With the oncome of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Winter Sports Special Section

This supplement will feature St. Francis and Cheylin

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