



TRINITY WEERS wrestles for the High School St. Francis Indians at a recent match.

Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Junior High wrestlers participate in Junior Panther Classic tournament

The St. Francis junior high wrestlers performed well at the Phillipsburg Junior Panther Classic on Saturday, Feb. 15. The Indians came in third with 129.5 total points.

St. Francis wrestlers who won medals were: 90-Coy Cassaw (2); 95-Tayton Weeter (4); 120-Jordan Raby (3); 132-Luke Lampe, (Champion); 152-Dalton Straub (2); 215-Martin Beikman (2); 285-Trayton Doyle (Champion).

Team Results:

Phillipsburg-216.0; Norton-161.0; St. Francis-129.5; SmithCenter-127.5; Hoxie-98.5; Trego-90.0; Hill City-89.0; Oberlin-84.0; Rawlins County-84.0; Osborne-71.0; Plainville-46.0; Russell-42.0; Stockton-35.0.

Individual Results:

Coy Cassaw (placed 2nd)- won by a 6-4 OT decision over Tiemeyer, Rawlins County; lost by a 3-0

decision to Keith, Hill City.

Tayton Weeter (placed 4th)- won by a 17-1 technical fall over Rohr, Plainville; lost by a 13-0 major decision to Porsch, Hoxie; won by a fall over Oste, Russell; lost by a 2-1 decision to Hamel, Hill City.

KC Krien- won by an 11-2 major decision over Shubert, Trego; lost by a fall to Moon, Phillipsburg; lost by a 4-2 OT decision to Breth, Oberlin.

Tiernan Poling- lost by a fall to Born, Hill City; won by a fall over Micek, Trego; lost by a fall to Iffland, Smith Center.

Jake Faulkendar- lost by a fall to Dicks, Norton; lost by a 5-3 decision to Horinek, Rawlins County.

Kouper McQuigg- lost by a fall to Russell, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Topel, Smith Center.

Jordan Raby (placed 3rd)- won by a fall over Kellerman, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Gross, Phillipsburg; won by a 8-1 decision over Koeperich, Norton; won by forfeit over Staples, Smith Center.

Cody Baxter- lost by a fall to Schurr, Osborne; won by a fall over Pfeifer, Russell; lost by a fall to Pfannenstiel, Trego.

Luke Lampe (Champion)- won by a fall over Pakkebie, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Price, Russell; won by a 4-2 decision over Wiltfong, Norton; won by a 7-0 decision over Kruep, Rawlins County.

Dalton Straub (placed 2nd)- won by a fall over VanKooten, Phillipsburg; won by a fall over Heskett, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Chisham, Norton.

Kaleb Hayes- lost by a fall to Kuhn, Smith Center; lost by a fall to Walt, Trego.

Martin Beikman (placed 2nd)- won by a 8-2 decision over Arment, Phillipsburg; lost by a fall to Auker, Norton.

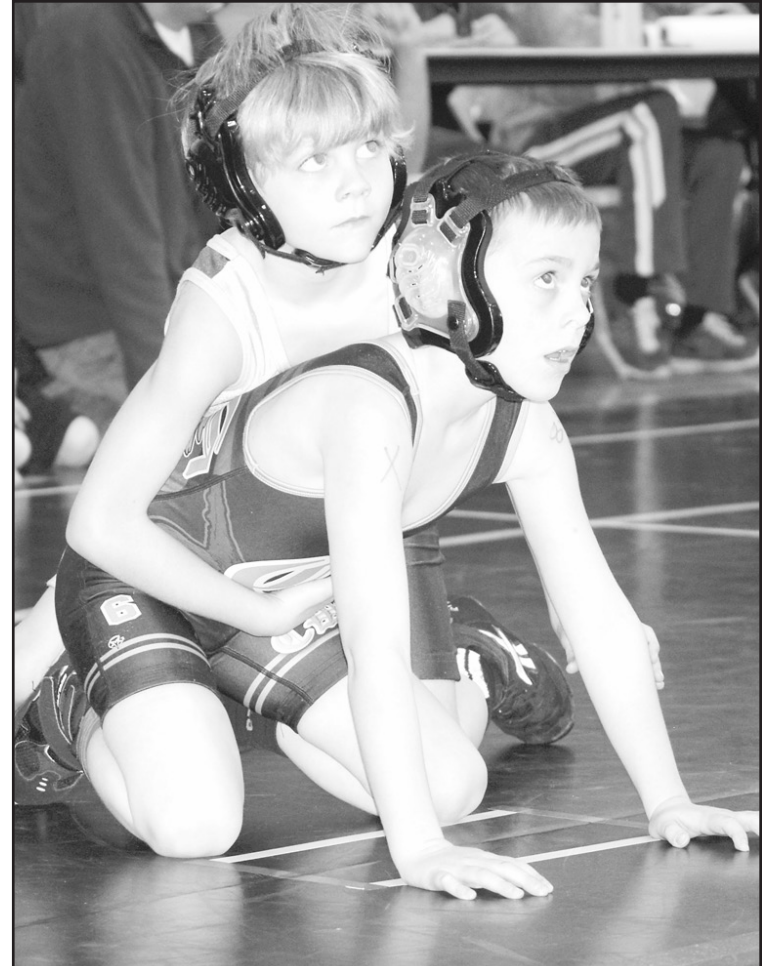
Trayton Doyle (Champion)- won by a fall over Washington, Hoxie; won by a fall over Dunning, Phillipsburg.

Coach Dylan Loyd had nothing but praise on how this group of wrestlers have been handling themselves, their dedication and team spirit,

"This year there were 13 teams competing in the Panther Classic and we were able to finish 3rd and bring home a plaque. In my understanding I believe this will be the first team to have ever placed at this tournament since we began going there a few years back. It was very cool being one of the smaller teams there to bring home some hardware, just goes to show how good this group of young men is.

What I am most proud of is how they supported each other. There were many times throughout the day I was asked by fans and parents from opposing towns to get our kids to sit down mat side. I always view that as a good thing because when one of their teammates was wrestling our whole team was right there cheering them on, I've always felt like that is how good teams are built.

The next match for the St. Francis junior high wrestlers will be at home on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 4:00 p.m.



BRADY KETZNER, in the 8 and under group, prepares for a match on his way to first place. Photo courtesy of Shawna Blanka

Kid wrestlers place in Oakley Invitational

There were six kid wrestlers attending the Oakley Invitational on Saturday with everyone placing in the top four. Brady Ketzner and Colton McCarty brought home first.

"They all wrestled hard and had fun. They are a great group of kids to coach and I enjoy helping and teaching them," said Coach Chris LaBarge.

6 and under: Asher Robbins, 46 pounds, placed fourth. He lost 0-6 decision, won 19-2 technical fall; won by fall and lost 7-11 decision.

Joel Gilliland, 52 pounds placed fourth. He lost 9-11 in overtime; won by forfeit; won 4-1 decision. and lost 11-15 decision.

8 and under: Brady Ketzner, 55 pounds, placed first. He won by fall; won by fall; won 15-0

decision, and won 7-6 decision.

Logan McCarty, 61 pounds placed fourth. He won by fall; lost 3-4 decision, won 4-0 decision, and lost 2-4 decision.

10 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 95 pounds, placed second. He won a 2-0 decision. and then lost a 0-2 decision in overtime.

Colton McCarty, 110 pounds placed first. He won all three matches by falls.

"Congratulations to everyone for placing. I was especially impressed with the younger kids, said Coach Justin Sherlock.

Brady Ketzner wrestled hard all three minutes to win a tough last match. Joel Gilliland beat a kid his last match that had previously beaten him that day. Those are the matches that are the most fun to win and to watch," said Sherlock.

Wrestlers travel to Atwood

The St. Francis junior high wrestlers participated in a match in Atwood, Thursday, Feb. 13. The Indians went up against Atwood, Hoxie, Leoti, Trego and Tribune.

"This was a pretty good preview of what our League tournament will look like in just under a week," said Coach Dylan Loyd. "We won more matches than we lost and I chalk that up as a victory in our book."

Individual Results:

Connor Keller- lost by fall to Tiemeyer, Rawlins County; lost by fall to Ridder, Leoti.

Coy Cassaw- won in double OT 1-0 over Tiemeyer, Rawlins County; won by a 12-1 major decision over Ridder, Leoti; won by a 7-5 decision over Biermann, Leoti.

Tayton Weeter- won by a 15-0 technical fall over Reding, Tribune; won by a fall over Porsch, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Altman, Leoti; won by a fall over Reding, Tribune.

Tiernan Poling- won by a fall over Shubert, Trego; won by a fall over Micek, Trego; won by a fall over Altman, Leoti.

Jake Faulkendar- lost by a 13-6 decision to Spencer, Trego; lost by a fall to Flax, Trego; lost by a fall to Dinkel, Trego.

Kouper McQuigg- won by a 15-0 technical fall over Santillano, Leoti; lost by a fall to Leitner, Rawlins County; won by a fall over Fisher, Leoti.

Cody Baxter- lost by a 15-0 technical fall to Sanchez, Tribune; won by a fall over Michael-Lewis, Leoti; won by a 14-6 major decision over Flax, Trego.

Jordan Raby- won by a fall over Fisher, Leoti; won by a fall over Santillano, Leoti; won by a fall over Pfannenstiel, Trego.

Wyatt Hilt- lost by a fall to Werth, Trego; lost by a fall to Pfannenstiel, Trego; lost by a fall to Withington,

Rawlins County.

Luke Lampe- won by a fall over Edwards, Tribune; won by a fall over Werth, Trego; won by a 9-0 major decision over Kruep, Rawlins County.

Dalton Straub- lost by a fall to Folsom, Trego; lost by a fall to Haflinger, Trego; won by a fall over Orozco, Leoti.

Kaleb Hayes- lost by a fall to Ochsner, Tribune; lost by a fall to Dible, Hoxie; lost by a fall to Chavez, Leoti.

Brice Hayes- lost by a fall to Hernandez, Leoti; lost by a fall to Chavez, Leoti.

Luin Norris- won by a fall over Hernandez, Leoti; won by a 14-10 decision over Crouse, Rawlins County.

Martin Beikman- lost by a 6-4 decision to Washington, Hoxie; won by a fall over Hernandez, Leoti.

Trayton Doyle- won by a 2-1 decision over Washington, Hoxie.

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