

Norton on top in duals

Hays, Kearney close to Blue Jays

By DICK BOYD
Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team remained undefeated this season in duals on Tuesday evening by defeating Kearney 33-26 and Hays 40-33 in the Hays High School Gym.

In the other dual, Kearney outscored Hays 45-24.

Coach Johnson figured Kearney to be a much weaker team than Hays. After Kearney beat Hays fairly handily in the first dual of the evening and Norton defeated Kearney, Coach Johnson and all the Blue Jay fans in attendance expected Norton to easily outpoint the host Indian team. But, it didn't happen. The Blue Jays did not look like the same team against Hays High.

"I was proud of the way we wrestled against Kearney," said Coach Johnson. "But, we are making no excuses about the way we wrestled against Hays. It was the best of times and the worst of times tonight."

"Against Hays, we weren't hitting our moves; we tried to force things. We didn't adapt to what was being done by the wrestler we were competing against. We just kept trying the same moves that hadn't worked over and over again."

"I have to give credit to Hays. They did what they had to do and almost won the dual."

"We will work hard in practice the rest of this week to straighten things out before the league tournament on Saturday."

Win over Kearney
Norton and Kearney each won six matches and each won one match by forfeit. Norton earned enough more points for the victory by pinning two Kearney wrestlers, winning a major decision and a technical fall. Kearney's only additional points came on a technical fall.

Norton's first win came at 112



Senior Jordan Haussermann, who is ranked No. 6 in the state at 152 pounds, scores two points on a take down during his match with Dustin Kooyman, Kearney, on Tuesday in Hays. Haussermann pinned Kooyman in 1:12. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

pounds where Nathan Broeckelman won a 12-3 major decision over Jay Ingraham.

At 135 pounds, Lance Roe won an 18-3 technical fall over Ryan Peterson.

Jordan Haussermann pinned Dustin Kooyman in 1:12 of their 152 pound match.

C.J. Thiele won a 6-1 decision over Ross McMullen at 160 pounds.

At 189 pounds, Josh Green won a 7-2 decision over Brandon Teel.

Michael Sprigg pinned Sam Icenogle in 1:51 of their 275 pound match.

Kent Mann lost a 9-2 decision to Daniel Rodriguez at 103 pounds.

Curtis Black lost a 5-3 decision to Jordan Patterson at 125 pounds.

At 140 pounds, Scott Goldsby lost an 8-4 decision to Reese Florang.

Jeremy Harding lost a 17-2 technical fall to Andrew Baumgartner at 145 pounds.

A 6-3 overtime match at 171 pounds was won by Andy Walters over Bo Pfannenstiel.

At 215 pounds, Kyle Brill won a 5-4 decision over Mark Maybon.

James Annon of Norton won by forfeit at 130 pounds and Shane Castillo of Kearney won by forfeit at 119 pounds.

The following junior varsity matches were wrestled against Kearney.

103 — Logan Keiswetter, Nt

WBF 1:27 over Zach Gleason, K 119 — Trenton Devitt, K WBF, :43 over Jared Bebb, Nt

125 — Jon Harding, Nt WBF, 1:10 over Joe Kooyman, K

135 — Blake VanEaton, Nt WBTF, 17-1 over Jon Pearson, K

160 — Korey Look, Nt WBF, 1:25 over James Seivert, K

171 — Nate Roepke, K WBF, 1:30 over Davvid Stanley, Nt.

Win over Hays
Norton won five matches in the victory over Hays, four were by falls and one was a major decision. The Blue Jays also won two matches by forfeit. Hays won seven matches, four by falls.

Kent Mann got the dual started on the right foot for Norton by pinning Derek Gottschalk in 1:50 of their 103 pound match.

Nathan Broeckelman followed with a 12-4 major decision over Rusty Wickham at 112 pounds.

The Blue Jays did not win another match until Bo Pfannenstiel pinned Danny Smyl in 2:58 of their 171 pounds match to put Norton ahead 28-27 in the team score.

At 189 pounds, Josh Green pinned Blake Pruter in 1:38 to extend the Blue Jay lead to 34-27. Mark Maybon was pinned in 1:53 by Cory Werth at 215 pounds to narrow the Norton lead to 34-33 with one match remaining.

Michael Sprigg made short work, however, of his 275 pound opponent Aaron Zimmer, making him count the lights in 1:12 to give Norton a seven point victory.

In addition to the 215 pound match, Norton lost the following matches to Hays: Curtis Black was pinned in 3:52 by Nathan Gabel,

125; James Annon lost an 11-6 decision to Heath Meder, 130; Lance Roe was pinned in 3:12 by Josh Pfannenstiel, 135; Scott Goldsby lost a 12-6 decision to Zach Kanzenbach, 140; Jeremy Harding lost a 16-13 decision to Joseph Boeckner, 145; C.J. Thiele was pinned in 5:13 by Casey Sanger, 160.

Jared Bebb at 119 and Jordan Haussermann at 152 won for Norton by forfeit.

Junior varsity matches wrestled against Hays were:

160 — Korey Look, Nt WBF, :50 over Tracy Taylor, H

171 — Davvid Stanley, Nt. WBF, :44 over Curtis Koerner, H

215 — Nate Ward, H WBF, 1:59 over Shane Stanley, Nt.

Wrestlers to defend title at league meet Saturday

By DICK BOYD
Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team will compete in the annual Mid-Continent League Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in the Stockton High School Gym in Stockton.

Competing teams, in addition to those from Norton and Stockton, will be from Ellis, Smith Center, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Hill City, Trego and Plainville.

Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. The preliminaries and first round will be on two mats.

The second round consisting of semi-finals and first round consolation matches will be on two mats with an estimated start time of 11:30 a.m. Following a 30 minute lunch break, consolation semi-finals will be held on two mats. Following a 30 minute break, championship finals and consolation finals will be held on two mats.

A plaque will be awarded to the championship team and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class.

Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for students from kindergarten through seniors and free for preschool children.

Norton is the defending tournament champion. The Blue Jays have won the tournament the past four years. They are unbeaten so far this season in duals and have won every tournament in which they've competed except the Newton Tournament of Champions, where they placed fourth.

Six of the Norton wrestlers who will compete on Saturday are state ranked. They are sophomore Clay Madden, No. 1, 112; senior James Annon, No. 1, 130; sophomore Lance Roe, No. 4, 135; senior

Jordan Haussermann, No. 6, 152; senior Bo Pfannenstiel, No. 4, 171; junior Michael Sprigg, No. 2, 275.

A seventh Norton wrestler, sophomore Luke Pfannenstiel, is ranked No. 6 at 125 pounds but is injured and will not compete on Saturday.

Five wrestlers from other Mid-Continent League schools are state ranked in Class 3-2-1A. They are junior Paul Owings, Plainville, No. 2, 112; senior Tanner Long, Hill City, No. 4, 152; junior Austin Kingsbury, Smith Center, No. 2, 160; senior Lucas Scott, Smith Center, No. 2, 189; senior Ryan Honas, Ellis, No. 1, 275.

Coach Johnson has released the following tentative lineup of Norton wrestlers on Saturday along with their current records: freshman Kent Mann, 7-5, 103; sophomore Clay Madden, 12-0, 112; freshman Nathan Broeckelman, 17-10, 119; senior Curtis Black, 8-6, 125; senior James Annon, 21-2, 130; sophomore Lance Roe, 20-5, 135; senior Scott Goldsby, 13-9, 140; sophomore Jeremy Harding, 6-9, 145; senior Jordan Haussermann, 22-7, 152; senior C.J. Thiele, 13-7, 160; senior Bo Pfannenstiel, 14-3, 172; senior Mark Maybon, 4-4, 189; senior Josh Green, 8-6, 215; junior Michael Sprigg, 18-2, 275.

"We'll have to wrestle a lot better on Saturday than we did against Hays on Tuesday," said Coach Johnson. "Wrestling is a very humbling sport. If we wrestle to the best of our abilities, we should be okay."

He said he expected Phillipsburg, Smith Center and Plainville to provide the toughest challenges for the team title.

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