

Norton wrestlers place second at Clay Center

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team placed second in the annual Clay Center Invitational Tournament on Saturday.

The host squad won the championship with 168 points, followed by Norton, 160.5; Abilene, 155; Andale, 104.5; Beloit, 95; Salina South, 77.5; Junction City, 73.5; Basehor-Linwood, 23.5; Ellsworth, 18; Salina Central, 18.

Norton had five individual champions, one second-place finish, one third-place and three fourth-place wrestlers. Winning championships were Clay Madden, 112 pounds; Nathan Broeckelman, 119; Jeremy Harding, 135; Lance Roe, 152; Michael Sprigg, 275.

Logan Keiswetter placed second at 103 pounds and Blake Hillebrand was third at 215 pounds.

Placing fourth were: Kent Mann, 125; Blake VanEaton, 145; and Davvid Stanley, 171.

Also competing for Norton were Jon Harding, 130, and Brian Sproul, 160.

The Blue Jays were open at 140 pounds where Luke Pfannenstiel, who was a champion at the Hoxie Invitational the week before, was ill, and at 189 pounds.

Named "Outstanding Wrestlers of the Week" by Coach Johnson were Nathan Broeckelman and Jeremy Harding.

"Throughout the day, I felt that we did not wrestle up to our abilities," said Coach Johnson. "Even though we were winning matches, we were winning ugly. And, anytime you do that in the sport of wrestling, it will catch up with you sooner or later. We know we can wrestle much better than what we did."

"It sure would have been nice to have Luke in the lineup with us. He is a quality wrestler and would have scored a good number of points for us. But, that is not the reason that Clay Center finished ahead of us. The truth is that we did not deserve to win the tournament the way we wrestled. We got outthrustled in the last several matches of the tournament and did not look like a team that was giving it everything they had to try and win for themselves and their team.

"Our goal is to get good competition for our wrestlers and it was good competition. It will help us down the road.

"Nathan Broeckelman and Jeremy Harding wrestled very well in this tournament."

Madden was seeded No. 1 at 112 and drew a first round bye. In the semi-finals, he won an 8-4 decision over No. 4 seed Nick Peterson, Abilene, then shutout No. 2 seed Brent Fisher, Andale, 3-0 to win the championship.

Peterson decided No. 3 seed J.T. Kozlowski, Junction City, 2-1 for third place.

Broeckelman was seeded No. 1 at 119. In the first round, he pinned



Norton junior Jeremy Harding rides No. 1 seed Nathan Wuthnow, Abilene, during his 10-3 upset of Wuthnow in the 135 pound division of the Clay Center Tournament on Saturday. Harding, who was seeded No. 5, contin-

ued on to win the championship. He was named Norton "Wrestler of the Week", along with Norton's 119 pound sophomore wrestler Nathan Broeckelman.

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more in the third period to win an 11-5 decision.

Sean Nonamaker, Abilene, the No. 2 seed, won a 2-1 decision over Stevens to win third place.

At 103, Keiswetter was seeded No. 2. In the first round, he pinned Cole Emerson, Beloit, in 1:01. In the semi-finals, he decided No. 3 seed Nathan Gile, Clay Center, 5-4 to advance to the championship finals where he lost a 14-1 major decision to No. 1 seed Matt Rein, Abilene.

Gile placed third with a 6-2 decision over No. 4 seed Darin Stroot, Andale.

Due to a shortage of wrestlers at 215 pounds, round robin competition was held. Hillebrand was pinned in 1:12 by Jacob Marrs, Clay Center, was pinned in 1:17 by Jared Bowyer, Junction City and won by injury default over Kris Schneider, Abilene.

Marrs placed first, Bowyer was second, Hillebrand was third and Schneider placed fourth.

Mann was seeded No. 3 at 125 pounds. In the first round, he decided Wade Adams, Beloit, 9-2. In the semi-finals, he lost a 10-2 major decision to No. 2 seed Cory Dreiling, Salina South. In the consolation bracket, he shutout No. 5 seed Colby Lund, Clay Center, 6-0. In the consolation championship match, he lost a 9-1 decision to No. 4 seed Sam Thoman, Andale.

No. 1 seed Tanner Dawson, Abilene, won the championship with a 9-1 major decision over Dreiling.

VanEaton was seeded No. 4 at 145 pounds and drew a first round bye. He decided No. 5 seed Dylon Jenne, Abilene, 6-2 in the quarter-finals but was pinned in 4:48 by No. 1 seed Danny Grater, Clay Center, in the semi-finals. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Socoro Fernandez, Beloit, in 4:38. In the consolation championship match, he lost a 3-0 decision to

Ben Davis, Clay Center, in 3:07. In the semi-finals, he pinned No. 4 seed Kaid Calhoon, Beloit, in 1:19. Broeckelman completed pinning his way through the tournament by making No. 2 seed Zach Davis, Basehor-Linwood, count the lights in 1:50.

Calhoon placed third by pinning No. 3 seed Donny Davidson, Abilene, in 3:48.

At 135, Jeremy Harding was seeded No. 5. In the first round, he decided No. 4 seed Jon Hollis, Salina South, 11-5. In the semi-finals, he wrestled No. 1 seed Nathan Wuthnow, Abilene, and won an impressive 10-3 decision to advance to the championship. He wrestled No. 3 seed Jordan Kolterman, Clay Center, in the finals and dominated him as well, winning 9-2 to earn the gold medal.

Mitch Dill, Junction City, won third place by default when Hollis slammed him to the mat illegally.

Roe was seeded No. 1 at 152 and drew a first round bye. In the semi-finals, he won a 17-2 technical fall over No. 5 seed Jamel Wilcox, Junction City. In the championship finals, Roe received a strong challenge from No. 2 seed Kyle Allen, Clay Center, and edged Allen 3-2 for the gold medal.

In the third place match, Matt Hyman, Beloit, decided No. 3 seed Jayme Hoover, Salina South, 7-5.

Sprigg had to spend a little more time on the mat this Saturday than he had on the previous Saturday in Hoxie, where he spent just 61 seconds pinning three opponents. He was seeded No. 1 and drew a first round bye. In the semi-finals, he needed only 34 seconds to pin No. 4 seed Skylar Stevens, Clay Center. In the championship finals, he wrestled No. 3 seed Elijah Madison, Salina Central. Sprigg trailed 5-3 after one period but scored four points in the second period to take a 7-5 lead and added four

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Salina Central, in 1:34. In the consolation semi-finals, he was pinned by No. 4 seed Nick Newell, Beloit, in 3:45.

Newell won third with a 13-5 major decision over Lacer. No. 1 seed Ross Taplin, Abilene, won the championship with a fall in 3:21 over No. 2 seed Jameon Rush, Clay Center.

At 140, No. 4 seed Pete Eck, Andale, won the championship with a 6-2 decision over No. 3 seed Tracy Jordan, Beloit. No. 1 seed Brendan Lund, Clay Center, placed third with a 4-2 decision over No. 2 seed Josh Peterson, Abilene.

A round robin was held in the 189-pound class. Sean Pietrzyk, Salina South, won the championship, followed by Nate Boyer, Clay Center; Jake Tech, Abilene and Nick Scheer, Andale.

The Norton varsity will begin Mid-Continent League competition on Friday when they travel to Phillipsburg for a dual with the Panthers and Stockton Tigers.

Action will begin at 6 p.m. in the Chuck Newlin Gym with the Norton-Phillipsburg dual, followed by the Norton-Stockton and Phillipsburg-Stockton duals.

On Saturday, the Norton varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will compete in the annual Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament in Goodland, which begins at 9 a.m. Central Time.

Other competing teams will be Burlington, Colo.; Holton; Hoxie; John F. Kennedy, Denver; Junction City; Leoti; Scott City; Smith Center, Tonganoxie and Ulysses.

Teams will be divided into three pools of four teams each. The first, second, third and fourth place teams in each pool will wrestle duals to decide the final team placings. Every team will be guaranteed five duals.

tough 130-pound class. After drawing a first round bye, he lost a 13-1 major decision to No. 3 seed Nick Nothern, Salina South. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Dustin Neff, Abilene, in 3:18. In the consolation semi-finals, he lost a 9-3 decision to No. 4 seed Bradley Esterl, Beloit.

Nothern won third place with a 4-2 decision over Esterl. No. 1 seed Mike Mancuso, Junction City, won the championship with an 11-8 decision over No. 2 seed Simon Orozco, Ellsworth.

Mancuso won the "Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament" award.

Sproul wrestled at 160 and lost his first round match by a fall in 1:39 to No. 3 seed Jason Lacer, Junction City. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Spencer Norris,

Jenne during their second meeting of the day.

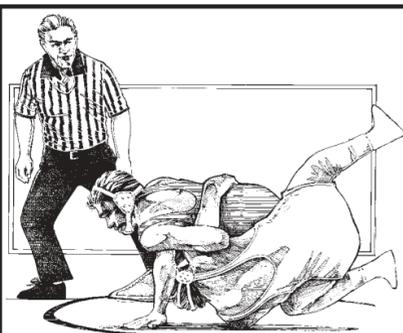
Grater won the championship with a 1-0 decision over No. 2 seed Judd Schroeder, Andale.

At 171 pounds, Stanley was seeded No. 5 and drew a first round bye. In the quarter-finals, he was pinned in 1:36 by No. 4 seed Josh Marrs, Clay Center. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Todd Bell, Basehor-Linwood in 1:30. In the consolation semi-finals, he pinned Cody Linn, Abilene, in 3:31. In the consolation finals, Stanley wrestled Marrs for the second time in the tournament and was pinned in 3:42.

No. 2 seed Bobby Spexarth, Andale, won the championship with a 3-1 decision over No. 1 seed James Wright, Beloit.

Jon Harding wrestled in the

Go, Norton Blue Jays!



Wrestling

Fri., Dec. 17
Norton Blue Jays

VERSUS
Phillipsburg Panthers
and Stockton Tigers

Chuck Newlin Gym, Phillipsburg
Beginning at 6 P.M.
Norton versus Phillipsburg
Norton versus Stockton
Phillipsburg versus Stockton
Saturday, December 18
Beginning at 9 a.m. Central Time
Dual Tournament in Goodland



Basketball

Fri., Dec. 17
Norton Blue Jays

VERSUS
Phillipsburg Panthers

4:00 p.m.
Freshmen Boys and Junior
Varsity Boys Games at Wilmeth
Kirk Memorial Gym, Norton

Freshmen Girls, Junior Varsity Girls,
Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys Games
at NCHS Memorial Gym, Norton

Junior Varsity Boys, Girls Tournament
9 A.M., Saturday, Dec. 18 in Quinter

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Norton students to compete in Punt, Pass and Kick event

Two of Norton's students will be going to the Punt, Pass and Kick Team Championship, in Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday during the Kansas City Chiefs/Denver Broncos game.



D. Dreher

Dakota Dreher and Hayli Bozarth both took first place in their age groups at the sectional competition on Nov. 16 and their scores were high enough to qualify them for the team championship competition.

Bozarth, in the 12-13-year old girls group, scored a 75-foot, 9-inch punt, an 85-foot, 9-inch pass and a 63-foot, 2-inch kick for a total of 224 feet 9 inches.

Dreher, in the 10-11-year old



H. Bozarth

boys group, scored a 70-foot, 7-inch punt, a 74-foot, 9-inch pass and a 89-foot, 5-inch kick for a total score of 234 feet 3 inches.

Also competing in the sectionals was McKenzie Moots.

Norton seventh-grade boys lose to Ellis

The Norton Junior High School seventh-grade boys basketball team lost to Ellis 31-20 on Friday, making their record 5-2.

"We knew Ellis was a very good team as they came in to the game 9-0," said Coach Jim Myers. "We played with them for three quarters, but they just outshot us in the fourth quarter and that was the difference.

"Boy, I couldn't be more proud

of the way our kids played. It was a great effort by our kids. Boy, it hurts to lose games like this. It was an outstanding seventh grade game."

J.D. Gall led scoring with 8, followed by Kaenon Keiswetter, 5; Marcus Herman, 3; Landon Camel, 2; and Ashton Draper, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Keiswetter and Hamel with four apiece, Corey Lewis and Draper

with two each, and Gall, Adam Myers, Conner Pfannenstiel, Herman and Grant McClymont with one apiece.

Steals were made by Keiswetter and Lewis, two each; Gall, Hamel, and Herman, one apiece.

The junior varsity won 13-5.

Scoring were McClymont, 5; and Chris Maddy and Robert Defauf, 4 apiece.