

Hays High, Kearney victims of 'Jay wrestlers

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School wrestling team defeated Hays High 67-9, then had to wrestle exceptionally well to edge Kearney, Neb. 30-27 in duals wrestled Tuesday evening in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

In the third dual, Kearney dominated Hays High 57-21.

It was "Senior Night" and Norton's senior wrestlers and student managers and their parents were introduced to the large crowd. Each wrestler and manager presented a flower to their mothers. Blue Jay senior wrestlers are Jared Bebb, Nathan Broeckelman, Jordan Durham, Kent Mann, Shane Stanley, Blake VanEaton and Michael Ward. Senior managers are Morgan Kauten and Jessica Sprigg.

Hays

Norton won 12 matches, 10 of them by pins in the victory over Hays High.

"The dual with Hays was lackluster," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

"It was a good warmup for the Kearney dual. I told our wrestlers that the next dual would be a lot different and it was."

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel won an 18-7 major decision over Logan Arnhold.

•112 — Kaenon Keiswetter won a 7-1 decision over Zach Calvin.

•119 — Zane Perez pinned Nathan Hulvey in 4:58.

•125 — Zach Bainter pinned Edgar Vallejo in 1:19.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Jon Baumfalk in 1:31.

•135 — Kent Mann pinned Nathan Augustine in 1:28.

•140 — Aaron Husted pinned Zane Wickham in 5:38.

•145 — Jeff Soderlund pinned Harley Haynes in 1:16.

•152 — Blake VanEaton pinned Cade Watts in 1:20.

•160 — Todd Bolt pinned Alex McKune in 3:01.

•171 — Matt Stanley pinned Tyler Kruse in 2:35.

•189 — Coady McMullen was pinned in 1:22 by John Cook.

•215 — Shane Stanley lost a 16-9 decision to Danny Smyl.

•285 — Alex Thomas pinned Blake Pruter in 1:25.

Junior varsity

•112 — Andrew Soderlund pinned Luke McCampbell in 5:49.

•112 — Phillip Becker as pinned in 3:55 by Casey Compton.

•135 — Breyer Simmons pinned Chase Scheibler in 35 seconds.

•135 — Michael Ward won a 7-3 decision over Jordan Arias.

•140 — Travis Ray pinned Sean Nixon in 1:34.

•145 — Jordan Bebb pinned Carey Jordan in 3:24.

•145 — Logan Kelly pinned Tim Brier in 8 seconds.

•145 — Casey Robison lost a 13-12 decision to Carey Jordan.

•152 — Austin Brown pinned J.T. Thiede in 1:56.

•152 — Tyler Cook was pinned in 2:31 by J.T. Thiede.

•189 — Robert Derauf pinned Mike Aspedon in 1:12.

•189 — Alan Robinson pinned Mike Aspedon in 3:06.

Kearney

As coach Johnson had predicted, the dual between Norton, ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 3-2-1A, and Kearney, ranked No. 3 in the state of Nebraska in the largest enrollment class, was a real barnburner.

Norton took the early lead and was ahead 24-3 after the first six matches, having lost just one. Kearney won the next two matches to make the score 24-12. The Blue Jays won the next match to extend their lead to 27-12 but Kearney was victorious in the next four matches to tie the score at 27-27.

Only the 285 pound match remained and a dual win by Norton rested on the broad shoulders of junior Alex Thomas. He had a close match with Kearney's Taylor Foss and edged him 7-5 to bring victory to Norton as the enthusiastic Blue Jay fans roared their approval!

"We needed a battle like that," said coach Johnson. "And it was a fun battle. To come out on top is great."

"It appeared to come down to one match but it really didn't. It was a total team effort. Everybody contributed to the win. We were behind in several matches and came back to win."

"Kearney brings in quality

wrestlers who compete well against us. Win or lose it is good for us to wrestle them. They give us variety in our competition."

•103 — Connor Pfannenstiel won by forfeit.

•112 — Kaenon Keiswetter won a 7-3 decision over Tim Crocker.

•119 — Zane Perez won a 3-2 decision over Jerek Patterson.

•125 — Zach Bainter lost an 8-7 decision to Bradon Bimply.

•130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Islam Abitov in 5:30.

•135 — Kent Mann pinned Brandon Nehjar in 1:29.

•140 — Aaron Husted was pinned in 32 seconds by Daniel Rodriquez.

•145 — Jeff Soderlund lost a 2-1 decision to Warner Phipps.

•152 — Blake VanEaton won a 3-2 decision over Justin Dekok.

•160 — Todd Bolt was pinned in 1:39 by Jon Pearson.

•171 — Jordan Durham lost an 8-2 decision to Michael Shafer.

•189 — Coady McMullen lost an 8-2 decision to Derek Wilke.

•215 — Shane Stanley lost a 3-2 decision to Nathan Welch.

•285 — Alex Thomas won a 7-5 decision over Taylor Foss.

Junior varsity

•112 — Andrew Soderlund lost a 7-1 decision to Brittan Matson.

•119 — Phillip Becker was pinned in 34 seconds by Collin Rees.

•140 — Travis Ray pinned Cole Wilke in 3:51.

•145 — Jordan Bebb pinned Thomas O'Callaghan in 2:26.

•152 — Austin Brown was pinned in 58 seconds by Nick Rimpley.

•152 — Tyler Cook was pinned in 1:33 by Mike Butler.

•152 — Jared Bebb pinned Willie Gabel in 5:40.

•160 — Matt Stanley won a 15-8 decision over Sean Cherry.

•189 — Robert Derauf was pinned in 2:50 by Ashtan Holland.

Next action

Norton will travel to Plainville this evening for Mid-Continent League duals with Plainville and Ellis, beginning at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, the Norton varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will compete in the annual Panther Classic in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9 a.m.

Elmwood race schedule announced

By MIKE HUGHES

NORTON — Promoters Don and Paula Bolt have announced the 2007 race schedule at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton. The season kicks off on Saturday, March 24, at 4 p.m. with the annual Frost Fest, and the 13-race schedule concludes with championship night on Saturday, Aug. 25.

The new 4-cylinder 'Young Guns' division will join the IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars, IMCA Hobby Stocks and Cruisers on the half-mile oval. The Mod Lites will return twice this year, and the GOTRA (Good Ol' Timers Racing Association) also

makes a return appearance.

Race time will be 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact the Bolts at (785) 678-2416 or (785) 678-8037.

2007 Schedule

Friday, March 23, Practice 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, Frost Fest, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 7, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Saturday, May 19, Mod Lites

Saturday, May 26

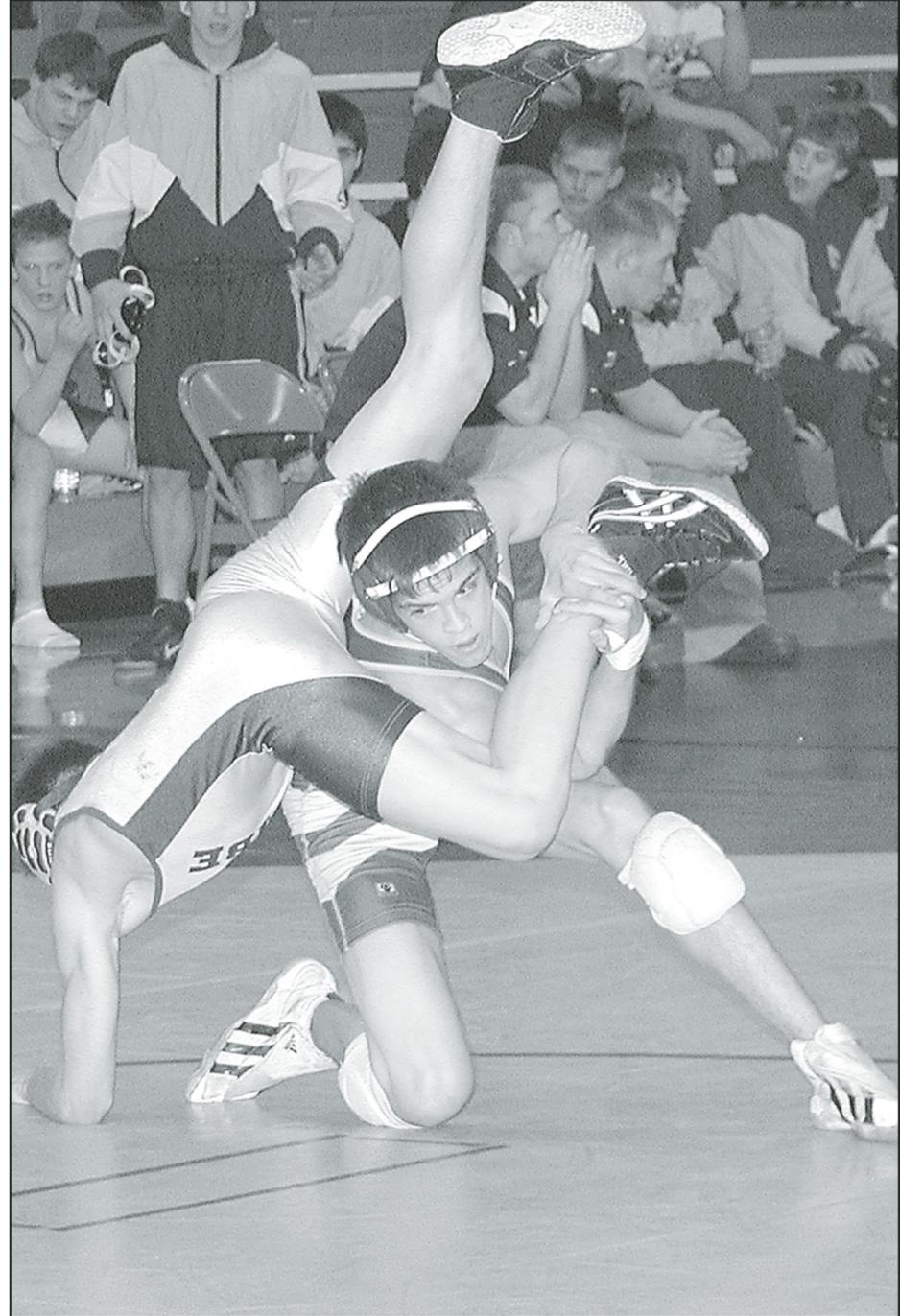
Saturday, June 9

Saturday, June 16, GOTRA

Saturday, July 28, Fair
Sunday, July 29, Fair 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 18, Mod Lites
Saturday, Aug. 25

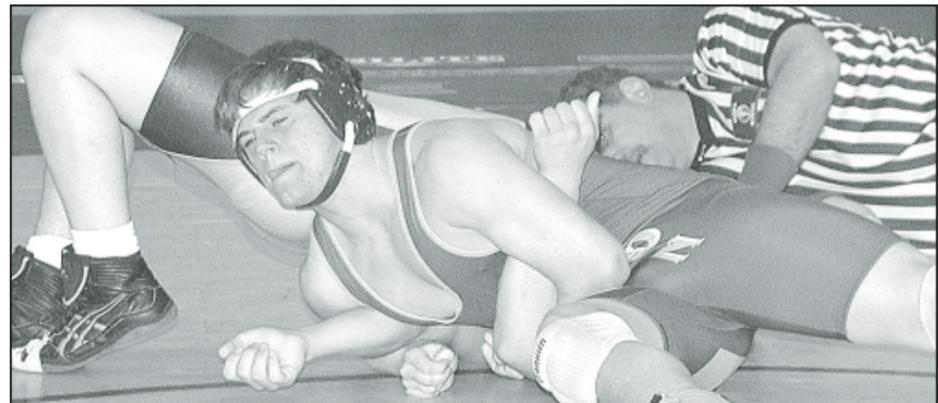
C-team game time changed

The Norton Community High School C-team girls basketball team will host Colby in the Stull Gymnasium on Monday at 4 p.m., instead of the previously announced 6 p.m. There will be no boys contest.



Norton freshman Zane Perez turned Nathan Hulvey every which way but loose before pinning him in 4:58 of their 119-pound match during the Blue Jays' dual win over Hays High in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on Tuesday.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton sophomore Matt Stanley applied extra pressure to pin Tyler Kruse, Hays, in 2:35 of their 171-pound match during the Blue Jays' dual win over Hays High in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on Tuesday.

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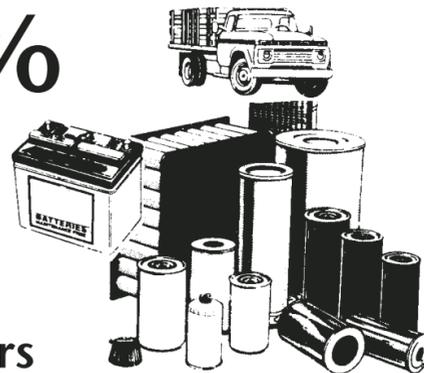
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