



No other community could match the enthusiasm of the Norton Community High School fans on Friday and Saturday as they cheered their Blue Jays on to the Class 3-2-1A State Championship in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. They cheered loudly and often for the dedicated and hard-working Norton wrestlers who earned their second straight state title!

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# Norton Blue Jays win State wrestling

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John Risewick was a state champion last season as a freshman.

Brett Terrell was a state tournament qualifier as a sophomore and just missed qualifying for the state tournament last season.

Billy Broeckelman placed fourth in the state tournament last year, was a state qualifier as a sophomore and placed runner-up in the state tournament as a freshman.

#### Coach's comments

"I'm really, really happy with the way we wrestled," said coach Johnson.

"To have the championship won after Friday was a pretty nice accomplishment.

"We had only four losses the entire tournament, not counting Billy Broeckelman's unfortunate injury default.

"This group of seniors was very special. They just went out and won this title with several of them being individual champions as well.

"We had a lot of pressure on our wrestlers because, year after year, people expect a lot from them. We didn't let the pressure get to us and we came in very relaxed and performed admirably.

"I hope people in town don't take it for granted that we will do this well every year because it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to reach this level. We definitely had it this year.

"Our wrestlers who won a second state title, Troy and 'Tug', are in a very elite group. We have had a lot of individual state champions but less than 15 of them have won two titles. Sometimes it's hard to get a second one.

"Troy is also in an elite group of four state medalists. He joins his brother, Zach, as a four-time state placer.

"Many thanks to all my assistant coaches, the administration,

parents and all others for your support this season."

Norton's assistant coaches again this season were Doug Ray, Shane Miller and Tony Fiscus.

Student manager again this season was Juliana Miller.

**"Wrestlers of the Week"**  
**In recognition of their State Championship performance, the Norton coaches named the entire Norton wrestling team as "Wrestlers of the Week"**

#### Individual matches

103 - Norton freshman Branson Addington lost an 11-3 major decision to Clint Rogers, Smith Center. In the consolation bracket, he won a 15-0 technical fall over Ben Meyer, Sabetha, but then lost a 6-4 decision to Dakota Kohler, Phillipsburg, to end his season.

Branson finished his first season with a record of 12-15.

Colt Skillman, Burlington, won the championship with a 4-0 decision over Trey Francka, Chase County. Josh Goepfert, Marysville, placed third with a 3-0 decision over Rogers. Kohler placed fifth by pinning Brady Lowell, Belleville, in 1:45.

Skillman finished the season 37-1 and Francka was 33-4.

112 - Norton sophomore John Risewick won a 7-1 decision over Justin Wagner, Effingham; won a 13-7 decision over Cody Ray, Eureka; won a 10-6 decision over Dayton Dreher, Oberlin to reach the championship finals.

He wrestled Clay Mulligan, Scott City, in the finals in a repeat of the regional championship match where Mulligan won 4-2 in overtime. This time Risewick trailed 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two periods and lost by the same 4-2 score to place runner-up.

Dreher placed third with an 8-0 decision over Hunter Speer, Horton. Joey Defore, Dexter, placed fifth with a 5-4 decision over Ray.

Risewick finished the season 30-7. Mulligan was 32-2, Speer was 32-4.

119 - Dylan Schumacher, Thomas More Prep of Hays, won his third state championship in as many years. He pinned Steven Howard, Eureka, in 3:40. Alex Kough, Scott City, placed third with a 5-3 decision over Kasey Biddle, Burden-Central. Drew Jones, Hoxie, placed fifth with a 4-3 decision over Braden Sahlfeld, Beloit.

Schumacher finished the season 38-2, Howard was 31-3 and Kough was 26-5.

125 - Brogan Humphrey, Fredonia, won the championship with a 2-1 decision over Calvin Ochs, Hoxie. Zach Hoehn, Wellsville, won third place with a 5-0 overtime win over Brent Juenemann, Oberlin. Cole Werner, Plainville, placed fifth with a 14-5 major decision over Bowe Behymer, Beloit.

Humphrey finished the season 42-1, Ochs was 36-5, Hoehn was 41-4 and Werner was 36-5.

130 - Norton senior Troy Bainter won a 14-0 major decision over Stetson Deeds, Burden-Central; pinned Austin Cadwell, Marysville, in 3:19 and won a 9-2 decision over Riley Soward, Halstead, to reach the championship finals.

He wrestled Seth Miller, Goodland, in a repeat of the regional finals where Troy won 5-0. In this match, Troy led 2-0 after one period, 5-0 after two periods and won the title with the same 5-0 decision.

Soward placed third with a 7-4 decision over Gage Younger, Ellis. Brody Carroll, Marion, placed fifth with a 6-0 decision over Jacob Schroeder, Silver Lake.

Bainter finished the season with a 35-2 record. Soward was 36-2 and Miller was 40-6.

135 - Norton senior Brett Terrell pinned Kevin Street, Lincoln, in 1:43; pinned Darrin Walters,

St. Mary's, in :40 and decided Eddie Creek, Marysville, 7-2 to reach the championship finals versus Tegen Lambotte, Rossville. It was a very close match with the score tied 3-3 after one period and 5-5 after two periods. Lambotte took the win in the third period which ended with an 11-7 decision to place Terrell runner-up.

Third place went to Dalton Davis, Lakin, with a 3-0 decision over Kade Brown, Oberlin. Jorge Casiano, Lyons, placed fifth with a 5-3 overtime decision over Creek.

Terrell finished the season with a 24-3 record. Lambotte was 48-2 and Davis was 32-3.

140 - Norton senior Billy Broeckelman pinned David Munday, Caney Valley, in :55 and won an 18-2 technical fall over Gregg Clarke, Lyons. In the championship semi-finals, he wrestled Alex Thibault, Halstead.

It was a very close match and Billy was trailing 1-0 in the second period when the wrestlers hit heads and Billy was knocked unconscious for a short time. He injury defaulted that match and the next two to place sixth.

Kale Newell, Smith Center, won the championship with a 7-3 decision over Thibault. Kiefer Hurla, Rossville, placed third with a 9-4 decision over Riley Hunsicker, Ellis. Jared Johnson, Pleasant Ridge, placed fifth by default over Broeckelman.

Broeckelman finished the season 30-9. Newell finished 35-1, Thibault 35-2, Hunsicker 34-6 and Johnson 34-5.

145 - Sheldon Graves, Rossville, won the championship with a 3-0 decision over Ky Biddle, Burden-Central. Dalton Snyder, Hoxie, placed third with a 3-2 decision over Dalton Paul, Scott City. Nathan Deeds, Goodland, finished fifth with a 6-2 decision over Dalton Bell, Hoisington.

Graves finished the season

44-3, Biddle was 35-1 and Snyder was 34-5.

152 - Thomas Rachow, Phillipsburg, won the championship with a 3-2 decision over Tyler McMichael, Burden-Central. Dylan Bainter, Hoxie, placed third with an 8-3 decision over Mark Smith, Rossville. Nick Wuthnow, Sacred Heart, finished fifth with a 7-2 decision over Connor Hewitt, Beloit.

Rachow finished the season 38-2 and McMichael finished 33-2.

160 - Norton senior Landon "Tug" Keiswetter pinned Kyler Atwood, Smith Center, in 5:47; pinned Sam Watt, Caney Valley, in 2:33 and won an 11-0 major decision over Braden Mayes, Beloit, to reach the championship finals. He wrestled Jesse LaMay, Wellsville. After one period "Tug" led 2-0 and he expanded it to 8-0 after two periods and won a 12-4 major decision to earn the gold medal.

Mayes placed third with a 5-3 decision over Nathan Becker, Garden Plain. Derek Tyler, St. Mary's, placed fifth with a 6-4 overtime decision over Nathan Hanna, Hill City.

Keiswetter finished the season 36-2.

171 - Norton senior Spencer Shirk pinned Harvey Webster, Sabetha, in 2:21; won a 16-1 technical fall over Eric Hellerud, Hoisington and won a 4-2 decision over Zach Eaton, Smith Center, to reach the championship finals. He wrestled Brock Long, Southeast of Saline, one of two wrestlers who entered the tournament undefeated.

Long brought a 34-0 record into the title match with Shirk. Spencer was equal to the occasion. After a scoreless first period, Shirk took a 2-0 lead in the second period and held it through the third period to win 2-0 and earn the championship.

Eaton placed third with a 5-3

decision over Riley Denny, Caney Valley. Kyle White, Horton, finished fifth with a 13-5 major decision over Jason Berggren, Oakley.

Shirk completed the season 33-3.

Long was 34-1 after his loss to Shirk. Eaton finished 31-3, Denny was 42-5 and White was 31-3.

189 - Tate Omli, El Saline, won the championship with an 11-4 decision over Colt Castlebury, Douglass. Tyler Lowe, Eureka, placed third with a 6-2 decision over Laine Herl, Goodland. Josh McDowell, Smith Center, finished fifth with a 6-1 decision over Jesse Campbell, Wellsville.

Omli finished the season 38-1, Castlebury was 28-2 and Lowe was 31-3.

215 - Luke Hayes, Scott City, won the championship by pinning Adam Guthmiller, St. Francis, in a rematch of their regional title match where Guthmiller won a 9-8 decision. Sione Siale, Chaparral, placed third by pinning Thomas Lowe, Eureka, in 3:41. Jacob English, Beloit, finished fifth by pinning Dustin Bayless, Caney Valley, in 4:56.

Hayes finished the season 39-4, Guthmiller was 36-3, Siale was 42-2 and Lowe was 20-4.

285 - Dillon Salmans, Hoxie, successfully defended last season's state title by edging Tyler White, Cimarron, 3-2. White handed Salmans his first loss of the season to win the regional championship.

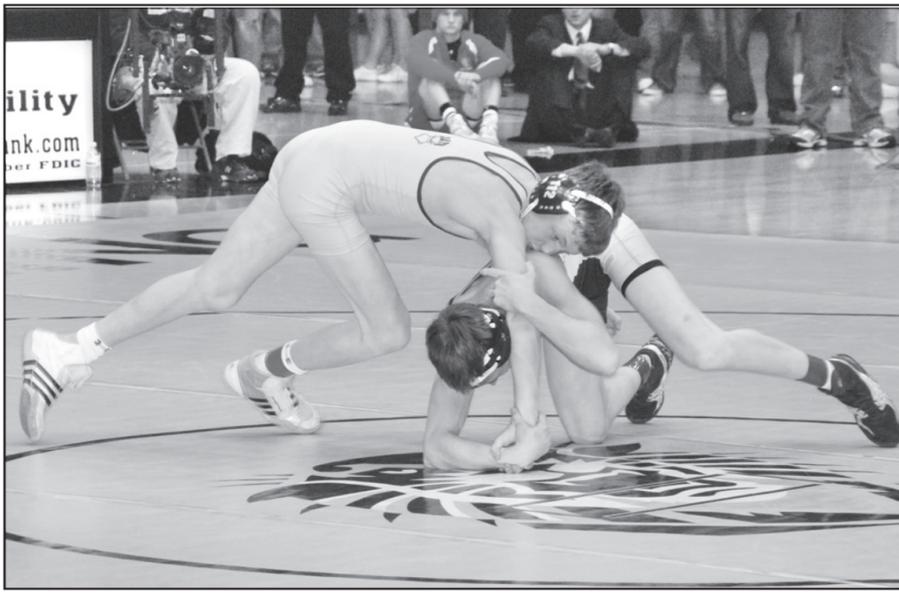
Clay Wilcox, Chaparral, placed third with a 3-1 decision over Josh Martinez, Marysville. Dakota Denny, Caney Valley, finished fifth by pinning Trevin Edelman, Sabetha, in 1:44.

Salmans finished the season 36-1, White was 31-2, Wilcox was 39-2 and Martinez was 31-5.



Blue Jay senior Brett Terrell hip heists for a one point escape during his 135 pound state championship match versus Tegen Lambotte, Rossville, in Hays on Saturday evening. The match was tied 5-all after two periods but Lambotte got enough extra points in the third period to win 11-7, placing Terrell the runner-up. Terrell finished the season 24-3 and Lambotte was 48-2.

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Norton sophomore 112 pound wrestler John Risewick scores two points on a takedown of Clay Mulligan, Scott City, during the state championship finals on Saturday evening in Hays. Risewick and Mulligan met for the Regional championship the week before in Goodland and Mulligan won both matches by a close 4-2 score to make Risewick the runner-up in both cases. Risewick finished the season 30-7 and Mulligan finished 32-2.

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