

Norton JV Wrestling season opens with victory at Alma tournament

By Dick Boyd
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 The Norton Community High School second team wrestlers opened the 2011-12 season on Monday evening with an impressive championship finish in the varsity Alma Invitational Tournament.

The Blue Jays scored 127 points to easily outdistance runner-up Overton, who scored 89 points. They were followed by Wilcox Hildreth, 80; Pleasanton, 74; Hitchcock Co.-Wauneta Palisade, 72; Eustis Farnam, 40; Alma, 39; Southern Valley, 37; Unattached, 14.

All ten Norton wrestlers placed in the tournament.

Winning championships were freshman Caysean Campbell, 106; freshman Dalton Vanover, 120; freshman Jared Tallent, 132; and freshman Stewart Whitney, 160.

Placing runner-up were sophomore Toby Nickell, 138; freshman Kendall Miller, 145 and freshman Lance Armbrister, 182. In third place were freshman Derek Row, 126 and freshman Christian Boser, 152. Finishing in fourth place was sophomore Garret Otter, 113.

Coach's comments
 "Even though some brackets were small, the Alma Invitational is a good tournament for our second team to begin competition," said Norton assistant wrestling coach Shane Miller. "Our second team, composed of eight freshmen and two sophomores, competed very well in this varsity round robin tournament.

"In the lower weights, Caysean Campbell and Garret Otter were in four and five man round robins, respectively. Garret finished 2-3 for fourth place while Caysean went 4-0 to win the gold medal at 106 pounds. Caysean had three pins and

in the finals, had a dominant 7-0 decision over Linemann of Alma. Dalton Vanover was in some exciting matches as well at 120. Dalton opened the tournament with a high scoring comeback to win 15-11. If that wasn't enough, he trailed in his second match and again had a late rally for the 4-3 victory.

"Our middleweights will be very competitive as well. Due to the competition being on Monday after being postponed from Saturday, several of our boys bumped up a weight class. Nebraska State qualifiers challenged Jared Tallent, Toby Nickell and Kendall Miller. Jared opened the tournament with an exciting 4-3 win over state qualifier and No.1 seed Ethan Enochs of Overton. Jared finished the remainder of the day with two pins.

"After a year away from the sport, Toby Nickell started his high school wrestling career with a close 3-0 loss to state qualifier KC Defillips of Overton. Toby also finished the tournament with two second period pins.

At 145, Kendall Miller started the tournament with a dominating 15-5 decision over his opponent from Hitchcock County and lost a hard fought battle to state medalist Aaron Winberg of Pleasanton.

"I was very excited for Stewart Whitney and Lance Armbrister. Stewart has never wrestled before this year and Lance had limited action in junior high. Lance went 1-1 for a second place finish and Stewart wrestled the best two out of three versus a Southern Valley opponent to win the championship."

Next action
 The Norton second team will compete today, Friday, Dec. 9 in the Southern Valley Invitational in Oxford, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Clearing the way



After several inches of snow fell across the area over the weekend, Norton street department crews spent a good part of Tuesday clearing snow from the middle of the downtown streets. When snow falls in town, it is pushed to the middle of the streets, then cleared away with end loaders and dump trucks. The snow is transported to an open lot just south of Elmwood Park where it is piled up, out of the way of motorists and pedestrians.

—Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Northern Valley basketball bounces back with 47-44 victory over Hodgeman County Tuesday

By Mike Stephens
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Northern Valley's varsity boys' basketball team, fueled by Sophomore Jordan Baird's 18 points, bounced back nicely from its season opening loss to defeat Hodgeman County 47 to 44 Tuesday night.

The Huskies came out of the gate a little slow. Baird scored six of Northern Valley's nine first quarter points and trailed Hodgeman County 12-9.

In the second quarter, the Huskies were led by seniors

Gunnar Hays and Daniel Field. Hays knocked down two 3-pointers in the frame and Field converted on six of eight free throws as the Huskies went into halftime tied with Hodgeman County at 25.

Both teams came out flat in the third quarter. Northern Valley outscored Hodgeman County 6 to 5, and led by one entering the fourth quarter.

Both teams heated up in the final quarter but Baird proved to be the difference scoring nine of his 18 points in the fourth.

The Huskies earn their first victory of the season, edging out Hodgeman County 47 to 44.

Huskies Head Coach Chuck Fessenden was pleased with his team's effort.

"We showed quite a bit of improvement over our first game. We were able to cut our turnovers down to 17. We shot better from both the field and the line," said Fessenden.

Daniel Field and Tyler Montgomery led the Huskies with nine rebounds each.

Archery club hosts calling contest

To help support youth shooting sports in the area, the Norton Archery Club will be hosting a calling contest for coyotes, bobcats and crows on Saturday, Dec. 17.

The cost of registration is \$30 per two-person team and teams must pre-register before 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. The cost of registration includes a meal Saturday night and each contestant entered into a drawing for a Romania AK 47 gun.

The calling hours will be one half before sunrise to sunset. Callers may use any legal means to call and shoot coyotes, bobcats and crows as allowed by state hunting regulations.

The winners are determined by points, with coyotes earning 10 points, bobcats earning 12 points and crows earning three points. The team with the most points will win and ties will be determined by earliest registration.

Trophies will be awarded to the top team with a 70 percent payback to the top five teams. Awards will also be given for the largest coyote and the most crows.

Check in time will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 in the south parking lot at Attitudes.

For more information, contact Rick McChesney at 785-202-2468 or John Baker at 785-877-3253.

Department seeking employer award nominations

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency, encourages Guard and Reserve members to nominate their supportive employers for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award as only five weeks remain until the deadline. The Freedom Award is the department's highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members.

As our nation faces ongoing national security demands, it is critically important to recognize employers that go above and beyond in their support of Guard and Reserve members and promote their support as a model for others to follow.

More than 1,700 service members have submitted nominations since Nov. 1; 23 of those nominations came from Kansas Guard and Reserve members.

Service members who have yet to nominate their employers are urged to do so now. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil through Jan. 16.

The 2012 recipients will be announced in early summer and honored in Washington, DC during a special ceremony next fall. All employers - large, small and public - are eligible for nomination. Recipients for the 2011 Freedom Award included diverse employers such as an automotive industry leader, national financial services company, two sheriff's departments, an Arizona town, and a church.

Correction

Norton School Superintendent Greg Mann was recently inducted into the Kansas Wrestling Hall of Fame. We apologize for some omissions in the story about his honor where some important words were left out. Greg and wife Brenda's sons, Kale and Kai, were very capable wrestlers and their two daughters, Keira and Klaire, were the statisticians and team managers. Both sons were Kids State Tournament placers and eldest son Kale was a state runner-up in the Class 3-2-

1A State Tournament.

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Andbe Home	\$1,800.00	Airports	\$2,900.00
Appraiser's Cost	\$13,944.29	Solid Waste	\$37,051.52
County Health	\$35,362.31	DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00
Economic Development	\$9,984.40	Economic Dev Cap Outlay	\$842.10
Election	\$2,438.35	Monsanto Grant	\$1,235.00
Employee Benefits	\$83,925.67	Reg Deeds Tech Fund	\$1,235.00
Fair Building	\$750.00	911 TAX	\$2,980.92
4-H Maintenance	\$462.24	Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	\$41.30
Historical Preservation	\$375.00	Co. Attorney Diversion	\$798.77
Hospital Maintenance	\$9,000.00	*Court Trustee - State	\$16,070.82
Mental Health	\$2,500.00	*Court Trustee - Local	\$353.90
Mental Retardation	\$5,000.00	*Case Management	\$21,208.35
Noxious Weed	\$14,996.92	*JISP	\$19,859.88
Senior Citizens	\$3,750.00	*Diversion	\$10,658.80
Soil Conservation	\$1,000.00	*Juvenile Intake	\$8,570.78

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