

# Norton wins Northwest Kansas Tournament

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Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team won the championship of the first annual Northwest Kansas Tournament of Champions hosted by Oberlin on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Sixteen teams competed in the tournament which started a year ago as a competition between the Northwest Kansas and Mid-Continent League.

The Blue Jays totaled 196.5 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 171; Plainville, 164.5; Oberlin, 160; Hoxie, 142; Smith Center, 138; Oakley, 112; St. Francis, 97; Atwood, 63; Leoti, 61; Hill City, 57; Trego, 44; Ellis, 34.5; Tribune, 21; Stockton, 20; Osborne, 3.

Despite the name change, the only new teams competing this year were Leoti and Tribune.

Nine of Norton's 11 wrestlers placed in their weight divisions.

Winning gold medals were Alec Hager, 126; John Risewick, 132; and Gavin Lively, 145. Finishing runner-up were Ethan Ross, 113 and Jared Tal- lent, 138.

Caysean Campbell, 106 and Branson Addington, 120, each placed third. Fourth place went to Lucas Engel, 220 and Kolton Harting, 182, finished in fifth.

Also competing for the Blue Jays were Jared Bohl, 152 and Kendall Miller, 160.

"We wrestled outstanding in this tournament," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

"We're definitely getting better."

Junior Branson Addington, 120 and senior John Risewick, 132, were each awarded Norton's "Wrestler of the Week" recognition for outstanding performances in leading the Blue Jays to the team title.

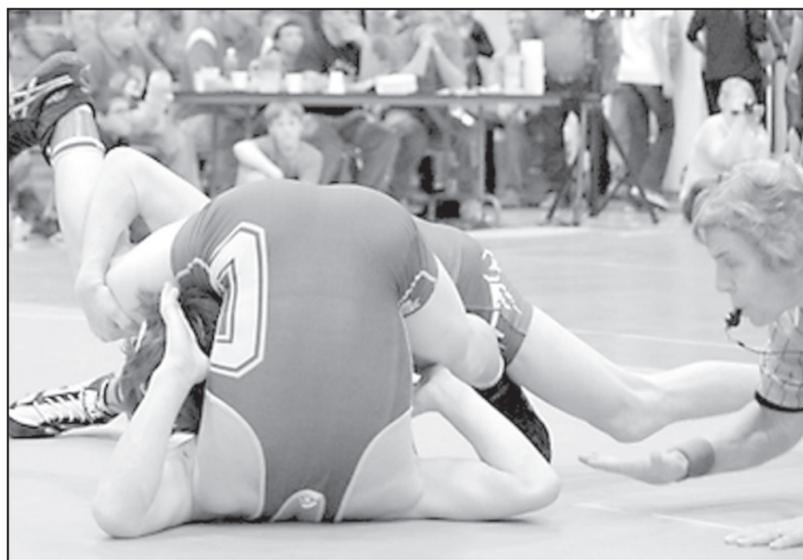
"Addington wrestled his way out of the No.7 seed to place third in this very tough tournament," said coach Johnson.

"Risewick was seeded No.2 but defeated No.1 seed Dayton Dreher, Oberlin, for the championship."

The Norton wrestlers compiled an outstanding won-loss record with 31 wins and just 12 losses. Their pin ratio was also excellent with 17 pins for wins and only 6 losses by pins.



Norton senior John Risewick completes one of three takedowns of No.1 seed Dayton Dreher, Oberlin, during his upset of Dreher to win the 132 pound championship in the Northwest Kansas Tournament of Champions. - Telegram photo by Angie Hager



There was no doubt in the official's mind that Macoy, Oakley was pinned by Norton's Branson Addington during their 120 pound consolation semi-finals of the North-

## Norton individual results

106 - Caysean Campbell pinned Shea Ward, Stockton, in :34; pinned Daniel Lerew, Oberlin, in 1:49; was pinned in :17 by Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg; won by injury default over Joey McFee, Atwood and placed third with a 10-3 decision over Gunner Kerns, Plainville.

113 - Ethan Ross received a bye, pinned Zach Davis, Phillipsburg, in 1:36; won a 15-0 tech fall over Isaac Stone, Tribune, and was pinned in :35 by

Troy Juenemann, Oberlin, to finish runner-up.

120 - Branson Addington won an 8-0 major decision over Drake Rowh, Hoxie; lost by an 8-2 decision to Gage Pfeifer, Hill City; pinned Gabe Anderson, Oberlin; pinned Trevor Houser, Plainville, in 1:12; pinned Macoy Rains, Oakley, and won third by forfeit over Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg. Addington did not wrestle Juenemann due to the five match limit and, since Juenemann lost

west Kansas Tournament of Champions. Addington had a satisfied look on his face in the accompanying photo. - Telegram photo by Angie Hager

to Rains, Addington was awarded third place.

126 - Alec Hager pinned Evan Ridder, Leoti, in :43; won a 13-3 major decision over Isaiah Fabrizius, Trego; pinned Clay Cassaw, St. Francis, in 1:58 and won a 9-1 major decision over Trevor Axelson, Plainville, to win the championship.

132 - John Risewick pinned Nathaniel Hamel, Hill City, in 1:36; won a 12-0 major decision over Austin White, St. Francis; won a 5-1 decision over Ca-

leb Studley, Phillipsburg and won an 8-6 decision over Dayton Dreher, Oberlin, to win the championship.

138 - Jared Tallent received a bye, pinned Tristan Houser, Plainville, in :01; won a 15-2 major decision over Kyle Helberg, Hill City and lost a 5-2 decision to Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, to finish runner-up.

145 - Gavin Lively pinned Colter Stoll, Oakley, in :56; won a 7-2 decision over Isaac Coomes, Phillipsburg; pinned

Shelton McCain, Atwood, and pinned Trevor Desair, Plainville, in :54 to win the championship.

152 - Jared Bohl received a bye; was pinned in 1:34 by Kade Brown, Oberlin; pinned Tyler Lowry, Trego, in :17 and lost a 3-1 overtime match to Mikey Leibbrandt, St. Francis.

160 - Kendall Miller received a bye; was pinned in :56 by Calvin Ochs, Hoxie and lost a 4-0 decision to Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg.

182 - Kolton Harting received a bye, was pinned in 1:00 by Steven Yergey-Dible, Hoxie; pinned Grant Gilliam, Oberlin, in :15; pinned Anthony Merida, Atwood, in 1:43; lost a 3-1 decision to Andrew Malin, Plainville and pinned Jacey Minkler, Phillipsburg, in 1:31 to place fifth.

220 - Lucas Engel received a bye; pinned Mason Rains, Oakley; was pinned in 1:11 by Channing Fortin, Oberlin; won a 5-2 decision over Seth Boswell, Phillipsburg and lost a 4-3 decision to Skyler Mason, Leoti, to place fourth.

## Next action

Norton varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will compete in a Mid-Continent League dual today in Smith Center, beginning at 6 p.m.

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

Participating teams, in addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, will be Abilene, Beloit, Ellis, Ellsworth, Hill City, Hoisington, Hoxie, Lakin, Larned, Lincoln, Marysville, Minneapolis, St. Francis, Stockton and Thomas More Prep-Hays.

Medals will be awarded to the top four places in each weight class for varsity and junior varsity. Plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.

The wrestler voted by team coaches as the "Outstanding Wrestler" will receive a plaque and certificate. This award is presented in honor of Chuck Lovenstein, who started the Panther Classic in the 1970s, as a way to continue his love in wrestling.

# Huskies bring home a win against Rexford Bulldogs

By Mike Stephens

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The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team traveled to Rexford on Friday, Jan. 25, beating the Bulldogs of Golden Plains by seven points, 63-56.

In the first quarter, the Huskies got off to a decent start. Senior Phillip Compton scored six points on three buckets and junior Jordan Baird scored four points on a field goal and hitting two of three from the free throw line. Senior Tyson Callaway and junior Ian Vincent scored two points each on field goals. The Bulldogs kept pace with 3-point baskets from sophomore Joe Koerperich and senior Grant Spresser, but trailed the Huskies by three points, 14-11, to start the second quarter.

The Bulldogs duplicated their efforts in the second quarter scoring 11 points, five of which came from their leading scorer junior Tristan Schwarz. The

Huskies, however, had a little more fire power. Compton again scored six points on three field goals. Ian Vincent was good for four points on two baskets, sophomore Matt Stutsman hit a 3-pointer and junior Hunter Chandler had three points on a basket and hitting one of two from the line and sophomore Clint Cole had one point, converting one of two free throw attempts. The Huskies built a nine point lead, 31-22, going into the break.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs continued to lean on Schwarz for points. He scored seven of the Bulldogs 14 points in the quarter, converting on three field goal attempts, including a 3-pointer. The Huskies had a more balanced attack with Baird burying two 3-pointers and Senior Jon Compton scoring five points on two baskets, including a 3-pointer. Cole, Callaway, Chandler and sophomore Brant Cox each scored a basket

as well, extending the Huskies lead to 14 points, 50-36, going into the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs put a scare into the Huskies with a fourth quarter charge. Spresser scored seven points, including a 3-pointer, senior Camron Spresser and junior Shayne Ryburn had three points each on a basket and a free throw. Schwarz, Koerperich and senior Andrew Luna added two points each, and senior Jose Bermudez had one point, hitting one of two from the free throw line. The Huskies went a little cold in the fourth. Cole and Stutman scored a basket and two free throws for four points each. Chandler had three points on a bucket and a free throw, and Callaway and Baird added one point each from the charity stripe. Huskies held off the Bulldogs comeback bid from the free throw line, converting on seven of 12 attempts in the quarter for a seven point victory, 63-56, over the Bulldogs.

"This game got a little closer than we would have liked. We had a nine point lead at half and felt like it should have been much larger. We had missed quite a few close shots," said head coach Chuck Fessenden.

"We built the lead to 14 points at the end of the third quarter, but we let Golden Plains get to within two (points) before we got it back to seven (points) at the end. The past several games we have been scoring better," said Fessenden.

Huskies scoring: Phillip Compton - 12 points, Jordan Baird - 11 points, Hunter Chandler - 8 points, Clint Cole - 7 points, Matt Stutsman - 7 points, Ian Vincent - 6 points, Tyson Callaway - 5 points, Jon Compton - 5 points, Brant Cox - 2 points.

Bulldogs scoring: Tristan Schwarz - 16 points, Grant Spresser - 13 points, Andrew Luna - 7 points, Joe Koerperich - 7 points, Shayne Ryburn

- 5 points, Camron Spresser - 5 points, Jose Bermudez - 3 points.

Junior varsity game: Northern

Valley 78 - Golden Plains 41

Huskies scoring: Philip Rupp - 19 points, Brant Cox - 15 points.

## BOWLING

### Stardust League

Standings as of Jan. 14

1. The PC's - 9 wins, 3 losses  
1. FSBT 2- 9 wins, 3 losses  
3. Team 1- 4 wins, 8 losses  
4. FSBT 1- 2 wins, 10 losses  
High Line: Cindy Linner-204, Peggy Sevier-179, Janet Manning-174, The PC's-362, FSBT 1-346, FSBT 2-295.

High Line Handicap: Cindy Linner-243, Peggy Sevier-225, Tami LeBeau-224, The PC's-447, FSBT 1-433, FSBT 2-413.  
High Series: Cindy Linner-

561, Janet Manning-452, Peggy Sevier-450, The PC's-1011, FSBT 1-892, FSBT 2-838.

High Series Handicap: Cindy Linner-678, Tami LeBeau-614, Janet Manning-599, The PC's-1266, FSBT 2-1192, FSBT 1-1153.

### Stardust League

Standings as of Jan. 28

1. The PC's - 12 wins, 4 losses  
2. FSBT 2- 10 wins, 6 losses  
3. Team 1- 8 wins, 8 losses  
4. FSBT 1- 2 wins, 14 losses  
High Line: Cindy Linner-

Bev Miller-181, Peggy Sevier-166, The PC's-356, FSBT 1-315, Team 1-238.

High Line Handicap: Norma Felsburg-232, Cindy Linner-228, Bev Miller-219, The PC's-439, Team 1-406, FSBT 1-402.

High Series: Cindy Linner-490, Bev Miller-472, Peggy Sevier-460, The PC's-950, FSBT 1-832, Team 1-688.

High Series Handicap: Norma Felsburg-604, Cindy Linner-604, Peggy Sevier-595, The PC's-1199, Team 1-1192, FSBT 2-1097.

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