

Senior night successful for Blue Jays

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In front of a very large crowd, the Norton Community High School wrestling team celebrated "Senior Night" with a 53-18 win over Goodland in the final dual of the season on Friday night in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

Honored along with their parents prior to the start of wrestling were Blue Jay seniors John

Risewick, 132; Cody Ellis, 145; Jared Bohl, 152; Lucas Engel, 220 and Eli Bozarth, injured.

It was the final action for No.3 state ranked Norton prior to the tough Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament, which will be held in Norton this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16.

Norton won their first five matches and built up a 38-0 lead before the Cowboys were able to score any points.

"I'm proud of us for jumping out to a big lead," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

"We put the dual out of reach early but didn't do so good after the 145 pound match.

"We still need to work on getting off bottom. We were ridden for two minutes straight in several matches.

"Now, the stage is set. We will have just three hard practices before the Regional Tour-

namment. It will be nice for our wrestlers to stay in Norton for this very tough tournament. Hosting the tournament has its advantages but also disadvantages. It's a lot of work for our people to host it."

Individual matches

106 - Caysean Campbell won by forfeit.

113 - Ethan Ross won a 7-3 decision over Tanner Gastineau.

126 - Alec Hager pinned Aus-

tin Hernandez in 3:54.

132 - John Risewick pinned Riley Lopez in 2:28.

138 - Jared Tallent won by forfeit.

145 - Cody Ellis pinned Rick-e-y Mike in 1:58.

152 - Jared Bohl lost a 12-5 decision to John Peden.

160 - Gavin Lively lost a 4-2 sudden victory to Josh Whisnant.

170 - Kendall Miller won 3-1

in a tiebreaker over Ian Bon-sall.

182 - Kolton Harting as pinned in 2:57 by Colton Cooper.

195 - Chandler Sumner was pinned n :59 by Tyler Gastineau.

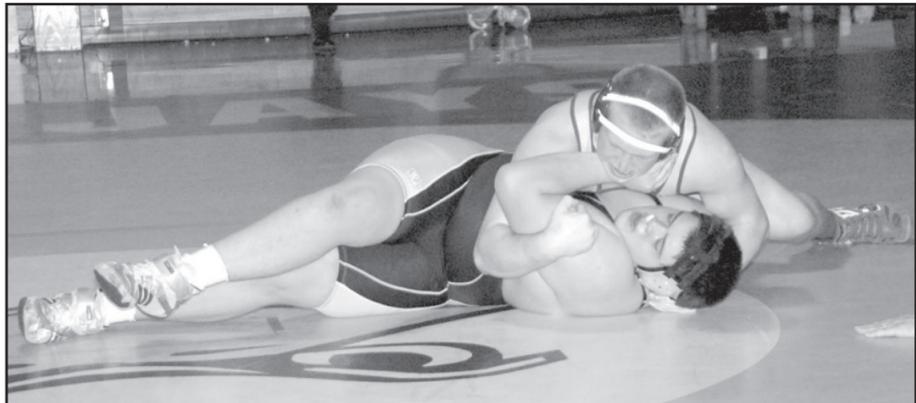
220 - Andre Valencia won by forfeit.

285 - Lucas Engel pinned Thatcher Jones in 2:31.



Norton senior Cody Ellis made Goodland's Rickey Mike count the lights during their 145 pound match in the Blue Jays' dual victory over Goodland on Friday evening in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton senior Lucas Engel puts Goodland's Thatcher Jones down for the count in their 285 pound match during the Blue Jays' dominant dual win over the Cowboys on Friday evening in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

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All ten junior varsity wrestlers medal at Phillipsburg

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers turned in some outstanding performances in their division of the Panther Classic Tournament held in Phillipsburg on Saturday, February 2.

All 11 of the Norton wrestlers entered medaled and 10 of them were in the finals.

No team scores were kept for the junior varsity competition but Norton would have finished ahead of the other teams if scores had been kept.

Winning championships for Norton were Skylar Johnson, 106; Riley Hager, 120; Derek Rowh, 132; Toby Nickell, 138; Chandler Sumner, 195.

Finishing runner-up were

Kyle Bell, 113; Garret Otter, 120; Weston Erbert, 126; Andre Valencia, 220 and Michael Johnson, 285.

Gavin Lively placed third at 152 pounds.

"I was very proud of our performance," said Norton assistant coach Shane Miller. "This is a testament to the type of schedule we keep with our junior varsity team. Most teams don't get as much competition as our junior varsity wrestlers do and it showed. You could definitely tell our preparation is above the others.

"There are some traditionally good teams that enter the Panther Classic and we proved that we have some good young wrestlers waiting in the wings to be varsity."

Derek Rowh was chosen by Norton coaches as the Norton "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week". "This was Derek's first championship and I was very happy for him," said coach Miller. "Derek continues to work hard in practice and he has improved a great deal. It just shows that, if you work hard, good things will happen!"

Individual results

106 - No.2 seed Skylar Johnson won an 11-2 major decision over Cole Whitehair, Abilene, pinned Zach Davis, Phillipsburg, in 2:01 and pinned No.1 seed Hunter Kiser, Abilene, in 3:32 to win the championship.

113 - Kyle Bell pinned Troy Daniels, Minneapolis, in :34; pinned Terance Croslin, Hoisington, in 4:32; lost a 4-0 deci-

sion to Felix Strauss, Abilene and pinned Kadon

Augustine, Ellis, in :37 to place second.

120 - No.2 seed Riley Hager won a 16-0 technical fall over Dodge Ellegood, Ellsworth; won a 6-3 decision over No.3 seed Skylar Widmer, Marysville and won a 4-1 decision over No.1 seed Garret Otter, Norton, to win the championship.

120 - No.1 seed Garret Otter pinned Katelyn Street, Lincoln, in 10:05; won a 14-4 major decision over Tristen Storer, Hoxie, and lost a 4-1 decision to Norton's Riley Hager to place second.

126 - Weston Erbert lost a 7-0 decision to Derick Coomes, Phillipsburg; was pinned in :29 by Brandon Rein, Abilene;

pinned Brady Mills, Marysville, in :50; and pinned Cade Rosalez, Abilene, in 1:31 to place second.

132 - Derek Rowh pinned Jarrett Woofter, Abilene, in 2:05; pinned Michael Poe, Hill City, in 3:53 and won a 4-2 decision over No.1 seed Cole Hiatt, Abilene, to win the championship.

138 - Toby Nickell drew a bye; won a 6-2 decision over Matt Howell, St. Francis; pinned Dakota Kohler, Phillipsburg, in 1:02 and pinned Jacob Kessler, Hill City, in 2:02 to win the championship.

152 - Gavin Lively lost a 7-6 decision to Hunter Rios, Hoisington; pinned Christian Jackson, Marysville, in 2:40; pinned Britain Payton, Beloit, in 4:56

and pinned Rios in their second

meeting in 2:19 to place third. 195 - Chandler Sumner pinned Jaron Dillon, Abilene, in 1:15; won by forfeit over Seth Hutchins, Larned; pinned Jaden Jury, Lakin, in :41 and pinned Evan Brandt, Beloit, in :16 to win the championship.

220 - Andre Valencia drew a bye; was pinned in 2:45 by Chance Boor, Hoisington; pinned Grant English, Beloit, in :30 and pinned Noah Brown, Larned, in :45 to place second.

285 - Michael Johnson lost a 1-0 decision to Logan Robins, Minneapolis; drew two byes and pinned Brody Nicholas, Hoisington, in 1:27 to place second.

Norton to host Regional Wrestling this year

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Norton Community High School will host the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament this Friday and Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gym.

As usual, this regional tournament will be the toughest of the four in the state.

Six of the top 10 ranked teams in the state will be among the 23 teams competing. They are: Plainville, No.1; Norton, No.3; Scott City, No.4; Hoxie, No.5; Oberlin, No.6; Phillipsburg, No.10.

Other teams competing will be: Atwood, Ellis, Thomas More-Prep of Hays, Hill City, Thunder Ridge, Leoti, Lincoln, Oakley, Osborne, Quinter, Russell, Smith Center, St. Francis, Stockton, Sylvan-Lucas, Tribune and Trego Community.

A total of 37 of the 84 state ranked individual wrestlers are expected to compete in this regional for berths in next week's state tournament in Hays.

The top four finishers in each

weight class in each of the four regionals qualify for the state tournament.

Norton has six state ranked wrestlers; sophomore Caysean Campbell, No.4, 106; junior Branson Addington, No.6, 120; junior Alex Hager, No.3, 126; senior John Risewick, No.1, 132; sophomore Jared Tallent, No. 6, 138; senior Cody Ellis, No.6, 145.

Other state ranked wrestlers scheduled to compete are: senior Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg, No.3; freshman Cale Rogers, Smith Center, No.5; freshman Gunner Kerns, Plainville, No.6, 106; sophomore Troy Juenemann, Oberlin, No.5, 113; senior Gage Pfeifer, Hill City, No.3; sophomore Macrae Migchelbrink, Atwood, No.4; sophomore James Jurgens, Scott City, No.5, 120; senior Alex Kough, Scott City, No.2; senior Trevor Axelson, Plainville, No.5; junior Clint Rogers, Smith Center, No.6, 126; junior Dayton Dreher, Oberlin, No.2; senior Caleb Studley, Phillips-

burg, No.3, 132; junior Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, No.4, 138; senior Nick Sells, Russell, No.5, 145; senior Gage Younger, Ellis, No.2; senior Kade Brown, Oberlin, No.3, 152; senior Calvin Ochs, Hoxie, No.1; junior Warren Kropp, Scott City, No.2; junior Dylan Wiesner, Plainville, No.4; junior Cody Faulkender, Oakley, No.6, 160; senior Jason Berggren, Oakley, No.3, senior Cameron Staples, Trego, No.6, 170; senior Kyler Atwood, Smith Center, No.1; senior Andrew Malin, Plainville, No.4; senior Steve Yergey-Dible, No.5, 182; senior Harrison Gilliland, Plainville, No.1; senior Brandon Salmans, Hoxie, No.2, 195; senior Channing Fortin, Oberlin, No.5; senior Kane Washington, Hoxie, No.6, 220; senior Bradey Chard, Plainville, No.2; senior Michael McEachern, Scott City, No.3, 285.

Coach's comments

"Without a doubt, this regional tournament will be the toughest in the state," said Norton head

coach Bill Johnson. "Many state ranked wrestlers will be in the tournament but a lot of wrestlers who are not ranked for one reason or another and are outstanding wrestlers will also be competing in this tournament."

Tourney schedule

The tournament will begin on Friday with the first round at 2 p.m., followed by the championship quarterfinals at 5 p.m., consolation first round at 6:30 p.m. and championship semifinals at 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling will continue Saturday at 11 a.m. with the consolation cross bracketing, followed by the consolation quarterfinals at 1 p.m., consolation semifinals at 3 p.m.; consolation finals (two mats) at 5 p.m. and championship finals (one mat) at 6:30 p.m.

Plaques will be awarded to the top two teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight.

Admission is \$5 for K-12, \$6 for adults, Friday; \$7 for K-12, \$8 for adults, Saturday.

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Tuesday Housewife League Standings as of Jan. 29

1. BEB & Assoc. - 15 wins, 5 losses
 2. Amateurs - 14 wins, 6 losses
 3. Lenora Nutrition Center - 8 wins, 12 losses
 4. Moffet's - 3 wins, 17 losses
- High Line: Kathleen Berlier-180, Cheri Brooks-166, Donna Van Kooten-165, BEB & Assoc.-454.
- High Line Handicap: Donna Van Kooten-242, Kathleen Berlier-237, Pam Menagh-230, Amateurs-642.
- High Series: Kathleen Berlier-508, Cheri Brooks-466, Jacque

- Griffey-448, BEB & Assoc.. High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-679, Donna Van Kooten-653, Jackie Wright-615, BEB & Assoc.-1888.

Inter-City League Standings as of Jan. 31

1. B & C - 26 wins, 19 losses
 2. Bailey Electric - 26 wins, 19 losses
 3. Hawks Depot - 24.5 wins, 20.5 losses
 4. BLD's - 23.5 wins, 21.5 losses
 5. Jett SS - 21 wins, 24 losses
- High Line: Rusty Miller-206, Dennis Balderston-197, Bill LaSalle-182, Robert Daniels-175, BLD's-679.

- High Line Handicap: Dennis Balderston, Rusty Miller-239, Vaughn Newman-230, Abe Burk-226, BLD's-857.

- High Series: Rusty Miller-547, Bev Miller-495, Dennis Balderston-472, Robert Daniels-460.

- High Series Handicap: Rusty Miller-646, Dennis Balderston-625, Craig Knapp-623, Abe Burk-620, BLD's-2454.

Tuesday Night Mens League Standings as of Jan. 29

1. RM & DC - 16 wins, 5 losses
 2. WF & BR - 12 wins, 9 losses
 3. Norton Chiropractic Center - 12 wins, 9 losses
 4. BL & JE - 8 wins, 13 losses
 5. AB & BB - 5 wins, 16 losses
- High Line: Brad Riggins-199, Dale Carlson-197, Rusty Miller-180. RM & DC-369.
- High Line Handicap: Brad Riggins-261, Dale Carlson-249, Craig Rogers-237, WF & BR-483.
- High Series: Rusty Miller-530, Brad Riggins-475, Bill LaSalle-452, RM & DC-978.
- High Series Handicap: Brad Riggins-661, Craig Rogers-645, Warren Francis-612, WF & BR-1273.

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