

The Norton Community High School Wrestling Team is pictured here with coaches, managers and cheerleaders following their Championship in the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton. Pictured are, from left, front row: Garret Otter, Skylar Johnson, Cheerleaders Jared Shelton, Theresa Gallegos, Kylie Perez, Cayanna

Campbell, Adrienne Hager, Katherine Boteler, Sierra Black, Katie Koch, Nickala O'Hare, Morgan Griffey, Brandy Davis, Riley Hager, Weston Erbert; second row: Chandler Sumner, Kyle Bell, Caysean Campbell, Jared Tallent, Jared Bohl, Lucas Engel, John Risewick, Cody Ellis, Ethan Ross, Manager Lindsay Addington, Manager Austin Hager, Derek Rowh; back row: Assistant

Coach Doug Ray, Assistant Coach Tony Fiscus, Chris Chastain, Toby Nickell, Mike Kasson, Travis Cressler, Kolton Harting, Branson Addington, Cole Renner, Gavin Lively, Kendall Miller, Alec Hager, Andre Valencia, Assistant Coach Shane Miller, Head Coach Bill Johnson.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Wrestlers win Regional Championship

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Head coach Bill Johnson and his Norton Community High School wrestling team had a tremendous weekend as they overpowered the opposition to win the championship of the toughest Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament in the State.

Norton was the host school so the tournament was held Friday and Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gym.

The No.3 state ranked Blue Jays totaled 188 points to easily outdistance runner-up Oberlin, who came in as the No.6 state ranked team and scored 145.5 points.

No.1 state ranked Plainville placed third with 134.5 points and No.5 Hoxie finished fourth with 124. Scott City, ranked No.4 in the state, placed fifth with 106, followed by Oakley, 101.5; Smith Center, 100; No.10 state ranked Phillipsburg, 97; Russell, 80; Atwood, 58.5 to round out the top ten.

St. Francis placed 11th with 49 points, Hill City was 13th with 40; Trego was 14th with 37; Ellis 15th with 34; Stockton 19th with 10 and Osborne 22nd with no points.

With six of the top 10 state ranked teams and 37 of the 84 state ranked wrestlers expected to compete, this regional was undoubtedly the toughest of the four statewide.

The top four finishers in each weight class in each of the regionals qualified

for the State Wrestling Tournament this Friday and Saturday in Hays.

Norton entered 13 wrestlers and nine qualified for the state tournament.

Seniors John Risewick, 132, and Cody Ellis, 145, won championships of their weight classes. Sophomore Caysean Campbell, 106; junior Branson Addington, 120; junior Alec Hager, 126 and sophomore Jared Tallent, 138, all placed runner-up.

Junior Ethan Ross placed third at 113. Fourth place was won by senior Jared Bohl, 152 and senior Lucas Engel, 220.

Also competing for Norton were freshman Gavin Lively, 160; sophomore Kendall Miller, 170; junior Kolton Harting, 182 and junior Michael Johnson, 285. Norton was open at 195.

Addington, Risewick and Hager are returning to the state tournament.

As a team, Norton compiled an outstanding 35-17 won-loss record and 19-6 pin ratio.

Since every member of the Norton team wrestled so well, the Norton coaches chose the entire Blue Jay team as "Wrestlers of the Week".

Voted the Norton Regional Tournament "Wrestler of the Year" was senior Alex Kough, Scott City, who won the 126 pound weight class.

Named Norton Regional Tournament "Coach of the Year" was Joe Dreher, Oberlin.

"Our young men came to wrestle," said

coach Johnson.

"Qualifying nine wrestlers out of this regional will be an attention getter throughout the state.

"How well we did is a tribute to our preparation in the practice room and the tough schedule we wrestle.

"This was a huge win for us. We were able to dominate the tournament. We train for this kind of performance and tell our boys to just go out and wrestle.

"We're happy that we have nine of our 13 wrestlers and all our seniors going to the state tournament.

"There's one week left and we hope we're not satisfied."

### Individual results

106 - Caysean Campbell was seeded No.2. He drew a bye, won a 15-4 major decision over Jordon Herrman, Lincoln, pinned No.3 seed Cale Rogers, Smith Center, in :46 and was pinned by No.1 seed Kyle Witmer, in 4:27 to place runner-up.

No.5 seed Dylan Niswonger, Leoti, placed third with a 5-3 decision over Rogers.

Caysean's record is now 26-12. Witmer is 37-6.

113 - Ethan Ross was seeded No.2. He pinned Lane Ridder, Leoti, in 1:16; pinned Rocky Krueger, Lincoln, in :45; lost a close 8-7 decision to No.3 seed Macoy Rains, Oakley; won a 15-0 technical fall over Isaac Stone, Trego and pinned Joey McFee, Atwood, in :29 to place third.

Rains won a 10-4 decision over No.1 seeded Troy Juenemann, Oberlin, to win the championship.

Ethan's record is now 28-7 for the season. Rains is 36-10 and Juenemann is 33-8.

120 - Branson Addington was seeded No.5. He won a 10-3 decision over Drake Rowh, Hoxie; won a 7-1 decision over No.4 seed Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg; won a 7-3 decision over No.1 seed Gage Pfeifer, Hill City, and lost a 9-0 major decision to No.2 seed Macrae Migchelbrink, Atwood, to place runner-up.

No.3 seed James Jurgens, Scott City, placed third with a 13-7 win over Pfeifer.

Branson is now 26-17 for the season. Migchelbrink is 37-3, Jurgens is 30-6 and Pfeifer is 30-10.

126 - Alec Hager was seeded No.2. He pinned Garren Beckman, Hill City; pinned Derick Coomes, Thunder Ridge, in 4:46; won a 7-4 decision over No.3 seed Trevor Axelson, Plainville, and lost a 9-2 decision to No.1 seed Alex Kough, Scott City, to place runner-up.

No.4 seed Clint Rogers, Smith Center, placed third by pinning No.5 seed Mason Bannister, Phillipsburg, in 1:41.

Alec is now 27-7 for the season. Kough is 30-4 and Rogers is 35-11.

132 - John Risewick was seeded No.1. He pinned Chris Hall, Osborne, in :56; won a 14-3 major decision over Austin White, St. Francis; won an 18-0 technical fall over Adam Gehring, Plainville and won an 8-0 major decision over No.2 seed Dayton Dreher, Oberlin, to win the championship.

No.3 seed Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg, placed third with a 6-2 decision over Taylor Murphy, Oakley.

John is now 36-3 for the season. Dreher is 36-5 and Studley is 39-9.

138 - Jared Tallent was seeded No.2. He pinned Kelly Brown, Oberlin, in 4:13; won a 6-4 decision over Jonathan Markland, Atwood; pinned No.3 seed Kyle Helberg, Hill City, in 3:44 and gave No.1 seed Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, a hard-fought match before losing 9-7 in overtime to place second.

No.5 seed Steven Kriley, Smith Center, placed third by pinning No.4 seed Weston Bainter, Hoxie, in 4:07.

Jared is now 30-13 for the season. Dusin is 41-3. Kriley is 23-16.

145 - Cody Ellis was No.4 seed. He pinned Jacob Roth, Thomas More Prep-Hays, in 1:49; pinned No.5 seed Shelton McCain, Atwood, in 2:26; pinned Brandon Schoenthaler, Leoti, in 3:34 and won a 14-6 major decision over No.2 seed Chris Anderson, Oberlin, to win the championship.

No.1 seed Trevor Desair, Plainville, placed third with an 8-6 decision over Schoenthaler, who had beaten him earlier in the tournament.

Cody is now 22-7 for the season. Anderson is 37-9 and Desair is 34-10.

152 - Jared Bohl was seeded No.5. He pinned Tayler Season, Leoti, in :37; won a 4-1 decision over No.4 seed Brad Blew, Phillipsburg; lost an 18-5 major decision to No.1 seed Gage Younger, Ellis; decided Mikey Libbrandt, St. Francis, 2-1 and was pinned by No.2 seed Kade Brown, Oberlin, in 1:40 to place fourth.

No.3 seed Regis Weiss, Russell, won the championship with an 8-4 decision over Younger.

Jared is now 19-19 for the season. Weiss is 41-5, Brown is 29-6 and Younger is 39-3.

160 - Gavin Lively was seeded No.4. He lost a 10-5 overtime decision to Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg and lost a 9-4 decision to Cody Faulkender, Oakley.

Gavin ended his season with a 26-13 record.

No.1 seed Calvin Ochs, Hoxie, won the championship with a 15-6 major decision over No.3 seed Dylan Weisner, Plainville. No.2 seed Warren Kropp, Scott City, placed third by pinning Faulkender in 4:27.

Ochs is now a perfect 43-0 for the season. Wiesner is now 36-7. Kropp is 33-6.

170 - Kendall Miller pinned Tyrelle Thurman, Leoti, in 1:37; was pinned in 5:39 by No.1 seed Jason Berggren, Oakley; won an 8-6 decision over Clayton Beckman, Hill City; and lost a 7-1 decision to No.5 seed Rex Diederich, Oberlin.

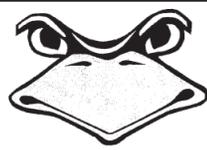
Kendall ended his season with a 21-13 record.

Berggren won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Cameron Staples, Leoti, in 1:55. Diederich went on to win third place by pinning No.4 seed Colton Wise, Plainville, in 2:29.

Berggren is now 40-3 for the season. Staples is 29-8 and Diederich is 32-14.

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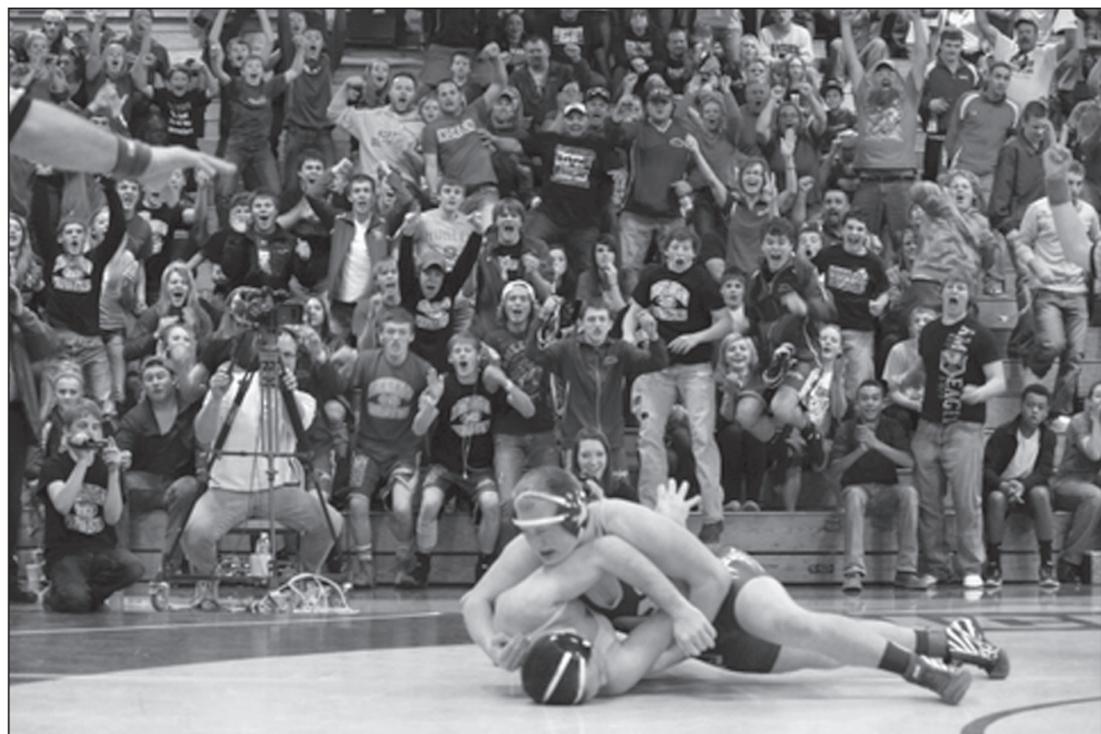
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With Norton fans cheering loudly on the sidelines, Blue Jay 220 pounder Lucas Engel won a wild 11-8 regional victory over Paul Barrientes, Sylvan Grove, to advance to the State Tournament.

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