

Norton wrestlers win Goodland dual with five victories

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's unbeaten Norton Community High School wrestling team put another Blue Jay feather in their cap on Saturday by going 5-0 in duals to win the championship of the Goodland Dual Tournament held at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

The Blue Jays opened the tournament with a 70-3 win over Hill City, followed by a 38-30 victory over Goodland, a 40-31 win over Ulysses and a 55-15 victory over Chapman.

As winners of their pool, Norton battled Scott City for the championship and won 42-25.

Scott City had beaten Hoxie, Leoti, Burlington, Colo. and Holton in their pool.

Hoxie and Goodland each placed second in their pools so they competed for third and fourth and Hoxie prevailed. Ulysses defeated Burlington in the finals to place fifth, Chapman defeated Holton to finish in seventh and Leoti beat Hill City to finish in ninth place.

Norton wrestlers compiled a 49-18 won-loss record and had a 20-9 pin ratio.

Defending state champions Clay Madden, 112 pound sophomore, and James Annon, 130 pound senior, finished the tournament with perfect 5-0 records. Madden and Annon each pinned four opponents. Lance Roe, sophomore who alternated between 135 pounds and 140 pounds on Saturday, was Norton's third wrestler to compile a perfect 5-0 record. Roe placed fifth in the state last year and is ranked No. 4 this season at 135.

Compiling 4-1 records were 125 pound sophomore Jon Harding, 135 and 140 pound senior Curtis Black and 152 pound senior Jordan Haussermann, a state tournament qualifier last season who is ranked No. 6 in the state in Class 3-2-1A. Finishing 3-2 for the tournament were 103 pound freshman Logan Keiswetter and 275 pound junior Michael Sprigg, who is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class

3-2-1A. Sprigg's two losses were to defending Class 4A state champions Jordan Bedore, Goodland, and Tony Lewis, Ulysses. Sprigg was a state tournament runnerup last season.

Going 3-1 for the day were 145 pound senior Scott Goldsby, 171 pound senior Bo Pfannenstiel and 215 pound senior Sean Lauer. Pfannenstiel placed fifth in the state last year and is ranked No. 3. Goldsby is a former state tournament qualifier.

C.J. Thiele, 160 pound senior and Mark Maybon, 189 pound senior, each went 2-2 in the tournament.

Senior Josh Green competed at 171 pounds and went 1-1 and freshman Nathan Broeckelman competed at 119 pounds and had a 2-3 record.

Sophomore Luke Pfannenstiel, who placed fifth in the state last year and is ranked No. 6 at 125 pounds, did not compete due to a knee injury suffered in practice.

"I am really proud of the way we wrestled to win the dual team title, considering all the sickness and injury that we have," said Coach Johnson. "It was a very exciting win for us."

"Ideally, you need 18 wrestlers for the 14 weights to make it through a grueling day of wrestling like this was. Since we were short-handed, we used just 15 wrestlers to cover the 14 weights. We made good decisions overall where to wrestle our young men. You can also switch weights in duals and we were successful in switching Curtis Black and Lance Roe.

"Dual tournaments are about every wrestler taking care of his responsibility on the spot. If you lose in a dual, you earn zero points for your team. If you lose in a tournament, you can come in the back door and score more points. We would have some wrestlers fall below what we expected on Saturday but then the next guy would exceed our expectations.

"In a dual, it isn't always the team who wins the most matches

who wins. Bonus points from pins, technical falls, major decisions, etc. are every important.

"This was a great way to wrap up our first semester of wrestling this season. Not many people expected us to beat Scott City after they defeated Hoxie in their pool. Our young men wrestled every match as hard as they could. Even though we won our first two tournaments of the season (Hoxie and Clay Center), our wrestlers knew that I was not satisfied with the way we wrestled but I was really pleased with the way we wrestled in this tournament. We showed a lot of heart and guts and overcame a lot of adversity created by being short-handed."

Coach Johnson chose Curtis Black and Mark Maybon as "Co-Wrestlers of the Week". "Curtis is only a 125 pound wrestler and he has really sacrificed to move up to 140 pounds for the good of the team," said Coach Johnson. "Mark had two big wins against Stockton and Phillipsburg on Friday night, then came back on Saturday and wrestled well. He won a match against Scott City that was huge for us and ensured our team victory."

Sean Lauer, who won the 215 pound championship in the Clay Center Invitational, was named "Wrestler of the Week" last week but that information was not included in the tourney story.

Norton 42, Scott City 25

Scott City won just four matches in the championship dual with Norton. Coach Johnson singled out six Blue Jay victories over Scott City wrestlers that he said were keys to the team victory. Madden pinned Lakin Dreiling in 2:33 of their 112 pound match, Harding pinned Colton Schmitt in 1:41 of their 125 pound match, Thiele pinned Todd Kendrick in 2:20 of their 160 pound match, Pfannenstiel won a 9-1 major decision over Garrett Huck at 171 pounds, Maybon edged Kale Katt 12-10 in their 189 pound match and Sprigg pinned Wyatt Green in 3:50 of their 275 pound match.



Norton's Mark Maybon, 189 pound senior, tries for a takedown during his 5-3 overtime win over Stockton's Justin Hall during the Blue Jays' 69-6 dual win over the Tigers in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on Friday. Maybon also defeated his Phillipsburg opponent during the Jays' 40-22 dual win on Friday and wrestled so well in Norton's Dual Tournament Championship in Goodland on Saturday that he was named "Co-Wrestler of the Week" with senior teammate Curtis Black. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Other matches won by Norton were at 130 pounds where Annon pinned Tanner Stucky in 25 seconds, at 135 pounds where Roe won an 8-2 decision over Aaron Rosin, and at 152 pounds where Haussermann decided Ben Mettlin 10-5.

The matches won by Scott City were at 103 pounds where Keiswetter was pinned in 58 seconds by Nick Kough, 119 pounds where Broeckelman lost a 10-4 decision to Logan Dreiling, at 140 pounds where Black was pinned in 1:04 by Reese McKinney, who is ranked No. 5 in the state in Class 4A and at 215 pounds where Lauer lost a 10-0 decision to Guy Miller, who is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 4A. Norton also forfeited to Brice Eisenhour, who is ranked No. 3 in the state at 145.

Norton 70, Hill City 3

103 — Logan Keiswetter won by forfeit.

112 — Clay Madden won by forfeit

119 — Nathan Broeckelman won by forfeit.

125 — Jon Harding won by forfeit.

130 — James Annon won by forfeit.

135 — Lance Roe won by forfeit.

140 — Curtis Black decided Ryan Jackson 3-0.

145 — Scott Goldsby decided John Smith 12-3.

152 — Jordan Haussermann lost a 12-6 decision to Tanner Long, who is ranked No. 4 in the state.

160 — C.J. Thiele pinned Dillon Bell in 3:10.

171 — Bo Pfannenstiel decided Lance Underhill 3-2.

189 — Mark Maybon won by forfeit.

215 — Sean Lauer pinned Tyler Brack in 5:46.

275 — Michael Sprigg won by forfeit.

Norton 38, Goodland 30

103 — Logan Keiswetter lost a 4-0 decision to Brett Bahe, who is ranked No. 2 in the state in 4A.

112 — Clay Madden pinned Chad Normandin in 3:12.

119 — Nathan Broeckelman was pinned in 42 seconds by Bayze Bahe, who is ranked No. 4 in the state in Class 4A.

125 — Jon Harding won a 4-2 decision over Brandon Zelfer.

130 — James Annon pinned Brett Schields in 1:39.

135 — Curtis Black won an 8-5 decision over Brandon Hatfield.

140 — Lance Roe shutout Blake Saint 12-0 to win a major decision.

145 — Scott Goldsby lost a 10-7 decision to Corey Schulte.

152 — Jordan Haussermann won a 13-4 major decision over Jon Cook.

160 — C.J. Thiele pinned Mike Zimmerman in 5:14.

171 — Josh Green won by forfeit.

189 — Bo Pfannenstiel was pinned in 3:17 by Brandon Cowen.

215 — Sean Lauer won by forfeit.

275 — Michael Sprigg was pinned in 3:40 by Jordan Bedore, who is ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 4A.

Norton 40, Ulysses 31

103 — Logan Keiswetter won a 6-4 decision over Trenton Gray.

112 — Clay Madden pinned Jorge Medina in 5:44.

119 — Nathan Broeckelman was pinned in 1:31 by Levi Eddie, who is ranked No. 1 in the state in 4A at 112 pounds.

125 — Jon Harding was pinned in 1:50 by Joey Ortiz, who is ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 4A.

130 — James Annon pinned A.J. Heckel in 5:25.

135 — Lance Roe pinned Jason Lozar in 1:48.

140 — Curtis Black won a 5-0 decision over Brian Hauser.

145 — Scott Goldsby pinned Zanr Nemechek in 13 seconds.

152 — Jordan Haussermann won a 15-4 major decision over Derek Smith.

160 — C.J. Thiele lost an 8-5 decision to Chance Carter.

171 — Bo Pfannenstiel pinned A. Rodriguez in 1:17.

189 — Mark Maybon was pinned in 1:27 by Ryan Seger, who

is ranked No. 5 in the state in Class 4A.

215 — Derek Rupp, who is ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 4A, won by forfeit.

275 — Michael Sprigg lost a 13-4 major decision to Tony Lewis, the Class 4A defending state champion who is ranked No. 2 in the state behind Bedore of Goodland.

Norton 55, Chapman 15

103 — Logan Keiswetter pinned Tim Coles in 47 seconds.

112 — Clay Madden pinned Justin Cook in 33 seconds.

119 — Nathan Broeckelman decided Colby Riffel, who is ranked No. 4 in the state at 112, by a 6-5 score.

125 — Jon Harding pinned Ben Gilliland in 6:00.

130 — James Annon pinned Jon Arveson in 2:50.

135 — Curtis Black won by forfeit.

140 — Lance Roe won a 12-4 major decision over Sam Lehner.

145 — Scott Goldsby decided Daniel Anderes 7-6.

152 — Jordan Haussermann pinned William Irvine in 2:20.

160 — C.J. Thiele was pinned by Dalton Provance.

171 — Josh Green was pinned in 3:45 by Wes Weller, who is ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 4A.

189 — Mark Maybon lost a 7-2 decision to Zac Sheets, who is ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 4A.

215 — Sean Lauer decided Jon Vahsholtz 4-0.

275 — Michael Sprigg pinned Andy Gobber in 50 seconds.

Next Action

Next competition for the Norton wrestlers will be in the Jake Durham Invitational on Saturday, January 10 in Norton, beginning at 10 a.m.



Norton freshman Nathan Broeckelman puts Stockton's Trey Kellner down for the count in their 119 pound match during the Blue Jays' 69-6 dual victory over the Tigers in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on Friday night. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

BOWLING

Inter-City League

Standings Dec. 4 — Ram Roofing, 78-57; Almena State Bank, 76.5-58.5; Jamboree, 76.5-58.5; Buff, 72-63; Valley Hope, 65.5-69.5; Time Saver, 65-70; L.W.B.C., 56.5-78.5; N.C.K.; Results — High Scratch Game: Tracy Stutsman, 217; Mike Coffey, 209; Dennis Balderston, 199; Harold Shinn, 189; Michael Coffey, 189; Lloyd Ritter, 189; High Scratch Series: Dale Henry, 533; D. Balderston, 520; L. Ritter, 511; Mike Coffey, 506; High Handicap Game: Mike Coffey, 256; T. Stutsman, 249; D. Balderston, 241; H. Shinn, 240; High Handicap Series: L. Ritter, 655; D. Balderston, 649; Dale Henry, 647; Mike Coffey, 647 Results Nov. 20 — High Scratch

Game: Mike Coffey, 204; Kevin Harshbarger, 202; Bill LaSalle, 195; T. Stutsman, 190; High Scratch Series: Mike Coffey, 558; Kevin Harshbarger, 521; T. Stutsman, 519; Larry Hawks, 489; High Handicap Game: K. Harshbarger, 266; Mike Coffey, 254; Mary Upson, 238; L. Ritter, 231; High Handicap Series: K. Harshbarger, 713; Mike Coffey, 708; M. Upson, 635; Darin Williams, 627 Results Nov. 13 — High Scratch Game: Dennis Corbin, 198; Bill LaSalle, 197; L. Ritter, 183; Dale Henry, 182; L. Hawks, 182; High Scratch Series: D. Corbin, 535; L. Hawks, 533; Dale Henry, 507; T. Stutsman, 502; High Handicap Game: D. Corbin, 250; Connor Reichter, 240;

Lloyd Ritter, 233; Janelle Glaze, 228; Bill LaSalle, 228; Jake Stewart, 228; High Handicap Series: Dennis Corbin, 691; Connor Reichter, 647; Darin Williams, 623; Dale Henry, 621

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Norton County Forecast for December 23rd - 29th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
48/23	53/24	55/26	58/28	45/20	35/18	40/25
Normal High	41		Sunrise 7:58 to 8:00am			
Normal Low	16		Sunset 5:18 to 5:23pm			

This year Santa will need shades and a red vest when he travels through the High Plains. With an upper level ridge in place this week's temperatures will run 10 to 20 degrees above normal. The month of December continues to see up and down swings in temperatures and looks to finish with colder weather. A disturbance over the weekend and another next Tuesday will bring a couple of shots for snow and a colder air south out of Canada heading into the New Year.
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