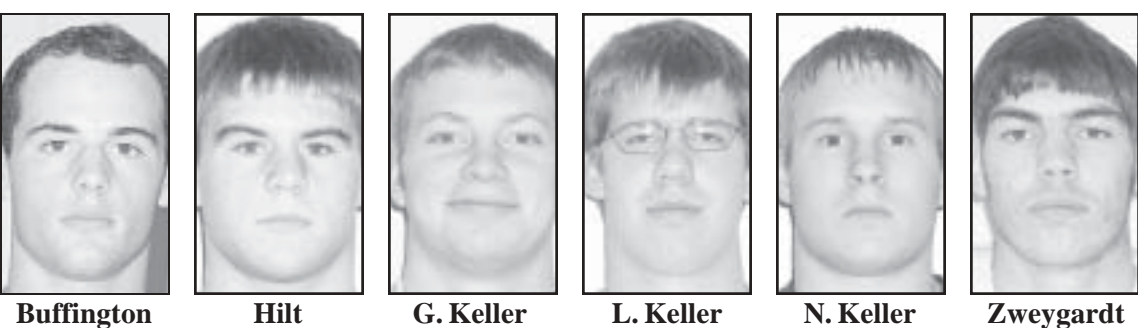
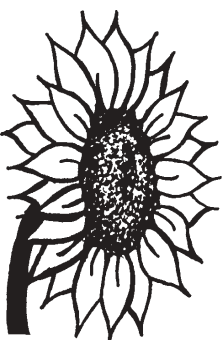


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## At the Game



## Wrestlers finish 2003-04 year

By Betty Jean Winston

The Norton 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament and the State Tournament in Hays climaxed the Indian's season of duals and tournaments. Five wrestlers prevailed at Regionals winning the right to represent St. Francis at state and giving them the opportunity to place in the top six in their weight class.

Three of the State qualifiers earned medals at Hays the weekend of Feb. 27-28 with Trevor Richard placing second at 103 pounds, and Dylan Loyd and Derek Ross both placing third. Loyd placed at 125 pounds and Ross at 171 pounds.

Richard and Loyd are sophomore, and Ross is a junior giving them each additional time to participate in Indian wrestling.

Also attending State were Jordan Gienger and Seth Swihart.

"I'm excited about next year," Coach Larry Gabel said. "Besides these five wrestlers we also have three others with State experience (Gabe Gienger, Gabe Smull and Gabe Walz qualified for State last year and will be returning).

"Eight wrestlers with State experience is good and there are others who can do well next year. Hopefully they will be stronger by lifting and engaging in free-style competition."

Results from the year show the Indians won non-league duals over Brush and Manitou Springs at the Brush double dual and then defeated Bennett, Sterling and Merino, all at the Sterling (Colo.) dual tournament. Saintry suffered a loss to Eaton at the Sterling dual tournament.

In Northwest Kansas League action St. Francis defeated Oberlin, Oakley and Atwood and fell to Colby, Hoxie and Goodland.

Saintry won the championships in the first three tournaments they participated in: the St. Francis Invitational, the Brush Invitational, and the Wray Invitational. All of these took place in December. They were 3-1 at Sterling, placed fifth at the Prairie Classic, second at Republican Valley, third at the league tournament, third at regionals and fifth at state.

"Overall it was a good season," Coach Gabel said. "There was a lot of growth and development, both physical and mental."

Wrestlers earning championships at one or more tournaments include Dylan Loyd, Gabe Smull, Nick Keller, Derek Ross, Seth Swihart, Jordan Gienger, Gabe Walz, Trevor Richard and Trey Hilt.

Six seniors finished their high school wrestling career: Hilt, Troy Zwegardt, N. Keller, Grant Keller, Luke Keller and Kyle Buffington. Hilt was unable to participate at Regionals due to an injury while Luke Keller and Mario Tafoya missed most of the season as a result of injuries.

Following is a wrapup of the statistics from all varsity matches during the 2003-04 season.

Several wrestlers listed also competed in a number of junior varsity or exhibition matches but the statistics listed below apply only to varsity matches.

#### Top five wrestlers

Takedowns: Loyd 69, Richard 65, Ross 56, J. Gienger 50, Smull 36

Escapes: Walz 24, Zwegardt 17, Loyd 16, Swihart 16, Brown 15

Reversals: J. Gienger 33, G. Gienger 24, Loyd 24, Richard 20, Ross 18

Near falls: J. Gienger 48, Ross 42, Richard 38, Loyd 31, Smull 24

Wins: Ross 36, Loyd 22, Richard 31, Swihart 28, J. Gienger 27

Fewest losses (20 or more matches): Ross 4, Hilt 5, Richard 6, Loyd 8, Smull 8

Major decisions: Ross 7, Buffington 6, J. Gienger 4, Richard 3, several with two

Technical falls: Ross 5, Richard 4, Loyd 3, J. Gienger 3, Smull 2

Falls: Ross 18, Richard 17, Loyd 16, J. Gienger 14, N. Keller 13, Walz 13

Total points: Ross 191, Loyd 162, Richard 161, J. Gienger 133, N. Keller 119.

#### Complete stats

(Where two numbers are listed such as falls 10-2, it means that the Saintry wrestler pinned 10 of his opponents, while he was pinned twice)

Richard: takedowns 65; escapes 6; reversals 20; near falls 38; record 31-6; major decisions 3-0; technical falls 4-0; falls 17-5; points 161;

Mario Tafoya: takedowns 1; escapes 1; reversals 2; near falls 2; record 2-6; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 1-6; points 12;

Brady Frewen: takedowns 7; escapes 4; reversals 8; near falls 3; record 7-15; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 4-13; points 42;

Loyd: takedowns 69; escapes 16; reversals 24; near falls 31; record 33-8; major decisions 2-0; technical falls 3-0; falls 16-3; points 162;

Darren Laffond: takedowns 1; escapes 4; reversals 6; near falls 3; record 1-9; major decisions 0-1; technical falls 0-4; falls 1-3; points 6;

Joe Miller: takedowns 12; escapes 4; reversals 11; near falls 8; record 6-13; major decisions 1-2; technical falls 0-0; falls 4-7; points 31;

J. Gienger: takedowns 50; escapes 6; reversals 33; near falls 48; record 27-14; major decisions 4-1; technical falls 3-0; falls 14-10; points 133;

Matt Brown: takedowns 15; escapes 11; reversals 16; near falls 16; record 8-12; major decisions 1-3; technical falls 0-1; falls 1-1; points 13;

Russell Rogers: takedowns 8; escapes 4; reversals 2; near falls 3; record 3-5; major decisions 1-3; technical falls 0-1; falls 1-1; points 13;

G. Gienger: takedowns 26; escapes 13; reversals 24; near falls 21;

record 18-18; major decisions 1-6; technical falls 1-3; falls 8-6; points 77;

Devin Rohweder: takedowns 9; escapes 5; reversals 6; near falls 6; record 4-10; major decisions 0-2; technical falls 1-3; falls 1-5; points 17;

Zach Mills: takedowns 0; escapes 2; reversals 0; near falls 0; record 0-6; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 0-6; points 0;

Hilt: takedowns 35; escapes 10; reversals 17; near falls 9; record 15-5; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 1-0; falls 4-1; points 65;

Zwegardt: takedowns 12; escapes 17; reversals 7; near falls 6; record 5-9; major decisions 2-1; technical falls 0-1; falls 1-4; points 23;

Smull: takedowns 36; escapes 9; reversals 17; near falls 24; record 22-8; major decisions 2-0; technical falls 2-0; falls 11-0; points 108;

Ross: takedowns 56; escapes 12; reversals 18; near falls 42; record 36-4; major decisions 7-0; technical falls 5-0; falls 18-0; points 191;

Josh Walters: takedowns 7; escapes 10; reversals 3; near falls 6; record 4-11; major decisions 0-3; technical falls 1-0; falls 3-6; points 23;

Kyle Buffington: takedowns 16; escapes 5; reversals 13; near falls 19; record 10-7; major decisions 6-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 4-3; points 48;

N. Keller: takedowns 35; escapes 13; reversals 2; near falls 11; record 23-12; major decisions 0-1; technical falls 1-0; falls 13-6; points 119;

Grant Keller: takedowns 9; escapes 3; reversals 3; near falls 4; record 6-8; major decisions 0-1; technical falls 0-0; falls 4-6; points 36;

Cody Barnhart: takedowns 6; escapes 2; reversals 3; near falls 3; record 4-3; major decisions 0-1; technical fall 0-0; falls 1-7; points 6;

Tal Earl: takedowns 0; escapes 0; reversals 1; near falls 2; record 1-8; major decisions 0-1; technical falls 0-0; falls 7-2; points 6;

Brennan Wilger: takedowns 15; escapes 5; reversals 3; near falls 7; record 9-5; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-0; falls 7-2; points 48;

Walz: takedowns 29; escapes 24; reversals 6; near falls 15; record 23-12; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 1-3; falls 13-4; points 118;

Swihart: takedowns 26; escapes 16; reversals 4; near falls 9; record 28-12; major decisions 0-0; technical falls 0-1; falls 17-5.

#### Letter winners

Seniors: Hilt, Zwegardt, L. Keller, Buffington, G. Keller, N. Keller

Juniors: G. Gienger, Rohweder, Walters, Ross, Walz, Barnhart, Swihart

Sophomores: Richard, Loyd, Brown, Smull, Earl

Freshmen: Frewen, Laffond, J. Gienger, Miller, Rogers, Wilger

Mat Maids: Emily Walz, Kali Rueb

Filmer: Miranda Teeters

#### - Famous Quotes -

• Justice is a machine that, when someone has once given it the starting push, rolls on of itself. - John Galsworthy

• The most powerful agent of growth and transformation is something more basic than any technique: a change of heart. - John Welwood

• Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds - all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have. -Edward Everett Hale

• Prayer is the contemplation of the facts of life from the highest point of view. -Emerson

• Logical consequences are the scarecrows of fools and the beacons of wise men. - Thomas Henry Huxley

## Indians defeated Tuesday

By Betty Jean Winston

Sub-state action signifies the basketball season is coming to an end and the Indians finished the year when they were defeated in the first round of Sub-state played in Plainville on Thursday. The final score was Plainville 72, St. Francis 51.

Quinter won the right to go on to State when they took the 2A WaKeeney Sub-state title and extended their undefeated season. Teams competing at WaKeeney were Hoxie, Oberlin/Decatur Community, Quinter, St. Francis, Ellis, WaKeeney/Trego Community, Plainville and Hill City.

#### vs Plainville

The Indians played hard and mounted their best scoring effort in the fourth quarter but their opponents had built up a strong enough lead by this time to hold off the Indians.

St. Francis had a 37.8 percent shooting percentage from the field compared to 59 percent for Plainville, while at the line St. Francis was 53.1 percent and Plainville 56 percent.

Having a two-point shooting percentage 40 percent or better were Tyler Voorhies with 3-of-4 for 75 percent, Michael Raile, 5-of-10 for 50 percent; A.J. McAtee, 2-of-4 for 50 percent, Jonathan Roelfs 3-of-7 for 42.9 percent and Adam Peter 2-of-5 for 40 percent.

At the line A.J. McAtee was 2-of-3 for 66.7 percent, Joel McAtee 9-of-14 for 64.3 percent and Voorhies 4-of-7 for 57.1 percent.

Leading the scoring against Plainville were M. Raile with 12 points, J. McAtee with 11 and Voorhies with 10.

"We played well at times," Coach Ted Busse said. "We had two individuals play pretty well but it is a team game and it takes more than one or two. Everyone must be on the same



JUNIOR NICK RAILE moves the ball down the floor in a recent Indian game.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

page." Defensively St. Francis did well rebounding having 35 compared to 31 for Plainville. J. McAtee led the way with 12. The team had 11 steals led by Voorhies and had one blocked shot by M. Raile.

A wrap up of the season with individual season statistics will be published in the Herald next week.

SF 09 12 13 17 51  
P 19 20 21 12 72  
Scoring: M. Raile 12, J. McAtee 11, Voorhies 10, A.J. McAtee 6, Roelfs 6, Adam Peter 4, Dillan Zwegardt 2  
Rebounding: J. McAtee 12, M. Raile 7, Roelfs 5, D. Zwegardt 3, Peter 3, Andrew Feikert 2, Voorhies 1, Jon Zwegardt 1, A.J. McAtee 1.

## Several wrestlers compete

On Saturday, March 6, 24 wrestlers from the St. Francis Wrestling Club competed in a tournament hosted by the Wray Wrestling Club, and six boys brought home first-place trophies. Winning first were Jarod Schafer, Garrett Brunk and Shakotah Blanka in the 6-and-under division, Lane Hoffman in the 8-and-under division, Robbie Herman in the 10-and-under division and Levi Weeden in the 14-and-under division.

Complete results are as follows: 6 and under: Derek Vandike, 37 pounds, fourth; Jarod Schafer, 43 pounds, first; Garrett Brunk, 52

pounds, first; Shakotah Blanka, 96 pounds, first

8 and under: Lane Hoffman, 49 pounds, first; Casey Vandike, 52 pounds, fourth; Chase Krien, 64 pounds, second; Thomas Douthit, 67 pounds, fourth

10 and under: Casey Keller, 55 pounds, third; Aubrey Mills, 59 pounds, third; Dusten Laffond, 79 pounds, third; Robbie Herman, 142 pounds, first

12 and under: Cody Sherlock, 76 pounds, third; Darris Keller, 88 pounds, third; Drew Zwegardt, 88-92 pounds, third; Grady Brunk, 100 pounds, third; Trevor Reed,

100 pounds, fourth; David Stephens, 105 pounds, second; Trent Raile, 105 pounds, third; Adam Guthmiller, 120 pounds, second

14 and under: Darren Laffond, 129-140 pounds, second; Justin Sherlock, 129-140 pounds, third; Levi Weeden, 160-172 pounds, first; David Guthmiller, 160-172 pounds, second

#### Burlington

Logan Lampe attended the Burlington, Colo., PeeWee Tournament, where he competed in the 8 and under, 52-54 pound group.

## College player does well

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis graduate Mike Wolters finished his year as a member of the Fort Hays State University Fighting Tigers basketball team with one of his better scoring efforts of the season.

Although the team lost the game against Mesa State in the first round of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Association playoffs, Wolters poured 20 points through the net and was second high scorer behind Townes with 23.

Wolters connected on six-of-eight three-point attempts for 18 points and added a two-point field goal for his evening's total.

Fort Hays ended the year with a 17-11 record.

This is Wolters first year with the Tigers after playing two seasons with Colby Community College following four years as a standout player for St. Francis Community High School.

During his second year at Colby he helped the Trojans earn a 26-7 record. For the first time in nearly



FORMER ST. FRANCIS Indian scores 20 points for Fort Hays Tigers in game against Mesa State. Wolters is pictured here in an earlier contest.

Photo courtesy of Hays Daily News.

three decades they advanced to post-season play to the Region 6 semi-final game where they were defeated by Coffeyville.

St. Francis fans have been fol-

lowing Wolters college career and they will be looking forward to the basketball teams action again next year.

## Coach takes basketball team to State tourney

Oakley High School girls basketball coach Randall Rath, a 1982 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, is taking his basketball team to the 3A State Tournament this weekend in Hutchinson.

Playing in the Beloit Sub-state Oakley first downed Russell 62-28 in the opening round. They next outscored Beloit in a close 52-49 semi-final game and topped this off by defeating Thomas More Prep/Marian 50-26 in the championship game.

Oakley with their 19-4 season record will play Hesston (21-2) today (Thursday) at 4:45 p.m. in the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

The Oakley girls had a 4-3 season in Northwest Kansas League play and a 16-4 overall record going into Sub-state play the first week of March.

