



Wildcat Wrestling

2011-12 Competition Results

LOUISBURG



WRESTLING

***"IT'S A PSYCHOLOGICAL THING... THEY FEAR IT,
BUT THEY KNOW THEY CAN DO IT."***

-DAN GABLE



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

1ST ANNUAL PURPLE-WHITE SCRIMMAGE
29 November, 2011

Purple Team prevails in 1st annual intra-squad dual!

The Wildcat Wrestlers kicked off a new tradition on Tuesday, Nov. 29: the Purple-White Scrimmage, an intra-squad competition in which the top two wrestlers in each weight square off in a formal dual to see who will represent LHS at the varsity level. All wrestlers competed in matches that were either varsity wrestle-offs, ranking matches, or exhibition matches. In its inaugural year, the scrimmage resulted in a 52-24 victory for the Purple Team.

The scrimmage featured 6 varsity wrestle-off matches, 1 ranking match, and 6 exhibition matches. LHS is returning 2 state qualifiers: junior Cullen Hood, who placed 5th in state at 103 lbs., and senior Austin Hood, who won his second state championship at 119 lbs. C. Hood won his match by fall and A. Hood won an exhibition match against senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) by a 14-4 major decision. Caskey also won a varsity wrestle-off against freshman Cooper Skeem. Senior Colton Rommel (195 lbs.) bumped up against junior Konnor Cook (285 lbs.) for an exhibition match. Despite having a difference in weight of about 40 pounds, Rommel and Cook had a great match.

A special feature of the Purple-White Scrimmage is the invitation of Honorary Coaches. This year, we welcomed Coach Dee Graham and Representative Jene Vickrey. Graham was a Social Studies teacher and coach at LHS throughout the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. He coached numerous team championships in his tenure at LHS, including 4 League titles and 2 Louisburg Wildcat Class titles. He coached 61 state qualifiers, 7 state medalists, and 2 state champions (Tim Dozier in 1987 and Sonny Ewalt in 1993). Vickrey graduated from LHS in 1977, competing for Coach Don Meek and Coach Graham. He was a state qualifier at 119 lbs. his senior year. A life-long resident of Miami County, he owns and operates his own floor covering business. Vickrey has served in the Kansas House of Representatives since 1993, representing the 6th District, and he is currently the Speaker Pro Tem of the KS House.

Winners of the varsity wrestle-offs will compete at the Ft. Scott Duals this weekend. The Wildcats will have 5 duals against a tough slate of teams including Ft. Scott, Blue Valley Southwest, Jayhawk-Linn, Paola, Parsons, and Shawnee Mission West. All other Wildcat Wrestlers will compete at the Blue Valley North JV tournament.

Varsity Challenge Match Results:

- 120 lbs. – Cullen Hood (Purple) wbf over Zach Knox (White)
- 138 lbs. – Austen Scott (White) wbf over Ben Powers (Purple)
- 145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (White) wbf over Cooper Skeem (Purple)
- 152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (Purple) wbf over Shea Cox (White)
- 160 lbs. – Bret Bullock (Purple) wbf over Cody Richards (White)
- 182 lbs. – John Hamamy (Purple) wbf over Greyson Honsinger (White)

Exhibition / Ranking Match Results:

- 152 / 182 lbs. – Kyle Edwards (Purple) wbf over Colin Bird (White)
- 106 / 113 lbs. – Austin Huber (White) wbf over Logan Glenn (Purple)
- 120 lbs. – Spencer Bowman (Purple) wbf over Reid Blythe (White)
- 138 / 145 lbs. – Chris Drew (Purple) wbf over Ray Metzger (White)
- 170 / 182 lbs. – Colin Bird (White) wbf over Jeremiah Ming (Purple)
- 195 / 285 lbs. – Konnor Cook (Purple) wbf over Colton Rommel (White)
- 126 / 145 lbs. – Austin Hood (Purple) maj. dec. Austin Caskey (White)

Next Competition: Ft. Scott Duals (Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: FORT SCOTT DUALS
December 3, 2011

Wildcats kick-start 2011-12 season with 4 dual victories!

Led by three wrestlers who were undefeated on the day, the Louisburg Wildcats placed 5th out of 7 teams in the Fort Scott Duals. In a uniquely formatted tournament, the squad ended up facing two teams twice and a local rival once. The morning pool rounds opened up with a 48-24 victory over Parsons, followed by a 54-18 win over Jayhawk-Linn. Both teams were short-handed this weekend and there were only four matches in each dual. Following the pool rounds, the Wildcats were placed into the brackets, matched up with Paola. Giving up four open weight classes proved to make things difficult and the dual resulted in a lopsided 58-30 loss to the Panthers. This is where the tournament format worked out unfortunately for us, as we ended up facing Parsons and Jayhawk-Linn again. This time, the team scores were 47-24 and 48-18, respectively.

Seven Wildcat wrestlers ended the day with a .500 record or better, led by seniors Austin Hood (126 lbs.) and Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) and junior Cullen Hood (120 lbs.). A. Hood earned two falls and a tech fall, Caskey earned three falls, and C. Hood earned three falls. Two of C. Hood's falls were against a returning state qualifier from Parsons. Senior Colton Rommel (195 lbs.) notched two falls and dropped a 6-3 decision to the #1 ranked wrestler at 182 lbs. Junior Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.), in his only match of the day, earned a 14-second fall. Freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.) stepped onto the mat for his first-ever wrestling match and earned a first-period fall, but then lost his second match of the day. Junior Konnor Cook (285 lbs.) was hanging with a returning state placer from Paola before getting caught on his back in the final seconds of the match, but in his next match he won by fall in dominating fashion.

Three other wrestlers represented the Wildcats on Saturday. Sophomore Ben Powers (138 lbs.) ran into some tough competition in his first few matches, going 1-4 on the day, but the highlight of his day was earning a revenge win against his Jayhawk-Linn opponent, who had pinned him earlier in the day. Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) had some great matches, but also ran into the same returning state placer twice and finished 0-3. In order to wrestle his only match of the day, freshman Logan Glenn (106 lbs.) had to bump up a weight class to face off against a Jayhawk-Linn opponent. He fought hard, but the weight difference was too much and he finished with an 0-1 record.

The Wildcats take to the mats again in a week at the Eudora Tournament of Champions. This is Eudora's 33rd year of hosting this tournament and the 8th year of its current format. Twenty-three teams will be competing at this tough two-day tournament, including six state-ranked teams.

Individual Results:

- 106 lbs. – Logan Glenn (fr.) 0-1
- 113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 1-1, 1 fall**
- 120 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 3-0, 3 falls**
- 126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 3-0, 2 falls, 1 tech fall**
- 132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 0-3
- 138 lbs. – Ben Powers (so.) 1-4, 1 fall
- 145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 3-0, 3 falls**
- 152 lbs. – open
- 160 lbs. – open
- 170 lbs. – open
- 182 lbs. – open

195 lbs. – Colton Rommel (sr.) 2-1, 2 falls
220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 1-0, 1 fall
285 lbs. – Konnor Cook (jr.) 1-1, 1 fall

Dual Record: 4-1

Team Placing: 5th out of 7 teams

Next Competition:
Eudora Tournament of Champions (December 9-10, 2011)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: EUDORA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
December 9-10, 2011

Wildcats led by A. Hood's championship, top-8 finishes from Caskey and Cook

Going into the 9th annual Eudora Tournament of Champions, the Louisburg wrestlers knew that it would be a dog-fight in every weight class. Every year, this tournament boasts some of the area's toughest wrestlers from all four state classifications. This year, 8 Wildcats took to the mats in the 23-team, 2-day tournament. LHS finished the weekend with an individual champion, 2 top-8 finishers, and 16th place as a team (2 points away from being 14th).

Three Wildcats would have finished in the top-8, but injuries sustained Friday night kept them from competing.

Senior Austin Hood (126 lbs.) found himself competing in the toughest weight class of the tournament. He entered the tournament as the #2 seed, but he thought of nothing other than being #1 at the end of the weekend. He finished the pool rounds with 2 falls and 2 tech falls. In the bracket rounds, he began with a quick pin in his first match and a major decision in his second match, which was against a two-time state medalist who had beaten Hood last season at this same tournament. In the finals, Hood defeated his Baldwin opponent by a score of 3-0. His opponent had been a state champion at 103 lbs. in 2010. Senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) finished second in his pool, but battled his way to a 5th place overall finish in his weight class. Caskey racked up 2 falls and a major decision en route to his finish. In his final match of the evening—arguably his most exciting match so far this season—Caskey trailed 3-1 in the final seconds. He was on bottom and made a last-ditch effort to score on bottom, resulting in a locked-hands penalty and a reversal against his opponent and a final score of 4-3 in favor of Caskey. Junior Konnor Cook (285

lbs.) also ran into some stiff competition. In this loaded weight class, the top five wrestlers included a state champion, 3 state medalists, and a wrestler who had been one match away from placing at state last year. Cook finished 8th in his bracket, but he had some exciting matches along the way. In his final match Friday evening, he earned a solid victory over his Chanute opponent with a 3rd period fall, and in the consolation match of the bracket rounds he lost in the final seconds after his Rossville opponent scored a quick takedown.

Junior Cullen Hood (120 lbs.) finished Friday evening with a 4-0 record, soundly defeating two state qualifiers, but a possibly torn calf muscle side-lined him on the second day and removed him from the bracket. Senior Colton Rommel (195 lbs.) had won his first match by fall, but in his second match suffered a hyperextension of the elbow and also had to default out of the tournament. Junior Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) was 3-1 with 3 falls, but in his last match Friday evening he separated his ribs. All three would have been key point-scorers in the tournament, but unfortunate circumstances kept them from contributing to the Wildcats' performance. LHS was also represented by juniors Austen Scott (132 lbs.) and John Hamamy (182 lbs.). Scott finished his pool with an 0-3 record, and Hamamy was 0-2 before having to withdraw from competition due to sickness.

The next competition for the Wildcat wrestlers will be next Saturday at the Tonganoxie Randy Starcher Memorial Tournament. This tournament features six 4A opponents, as well as several 3-2-1A schools and a school from Missouri. Last season, the Wildcats finished 7th, with 5 wrestlers winning medals. This will be the squad's final competition before the Christmas break. Before they get to enjoy their must-deserved rest, the boys will need to step up one more time to show the wrestling community what Louisburg wrestling is all about!

Individual Results:

120 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 4-0, 4 falls

126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 7-0, 3 falls, 2 tech falls, 1st place

132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 0-3

145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 5-3, 2 falls, 5th place

182 lbs. – John Hamamy (jr.) 0-2

195 lbs. – Colton Rommel (sr.) 1-1, 1 fall

220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 2-1, 2 falls

285 lbs. – Konnor Cook (jr.) 2-6, 1 fall, 8th place

Team Placing:
16th out of 23 teams

Next Competition:
Tonganoxie Invitational (December 17, 2011)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: TONGANOXIE INVITATIONAL
December 17, 2011

Caskey falls short of the individual gold, leads young squad at Tongie

Going into the 12-team Tonganoxie Invitational, the Wildcats were only taking a team of 7 wrestlers. Injuries and illnesses have definitely taken a toll on the squad, but our philosophy is “performance regardless.” No excuses on competition day – we field our best team, put our best efforts forward, and let the chips fall where they may. LHS finished the day in 7th place out of 12 teams. Tonganoxie took 1st, Shawnee Heights took 2nd, and Piper took 3rd.

Senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) stepped things up on Saturday, leading with a team-high 2nd place finish. He made short work of his first two opponents, pinning them both in the 1st period, but ran into a tough Tonganoxie opponent and lost a 4-10 decision. Caskey currently leads the team with 12 wins and 7 pins on the season.

Making his varsity debut (and wrestling in just his 3rd meet ever) was freshman Zach Knox (120 lbs.). Knox, who is filling in for the injured Cullen Hood, now boasts a record of 3-1 and brought home a 3rd place finish. He pinned his first opponent and then won a barn-burner match by a score of 19-14 before running into the #2 seeded wrestler. A loss to that opponent put Knox in the 3rd place match, which he won in an exciting fashion!

Down by 7 points with less than a minute to go, he hit a flurry of moves and found himself on top of his opponent and earned the fall with 30 seconds to go. Freshman Logan Glenn (106 lbs.) also earned a spot in the top-4 of his weight class, losing the bronze medal match to a Tonganoxie opponent. Glenn won a technical fall in the pool rounds before earning his 4th place medal.

Also competing for the Wildcats were freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.), sophomore Ben Powers (138 lbs.), and juniors Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) and Konnor Cook (285 lbs.). Powers earned two falls and won an exciting 14-10 decision to take 5th place. Lemke, wrestling in his first competition of the year after battling a recent concussion, won by fall and then by a 3-1 decision to take 5th place. Taking 6th place, Huber found himself on the wrong side of the bracket. Although he was 0-3 on the day, he had gave a great match to the eventual runner-up at his weight. Cook had some great moments Saturday, winning his first match by fall, but in his second match of the day he suffered a mild concussion and had to default out to 6th place.

The Wildcats will get to enjoy some much-needed time off these next few weeks. Injuries have been taking their toll on the squad, but this is the right time for them to happen – better now than in February! When the Wildcats return in January 2012, we’ll be traveling to Adrian, MO, for a double dual against Adrian and Prairie View. That Saturday, we host our annual Wildcat Wrestling Classic!

Individual Results:

- 106 lbs. – Logan Glenn (fr.) 1-2, 1 tech fall, 4th place
- 113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 0-3, 6th place
- 120 lbs. – Zach Knox (fr.) 3-1, 2 falls, 3rd place
- 138 lbs. – Ben Powers (so.) 3-2, 2 falls, 5th place
- 145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 2-1, 2 falls, 2nd place
- 152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 2-2, 1 fall, 5th place
- 285 lbs. – Konnor Cook (jr.) 1-1, 1 fall, 6th place

Team Placing: 7th out of 12 teams

Next Competitions:

Adrian / Butler Double Dual @ Adrian (Jan. 5)
Wildcat Classic @ LHS (Jan. 7)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

*COMPETITION: Adrian / Prairie View Duals
5 January, 2012*

McLellan goes 2-0 in duals, leads Wildcats

The LHS Wildcats traveled a little out of state to see a familiar foe and a Missouri foe in a pair of friendly duals, but the overall scores weren't so friendly. Louisburg, fielding a team with 5 open weight classes, gave up some insurmountable leads in each dual, but there were some highlights to the evening. The final scores were LHS 18, Prairie View 48 and LHS 9, Adrian 54.

Junior Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) was the lone Wildcat to go 2-0 on the evening. McLellan scored two falls against his opponents. Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) won a tough match against his Adrian opponent, scoring the winning points in the last few seconds. Junior Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) opened his evening with a quick pin against his Prairie View opponent as well. Junior Cullen Hood (126 lbs.) bumped up a weight to fill in for his sick brother and lost a tough match against his Prairie View opponent, falling in double overtime, but he also suffered an elbow injury during his match, which prevented him from competing against Adrian.

LHS was also represented by freshman Logan Glenn (106 lbs.), freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.), freshman Zach Knox (120 lbs.), junior Greyson Honsinger (182 lbs.), and junior Konnor Cook (285 lbs.). Glenn, Huber, and Cook are regular fixtures in the varsity line-up, but Knox filled in when Cullen Hood bumped up and Honsinger is filling in for John Hamamy.

The Wildcats are ready to turn around and get back to work. This weekend, we host our annual Wildcat Classic Wrestling Invitational. Several top teams from across the state will be coming, including Seaman, Lansing, Shawnee Heights, and Tonganoxie.

Individual Results:

106 lbs. – Logan Glenn (fr.) 0-2
113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 0-2
120 lbs. – Zach Knox (fr.) 0-2
126 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 0-1
132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 1-1
138 lbs. – open
145 lbs. – open
152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 1-1, 1 fall
160 lbs. – open
170 lbs. – open
182 lbs. – Greyson Honsinger (jr.) 0-2
195 lbs. – open
220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 2-0, 2 falls
285 lbs. – Konnor Cook (jr.) 0-2

Louisburg 18, Prairie View 48

Louisburg 9, Adrian 54

Dual Record: 4-3

*Next Competition: Wildcat Classic Wrestling Invitational
7 January, 2012*



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: WILDCAT CLASSIC WRESTLING INVITATIONAL **7 January, 2012**

Hood remains undefeated, wins home tourney

The Wildcat Classic Wrestling Invitational is a tournament that has roots back to the early days of Louisburg wrestling. Coach Don Meek started the program in 1969 and decided to put on a home tournament the very next year. For many decades, this tradition had been carried on, and we're proud to have continued with it. This year, ten teams gathered in the LHS gym, which was covered with four wrestling mats, to compete for the team and individual titles. Tonganoxie came away with 1st place, followed by Seaman in 2nd and Blue Valley West in 3rd. LHS finished in 8th place with three top-4 finishers.

Senior Austin Hood (126 lbs.) continues to lead the team as he went 4-0 to win our only individual championship.

Hood notched pins in his first three matches and then won an excited match in an ultimate tie-breaker against his Lansing opponent. Hood and his opponent were tied 1-1 after three periods, and then after a scoreless overtime and matching each other escape for escape in the tiebreaker periods, it came down to a 30-second ultimate tiebreaker. If the bottom man escaped, he won the match, and if the top man rode him out, then he won. With 5 seconds left, Hood's opponent nearly escaped, but Austin caught hold of his leg and held on with all he had to finish out the period. Hood remains undefeated at 16-0. Senior Austin Caskey walked away with a 3rd place finish at 145 lbs. Caskey lost a close decision to the eventual champion and then won a tight 6-5 match in the consolation finals to an opponent who was ranked in the top 6 in Class 5A. Freshman Zach Knox stepped up again to fill the shoes of Cullen Hood at 126 lbs. and he came away with a 4th place finish. Knox has a 5-5 record on varsity and has finished in the top-4 at two tournaments.

Freshmen Logan Glenn (106 lbs.) and Austin Huber (113 lbs.) both finished 5th in their weight classes, and juniors Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) and Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) both finished in 6th place. Juniors Austen Scott (132 lbs.) and Konnor Cook (285 lbs.) each earned a pin, but did not make it to the top-6. Another pair of juniors, Kyle Edwards at 138 lbs. and Greyson Honsinger at 182 lbs., filled in the varsity line-up for the Wildcats, but were winless on the day.

After a grueling start to the new year, the Wildcats are preparing for a dual tournament this upcoming weekend at Prairie View. We'll see some familiar regional opponents, such as Prairie View and Anderson County, but we'll also see some new teams. Let's go Wildcats!

Individual Results:

106 lbs. – Logan Glenn (fr.) 0-5, 5th place
113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 1-2, 5th place
120 lbs. – Zach Knox (fr.) 2-2, 2 falls, 4th place
126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 4-0, 3 falls, 1st place
132 – Austen Scott (jr.) 1-3, 1 fall
138 – Kyle Edwards (jr.) 0-2
145 – Austin Caskey (sr.) 3-1, 1 fall, 3rd place
152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 1-3, 1 fall, 6th place
182 lbs. – Greyson Honsinger (jr.) 0-4
220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 1-3, 1 fall, 6th place
285 lbs. – Konnor Cook (jr.) 1-3, 1 fall

Team Placing: 8th out of 10 teams

Next Competition: Prairie View Duals (14 January, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: PRAIRIE VIEW DUALS
14 January, 2012

Hood, McLellan lead 'Cats to 9th place finish at Prairie View

If you want to bring home some team victories when you go into a dual tournament, you've got to take a full team. Unfortunately, placing high as a team wasn't possible for the Wildcats at the Prairie View Duals. With a team of only 7 wrestlers, we took some knocks as we wrestled our way to a 9th place finish. We won more individual matches than we lost, however, bringing home an overall 15-10 record with head-to-head matches.

The first dual of the day, we lost to Blue Valley Southwest 24-51, but we won 5 out of 7 matches. Against Ottawa, we lost by a team score of 15-61 and only won 3 of 7 matches. Against Andover, the score was 31-45 but we won 6 out of 7 matches. In our last dual in pool competition, we faced Shawnee Mission South and lost 30-60, again winning 5 out of 7 matches. Mathematically, it was highly unlikely that we could win a dual, giving up 42 points right off the bat, but in the 9th place match, we ran into a school with just as many opens as we had: Anderson County. Things worked out just right so that there were 3 weights where we were both open, we received 4 forfeits and they received 4 forfeits. That meant it came down to 3 head-to-head matches to determine the winner of the dual. Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) wrestled first, getting pinned in the first period. Then senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) and junior Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) each came out and won by fall in the first period to secure the dual victory for the team!

Individually, two Wildcats were undefeated on the day: senior Austin Hood (126 lbs.) and McLellan. Hood notched 3 wins by fall, while McLellan had 2 pins. Freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.) was 4-1, beginning the day with an exciting 9-7 overtime win, and Caskey was also 4-1 at 145 lbs., winning two close decisions along the way. Freshman Zach Knox picked up two pins at 120 lbs. Freshman Logan Glenn was 2-3 at 106 lbs. and junior Austen Scott, who earned a fall and a major decision at 132 lbs., was also 2-3.

This tournament essentially marks the half-way point of the season. There are only four more regular-season tournament weekends until the Regional Tournament will be upon us! On Friday, the Wildcats will head up to Blue Valley Northwest for the annual Husky Invitational.

Individual Results:

106 lbs. – Logan Glenn (fr.) 2-3
113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 4-1
120 lbs. – Zach Knox (fr.) 3-2, 2 falls
126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 5-0, 3 falls
132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 2-3, 1 fall
145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 4-1, 2 falls
220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 5-0, 2 falls

Dual Record: 5-7

Team Placing:

9th out of 10 teams

Next Competition:

BVNW Husky Invitational (January 20-21, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: BVNW HUSKY INVITATIONAL
January 20-21, 2012

Wildcats led by Hood and Caskey at Blue Valley Northwest!

Last Friday and Saturday, six Wildcat Wrestlers took to the mats in one of the toughest tournaments in the state of Kansas, the Blue Valley Northwest Husky Invitational! Louisburg was one of two 4A schools in a field full of 5A and 6A powerhouses. Manhattan took home the team trophy, followed by Lawrence, Newton, Bonner Springs, and Hutchinson.

At 126 lbs., senior Austin Hood again showed his dominance by notching two technical falls and a fall before facing Lawrence's Hunter Harralson in the finals. This year, Hood had already defeated Harralson, the only wrestler to have beaten Hood last year, winning 9-1 at Eudora, and this time he was looking to better that performance. After a scoreless first period, Hood chose the bottom position and earned an escape and a takedown to take the lead. Harralson chose the down position in the third period, but Austin rode him out, earning nearfall toward the end of the match for a solid 5-0 decision. Senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) had an exciting tournament as well, finishing in 5th place. Caskey's most exciting match came in the consolation quarterfinals where he was down 9-4 with 30 seconds left. With a master's focus, he lost no time in hitting his go-to move, the headlock, to tie the match and send it into overtime where he quickly scored the winning takedown.

Juniors Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) and Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) came close to placing in the top-6 at this tough tournament. McLellan won two matches by fall, but lost to two tough individuals, both of whom are ranked in the top-6 in Class 6A. Lemke had a tough draw in the first round, losing to a state-ranked opponent from Shawnee Mission South, but bouncing back with a solid win against a Washington opponent. In the next round, he came up against a tough match with an opponent from Hutchinson and lost 10-3. Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) and sophomore Ben Powers (138 lbs.) also wrestled for the Wildcats. Both Scott and Powers were 0-2 this weekend.

Next week, we'll be traveling to Baldwin for a new addition to our schedule, but we'll see many familiar faces at the Baldwin Invitational Tournament. We expect to find lots of tough competition from the likes of Baldwin, Tonganoxie, Holton, Lansing, and Oak Park (Missouri).

Individual Results:

126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 4-0, 1 fall, 2 tech falls, 1st place

132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 0-2

138 lbs. – Ben Powers (so.) 0-2

145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 4-2, 1 fall, 5th place

152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 1-2, 1 fall

220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 2-2, 2 falls

Team Placing:

15th out of 19 teams

Next Competition:

Baldwin Invitational (January 28, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: BALDWIN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
January 28, 2012

Hood dominant at Baldwin!

This season marks the first time that the Louisburg Wildcats have been invited to the Baldwin Invitational Tournament, a tough match-up of some of the top 4A schools in the area. Prairie View came out on top with the team championship, followed by Holton, Tonganoxie, Oak Park (Missouri), and host Baldwin. LHS finished in 11th place out of 15 teams with one champion and two other placers.

Senior Austin Hood made another statement this weekend by placing 1st at 126 lbs. Hood scored a dominant tech fall in the quarterfinals and then made a quick pin in the semifinals. In the championship finals, he faced a familiar foe in Baldwin's Bryce Shoemaker. Hood went right to work in the first period, scoring a quick takedown off an ankle pick and then earning a 2-point nearfall before the end of the first period. Shoemaker chose neutral in the second period and Hood gave up a rare takedown to him. In the third period, Hood chose down and Shoemaker gave an early escape, and the rest of the match became a strategic battle for control. In the end, Hood remained dominant and brought home the championship with a 5-2 victory. Junior Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) also had a good weekend, taking 4th place in his weight class. He lost to a tough kid from Oak Park, Missouri, but rebounded through the back side of the bracket to meet up with Santa Fe Trail's Edward Fitzgerald in the 3rd place match. Fitzgerald, who has been ranked at the top in Class 4A, was a tough obstacle that McLellan could not get around. Senior Austin Caskey placed 5th at 145 lbs., dropping some tough matches to opponents from Prairie View and Basehor-Linwood. In the consolation finals match for 5th place, however, he won a great 11-9 decision against his Holton opponent.

Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.), freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.), and junior Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) found themselves with tough draws in the first round, as all three lost their first matches. They each set out to finish as high as they could in the tournament, but only Scott made it to the 9th place match. Scott was leading his Santa Fe Trail opponent by 4 points before getting caught and pinned. Huber won a major decision and Lemke earned a fall on the backside of their brackets, but both lost in the next round. Despite being light for his weight, sophomore Ben Powers continues to fill in at 138 lbs. and giving it all he's got. Powers was 0-2 on the weekend.

As the Wildcat Wrestlers near the end of January, we find ourselves getting closer and closer to the end of the season. There's only one more regular tournament before we begin our "Championship Series" of League, Regionals, and State. Next weekend, we travel to Silver Lake for their annual invitational tournament.

Individual Results:

113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 1-2
126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 3-0, 1 fall, 1 tech fall, 1st place
132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 1-2, 1 fall
138 lbs. – Ben Powers (so.) 0-2
145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 3-2, 1 fall, 5th place
152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 1-2, 1 fall
220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 2-2, 2 falls, 4th place

Team Placing:

11th out of 15 teams

Next Competition:

Silver Lake Invitational (February 4, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: SILVER LAKE INVITATIONAL
February 4, 2012

Caskey and Hood win gold at Silver Lake!

The Wildcats hit the mats Saturday and faced off against some key Kansas Class 4A teams in the Silver Lake Invitational. Four of our wrestlers placed in the top-6 of this 18-team tournament, leading the Wildcats to an overall 9th place finish as a team. St. James Academy captured the team title, followed by Salina South and the Prairie View.

Two seniors captured gold medals this weekend. Austin Hood went 4-0 with 3 falls to take 1st at 126 lbs. In the finals, Hood defeated Baldwin's Bryce Shoemaker, a 2010 state champion, for the third time this season, by a score of 6-2. Austin Caskey entered the tournament as the #6 seed, but in a key quarterfinals match-up, he upset the #3 seed who had pinned him just a week earlier. In the semi-finals, his Osawatomie opponent had to injury default, putting him in the finals. Oddly enough, Caskey's finals opponent was also forced to injury default, giving him the gold medal, his first of the season.

Junior Cullen Hood (120 lbs.) had a great showing in his first tournament back after being injured in early January.

In the semi-finals, Cullen dropped a 1-0 decision to the eventual champion, but bounced back with a pair of dominating wins to take 3rd. Junior Curtis Lemke is also coming on strong at the end of the season, taking 5th place at 152 lbs. Lemke wrestled a state-ranked opponent from Class 5A to a 7-4 decision, but had a good run through the backside of the bracket. Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) had some great matches but came up short this weekend, going 1-2. Also competing for the Wildcats were freshmen Austin Huber (113 lbs.) and Shea Cox (bumping up to fill in at 160 lbs.). Both Huber and Cox went 0-2.

The "Championship Series" begins next week as the Wildcats travel to Paola High School for the Frontier League Tournament. The seven league schools will compete in a dual format, going head-to-head with each school. League champions, both team and individual, will be determined by overall head-to-head record.

Individual Results:

113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 0-2
120 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 2-1, 1 fall, 3rd place
126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 4-0, 3 falls, 1st place
132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 1-2
145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 3-0, 1st place
152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 3-2, 1 fall, 5th place
160 lbs. – Shea Cox (fr.) 0-2

Team Placing:

9th out of 18 teams

Next Competition:

Frontier League Duals (February 10-11, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: FRONTIER LEAGUE DUALS
February 10-11, 2012

Wildcats led by Caskey, finish 6th at League!

Every year, the Frontier League is filled with competitive teams with lots of great talent, and this year was no exception. The Wildcats traveled to Paola High School to compete in the Frontier League Tournament last weekend and faired pretty well against tough teams such as Baldwin, Spring Hill, and DeSoto. Baldwin won the league crown outright, going 6-0 in duals. Spring Hill, Ottawa, and DeSoto were tied with records of 4-2; using the tie-breaker criteria, Ottawa finished 2nd, Spring Hill finished 3rd, and DeSoto finished 4th. Host school Paola was 5th, Louisburg was 6th, and Eudora finished in 7th place.

The Wildcats began the day with a rematch against Ottawa. Last time we wrestled, we were short some key starters, and this time our opens put us in too deep a hole to climb out of. The final score against Ottawa was 45-33. Freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.) won a key rematch against a kid who'd beaten him earlier this season, and junior Curtis Lemke won a decisive match by fall against a solid wrestler at 152 lbs. In the next round, we took on Paola, another rematch from earlier this season. The score was much closer, 30-24, but again our opens worked against us. Junior Cullen Hood (120 lbs.), senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.), and junior Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) each won their matches by fall. The last dual of the night was against Spring Hill, dropping that dual by a score of 48-30. Caskey, Lemke, and junior Kyle McLellan (220 lbs.) all scored pins for the Wildcats.

On Saturday, we had three more tough duals, opening against DeSoto. Freshman Zach Knox, filling in at 126 lbs., was losing 14-2 in the third period and scored a takedown that led to a fall to score some solid points for the Wildcats early on. Later in the dual, we had pins coming from Caskey and McLellan, but the final score was 45-21. Three Wildcats were undefeated going into the Baldwin dual: Hood, Caskey, and McLellan, but only Caskey came out with a win. Hood lost in an ultimate tiebreaker to Tucker Clark and McLellan was pinned by Colton Bonner, the #1 ranked wrestler in 4A. The final score was 57-11. In the last dual of the tournament, the Wildcats faced off against Eudora. We matched up very well against the Cardinals, ending the day with a 43-28 dual victory and securing 6th place in the tournament. Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) won by fall and sophomore Ben Powers (138 lbs.) won a 9-3 decision, but one of the highlights of the dual was freshman Shea Cox. Cox, a first-year wrestler, bumped up a weight to fill in at 160 lbs. He lost by a major decision, but he fought the entire match and even scored a takedown on his much bigger opponent.

The Frontier League Tournament marks the beginning of the "Championship Series" for the Wildcats. The next step will be the Kansas Class 4A Regional Tournament at Fort Scott. The top-4 placers in each weight will move on to the Kansas Class 4A State Tournament in Salina. This is the time of year for the boys to be peaking, and it's looking like several of them have a shot at qualifying for state. Wrestling starts at 2:00pm Friday and 11:00am Saturday at Fort Scott, so come on down to support the Wildcats!

Individual Results:

113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 4-2, 1 fall, 4th place

120 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 5-1, 3 falls, 2nd place

126 lbs. – Zach Knox (fr.) 2-4, 2 falls

132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 1-5, 1 fall

138 lbs. – Ben Powers (so.) 2-4, 1 fall

145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 6-0, 4 falls, 1st place

152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 4-2, 3 falls, 2nd place

160 lbs. – Shea Cox (fr.) 0-6

220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 5-1, 4 falls, 2nd place

Dual Results: (overall record of 6-12)

Ottawa 45, LHS 33
Paola 30, LHS 24
Spring Hill 48, LHS 30
DeSoto 45, LHS 21
Baldwin 57, LHS 11
LHS 43, Eudora 28

Team Placing:

6th out of 7 teams

Next Competition:

Kansas 4A Regional Tournament at Fort Scott (February 17-18, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

COMPETITION: 4A REGIONALS @ FORT SCOTT
February 17-18, 2012

Wildcats sending 3 to 4A State in Salina!

Although the season came to an early end for many of the Wildcat Wrestlers, the 4A Regional Tournament in Fort Scott was scene to many highlights of the Louisburg program. Three wrestlers qualified for the 4A State Tournament in Salina next week, and several others came close to making it into the top-4. LHS finished in 6th place as a team in the 15-team field; Pittsburg brought home the Regional championship, followed by Prairie View, Chanute, Fort Scott, and Paola.

Leading the pack was senior Austin Hood, our lone regional champion at 126 lbs. Austin kick-started his bid for a 3rd consecutive state title with a pin and two technical falls. In the finals, Austin was leading his Fort Scott opponent 14-1 when he secured the fall. Junior Cullen Hood (120 lbs.) also made the championship finals, where he saw a familiar face in Prairie View's Kaleb Konitzer. Midway through the second period, Konitzer caught Cullen in a funk move, reversing him and scoring nearfall. In the third period, Cullen fought for a takedown, but couldn't pull it off, losing by a 7-0 decision. After a dramatic Friday evening, senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) had a rough road to a state berth. Caskey dropped a heart-breaker in overtime to a Prairie View opponent and would have to beat the #2 seed to make it to the top-4. In a tight battle, Caskey pulled out a 6-5 victory over his Independence opponent. In the consolation finals, he ran into a hard-hitting opponent from Coffeyville and lost by fall to take 4th.

Several other Wildcats had good opportunities and came close, but ultimately came up short in their goals to qualify for state. Freshman Austin Huber (113 lbs.) earned a revenge win against a Prairie View opponent in the consolation quarterfinals. In his next match, he dropped a close 3-1 decision to a wrestler from Independence.

Junior Curtis Lemke (152 lbs.) won two matches before falling in the consolation quarterfinals to a Parsons opponent. Junior Kyle McLellan began the tournament as the #3 seed, but in the championship quarterfinals he suffered a concussion that knocked him out of the tournament. McLellan had a great chance of placing in the top-4.

Junior Austen Scott (132 lbs.) gave his Paola opponent fits in the consolation quarterfinals. He nearly earned a defensive pin a couple of times, but lost 6-3. Freshman Shea Cox finished his season bumping up to 160 lbs. to fill in for the team; he drew a tough opponent in the first round, but on the back side, he had a great match against a Fort Scott opponent. Cox scored the first takedown in the match, but got caught in a reversal and was pinned in the second period.

The Wildcats' season culminates next weekend with the 4A State Tournament at the Salina Bicentennial Center. Wrestling begins Friday at 10:00am. Matches will continue throughout the day on four mats and by the end of the day, the 2012 state finalists will have been determined. Saturday, matches begin at 9:00am and we will see who all earns state medals by the end of the day. This is a historic opportunity for Louisburg Wrestling, as senior Austin Hood will be competing for his third state title. Austin is the school's first 4-time state medalist and is already the school's only 2-time state champion. All three qualifiers have had outstanding seasons, regardless, and they could use as much support as possible as they battle for state medals!

Individual Results:

113 lbs. – Austin Huber (fr.) 1-2

120 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 3-1, 2 falls, 2nd place

126 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 4-0, 2 falls, 2 tech falls, 1st place

132 lbs. – Austen Scott (jr.) 0-2

145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 3-2, 1 fall, 4th place

152 lbs. – Curtis Lemke (jr.) 2-2, 1 fall
160 lbs. – Shea Cox (fr.) 0-2
220 lbs. – Kyle McLellan (jr.) 0-1, injury default

Team Placing:

6th out of 15 teams

Next Competition:

4A State Tournament (February 24-25, 2012)



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

TEAM STATISTICS, 2011-12

Wrestler	Yr.	W	L	W%	T2	Opp T2	N3	Opp N3	N2	Opp N2	R2	Opp R2	E1	Opp E1	P1	Opp P1	Pins	TF	MD	Dec	Team Pts.	Pts	Opp Pts	Opp Pins	Opp TF	Opp MD	Opp Dec
1 Glenn, Logan	fr.	7	12	0.368	4	13	1	2	5	3	2	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	53	27	48	11	0	0	1
2 Huber, Austin	fr.	14	17	0.452	18	43	4	9	1	7	5	6	20	15	4	3	2	0	1	4	74	84	157	9	1	2	5
3 Hood, Cullen	jr.	19	4	0.826	27	1	3	1	7	0	2	3	1	12	0	3	11	0	1	3	106	82	26	0	0	0	4
4 Hood, Austin	sr.	36	0	1.000	75	2	45	0	18	0	5	1	15	25	1	4	18	8	1	6	232	347	35	0	0	0	0
5 Scott, Austen	jr.	9	26	0.257	23	34	4	16	1	5	8	9	8	9	2	3	4	0	1	2	44	86	156	21	1	1	3
6 Caskey, Austin	sr.	38	12	0.760	60	33	11	7	7	5	18	9	20	42	3	4	17	0	2	13	200.5	226	161	5	0	2	5
7 Lemke, Curtis	jr.	15	16	0.484	28	25	6	14	4	5	6	9	10	19	1	3	11	0	1	2	77.5	105	142	12	2	0	2
8 Cox, Shea	fr.	0	10	0.000	2	13	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	37	9	0	1	0
9 Knox, Zach	fr.	10	11	0.476	13	23	5	15	0	16	8	10	7	5	0	0	8	0	0	1	68	64	148	7	2	2	0
10 Hamamy, John	jr.	0	2	0.000	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	2	0	0	0
11 Rommel, Colton	sr.	5	2	0.714	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	32	9	9	0	0	0	1
12 McLellan, Kyle	jr.	25	10	0.714	18	26	3	10	5	9	10	2	5	16	2	2	16	0	0	0	143	82	122	7	1	1	0
13 Cook, Konnor	jr.	8	13	0.381	5	23	1	0	1	3	1	0	8	7	0	1	4	0	0	0	42.5	25	60	12	0	0	1
14 Powers, Ben	so.	6	14	0.300	17	28	1	4	2	8	7	10	15	11	1	0	4	0	0	2	32	71	115	12	1	0	1
15 Edwards, Kyle	jr.	0	2	0.000	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	16	1	0	0	1
16 Honsinger, Greyson	jr.	0	6	0.000	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	17	6	0	0	0
Overall Team Totals		192	157	0.421	292	280	84	84	51	63	74	65	117	165	15	25	98	9	7	33	1109.5	1218	1258	114	8		
		<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>3-pt.</u>	<u>3-pt. NF</u>	<u>2-pt.</u>	<u>2-pt. NF</u>	<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Esc.</u>	<u>Esc.</u>	<u>Pen.</u>	<u>Pen. Pts.</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Tech</u>	<u>MD</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Team Pts.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>TF</u>		
					<u>AGST</u>	<u>AGST</u>	<u>NF</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>NF</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Falls</u>	<u>Falls</u>			<u>Scored</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Against</u>			



LOUISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WILDCAT WRESTLING

**COMPETITION: 4A STATE TOURNAMENT @ SALINA BICENTENNIAL CENTER
February 24-25, 2012**

Austin Hood makes history, wins championship #3!

The 2012 4A State Tournament saw several things go down in the record books of Louisburg High School wrestling. Senior Austin Hood won an unprecedented 3rd state championship, going 40-0 this season and notching win #150 in the state finals. Junior Cullen Hood (120 lbs.) and senior Austin Caskey (145 lbs.) both came up short, but performed marvelously and represented the Wildcats well. LHS came out with a combined record of 5 wins and 4 losses to bring us to a 20th place finish as a team. It was a tight race for the team championship, but Andale prevailed with 99 points, followed by Colby with 96.5 points and Bonner Springs with 92.5 points.

In his final state tournament appearance, Austin Hood delivered a performance that makes a strong argument for him to be the 4A Senior Wrestler of the Year. He opened the tournament with a technical fall over his Clearwater opponent. In the quarterfinals, Austin faced a familiar foe in Smoky Valley's Alex Wolf, whom he had defeated Wolf 5-2 in the state finals in 2011. This time, it wasn't even a close match, with Austin winning by fall in the 3rd period. In the semi-finals, Austin once again tech falled his opponent, this one from Rose Hill. In the finals, another familiar opponent stood in the way of his 3rd state championship: Baldwin's Bryce Shoemaker. This would be the 4th time these two would meet this season, with Austin winning the previous three encounters. Facing a great deal of pressure, Austin stepped up and rose to the occasion. Scoring two takedowns and an escape, while only giving up one escape himself, Austin finished his high school career with a 5-1 decision and a gold medal.

Cullen Hood had what was arguably one of the toughest weight classes in the entire state. He opened with a 2nd period fall against his Circle opponent, but his next match would be a tough one. He would have to beat Dustin

Reed, the defending state champion from Colby. It was a tight match for most of the bout, but Reed scored a takedown to go up 2-0. Late in the 3rd period, Cullen looked like he may have scored the tying takedown, but the officials called it out-of-bounds and penalized Reed for fleeing the mat. With the score being 2-1, Cullen was unable to score the winning points as time ran out. On the back side of the bracket, Cullen faced a returning state medalist from Buhler. It went into double-overtime, and Cullen was unable to escape, losing the match 1-0. Four returning state medalists from last year, including Cullen, left Salina empty-handed.

Austin Caskey had a great season, winning 38 matches and qualifying for state, but he saw his dreams of a state medal disappear early in the tournament. In his first match, Caskey faced a Hugoton wrestler who would eventually take 4th at state. Caskey couldn't defend against his opponent's attacks and lost by fall in the 2nd period. On the back side of the bracket, He ran into a solid wrestler from St. James Academy. Caskey fought him off as best as he could, but his opponent was just too overpowering and dominated his way to a 10-1 major decision over Caskey.

The Wildcats finished the season with three 4A State Qualifiers. Austin Hood won his 3rd state championship, Cullen Hood went 1-2, and Austin Caskey went 0-2. It has truly been a great season – thank you for all of your support!

Individual Results:

120 lbs. – Austin Hood (sr.) 4-0, 1 fall, 2 tech falls, 1st place

126 lbs. – Cullen Hood (jr.) 1-2, 1 fall

145 lbs. – Austin Caskey (sr.) 0-2

Team Placing:

20th out of 64 teams