

Five LMS wrestlers win league championship



(From left) Ryan Owens, Cade Holtzen, Ben Wiedenmann, Brandon Doles and Aiden Barker took first place in their respective weight classes at the Frontier League middle school wrestling tournament on Nov. 12 in Paola.

Five members of the Louisburg Middle School wrestling team left the Frontier League tournament on Nov. 12 with the competition's top prize.

Ryan Owens, Cade Holtzen, Ben Wiedenmann, Brandon Doles and Aiden Barker all won league titles in their respective weight classes at Paola High School. The five champions is the most in recent middle school history.

In the eighth-grade division, Holtzen finished with a 4-0 record and all four wins came by pin as he cruised to his title at 100 pounds. At 85 pounds, Owens went 3-0, including a win by pin and major decision, while Wiedenmann was also 3-0 with two pins and a major decision.

Barker led the seventh-grade class with a 4-0 mark at 110 pounds, as three of those wins came by two pins and a major decision. Doles was also perfect with at 120 pounds with a 3-0 record and two pins.

The Wildcats also had eight other wrestlers place at the

league tournament.

Logan Faulkner (115 pounds) ended with a 2-2 record to finish fourth. Carson Kern (85) and Reece Gorley (215) each went 1-1 to come in fifth.

Jacob Briley (115) and Kolby Kattau (134) finished seventh, while Samuel Allen (90), Nathan Hamilton (90) and Jarrett Hoyle (105) came in eighth.

Overall, several Louisburg wrestlers had a strong season, including five eighth-graders who had nine wins or more.

Wiedenmann finished his season undefeated with 15 consecutive wins, including 10 pins. Holtzen went 14-3 with 10 pins to tie Wiedenmann with the team lead.

Hoyle and Faulkner each had 10 wins, including eight and six pins, respectively. Owens wrapped his season with a 9-3 record, including four by pin.

Briley (7-6), Haden Yeager (5-7), Dillon Haas (3-3) and Kyle McChesney (2-0) also wrestled for the eighth-grade Wildcats.

On the seventh-grade level, Barker led the way with a 13-1 record, including 11 pins. Doles also had a strong season with a 9-2 record, with six of those nine wins coming by pin.

Kattau (7-6), Hamilton (7-7), Remington Rice (6-6) and Carson Kern (6-4) each finished with a .500 record or above.

Gorley (5-6), Nate Little (3-10), Tyler Huber (2-11), Hayden Feikert (1-3), Allen (1-13), Wyatt Hoyle (0-12) and Gavin Whisenhunt (0-9) also wrestled for the Louisburg seventh grade.

Between the two grades, the Wildcats won 141 matches on the season, with 100 of those coming by pin.