

# Cowboys wrestle in shadow of state champions

## Goodland hits mat for first tournament

**By Rachel Miscall**  
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Wrestling in the shadow of state champions, the Goodland Cowboys will hit the mat Saturday in their first tournament of the season.

The wrestlers will travel to St. Francis for the invitational tournament, set to start at 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) at the high school gymnasium at the east end of Main Street.

Goodland snatched the Class 4A team trophy in state competition last

season, but with most of the experienced wrestlers now in college, the coach said he wants the team this year team to focus on improving, not winning.

“We plan to work hard,” said Chris Guillot, a physical education teacher who is entering his second season coaching the team, “and whatever the results are, that’s what they’ll be. We are a young team.”

He said four seniors who helped lead the Cowboys to victory at state are returning, but most graduated.

“We’ve graduated a lot of kids,” said Guillot, who moved to Goodland from New Orleans last year, “and we’re pretty inexperienced in most categories.”

Seniors on the starting lineup this season are Bryce Abbey, 125 pounds; Shandon Wolack, 152; Kyle Whisler,



140; and Curtis Swager, heavyweight. Aaron Schields, the only Goodland wrestler to win gold in an individual

category at state last season, has graduated, along with Matt Schields, who placed third; Joey Smith, who won silver; Blake Winters, sixth place; and Alex Evert, fifth.

Though Guillot doesn’t expect this year’s team to be as strong or experienced, he said the wrestlers are good and will keep getting better.

“Every year, you kind of have a starting point and where you want to get to,” he said.

“This year it’s just a matter of getting experience. We plan to be good by the end of the year, that’s for sure.”

He said his main goal is to show improvement every week.

“We’ve got kids that are good,” Guillot said, “but without experience. They need match time.”

This weekend, the Cowboys will face Kansas teams from Atwood, Scott

City, Quinter, St. Francis and Leoti and Colorado teams from Burlington, Holyoke, Sterling and Wray.

Guillot said the Cowboys have been practicing for three weeks and are ready.

The tournament, he said, will stack Goodland against teams of similar strength and skill.

“It’s a good tournament to judge how well they’ll do this season,” he said. “The quality of the teams will be the same and they will be a good match for us.”

The coach said since the wrestlers started practice on Nov. 13 — the day following “buffer week,” where the state athletic association requires all athletics to stop — they’ve been working on fundamentals and getting in shape.

But, he said, because most played

fall sports, the guys don’t have far to go to be in shape.

Having coached at a large New Orleans high school where most students played only one sport, if that, Guillot said, he’s learned being involved in different sports keeps students from getting bored.

“It’s really nice to have kids play different sports,” he said. “They tend to get burned out if they’re only involved in one.”

Starting his second season with the wrestlers, Guillot said he expects this year to go a little smoother because the guys know his style.

“I feel like if there’s going to be any difference,” he said, “the kids will now know my system. There will be no transition at all for them.”

Troy Rall, Mike Burke and Randy Bahe will assist Guillot.

# Mustangs get two victories

**By Dana Sulsberger**  
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The Goodland Mustangs went to Scott City on Tuesday and came home with two victories in A-team games and two narrow losses in B-team play.

In the eighth-grade games, the A team won 34-22 and the B team lost 18-17. The seventh-grade A team won 36-21 and the B team lost 23-25.

High scorers for the eighth-grade A game was Drew Wilkens with 10 points, followed by Derrick Raymer and David Livengood with eight each. Other scores included Wade Taylor with four points and Lane Winter and Brock Lohr with two each.

Taylor got four rebounds, Lohr three, Wilkens and Kaup two each and Livengood and Bret Jarmin each one.

On defense, Raymer and Wilkens got two steals and Kaup, Livengood and Jarmin each got one. Raymer and Livengood had a block apiece. Kaup, Raymer, Livengood, Wilkens and Johnson each got one assist.

In the B game, which the Mustangs

lost by a point, the high scorer was A.J. Schields with seven points. Brandon Cowan and Craig Mason got three each and Josh Perez and Tysen Ruddell two.

The team was strong on rebounds, with four for Schields, Perez and Ruddell. D.J. Sparks pulled away with three boards. Dexter Deeds and Cowan got two boards a piece and James Nelson and Matt Pionalto each got one.

Defensively, Schields, Nelson and Cowan each pulled three steals and Deeds and Perez walked away with two. Perez also managed a block as did Sparks. Schields and Pionalto each provided an assist.

“Overall, we played well in both games,” Coach Terry Daise, said. “The Thanksgiving layoff hurt our conditioning and execution on offense, but our defense kept us in the game.”

The seventh-grade Mustangs had a 15-point victory in the A game. Jon Beeson and Jace Herl led the floor game, Coach Wallace Hansen said. Beeson had three assists and two steals, while Herl had two assists and

three steals. Bobby Miller had six steals to lead in that department.

Leading scores were Miller with 21, Herl with nine and Wyatt Dautel with six. Rebound leaders were Miller with nine and Beeson with four. Halftime score was 18-15 in Goodland’s favor.

Goodland held Scott City to two points in the third quarter while scoring eight, said Hansen.

Fourth quarter scoring was also in Goodland’s favor 10-4.

“Good shooting, a rebound margin of two and 13 steals were keys in our victory,” said the coach. “Defensively, the Mustangs were sharp the whole game.”

In the B game, after trailing 5-20 at halftime, the team outscored Scott City 18-5 in the last half and came close to pulling it out. Mark Starr led in rebounds with five while leading scorers were Brett Lalicker with seven, Bryant Nemechek and Chris Baumfalk with five and Brandon Tatman with four.

Next action for Grant Junior High will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Oberlin.

# Kansas State wins with two big plays

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Double-teamed all night, Phineas Atchison came through twice with big plays in the clutch, first sending the game into overtime with a 3-pointer at the buzzer and then hitting the basket that gave Kansas State a 69-67 victory over Tennessee State.

“As soon as it left my hand I knew it was in,” the junior guard said of

Tuesday night’s game-winner. “I just had that feeling. I was looking forward to being able to hit one of those.”

It’s something with which he’s had experience. Last season he had four game-winning baskets for Central Florida Community College.

Coach Jim Wooldridge said that Atchison, who finished the night with 14 points, is the Wildcats’ best shooter.


“We wanted him to take the last shot in regulation and the last shot in overtime,” he said.

It was the first overtime win since Feb. 20, 1999 for Kansas State, now 2-1 in Wooldridge’s first season.

Tennessee State’s double-coverage on Atchison opened up opportunities for Larry Reid, who had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats.

# bowling results

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# Coach rehired despite loses

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — On the heels of a four-game losing streak that’s taken his team out of playoff contention, Gunther Cunningham has received a vote of confidence from his boss.

But he said he didn’t even read president and general manager Carl Peterson’s comments Tuesday morning because he is so absorbed in getting the Kansas City Chiefs (5-7) back on track in time for next Monday night’s game at New England.

The losing skid has caused an uproar among the rabid fans of the Chiefs, who for the past five years have led the NFL in home attendance.

“I know they’re frustrated. But hopefully if they can keep their patience like I’m keeping mine, eventually good things will happen,” Cunningham said Tuesday.

“If they think they’re frustrated, which I expect them to be at times and I respect that, my stomach turns every week if we don’t get it done.”

Named to his first head coaching job in 1999 after a 30-year career as an assistant, Cunningham has always been suspect in some circles. A four-game skid last year in his first season took the Chiefs out of contention.

And a four-game skid, starting after a shaky 24-19 victory at Seattle, has done it again in Cunningham’s second season.

Nevertheless, Peterson said in Tuesday’s editions of The Kansas City Star that he was firmly behind Cunningham and that he had no thought of replacing him for the 2001 season.

Still, Peterson also said that he was reserving his right to reverse his stand

on Cunningham when the season is over.

Cunningham, a notorious workaholic, insisted he did not even know Peterson’s comments were in the paper.

And he said speculation about his or Peterson’s future would not distract the Chiefs in the last four games.

“I think distractions are just what you say. If you pay attention to it, you can’t do your job. If you’re really good at your job and you’re really committed and the players feel that, then the distractions go downhill,” he said.

“If you think this is a distraction — a general manager and a head coach — then I have a list for you that’s a lot longer than that, that started all the way back to when I got the job.”

Last February, linebacker Derrick Thomas died of injuries he sustained in a car accident. Then a couple of

months after that, two players were indicted on charges relating to a drug and stolen car ring.

In addition, defensive line coach Bob Karmelowicz is recovering from cancer treatment.

“There are so many things that happen in a year and a half,” Cunningham said. “You all don’t know any part of those things. You know about Derrick Thomas and a couple of the other guys that something publicly happened to.”

“But you haven’t any idea how many people have died, and how many people have cancer and how many really internal problems there are. But is it different than any other company? No way. And when you get this job you better be able to deal with all of it because that’s all you do. Every day, you have to deal with it. I have a coach right now at a hospital with his wife, who’s dealing with that.”

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