



Matthias Goodley (on top), a Goodland sophomore, wrestled against an opponent from Colby during the junior varsity wrestling tournament held Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

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Coach signs wrestlers up for challenge

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Goodland's wrestling coach has switched around the team's weekend schedule, sending varsity wrestlers to Burlington this Saturday and the junior varsity to Norton, instead of the other way around.

Chris Guillot said a few strong teams decided not to attend the tournament in Norton, where Goodland's varsity wrestlers planned to go, and that made the Burlington Cougar Classic, which the junior varsity was going to attend, more competitive as far as team caliber.

The Burlington tournament, Guillot said, will be more challenging for the Cowboys.

"I feel it will be better for the varsity team," he said. "It will get the kids better experience."

At the same time, he said, the junior varsity team will be challenged, as they will be competing against varsity teams from around Kansas.

Varsity wrestling will start at the Burlington High School gymnasium on the corner of Say Street and Mike Lounge Drive at 10 a.m. Mountain Time.

Kansas teams from Atwood and Goodland will hit the mat along with Colorado teams from Burlington, Broomfield, Wray, Akron, Yuma, Cañon City, Stratton, Eads, Los Animas and Cheyenne Wells. Admission will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

For the junior varsity, the action will start at 9 a.m. Central Time at the Norton High School off Hwy. 36 on Jones Street, when the Cowboys will face a varsity team from Herington. Varsity wrestlers from Oberlin will be next at 10:30 a.m., and then junior varsity from Garden City at 1:30 p.m.

The team's last scheduled match will be against varsity wrestlers from Norton at 3 p.m. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Cowboy varsity wrestlers took sec-

ond in their first tournament of the season in St. Francis last weekend.

They wrestled well, said Guillot, whose team won the state championship last year, but made some noticeable errors.

"They wrestled aggressively and worked hard," the coach said. "They made young mistakes, but showed heart."

In practice this week, Guillot said, the wrestlers have been focusing on fundamental mistakes and competing against each other for a spot on the starting lineup.

"Some people are battling for a position," he said.

If Goodland can be successful at the Burlington tournament, the coach said, it will show the Cowboys are a strong team. Guillot said the teams to beat in Burlington will be Wray and Cañon City.

"It's going to be another really good test," he said, "like it was last week in St. Francis."

Kansas coach finally returns to Carolina

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Roy Williams returns to coach in North Carolina on Thursday night. It won't be in quite the capacity Tar Heels fans envisioned last summer.

When Bill Guthridge stepped down as North Carolina's coach in June, the speculation was that Williams would leave Kansas to coach the Tar Heels. After all, he has two degrees from the school, was an assistant to legendary coach Dean Smith and even sent his two children there.

It seemed a perfect fit, but on July 6, despite urgings from Smith, Williams announced he would stay at Kansas.

Four months later, Williams makes his first public appearance in his home state as his third-ranked Jayhawks take on No. 11 Wake Forest.

"I really don't expect many problems. Most of the people at the game are going to be Wake Forest fans, not North Carolina fans," said Williams, who did go to North Carolina for a day in August to get his daughter settled into an apartment. "I may even get one or two people to cheer for me because there's such anti-Carolina feeling."

Whether he gets cheers or boos Thursday night, Williams knows there

may still be animosity toward him in the Tar Heel state.

"I disappointed some people and I think that's hard to forget," Williams said. "I don't want to disappoint people, particularly people I care about."

Williams' return overshadows what could be one of the best early-season games this year.

Kansas enters ranked third in the country, having won its first seven games. The Jayhawks are the fifth-best shooting team in the country at 55 percent and hold teams to 36 percent. They are scoring an average of 98 points per game and winning by 18.

Wake Forest (6-0) is off to its best start since 1996-97 — when Tim Duncan was a senior — and has won 11 straight games, dating to last season.

The Demon Deacons shoot 54 percent from the field — seventh-best in the country — and hold opponents to just 34 percent. Five Wake Forest players average double figures, led by Craig Dawson's 15 points.

"It will be good for both teams to see how they respond," said Wake Forest coach Dave Odom. "Whoever wins or loses, both teams will gain from a game

like this. It's the best of both worlds."

The game should be the first real test for both teams after a relatively easy early schedule.

Kansas opened against UCLA and St. John's in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, but has since played the likes of North Dakota, Boise State, Washburn, Middle Tennessee and Illinois State.

Williams said the wins over UCLA and St. John's seemed big at the time, but have lost a little luster as those teams have struggled in recent weeks.

Wake Forest has beaten up on teams like Mount St. Mary's, Air Force, Richmond, Campbell and South Carolina State. The Demon Deacons did beat Michigan 71-60 last week in the ACC/Big 10 Challenge, but the Wolverines are obviously not the same team of a few years ago, with just two wins in six games.

"They're (Wake Forest) probably, in one way, a little like us in that they're wondering how good they are," Williams said.

It will be the first meeting between the two teams since the 1994 NCAA Tournament and their first non-tournament game. The series is tied 1-1.

a quick 16-6 lead.

Gilbert hit back-to-back 3s to make it 31-30 with 5:50 left in the half, giving Missouri a lead that it never gave up. The next time down the court, Rush hit another 3-pointer to make it 34-30.

DePaul hung close in the second half, getting as close as 64-61 with 10:16 left. Missouri then went on a 22-10 run over the next five minutes to secure the win.

"We went basket for basket and we should have stayed with them 'till the end," Kennedy said. "They played well especially in the last 10 minutes."

DePaul's leading scorer, Lance Williams was held to six points.

Johnson, a freshman, is averaging 13 points and 10.5 rebounds in two games as a starter. Rush, a sophomore, scored in double figures for the 24th straight game and has led Missouri in scoring in five of six games.

"I think we played a very, very good game," Snyder said. "Our best game is our style. We have to make people work against our halfcourt defense, and we need five guys on the boards. We need five guys in the paint scratching and clawing."

Mustang teams trample Hoxie

The seventh-grade Mustangs traveled to Hoxie on Tuesday, with the Mustangs winning the A team game 21-5 and the B team contest 27-23.

The A team was ahead at halftime 21-5. Bobby Miller and Jon Beeson were leading scorers with 20 and 11 points. Beeson led in rebounds with nine and Jase Herl had five. Miller and Herl led in steals with four and six respectively.

Miller, with three, and Herl Beeson and Zelfer each with two, led the team

in assists.

"Goodland forced 21 Hoxie turnovers while committing 10 themselves," said coach Wallace Hansen.

From the field, the Mustangs shot 39 percent, about 10 points below their season average. At the free-throw line, they made four out of 10 for 40 percent.

"Holding Hoxie to only 28 shots was the key to our victory," said the coach, noting that Hoxie made only eight of the 28 shots.

In the B game, Grant Junior High prevailed 27-23 even though the boys only scored two points in the fourth quarter.

Kalen Lambercht led scoring with 11 followed by Chris Baumfalk with six. Bryant Nemcheck had three steals.

Next action for the seventh grade team will be Thursday at St. Francis starting at 3:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Burlington will come to Goodland for a game at 3:30 p.m.

Area girl heads to Kansas City

8-year-old to participate in football contest

One young Goodland resident will be traveling to the Chiefs' game against the Carolina Panthers in Kansas City on Sunday.

Erika Gonzales won't just be sitting in the stands, but on the side-lines with the players, said her mom, Janis Calkins, and she won't just watch the game but get to play in the National Football League



Erika Gonzales

Gatorade Punt, Pass Kick competition against four other of the top-scoring girls in the 8-to-9-year-old

division.

Kids in the annual Punt Pass and Kick competition are divided by age and sex. Age groups are 8 to 9, 10 to 11, 12 to 13, and 14 to 15.

Gonzales won the competition held by the Goodland Activities Center on Sept. 16. She was sent on to the sectional competition in Scott City, where

she again placed first. The top four boys and girls from each age group out of the nine sections in Kansas and

Missouri get to go to the Chiefs game.

Erika said she is exited about getting to go to the competition and getting to watch a professional football game.

"I'll even get to sit by the players," she said.

She has won the local and sectional competition for the past two years. Erika said she learned to play football from her brother and sister.

"My brother and I used to go out into the street and play," she said.

She said her favorite professional team is the Green Bay Packers.

Kansas State heads to Cotton Bowl

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — For the third straight season, Kansas State's players will be attending a bowl they would have preferred not to be in.

Kansas State accepted the Cotton Bowl bid on Sunday following its 27-24 loss to No. 1 Oklahoma. A victory would have put the Wildcats in the Fiesta Bowl, one of the four Bowl Championship Series games, against Notre Dame or Oregon State.

Earlier in the season, the Wildcats

were ranked as high as No. 2 and expectations for a possible Orange Bowl appearance were high. But they lost twice to Oklahoma and missed their third straight shot at a BCS bowl.

"A lot of people are down right now," running back Josh Scobey said. "We still feel very fortunate about playing in the Cotton Bowl and we're looking forward to taking care of business down there."

Kansas State knew that its national championship hopes were gone after

a 41-31 loss to Oklahoma in Manhattan on Oct. 14, but the Wildcats earned a spot in the Big 12 Championship game after beating Nebraska 29-28.

Kansas State again came up short against Oklahoma, and now feels fortunate to play in a New Year's Day bowl. The Wildcats didn't learn their bowl destination until Sunday, but head coach Bill Snyder said that his indication on Saturday was that Kansas State would play in the Cotton Bowl against Tennessee.

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