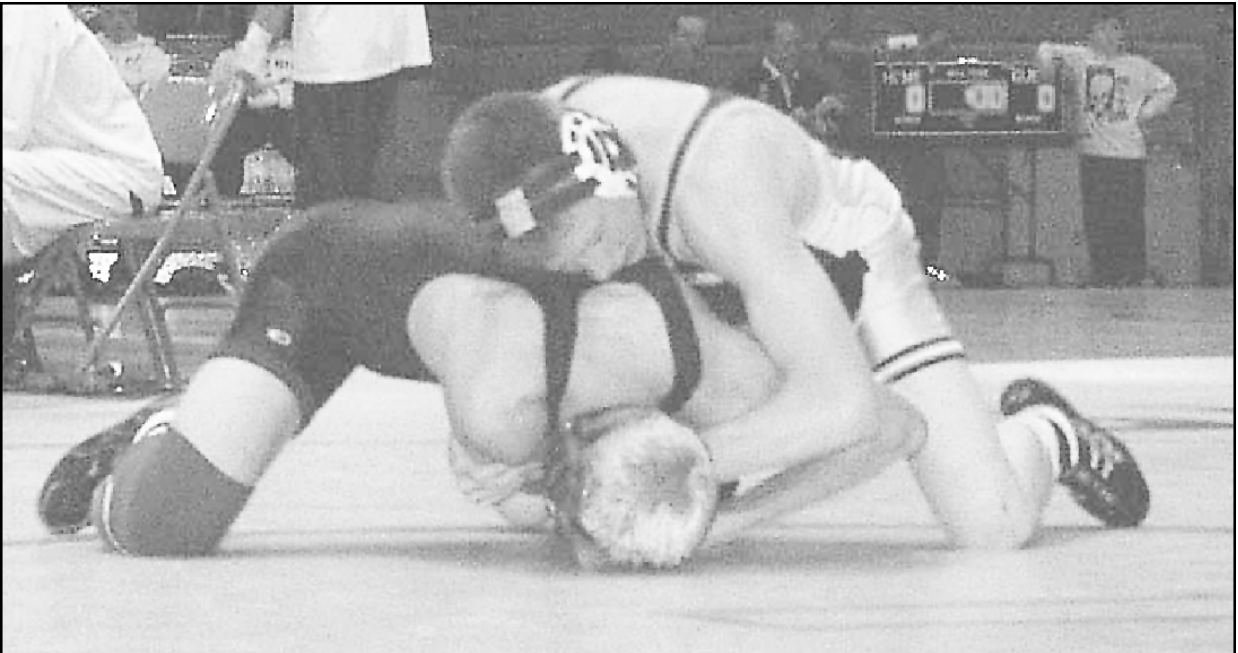


Cowboys find tough sledding against Hoxie, Scott City



In the 130-pound class, Bryce Bahe of the Goodland Cowboys wrestled Chase Paintin of the Burlington Cougars in Saturday's Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament held at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. Bahe is a junior and won a 13-4 decision over Paintin.

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Shanahan disturbed by team's play

By John Mossman

AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — His team had everything to play for — including a potential division title and first-round playoff bye — which is what made the 20-7 loss to Kansas City so disturbing to Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan.

The Broncos' lackadaisical effort on Sunday likely will doom them to playing on the road throughout the playoffs.

"Sometimes you think you're playing hard, but you're not playing as hard as you do in certain situations," Shanahan said Monday after reviewing video of the game. "That's what it was. A couple of guys here, a couple of guys there. Plays that we normally make we weren't making. You do that against a team that is trying to get back to .500 — and that was their playoff game — then you get embarrassed like we did.

"I shared this with our players during preseason and during our camps. It takes only three or four guys on each side of the ball not playing at a certain level. Unless you've got some great focus, unless you've got a mindset to finish plays, a sense of urgency to really play all out — you miss a little bit of that on both sides of the ball, then you get embarrassed."

Shanahan said the performance surprised him "because we had three great days of practice Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Normally, when you have great practice days, it carries over to game day. And I was really surprised that we did not play at the level we normally play, especially with the playoff possibilities that existed with the Raiders losing."

Oakland's loss to Seattle on Saturday gave the Broncos a chance to tie the

Raiders for the AFC West lead, and the Broncos own the tiebreaker, having swept the two-game season series.

Sunday's loss to Kansas City, however, left Denver a game behind.

Brian Griese figures to return as the Broncos' quarterback in Saturday's regular-season finale against San Francisco. It likely will be the final game played at Mile High Stadium, which will be replaced by a new facility next fall.

Griese, who separated his throwing shoulder against Oakland on Nov. 13, resumed practicing last week.

"Brian continues to get better," Shanahan said. "We'll find out Wednesday (on the first day of practice this week). He'll practice full speed.

"We're going to see if any rustiness is there from not throwing for a while or if he can come in and perform at the level we're hoping he can. If he can and there's no setback, then he'll start.

"But if his arm strength is not there or he's hurting, then we would go with Gus (Ferotte)."

The Broncos went 4-1 over the last five games with Ferotte as their quarterback.

Shanahan said running back Terrell Davis won't be placed on injured reserve unless doctors say he won't return for any playoff scenario. Davis is wearing a walking boot in an attempt to heal a stress reaction in his lower left leg.

"If the doctors feel there's a chance of him playing, any chance at all, then

we'll keep him active," Shanahan said. "Right now, they're going to keep him in the boot for another three weeks. Then he'll have a bone scan and another MRI to see where he is."

BUMPS AND BRUISES: The Broncos came out of the Kansas City game with no serious injuries.

Linebacker Glenn Cadrez has a pinched nerve in his neck, but an MRI was negative. Wide receiver Ed McCaffrey has a bruised right knee, offensive tackle Matt Lepsis a sprained left thumb and fullback Detron Smith tendinitis in his left Achilles tendon.

Ferotte has a bruised left shoulder, sore throwing elbow and bruised right index finger.

All of those players are expected to practice this week.

Notes: Although the Broncos held Kansas City to 160 yards passing — their fourth-best defensive effort of the season — they fell into last place in pass defense among the NFL's 31 teams. Their average yield improved from 260.0 to 253.3 yards per game through the air, but San Francisco, which had been 31st, improved even more after limiting Chicago to 63 yards passing in Sunday's 17-0 win. The Broncos will celebrate the final regular-season game at Mile High Stadium on Saturday with festivities that will include a highlight video, fireworks and fan-appreciation giveaways throughout the game.

Cowboy wrestlers hosted their annual Holiday Tournament Saturday and found themselves on the short end of close matches against Scott City and Hoxie, but winning against Burlington.

Scott City swept the tournament with a 3-0 record, winning duals against Hoxie, 39-30, Goodland 37-27 and Burlington 60-18.

The Cowboys defeated Burlington 44-29, but lost to Scott City 37-27 and an even closer dual with Hoxie 32-27.

The Cowboys opened the tournament against Hoxie with Bryce Abbey winning at 125 pounds, Bryce Bahe winning at 130, Shandon Wolak winning at 152, Thomas Tompkins winning at 189 and Brandon Nemechek winning at 215.

Burlington was the second team the Cowboys faced, with Blaze Bahe winning at 103 pounds, Abbey winning at 125, Bryce Bahe winning at 130, Kyle Whisler winning at 140, Wolak winning at 152, Jordan Bedore winning at 160, Nemechek winning at 215 and Curtis Swager winning at 275.

In the third dual of the day, the Cowboys faced Scott City with Blaze Bahe winning at 103, Mark Carmichael winning at 119, Abbey winning at 125, Bryce Bahe winning at 130, and Swager winning at 275.

The tournament is the last action for the Cowboys until after the New Year, when they travel to Colby on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Individual results:

103 — Blaze Bahe, Win by forfeit - Hoxie; won by forfeit - Burlington; won by pin 1:24, over Conine - Scott City.

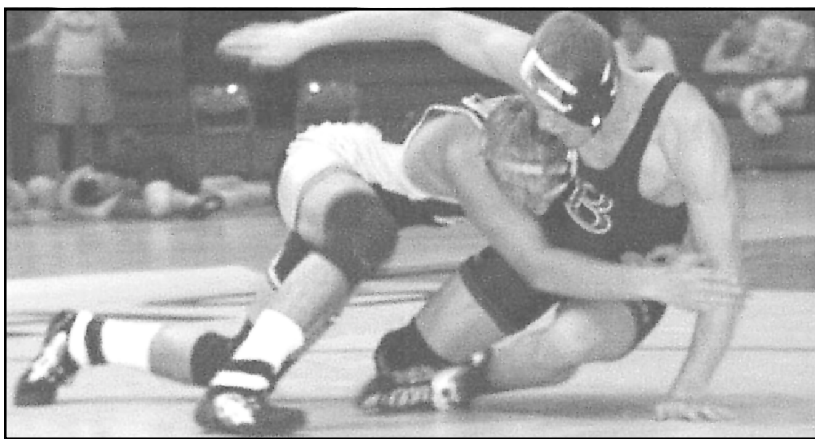
112 — Korey Schulte, Lost 18-13 decision to Spillman - Hoxie; lost by pin 1:59 to Mitchek - Burlington; lost 7-0 decision to Gurschner - Scott City.

119 — Carmichael, lost 3-1 decision to Gilliland - Hoxie; lost 8-0 decision to Copley - Burlington; won 5-0 decision over Dirks - Scott City.

125 — Abbey, won by pin 1:14 over Lewis - Hoxie; won 15-6 decision over Duell - Burlington; won by pin 1:31 over McKinney - Scott City.

130 — Bryce Bahe, won 11-5 decision over M. Shippers - Hoxie; won 13-4 decision over Paintin - Burlington; won by pin 1:31 over Brice Eisenhour - Scott City.

135 — Dustin Kling, lost by pin :38, to J. Shipper - Hoxie; lost 9-0 decision to Frihauf - Burlington; lost 11-6 decision to Frank - Scott City.



Goodland Cowboy Chris Zimmerman tried to take down Barrett Hendricks of Burlington Saturday in the Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. Hendricks pinned Zimmerman, a junior, in :42.

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140 — Whisler, lost 10-2 decision to Farber - Hoxie, won by pin 1:05 over Reents - Burlington; lost 8-2 decision to Blake Eisenhour - Scott City.

145 — Taylor Brack, lost 9-4 decision to Baker - Hoxie; lost by pin :50, to Seaney - Burlington; lost 5-1 decision to Heinrich - Scott City.

152 — Wolak, won 7-3 decision over Campbell - Hoxie; won by pin 1:44 over Sigle - Burlington; lost 13-4 decision to Huck - Scott City.

160 — Bedore, lost 9-1 decision to Baalman - Hoxie; won by pin :51 over Rogers - Burlington; lost by pin :34 to Numrich - Scott City.

171 — Mike Zimmerman, lost by pin 1:30 to Lewis - Hoxie; lost by pin :42 to Hendricks - Burlington; lost by pin 1:12 to Hoeme - Scott City.

189 — Tompkins, won by pin 1:32 over Thummel - Hoxie; lost 3-2 decision to James - Burlington; lost 6-0 decision to McKeachern - Scott City.

215 — Nemechek, won 13-8 decision over Moss - Hoxie; won by pin 1:57 over VanMaarth - Burlington; lost by injury to Speers - Scott City.

275 — Swager, lost 3-1 decision over S. Shippers - Hoxie; won by pin over Feldhousen - Burlington; won by pin 1:27 over Radnor - Scott City.

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Miami	13	12	.520	5 1/2
Orlando	10	14	.417	8
Boston	9	15	.375	9
New Jersey	9	15	.375	9
Washington	5	19	.208	13

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	7	.682	—
Charlotte	16	9	.640	1/2
Milwaukee	12	12	.500	4
Toronto	12	12	.500	4
Indiana	11	13	.458	5
Detroit	10	14	.417	6
Atlanta	6	18	.250	10
Chicago	3	21	.125	13

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Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	17	7	.708	—
Dallas	17	10	.630	1 1/2
Minnesota	15	9	.625	2
San Antonio	14	9	.609	2 1/2
Houston	13	10	.565	3 1/2
Denver	12	13	.480	5 1/2
Vancouver	7	17	.292	10

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	16	6	.727	—
Portland	17	8	.680	1/2
L.A. Lakers	17	9	.654	1
Phoenix	15	8	.652	1 1/2
Seattle	13	12	.520	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	18	.308	10
Golden State	6	18	.250	11

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New York at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

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Utah at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
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