

Area teams have a successful year

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It was a good year for Goodland sports teams, with a lot of seasons and several teams making it to state competition.

The Goodland High Cowboy wrestlers made the long journey to state this year, bringing back nine medals and the team trophy. The Brewster Bulldogs boys basketball team won the state title in Class 1A.

For the first time in many years, Goodland 14-and-under fast-pitch softball team, the Diamond Dusters, made the trip to the state tournament, and Cowgirl Jessica Osborn, on the girls golf team, also went to state.

Several Cowgirls and Cowboys on the track team made it to state with the girls taking ninth place and the boys taking 24th overall.

The Goodland High volleyball team and the Brewster football team got very close to the state finals, with both teams making it to sub-state before taking a fatal loss.

All nine of the Goodland wrestlers who competed in the state tournament in Wichita on the last weekend in February walked away with medals.

The Cowboys dominated the state championships, wrapping up the team trophy before the end of the consolation quarter finals. They won the team title with 142.5 points, well out in front of second place Santa Fe Trail at 116.

Aaron Schields was the only Goodland wrestler to bring back the gold, winning the state championship at 152 pounds with a 11-6 decision over Kyle Robinson of Abilene.

Bryce Bahe and Joey Smith came back with silver medals as runners-up at 119 and 145 pounds. Bahe lost a 7-6 decision to Dustin Tovar of Abilene, who managed a last second escape for the winning point just as the match would have headed into overtime.

Smith lost a 6-3 decision to Wes Reynolds of El Dorado when he got reversed and gave up back points late in the third period. He had been leading 3-2.

Matt Schields won a 3-2 decision

over Damien Stephens of Colby to win his third-place medal at 160 pounds. Bryce Abbey lost a 5-2 decision to T. Charbonneau of Clay Center to finish in fourth place at 112 pounds. Alex Evert won a 7-0 decision over Ron O'Banion of Altamont for his fifth place medal at 215 pounds.

Mark Carmichael lost to Earl Jones of Coffeyville in his first-round match and had to work back through the consolation bracket, winning three rounds to get into the medal round. He lost a 7-5 decision in overtime to finish in sixth place at 103 pounds.

Blake Winters finished in sixth at 171 pounds, losing a 7-1 decision to Luke Page of Prairie View.

Curtis Swager also received the sixth-place medal at 275 pounds, losing a 1-0 decision to Jeremy Lowe of Hiawatha.

It was the first time in the memory of Goodland fans that the Cowboy team had gone to state and all the wrestlers had brought back medals.

The Brewster boys won the championship in the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament at Fort Hays State University's Gross Memorial Coliseum in March.

The Bulldogs defeated Frankfort 57-50 in the first round of action and won against Macksville in the second round of play.

Going into the final round, Brewster's record for the season was 26-2. They faced Hanover (24-5) and won the game 69-65 in overtime.

In the first quarter, the score was tied at 13-13 and then Brewster pulled ahead 33-26 at the half. Brewster held the lead through the third quarter with a score of 45-42. In the fourth quarter, Hanover scored 10 points, tying the score at 55. In overtime Hanover scored 10 while Brewster scored 14 to win the game.

Goodland's 14-and-under fast-pitch softball team made it to the state tournament after a strong season.

In the first round of play, the Dusters lost to Chapman 11-1. The girls had three hits and seven errors while Chapman had four hits and no errors.

In game 2, the Dusters played Coun-

cil Gorve, losing 6-4. The girls had seven hits and two errors while Council Grove had four hits and four errors.

At the end of the first two games, the Dusters were moved to the silver bracket and moved on to play on Sunday.

Their first game in the new bracket, again against Council Grove, ended with a 10-5 win for the Dusters.

The second game was a 22-3 rout against Coffeyville, which was an easier game for the Duster, who had six hits and no errors. Coffeyville had three hits and three errors.

In the semi-finals, the Dusters faced the Crushers and did well into the extra inning, but ended up losing 11-6 with the Dusters had 12 hits and five errors while the Crushers had seven hits and zero errors.

The teams were tied 5-5 and went into an international tie breaker, putting a runner on second. Goodland ended up allowing five hits for the other team in the extra inning.

The team wasn't able to play the fourth game that would have decided their position so were listed in either third or fourth place. Overall, the Dusters were 16-7 for the season.

The highlights of the Duster's season included taking first at the Burlington tournament and first at regionals, said the coach Steve Wright.

In the first year for the girl's golf and tennis teams at Goodland High School, one of the golfers made the trip to the state competition in Pittsburg.

Cowgirls Jessica Osborn, a 14-year-old freshman, placed 25th out of 86 participants in 22 flights at the state competition on Oct. 10. Osborn shot a 51 in her first round and a 52 in her second.

She qualified for state when she got a score of 93, placing fifth, in the regional competition in WaKeeney.

Coach Ben Williams said he was proud of Osborn for doing so well, especially in her first year, and he hoped the school will continue the golf program next year after how well the girls did this season.

Several Cowboys and Cowgirls traveled to the state track meet in the



Goodland's Bryce Bahe looked like he would take the championship at 119 pounds against Abilene's Dustin Tovar in February, but lost in the last minute of the state finals in Wichita.

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end of May.

The Cowgirls brought home a second place, a third place and a fourth place medal for their ninth-place ranking in the Class 4A competition. The Cowboys brought home a third place medal and two sixth place medals for a three-way tie for 22th place.

The Cowgirls 4x400 relay team brought home the silver medal with a time of 4:06.6.

Relay team members were Danielle Hellerud, Lacey Brenner, Cody Pettibone and Julia Darnauer. The Cowgirls were two seconds behind Clay Center in the finals.

Jayci Stone was third in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet. Rachel Hagerman was fourth in the high hurdles with a time of 15.79 seconds.

For the boys, Nick Rubio placed sixth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.31 seconds and brought home the bronze medal for his third-place finish in 22.62 seconds on the 200

meter dash.

The Cowgirls volleyball team had a great season last fall, going 36-0 and keeping a No. 1 ranking in Class 4A all season, up until the one loss that cost them a chance at state.

Goodland fell to Scott City in the final match of sub-state to take second place at the end of October. Goodland won the first game 15-9, lost the second 12-15 and won the final game 15-12.

Goodland had advanced into the finals by drawing a bye as the top seed and then defeating Ulysses (11-21) with two game wins of 15-8 and 15-5. The loss broke a string of state appearances that went back to 1994.

Brewster High School's football season also came to an abrupt halt — after a strong season — in sub-state play in early November.

The Hanston Elks defeated the Bulldogs 40-16 in sub-state play. The 'Dawgs were 9-2 for the season.

Wildcats suffer 81-58 loss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Nobody can stay hot forever.

The starting five of Quentin Buchanan, Matt Siebrandt, Kelvin Howell, Richie Terry and Larry Reid had been crisp and efficient during Kansas State's three-game winning streak. But they were a collective 2-of-23 in the first half of the Wildcats' 81-58 loss Saturday to Memphis.

"We broke apart in every phase tonight," said Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge.

Elsewhere in the Big 12 on the final weekend of the year, No. 7 Kansas routed Southwest Missouri State 77-43, Missouri beat Stetson 89-64, Baylor bounced Montana 77-57, No. 17 Oklahoma slipped past Southern Methodist 79-78 in overtime, Texas got by Utah 70-59, Colorado defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee 74-71 in overtime, No. 25 Iowa State upended Western Carolina 91-53, Texas A&M got the best of Detroit 81-72, and Murray State, much to the disgust of Nebraska coach Barry Collier, beat the Huskers 79-71.

In a late-nighter, San Diego State beat Oklahoma State 87-66, one of Eddie Sutton's most lopsided losses in 11 years as Cowboys' coach.

Murray State outscored Nebraska 23-10 in the final eight minutes.

Collier questioned whether his team had the necessary mental toughness.

"I think we have some kind of mental deficiency that allows us to think we're better than somebody else, that we'll be OK," said Collier, who's in his first year after replacing Danny Nee. "OK gets you 15 points behind at home."

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PDC Meeting 3:45 p.m.
Elementary School Bank Day
Thurs., Jan. 4—JV-V WR @ Colby 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 5—C-JV-V BB (H) Colby 3:30 p.m.
Earliest Speech Contest
V WR Tourn. @ Liberal 1:00 p.m.
North Parent Lunch
Sat., Jan. 6—JV-WR @ Wakeeney
V WR Tourn. @ Liberal
NWKL Debate @ Oakley
Sun., Jan. 7—BB Open Gym 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 8—"C" BB @ Oberlin 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 9—"C" JV-V BB @ Lakin 3:45 p.m.
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