

Wrestling club scores in Hays

The Goodland Wrestling Club took 28 kid wrestlers to Hays for a tournament Saturday and 17 of them placed. The same day, four wrestlers attended a tournament in Scott City and two traveled to Salina for a tournament. Five of the wrestlers who went to Hays came back with first place finishes: A.J. Stephens, Ben Davis, T.J. Hawkins, Brett Schields and Brett Bahe.

- INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
Hays tournament
6 and under
40 — Dax Ruhs, fourth.
43 — Shay Miller, participated.
46 — Austin Avelar, third.
49 — Sloan Ruhs, participated.
49 — Garrett Taylor, participated.
49 — Alex Nelson, participated.
73 — Tyler Fisher, third.
8 and under
52 — Seth Miller, fourth.
58 — Michael Pettibone, fourth.
67 — Erik Roeder, second.
67 — Chance Davis, third.
70 — Nathan Deeds, third.
70 — Ryan Fisher, participated.
88 — Parker Johnson, third.
10 and under

- 76 — A.J. Stephens, first.
79 — Ben Davis, first.
82 — Keegan Smith, participated.
85 — Ryan Taylor, participated.
110 — T.J. Hawkins, first.
110 — Jason Krayca, fourth.
110 — Nick Smith, second.
150 — Clay Schilling, participated.
12 and under
60 — Dustin Zelfer, participated.
68 — Grant Wilkens, fourth.
80 — Brett Schields, first.
88 — Aaron Deeds, second.
92 — Brandon Douglas, participated.
115 — Josiah Goodley, third.
76 — Brett Bahe, first.

- Salina tournament**
12 and under
68 — Jordan Albers, participated.
72 — Kerek Mason, participated.
Scott City tournament
6 and under
46 — Gabriel Ledesma, participated.
8 and under
58 — Jim Roeder, participated.
61 — Tim Roeder, participated.
10 and under
79 — Michael Ledesma.



Snowball royalty honored at game

The Goodland High School Snoball king and queen were crowned during Friday night's basketball game against Oberlin at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Snoball royalty (left to right) Evann Hardy, Michael Pickett, Erinn Hardy (queen), Jason Showalter (king), Laurie Scott and Lee McCoy posed for a picture. Sean Winter, last year's Snoball king, handed a scepter to Showalter as Hardy watched.

Photos by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News



‘Tough’ guy ready for Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Rich Gannon won't allow a shoulder separation to keep him from playing in his second Pro Bowl. "Playing in the Pro Bowl is a great opportunity, it's an honor to be recognized by your peers," said Gannon, who will start at quarterback for the AFC on Sunday. "I've been working very hard to make sure I'd be ready to play." That's exactly what his coaches and teammates would expect from the 35-year-old Gannon, whose career has blossomed since he joined the Oakland Raiders in 1999 after playing most of his first 11 NFL seasons in a backup role with Minnesota, Washington and Kansas City. "He'd play hurt, that's the kind of guy he is," said Raiders guard Steve Wisniewski, who will play in his eighth Pro Bowl.

Gannon was injured in the second quarter of the Raiders' 16-3 loss to Baltimore in the AFC championship

game on Jan. 14 when 340-pound Ravens defensive lineman Tony Siragusa landed on him after he released a pass. "He's just a legitimate tough guy," said Raiders tackle Lincoln Kennedy, another Pro Bowl player who blocks for Gannon. "He's a bona fide trooper, as we like to call him, a real leader." After he was injured, Gannon left the game, returned in the third quarter and was mostly ineffective before leaving for good in the final period. Siragusa wasn't penalized for the hit, and Gannon was seething afterward. The NFL later fined Siragusa \$10,000. "It's over," Gannon said Wednesday. "I expressed my opinion on it, I thought it was bad. It's over, it's done, the league handled it." Gannon said he hasn't heard from Siragusa and doesn't expect to be contacted. "I don't know if that's ever happened, a guy gives you a late hit and then calls you on the phone," he said.

Wisniewski said he believes Siragusa knew exactly what he was doing when he landed on Gannon. "Of course he meant to hurt him, that's part of football," Wisniewski said. "I think our defense knocked out about 10 quarterbacks this season." The Raiders opted for Gannon over Jeff George after the 1998 season, signing him to a four-year, \$16 million contract after he passed for a then-career high 2,305 yards with the Chiefs. "I remember some raised eyebrows," recalled Raiders coach Jon Gruden, who will coach the AFC in the Pro Bowl. Gannon quickly quieted any doubters, passing for 3,840 yards and 24 touchdowns in 1999. He threw for 3,430 yards and 29 touchdowns with only 11 interceptions this season, and was second on the NFL's top rushing offense with 89 carries for 529 yards and four touchdowns in leading the Raiders (12-4) to their first AFC championship game in 10

years. "My career has been filled with peaks and valleys," Gannon said. "I was never really given an opportunity until 1999. I had a brief opportunity with the Vikings in 1992, then Dennis Green came in and went in another direction." Gannon said he always knew he could succeed. "I kept working at it, I knew all I needed was the opportunity," he said. "Jon Gruden and the Raiders gave me that opportunity. I think Jon had a lot to do with signing me, he wanted me, he stuck his neck out for me." "We saw a lot of qualities we felt our team needed, an athletic playmaker who fit what we wanted to do," Gruden said. "He had a fire about him. He was in great command of the offense, managed the game well. He replaced a guy (George) who was very talented. "Rich deserves all the credit, he's been recognized as a top-flight player in this league."

Fight song is silenced

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The beer song has gone flat. The Iowa marching band still plays the polka tune "In Heaven There Is No Beer." But the musicians no longer alternate their instrumental work with singing because a parent complained about the words: "In heaven, there is no beer. That's why we drink it here. And when we're gone from here, all our friends will be drinkin' all the beer." The lyrics send the wrong message,

the parent, Tom Aunan, wrote last month in an e-mail to university administrators. "The message is excessive drinking," he wrote. "I don't think it's right for our band to be promoting that kind of a message to our fans, especially our young fans." The song has been played for about 20 years after victories by the Hawkeye football and basketball teams. The song isn't meant to promote drinking, said Les Steenlage, Iowa official.

Lady Mustangs defeat Quinter

The eight-grade Lady Mustangs came from behind in the second half Thursday at the new junior high gym to defeat Quinter, 33-25. "We played very well in the second half," said coach Terry Daise. "In the fourth quarter, we made 7 out of 9 free throws." Quinter was leading 12-8 after the first half. Then the Lady Mustangs got hot in the third quarter, outscoring Quinter 12-7 to take a 20-19 lead. They continued the hot shooting in the fourth quarter, outscoring Quinter 13-6 to take the win. Gami Cloyd was the high scorer for the Lady Mustangs with 11 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals. Abby Murray and Aubrea Winter each had 7 points. Murray had four rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal; Winter had 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 3 steals. Shannon Showalter, Whitney Carmichael, Ciara Abbey and Baronieca Brown each had 2 points. Showalter had 4 rebounds, 1 assist; Carmichael had 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals; Abbey had 7 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals; and Brown had 4

rebounds. The Lady Mustangs will be traveling to Atwood today for their next match. Starting time will be 3:30.

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