

# Cowboys head to Hugoton to defend title

By Tom Betz

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It is nearly 200 miles from Goodland to Hugoton, where the Cowboy wrestlers will face 13 other schools in the Class 4A regional wrestling tournament in their quest for a second straight state championship.

The regional, which includes highly ranked Scott City and Colby, is considered the toughest of the tournaments which lead to the state wrestling tournament Friday, Feb. 23, in Wichita.

Goodland Coach Chris Guillot said the hopes to have at least nine of the wrestlers qualify for the state tournament, which would give the Cowboys a fair chance to repeat as champions.

"I think our team is in good shape for regionals," he said. "Our goal is to get nine through at regionals. Anything more would be wonderful."

When Guillot looks at his team, he expects to do well at the lighter weights, which have been strong all season.

Leading the list is Bryce Bahe at 130



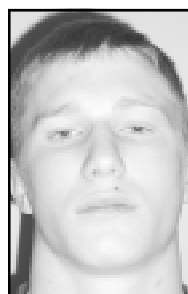
Blayze Bahe



Carmichael



Abbey



Bryce Bahe



Whisler



Swager

pounds, who is undefeated, 26-0, this year and was second at state last year. Bahe goes into the regional tournament seeded first and will face Steven Forward of Hugoton in the first round.

His brother, Blayze Bahe, at 103 pounds has a season record of 22-3. Second seeded at regionals, he will face Tanner Gross of Larned in the first round.

Bryce Abbey, who has been to state three years, has a 21-2 record at 125 pounds. Abbey was sixth in his first state tournament, second his second appearance and was fourth in 2000.

Abbey is second seeded at regionals and will meet Dan Miller of Pratt in the second round. Goodland received a bye in the first round.

At 135 pounds, Kyle Whisler, who was a state qualifier in 1999, has a season record of 21-8. Whisler will face Brenton Major of Thomas More Prep in the first round.

At the heavy end, Curtis Swager is looking to return to the state tournament for the third year and brings a 19-6 record. Swager was sixth in both previous state appearances, including 2000. Swager, who is seeded second,

will face Bryce Miller of Nickerson in the second round, after a bye in the first.

Taylor Brack with an 18-11 record at 140 pounds is one of those looking for his first trip to state. Brack will face Joe Landwehr of Andale in his first match.

Kyle Schulte at 112 pounds is also looking to advance to state, bringing a 17-12 record to the regional tournament. Schulte will face Bret Willems of Nickerson in his first match.

Another Cowboy looking to return to the state level is Mark Carmichael, who has a season record of 14-7.

Carmichael was sixth at state in 2000. Carmichael is seeded first and, with a bye in the first round, he will face Drew Barry of Clearwater in the second round.

Thomas Tompkins is one of those in the heavier weights at 189 pounds who will be trying to make to state. He has a season record of 14-12. Tompkins has a bye in the first round and will face Shaun Brazil of Andale in the second.

Max Saint will be taking a 12-10 record to the regional at 145 pounds, where he will have a bye in the first round and will await the winner of the match between Chance Branscum of Haven and Vince Flemming of Larned.

David Crutcher, who hasn't had many matches, 1-6 for the season, will be at 152 pounds. Crutcher will face Wes Galloway from Haven in his first match.

Shandon Wolak at 160 pounds has a 10-10 record and will face Dustin Trego of Haven in his first match.

Chris Zimmermer will be at 171 pounds and had a 7-14 season record.

He will face Damien Stephens of Colby in his first match.

Brandon Nemecek is at 215 pounds with a 6-15 record. Nemecek will face Michael Keast of Larned in his first match.

Guillot said he feels the wrestlers are all in good shape and each has an opportunity to do well in Hugoton.

Schools participating are Andale, Anthony-Harper-Chaparral, Clearwater, Colby, Goodland, Haven, Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian, Hugoton, Larned, Lyons, Nickerson, Pratt, Scott City and Ulysses.

Ellis High School will be the site for the regional Class 3-2-1A regional wrestling tournament which includes area teams from Atwood, Oberlin, Oakley, St. Francis, Hoxie and Quinter. Other teams in this regional will be Cimarron, Elkhart, Ellis, Grainfield-Wheatland, Hill City, Kinsley, Leoti-Wichita County, Montezuma-South Gray, Norton, Plainville, Rexford-Golden Plains and WaKeeney-Trego County and Hillsboro High School.

## Win brings 'Dawgs to 17-1

The Brewster Bulldogs traveled to Jennings on Tuesday night and chased the Jennings/Lenora Coyote/Wildcats 91-59.

The win brought the 'Dawgs home record to 17-1 for the season. The 'Dawgs started the game quickly, jumping out to an early lead. At the end of the first quarter, they led 21-10.

In the second quarter, it was more of the same with Brewster's "D" causing the Coyotes lots of trouble. The 'Dawgs as a team had 22 steals. At the half, Brewster led 51-30.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs held Jennings/Lenora to only 10 points while putting 22 on the visitors side of the scoreboard for a 73-40 lead. In the last 8 minutes, the bench saw lots of

playing time, and once again Brewster had great play from the reserves. The Bulldogs came out on top 91-59.

Brewster had four players in double figures with Jay Reid leading the charge at 24 points, three steals, eight assists, and three rebounds. Following closely was Clint Horinek with 23 points, six steals, two assists, and four rebounds.

Brett Aramberger tossed in 14 points, six steals, two assists, and grabbed four rebounds in the game. Senior, Justin Jamison scored 10 points, recorded two steals, one assist, and two rebounds. P.J. Crumbaker finished up the first five with 8 points, three steals, three assists, and two rebounds.

Others scoring for the Bulldogs were Travis Dixon with 3 points, Bobby Tubbs 2, Rob Garner 2, Jacob Falcon 2, John Luckert 2, and Jarrett Carpenter with 1 point.

Brewster heads to Weskan tonight for a rescheduled game with the junior varsity boys beginning at 5 p.m. Central Time and the varsity games following.

On Friday, the Bulldogs will play their last regular game at home against the Northern Valley Huskies, with the junior varsity beginning at 5 p.m. The girls and boys junior varsity will play only a half game, with the varsity games to follow. Seniors will be honored between the varsity girls and boys games.

## K-State losing streak goes to seven straight

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Brian Conklin turned a rare and unexpected start into a career night.

The Nebraska freshman had 11 points and 17 rebounds as the Cornhuskers pushed Kansas State's losing streak to seven straight games with an 82-56 win Wednesday.

Conklin had only started two other times, but was thrown into the lineup after Steffon Bradford's dunk in warmups got Nebraska a technical. Conklin's previous high for rebounds was nine in the opener against Oral Roberts.

He shrugged off the first double-double of his career.

"It doesn't matter whether you start or not. Coach has you in the game for a reason and you have to get the job done," he said.

The 6-foot-11 Conklin and 6-11 Kimani Ffriend were too much for the Wildcats (8-14, 2-9). Ffriend finished with 17 points and pulled down 11 re-

bounds.

Coach Barry Collier said it was the most impressive performance of the season for Conklin, who scored 18 Saturday in a loss to Baylor.

"He was really active on the boards. He shot the ball well. He really had a great game. I think he's getting more and more comfortable playing in the Big 12 his freshman year," Collier said. "Defensively and rebounding, he has not shown that level like he did tonight."

Cookie Belcher finished with 15 points for the Cornhuskers (12-12, 5-6 Big 12), who shot 53 percent (32-for-60) from the field.

Rodney Fields added 11 points for the Huskers, who swept a season series for the first time since beating Kansas twice in the 1998-99 season. Nebraska visits Colorado on Saturday.

"Once again we put ourselves in a position where we can make a stretch run in the conference. If we can go to Colorado and get a road win, it would

be huge for us," Ffriend said.

Kansas State (8-14, 2-9) trailed by 17 at halftime and never got closer than 14 in the second half.

Richie Terry scored 16 and Larry Reid had 10 points for the Wildcats, who haven't won since upsetting then-No. 20 Missouri 80-59 on Jan. 16.

"I think our team has hit a point where maybe the losses have mounted up to where they're losing some of their spirit," Kansas State coach Jim Woolridge said. "We're not successful right now. The hardest thing to do is fight through this."

Kansas State had a free throw before the tip-off after Nebraska got a technical for Bradford's dunk during warm ups. Reid, a 78 percent free-throw shooter, missed the shot and things went downhill from there for Kansas State.

The Wildcats, who lost to Nebraska 63-61 on Jan. 30, were never able to rally after falling behind 14-3 at the start of the game.

## Junior varsity outscores Wildcats

By Janet Craft

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Goodland's junior varsity girls beat the Sharon Springs Lady Wildcats on Monday 41-36 during a tournament in Goodland.

The Cowgirls led the scoring in the first three quarters. In the first, Goodland made 6 points to Sharon Springs' 5. Then during the second, Goodland scored 13 points to

Sharon's 11, to bring the score to 19-16. In the third quarter, Goodland made 10 points to the Lady Wildcats' 7, which brought the score to 29-23. But in the final quarter, Sharon Springs came back to score 13 points to the Cowgirls' 12.

StevieLee Raymer came out the top scorer with 16 points after she made six field goals and four free throws.

Erica Mann made 7 points with three

field goals and one free throw. Danielle Hellerud scored 6 points after she made three field goals. Hayley Jarmin made 4 points with two field goals.

Kendra Billinger, Steph Fairbanks, Tranda Ihrig and Britany Pettibone all scored 2 points with one shot apiece. Deanna Livengood, Tess Schultz and Jessica Vignery also played.

## Kansas trying to halt season from slipping

LAWRENCE (AP) — Rarely has Kansas coach Roy Williams been this angry with his team.

More rarely still have the Jayhawks ever put forth so pathetic an effort as they did in the first half of an 85-77 upset loss at Baylor that has caused everyone in the program to question their heart, desire and ability.

The attitude of the sixth-ranked Jayhawks, Williams said Wednesday, "is not very good right now."

"Nor should it be," he added. "It's not the shock of losing to Baylor because that doesn't give Baylor credit. And they played their tails off. I think we were not ready to play. I think (their attitude) can't be real good."

Making matters worse for Kansas (19-4, 8-3 Big 12) is the fact its next game is Saturday at No. 7 Iowa State,

### Bufs upset Iowa

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Jenny Roulier scored 20 points and Mandy Nightingale had 17 as No. 19 Colorado upset sixth-ranked Iowa State 73-66 on Wednesday night.

Britt Hartshorn added 15 points for Colorado (18-5, 9-3 Big 12), which made 22 of 23 free throws and avenged a 34-point loss to the Cyclones on Jan. 27.

which won in Lawrence 79-77 on Feb. 5. The Cyclones stand 21-3, 9-2, and could take a two-game lead in the Big 12 race over the reeling Jayhawks.

Kansas, although hugely favored over Baylor, fell behind by 27 points before making a second-half rally that brought them as close as four.

Immediately after the game, Williams said he was "embarrassed." Two days later at his weekly media conference, his disgust had not gone away.

"You haven't heard me sit here two times in 13 years and act like I'm really ticked off at my team," he said. "Even when I was, I'd say I was outcoached, or something like that. But (the players) are accountable and by golly, they were not ready to play."

Without mentioning names, Williams said some of his players were more focused than others.

"Two or three guys played their hearts out," he said. "Several guys didn't. They've got to make decisions. We're not good enough to walk in and beat people."

Point guard Kirk Hinrich was not arguing with his coach.

"It was the worst case of a team getting ready to play that I've been involved with," said Hinrich, who scored 26 points against Baylor. "We played hard the second half."

Playing hard in the second half won't excuse the shabby effort that led to a 25-point halftime deficit—the biggest any Kansas team has ever faced in his 13 years as head coach, Williams said.

"There's not one thing I was encouraged about Monday night," he said. "Not one. People say it showed a lot of heart coming back. But that's what we're supposed to do."

"I'm a little mystified. You can't spot a team 25 points."

Given their diminished confidence, this may be the worst time for the Jayhawks to venture to Iowa State.

"I'm not sure they're not one of the top five teams in the country," Williams said. "They're playing fantastic basketball. They play in a great place. The crowd's going to be into it."

## bowling results

Wednesday Morning Coffee League  
Jan. 31, 2001

Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Wendy's 4-0  
BEM's over McClung's Appliance 3-1  
Mr. Jim's over Blind Team 4-0

Individual high game: Georgia Pancake-219  
Lonny's

Individual high series: Georgia Pancake-535  
Lonny's

Team high game: Lonny's Quality Auto Body-547  
Team high series: Lonny's Quality Auto Body-

1542  
League Standings: Lonny's Quality Auto Body 63, 25; Wendy's 55, 33; McClung's Appliance 54 1/2, 33 1/2; BEM's 43 1/2, 44 1/2; Mr. Jim's 38, 50.

Wednesday Night Mixed League  
Feb. 7, 2001

Extras split with Gamblers 2-2  
D&G Clan over Pinbreakers 3-1

Kickers over Mueller Grain 3-1  
Mudslingers over Team One 3-1

Phillips Brothers over W-R Equipment 4-0  
Shear Dimensions over Kanorado Coop 3-1

Men's high game: Marvin Matthews-228  
Men's high series: Melvin Musil, Sr.-592

Women's high game: Diane Luther-199  
Women's high series: Diane Luther-536

Team high game: Pinbreakers-903  
Team high series: D&G Clan-2403

League Standings: Phillips Brothers 58, 34;  
Shear Dimensions 55, 37; Mudslingers 55, 37; Gamblers 54, 38; Pinbreakers 52, 40.

Thursday Night Mixed League  
Feb. 8, 2001

Bowladium Lanes over Bankwest of Kansas 3-1  
Sunwest Investments over McDonald's 4-0

Mex & Company over Our Team 4-0  
Gutter Dusters split with Rod & Suzie's Welding

2-2  
Charlie's Angels over Rain or Shine 4-0

Poor Country Folks over Exit 17 3-1  
Women's high game: Diana Nichols tied with

Kim Weis-192  
Women's high series: Diana Nichols-514

Men's high game: Aaron Thompson-223  
Men's high series: Brent Wood-560

Team high game: Mex & Company-836  
Team high series: Mex & Company-2348

League Standings: No. 1 Sunwest Investments  
30, 14; No. 2 Bowladium Lanes 28 1/2, 15 1/2; No. 3

Charlie's Angels 28, 16.

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