

Goodland kids bring home medals

Goodland Wrestling Club kids took three second-place medals, one third, three fourths, a fifth and one sixth in a trip to the state Kansas Kids tournament in Topeka onaturday.

Second place finishers were Nathan Deeds, Dustin Zelfer and Dexter Deeds. Blayze Bahe had a third, and A.J. Stephens, Phillip Bullington and Brett Bahe took fourth. Jordan Bedore fifth and Jordan Albers sixth.

Just before the tournament, there was a call to Goodland because the fourth place qualifier at 52 pounds in the 8-and-under division became sick, and the fifth place finisher from district was unable to go, which meant that Seth Miller, who finished sixth, was able to go to Topeka and wrestle.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

8 and under
40 — Cy Paxton, participated
52 — Seth Miller, participated
58 — Teather Dautel, participated
61 — Timothy Roeder, participated
70 — Nathan Deeds, second place

88 — Parker Johnson, participated
10 and under

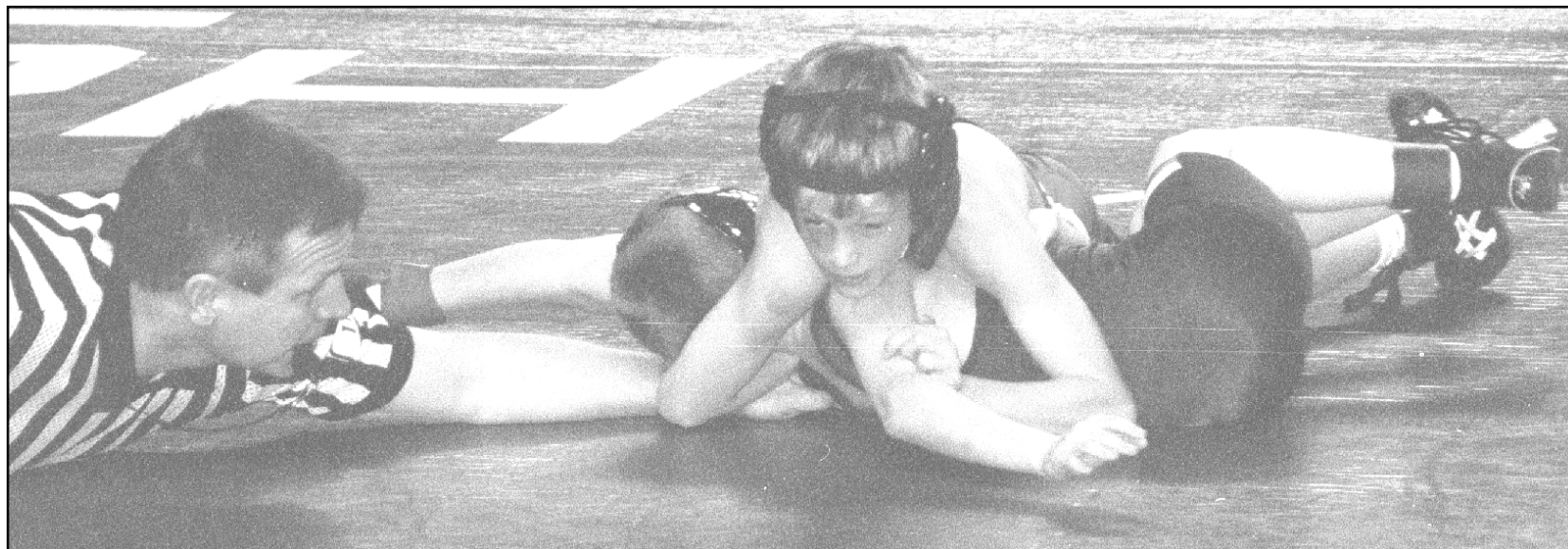
73 — Michael Ledesma, participated
76 — A.J. Stephens, fourth place
79 — Benjamin Davis, participated
82 — Phillip Bullington, fourth place

110 — Nick Smith, participated
110 — T.J. Hawkins, participated
150 — Clay Schilling, participated
12 and under

60 — Dustin Zelfer, second place
64 — Jordan Albers, sixth place
72 — Brett Bahe, fourth place
72 — Kerek Mason, participated
84 — Brandon Zelfer, participated
150 — Mark Starr, participated

14 and under
90 — Dexter Deeds, second place
100 — Blayze Bahe, third place
175 — Jordan Bedore, fifth place
16 and under

145 — Taylor Brack, participated
185 — Brandon Nemecheck, participated



Goodland wrestler Jordan Albers (above) worked for a pin during the Kansas Kids State Tournament in Topeka. Albers finished in sixth place in the 64 pound class of the 12 and under division. Goodland's Blayze Bahe (left) worked for a takedown during a match at the Kansas Kids State Tournament at the Expo Center in Topeka Saturday. Bahe took the third place medal in the 100 pound class of the 14 and under division.

Goodland Wrestling Club photos

No glass slippers needed at this year's Final Four

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A warning to anyone who cried when Jim Valvano won, cheered when Villanova stunned Georgetown or felt warm and fuzzy when Danny Manning led Kansas to its improbable title: This is not your Final Four.

Those who embrace lovable underdogs have no team to call their own in Minneapolis this week.

This year's gathering is for Duke, Maryland, Michigan State and Arizona — four big-name teams from big-name conferences with low seeds and star players. All four spent good portions of the season at or near the top of the polls.

"Not only do we have four really good teams, but we have four teams who are playing their best basketball right now," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That doesn't usually happen at the Final Four."

The Duke-Maryland semifinal Saturday is the fourth meeting between Atlantic Coast Conference rivals who have already played two of the most entertaining games of the season.

The Arizona-Michigan State meeting is a pick 'em contest between the defending national champion and the pre-season No. 1.

It hardly comes as a shock to see any of them here. Just ask Illinois coach Bill Self, whose team played all four.

"Three of the four teams may have the best offensive firepower in the tournament," said Self, speaking of Arizona, Duke and Maryland. "Then you have a team that labors sometimes to score points, but is probably the best defensively, and the best rebounding team."

That would be defending champion Michigan State (28-4), which made it despite the loss of Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson and A.J. Granger from last year's championship team.

There were plenty of people, including Spartans coach Tom Izzo, who thought a return to the Final Four was a stretch.

But Izzo still has a wealth of talent in Charlie Bell, Jason Richardson and Zach Randolph.

And these are the defending champions, who won the Big Ten for the fourth straight time and never fell out of the Top 5.

Arizona (27-7) also went through tough times, slipping to 8-5 in January and stumbling from suspensions and the death of coach Lute Olson's wife.

More recently, the Wildcats have looked like the team picked as the pre-

season No. 1. Since Olson returned from a two-week absence, the Wildcats have gone 17-2.

"They were placed under a lot of adversity this year, and it was not a case of my losing confidence in them," Olson said. "Sometimes they may have thought that, but it's like I tell them, the day I'm not on them is the day they should start worrying about things."

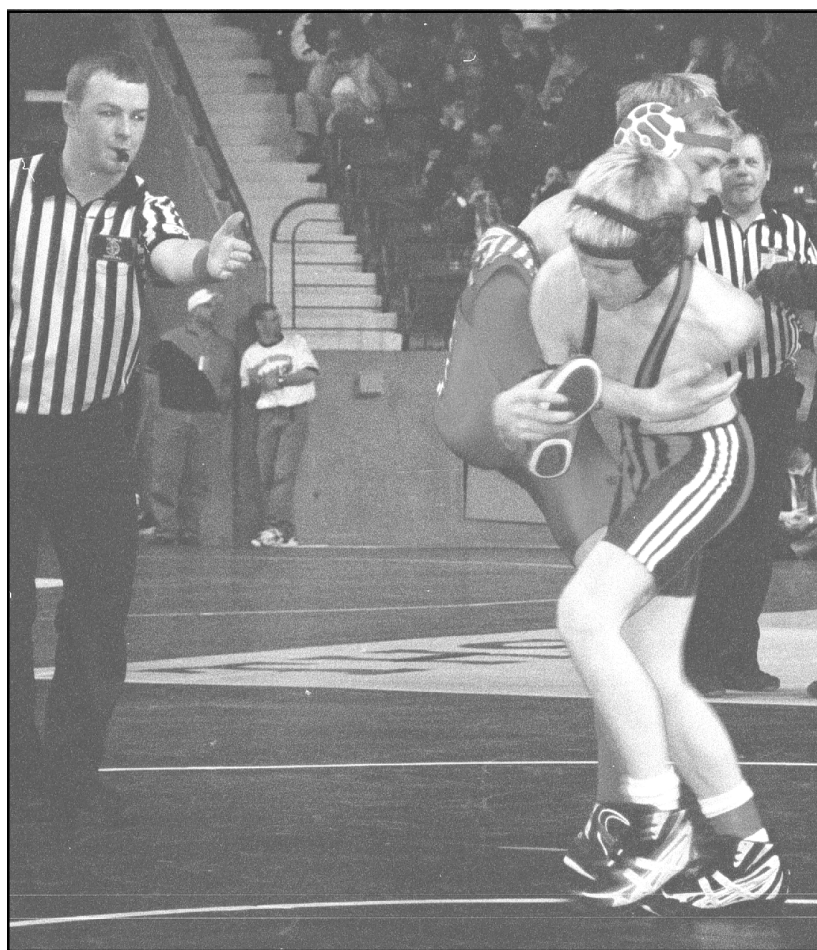
Duke, of course, is Duke — a program deep in talent and tradition that has been here nine times since 1986.

If there's any semblance of an underdog here, it's Maryland (25-10), a 97-year-old program making its first Final Four appearance.

The Terrapins lost five of six in midseason after blowing a 10-point lead in the final 54 seconds against Duke and seemed in jeopardy of missing the tournament.

But it would be wrong to call them a complete surprise. They were a Top-5 team to start the season. A month after their collapse, they beat Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, then nearly beat the Blue Devils again in the ACC semifinals, losing 84-82 on a last-second tip-in.

"It's just a one-game deal," Maryland coach Gary Williams said, trying to grasp the elusive underdog's role, "not a best-out-of-seven."



White Sox drop Rockies, 12-5

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Carlos Lee's three-run homer capped a tie-breaking, six-run fifth inning off Denny Neagle that lifted the Chicago White Sox over the Colorado Rockies 12-5 Thursday.

It was the final Arizona spring training game for both teams.

Neagle lasted five innings, allowing eight runs and 11 hits.

Chicago starter Mark Buehrle worked five innings, giving up one earned run and four hits.

Todd Hollandsworth, Ron Gant and Ben Petrick hit solo homers for Colorado.

Ray Durham and Magglio Ordonez each had two hits for Chicago.

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