

# Goodland wrestler competes at nationals

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A Goodland wrestler is competing at the 31st Annual Cadet National Championship Tournament in Fargo, N.D. Jordan Bedore qualified for the national tournament by placing first in freestyle wrestling and second in Greco in the state tournament in McPherson on June 2nd. Curtis Swager of Goodland also qualified for the national tournament but was unable to attend because of other commitments.

Bedore then attended a wrestling camp at McPherson for three days before going with Team Kansas to Dallas, Texas. He placed third in Greco but did not wrestle freestyle in Dallas. Team Kansas went on to the Denver National Duals at Englewood High School. As a team they placed fourth in Greco and seventh in freestyle. Jordan won seven matches and lost eight. Bedore got involved with Team Kansas Wrestling with encouragement from former Goodland High School Wrestling Coach Eddie Clark five

years ago. Bedore practiced his first year, his father Dustin Bedore said, and began competing the next year. Goodland Wrestling Coach Chris Guillot pushed Jordan to qualify for Nationals this year his father said. Bedore got involved because he wanted something to do in the summer his father Dustin Bedore said. But this program has been good, he said, because if Jordan wants to do anything with wrestling in college he will need to practice year-round. He is already doing that.

Bedore participates in two types of wrestling, freestyle and Greco. Freestyle is an Olympic style of wrestling, his father said, where the wrestlers are pushed to be aggressive and score points for throwing or elevating their opponents. They don't have to hold their opponents down for a certain count, he said, as they do in high school wrestling. Freestyle wrestling is fast-paced, Dustin Bedore said, because wrestlers can score 10 points in 10-15 seconds and the match is over when one wrestler has 10 points.

Greco wrestling requires the wrestlers to use only their upper bodies, his father said, as attacking the opponent's legs or using their legs to attack is prohibited. Bedore participates as a member of the Thunderbolt Wrestling Club, Dustin said, a club formed by Goodland high school students who want to wrestle during the summer. The club members hold their own fund-raisers to cover costs involved with participation in the club and traveling to meets he said.

Bedore began participating in Team Kansas Wrestling as a novice, his father said, which is the division for 5th and 6th graders. When he was in junior high, he was in the school boy division, his father Dustin said, and now he is a first-year cadet. The junior division is for juniors and seniors in high school he said. Team Kansas Wrestling is becoming more popular in Northwest Kansas than it once was, Dustin said, now you see a lot more novices participating than you used to.

# Rhodes takes control of Denver defense as camp opens

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Anyone seeking insight from Ray Rhodes should have paid attention when the Denver Broncos reported to training camp Thursday. From now to the end of the season, Denver's new defensive coordinator will preach only to his players and consult only with fellow coaches as he tries to resurrect the Broncos defense. "Let's not play games with each other," Rhodes told reporters during what he said would be his only media session this season. "I've had to do this for a number of years and I prefer to be on the outside looking in. I want to see

you guys talking to other people." Though Broncos fans will be deprived of Rhodes' colorful, straightforward answers, nobody will complain if he can restore the defensive credibility that has dissolved since Denver won back-to-back Super Bowls in the 1997 and 1998 seasons. The team's defense was among the NFL's worst in 2000. After replacing Greg Robinson last January, Rhodes watched every game film of the 2000 season as he designed a plan for improvement. Step 1 is simple: Tackle better. "I don't like to harp on last year be-

cause that's history," he said. "But quite naturally there's a lot of things we can improve upon. Probably one of the most notable things is tackling. We have to be a better tackling football team." Rhodes also wants to limit the big plays that seemed so detrimental to the Broncos in 2000. Denver gave up 5.8 yards per play last season, nearly a yard more than in their championship years. "We've always been the question mark of this team," defensive end Harald Hasselbach said. "I don't think anybody wants to be in that position. Everybody wants to be a force to be

reckoned with. You play this game for respect." Rhodes commands instant respect from his new disciples. Not only did he play seven NFL seasons, but he has 20 years of coaching experience, including four seasons as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles (1995-98) and one year with the Green Bay Packers (1999). The 8-8 season in Green Bay was forgettable, but Rhodes affirmed his worth in Washington by helping the Redskins improve from 30th in overall defense in 1999 to fourth last year. Not that he needed to prove anything

to Broncos coach Mike Shanahan. Shanahan was offensive coordinator and Rhodes ran the defense for San Francisco in 1994 when the 49ers won a Super Bowl title. Rhodes was a natural candidate when Robinson was fired after six seasons in Denver. "I'm not sure if it's going to appear any different to anybody unless you really study football," Shanahan said. "You're still going to have 11 guys out there. From a tactical standpoint, it is a little bit different. Hopefully we can improve. We need to make some improvement from where we were last year."

Known for employing an aggressive game plan, Rhodes has 21 days of training camp to implement his system in Denver. The Broncos had several mini-camps to get acquainted with their new defensive coordinator, but the real test will be when the pads go on Friday. "Mini-camps were great, but I've never evaluated a player in shorts," Rhodes said. "We'll be lining up with pads on. There'll be live bullets and it'll be physical. That's when you identify where the strength of your football team is. You find who can hold up to what."

# Champion Cornhusker coach says Oklahoma will find it tough to repeat

DALLAS (AP) — Nebraska coach Frank Solich knows a little something about undefeated seasons and national championships. As head coach of the Cornhuskers for the past three seasons and an assistant there for 19 more, Solich has taken part in three national titles and undefeated seasons. So, when he says Oklahoma may have a tough time repeating as national champs — or even as Big 12 Conference champs — this year, he speaks with authority. "There's a lot that goes into a season like that — you've got to be a little fortunate," Solich said. "Any one of five or six teams in the conference could have that kind of year."

Welcome to the Big 12, where as many as three teams could be ranked among the nation's top 10 teams. In the media's preseason poll released Thursday, Nebraska was picked to win the conference's North Division, while Oklahoma was tabbed as the favorite in the South Division just ahead of Texas. That means the Sooners and the Cornhuskers could be headed for a titanic showdown on Oct. 27 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. Solich and the Cornhuskers will have the added incentive of trying to avenge a 31-14 loss at Oklahoma last season. "There have been some great teams,

great players and great coaches in this rivalry," Solich said. "It has a long and storied history behind it. It's great for college football." Solich will lean on a team that returns Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Eric Crouch and nine starters on a defense that ranked sixth in the conference last season. Despite the absence of record-setting quarterback Josh Heupel, All-Big 12 linebacker Torrance Marshall and seven other starters from Oklahoma's surprising run to the national title, the Sooners are looking to duplicate last year's feats. "I believe we have a stronger, faster and undoubtedly, more experienced

group of players," said Bob Stoops, now entering his third season as Oklahoma's coach. "The important thing going into this season is the fact that the players know how to win." As one of the conference favorites, the Sooners know they won't enter many games as underdogs anymore. "We've been experienced, and we've played in big games and we know what it's all about," said Oklahoma receiver Josh Norman, "and I think that after the first four games last year, we didn't sneak up on anybody." The Sooners won their first four games by an average of 31 points, then blitzed their way through the conference's top teams.

They handed archrival Texas a frenzied 63-14 pasting, knocked off then-top-ranked Nebraska by 17 points and held off Kansas State twice, including the conference's championship game. They entered the Orange Bowl as 10 1/2-point underdogs, but closed out their season with a dominating 13-2 win over Florida State to clinch the school's first national title in 15 years. And Stoops said either of Heupel's potential replacements, junior Nate Hybl or sophomore Jason White, could put up just as many dazzling offensive numbers. "Two years ago, no one was bragging about Josh Heupel," Stoops said. "With what we've seen in the practices

and scrimmages, we're confident either one of them can do the job." Even with Oklahoma and Nebraska shaping up as the Big 12's teams to beat, the consensus at Thursday's media event was that both teams could struggle in conference play. "All of us feel a great sense of pride of being in the conference," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. "The negative is you are on thin ice because everyone is so good." In the media poll, Nebraska was followed by Kansas State, Colorado, Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas. In the South, Oklahoma was picked ahead of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Baylor.

## baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	41	.598	—
Boston	58	43	.574	2 1/2
Toronto	48	55	.466	13 1/2
Baltimore	42	60	.412	19
Tampa Bay	33	69	.324	28
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	60	42	.588	—
Cleveland	58	42	.580	1
Chicago	50	50	.500	9
Detroit	43	56	.434	15 1/2
Kansas City	40	62	.392	20
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	73	29	.716	—
Oakland	54	48	.529	19
Anaheim	52	50	.510	21
Texas	44	57	.436	28 1/2
Thursday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees	14	Detroit	8	
Minnesota	7	Oakland	4	
Boston	6	Toronto	3	
Chicago White Sox	5	Cleveland	4	
Texas	9	Baltimore	7	
Anaheim	5	Tampa Bay	3	
Seattle	4	Kansas City	0	
Today's Games				
N.Y. Yankees	(Mussina 10-8)	at Toronto	(Carpenter 7-7), 5:05 p.m.	
Cleveland	(Colon 9-7)	at Detroit	(Pettyjohn 0-2), 5:05 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox	(K.Wells 6-5)	at Boston	(Saberhagen 0-0), 5:05 p.m.	
Tampa Bay	(Sturtz 5-8)	at Texas	(Bell 3-0), 6:35 p.m.	

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	45	.559	—
Philadelphia	57	45	.559	—
Florida	52	49	.515	4 1/2
New York	46	57	.447	11 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	42	.584	—
Houston	56	45	.554	3
St. Louis	51	49	.510	7 1/2
Milwaukee	44	56	.440	14 1/2
Pittsburgh	38	62	.380	20 1/2
Cincinnati	38	63	.376	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	59	43	.578	—
Los Angeles	59	44	.573	1/2
San Francisco	54	49	.524	5 1/2
San Diego	49	53	.480	10
Colorado	43	59	.422	16
Saturday's Games				
Cleveland	(Sabathia 10-3)	at Detroit	(Weaver 9-9), 11:05 a.m., 1st game	
Minnesota	(Radke 10-7)	at Seattle	(Moyer 10-5), 2:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees	(Clemens 14-1)	at Toronto	(Escobar 2-4), 2:05 p.m.	
Kansas City	(Durbin 6-9)	at Oakland	(Hudson 12-5), 2:05 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox	(Buehrle 7-6)	at Boston	(Wakefield 6-5), 3:05 p.m.	
Cleveland	(Woodard 1-0)	at Detroit	(Santos 2-2), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game	
Tampa Bay	(Bierbrodt 0-0)	at Texas	(Myette 0-1), 6:35 p.m.	
Baltimore	(Roberts 7-8)	at Anaheim	(Rapp 3-9), 8:05 p.m.	
Sunday's Games				
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Thursday's Games				
St. Louis	3	Chicago Cubs	1	
Montreal	3	Atlanta	2	10 innings
Houston	3	Pittsburgh	2	
Philadelphia	3	N.Y. Mets	2	
San Francisco	11	Arizona	3	
Los Angeles	3	Colorado	1	
Today's Games				
Atlanta	(Maddux 13-5)	at Montreal	(Mattes 3-2), 5:05 p.m.	
Florida	(Clement 6-6)	at Cincinnati	(Davis 3-1), 5:05 p.m.	
Houston	(Reynolds 9-9)	at Pittsburgh	(Beimel 4-6), 5:05 p.m.	

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Philadelphia	(Daal 10-3)	at N.Y. Mets	(Leiter 6-8), 11:15 a.m.	
St. Louis	(Benes 6-6)	at Chicago Cubs	(Wood 9-8), 11:15 a.m.	
Colorado	(Hampton 10-7)	at Los Angeles	(Park 10-6), 2:05 p.m.	
Houston	(McKnight 0-0)	at Pittsburgh	(J.Anderson 6-9), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game	
Atlanta	(Glavine 9-5)	at Montreal	(Vazquez 9-9), 5:05 p.m.	
Florida	(Penny 7-4)	at Cincinnati	(Dessens 6-8), 5:05 p.m.	
San Diego	(Williams 7-8)	at Milwaukee	(Haynes 6-13), 5:05 p.m.	
San Francisco	(Ortiz 11-6)	at Arizona	(Lopez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.	
Sunday's Games				
Philadelphia	at N.Y. Mets	11:10 a.m.		
Florida	at Cincinnati	11:15 a.m.		

Atlanta at Montreal, 11:35 a.m.  
Houston at Pittsburgh, 11:35 a.m.  
San Diego at Milwaukee, 12:05 p.m.  
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 2:35 p.m.  
Colorado at Los Angeles, 6:10 p.m.

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