

Cowboys miss first by a hair

By Rachel Miscall
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The Goodland Cowboys placed second at a wrestling tournament in Burlington on Saturday, and nearly snagged first place, only 1.5 points behind the leader.

Coach Randy Bahe said 13 teams from Kansas and Colorado participated in the annual tournament, which the Cowboys traditionally attend. Wrestlers from Broomfield, Colo., took first with 146 points, he said, but Goodland was right behind, scoring 144.5 points. Burlington was third with 140 points.

Bahe said the odds were stacked against the Cowboys, but our wrestlers managed to perform well.

He said more teams attended than in the past and the competition was tougher. He added that four varsity wrestlers were injured or out of town. "I think the competition was definitely better than it has been," he said. "Considering we were missing four varsity players, I think we did very well."

The stand-in wrestlers did their jobs, he said.

"I was very pleased with the guys that stepped in," he said. "I was pleased with the way we wrestled."

Of course, Coach Bahe said, there is always room for improvement.

"There is something to work on ev-

ery week when you strive for perfection," he said. "You're never totally satisfied."

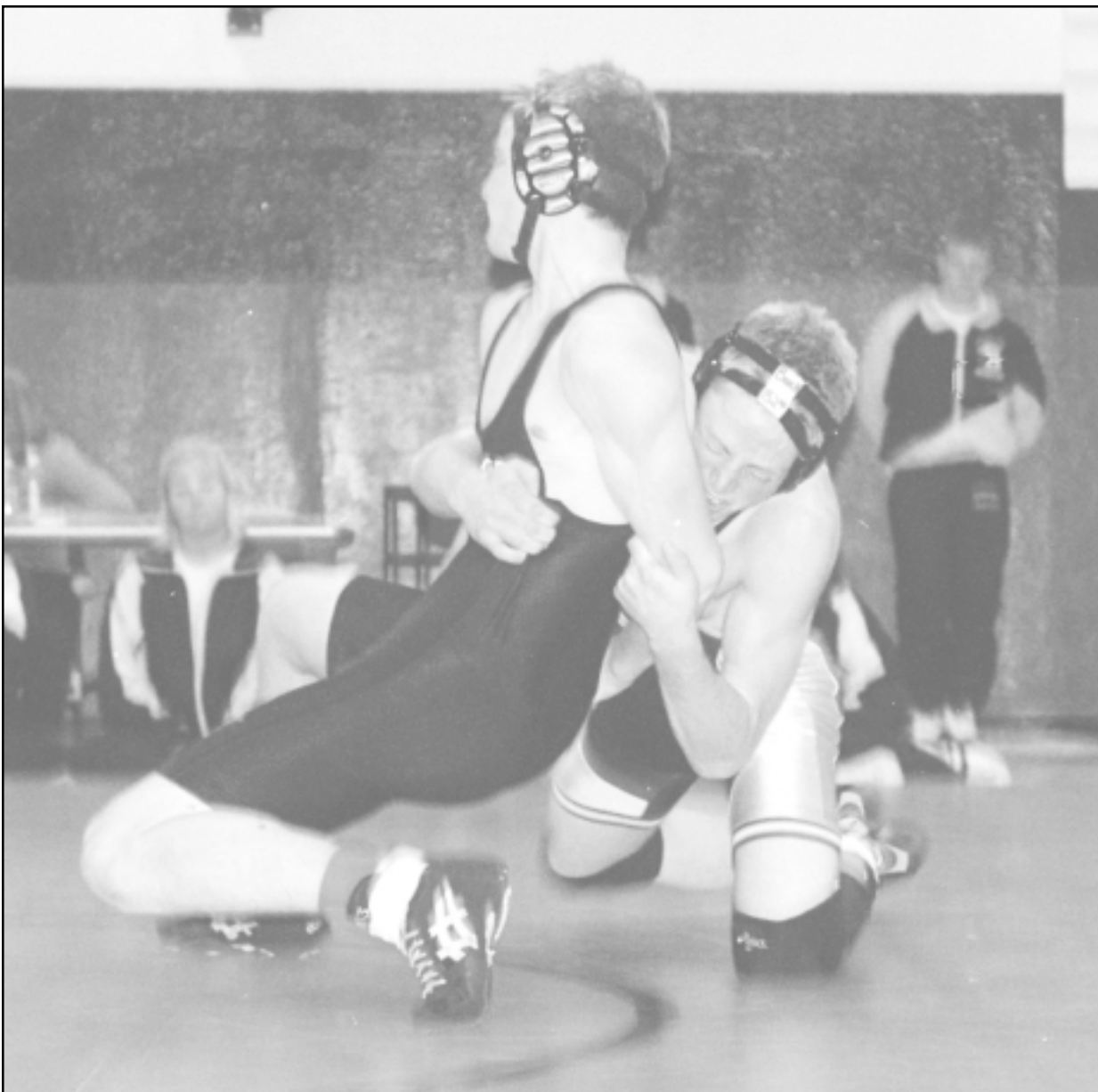
Fifteen varsity wrestlers participated, with Jordan Bedore placing first in the 189-pound weight class and Blayze Bahe, 112, Mathias Goodley, 119, and Kyle Schulte, 125, taking second in their weight classes.

Taylor Brack, 152, and Andy Phillips, 215, placed third in their classes and Max Saint, 145, took fourth.

Other wrestlers include Chad Normandin, 103, with one win and two losses; Dusty King, 130, 1-2; Nick Gray, 135, 0-2; Dustin Klinge, 140, 1-2; L.J. VonLintel, 160, 0-2; David Russell, 171, 1-2; Brandon Nemechek, 215, 2-2; and A.J. Johnson, heavy weight, 0-2.

Fifteen junior varsity wrestlers also went, Coach Bahe said, but places were not awarded for that portion of the tournament.

Brock Whitmore, 112, won three matches and lost one; Andy Farris, 119, was 0-3; Korey Schulte, 119, 1-2; Tray Klinge, 125, 2-2; Malcolm White, 130, 1-3; Blake Saint, 135, 4-0; Speedy Aguilar, 140, 3-2; Chance Schilling, 145, 3-0; Michael Middleton, 145, 0-3; Brett Jarmin, 152, 2-2; Brandon Cowen, 152, 1-2; Brandon Linden, 160, 1-2; Brian Imel, 160, 1-2; Adrian Hernandez, 171, 4-1; and Allen Briney, 275, 3-0.



Cowboy Taylor Brack tried to stop his opponent from breaking away during a wrestling tournament in Burlington on Saturday. Goodland placed second at the annual event. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Team stomps Atwood

The Goodland Cowboys stomped the Atwood Buffaloes 45-24 at a dual meet on Thursday in Atwood, with three varsity wrestlers pinning their opponents.

Fourteen varsity wrestlers hit the mats in the meet, the team's second of the season. The Cowboys took second behind the Colby Eagles last weekend at an invitational tournament in St. Francis.

In the 135-pound weight class, Cowboy Nick Gray pinned Atwood's Luke Schroeder, while Cowboy Max Saint pinned his opponent in the 145-pound weight class. In the 215-pound weight class, Brandon Nemechek pinned Buffalo Jeff Samson.

Three other Cowboys weren't as lucky, falling to their opponents.

In the 130-pound weight class, Goodland's Dusty King was pinned by Buffalo Jordan Lamb; Jordan Bedore, 189, Goodland, was pinned by Tanner Schmidt; and Cowboy A.J. Johnson, heavy weight, was pinned by Heath Klein.

Three Cowboys won by forfeit, including Dexter Deeds, 103; Blayze Bahe, 112; and Kyle Schulte, 125.

Three Goodland wrestlers won by decision, while two lost.

Cowboy Dustin Klinge, 140, beat Tucker Rueber, 10-7; Cowboy Taylor Brack, 152, dominated Chris Holste, 4-1; and Goodland's David Russell, 171, took down Thad Speary, 6-4.

Cowboy L.J. VonLintel, 160, fell to Buffalo Nick Cahoj, 6-3; and 119-pound Mathias Goodley, Goodland, lost to Joey Holste, 3-2.

Seven junior varsity wrestlers also participated, with four pinning their opponents and placing first in their weight classes.

Chad Normandin, 103, pinned Buffalo Jonathan Peterson; Blake Saint, 135, took down R.J. Palmer; Brandon Cowen, 152, pinned Lance Eastep; and heavyweight Andy Phillips pinned his opponent.

Atwood's Austin Argabright pinned Cowboy Tray Klinge in the 125-pound weight class.

Cowboy Brett Jarmin, 152, beat Eastep, 12-4; and Goodland's Chance Schilling fell to Trevor Leitner, 9-5, in the 140-pound weight class.

Nuggets' guard seeks trade due to team's many losses

DENVER (AP)—Sick of losing, Denver Nuggets guard Nick Van Exel reiterated Monday that he wants to be traded, saying the team has made no strides in his four seasons here.

After Saturday night's 109-99 loss in Cleveland—the Nuggets' fourth straight loss on an Eastern road swing and their eighth loss in nine games — Van Exel announced that he wants out of Denver.

Following a day off on Sunday, Van Exel returned to the practice court and refused to back away from his statements.

"I made those comments after the

game, and my decision is pretty much still the same," Van Exel said Monday. "You can't be happy with losing, you can't be satisfied with losing."

Van Exel said his situation could change when Antonio McDyess returns from a knee injury or if the Nuggets (7-13) bring in another player to bolster the roster. But he said that in his four seasons with the Nuggets, they haven't made any acquisitions to make the team better.

"Four years, and we haven't brought anybody in here," he said. "Steady losing — it's very tough, very frustrating."

Winter meetings stalled by contraction dispute

BOSTON (AP) — There was little action on the second day of baseball's winter meetings, with the St. Louis Cardinals getting Jason Isringhausen in the only signing, and the Chicago Cubs acquiring Alex Gonzalez from Toronto in the only trade.

Usually, the winter meetings are known for crowded lobbies filled with general managers, agents and swirling rumors. Instead, there appeared to be little talk and a lot of waiting around.

In an effort to end the uncertainty created by commissioner Bud Selig's attempt to eliminate two teams, the players' association spent the day trying to negotiate an agreement with owners that would delay contraction until at least 2003. The sides were close to a deal, and recessed their talks until Tuesday.

On the second day of the five-day meetings, teams and agents also seemed to be waiting for the top of the market to be set. The Yankees and first baseman Jason Giambi moved closer to a seven-year deal that would be worth \$118 million to \$120 million, a baseball official and a lawyer familiar with the talks said on the condition they not be identified.

While the contract wasn't finalized, the Yankees began making arrangements for Giambi to take a physical. When a player takes a physical, it's usually a sign that a deal is imminent.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman has not commented on the Giambi talks. If there are no problems with the physical, the contract could be finalized later this week, the sources said.

recreation scores

These are the results of the basketball and volleyball games sponsored by the city/county recreation department. Basketball is held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the high school gym, and volleyball is held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Men's Basketball
Nov. 4
Huskies over Dautel Furniture 56-52
Screwballs over Flanders Guttering 47-42
Co-Ed Volleyball
Nov. 5
Nobody's Business over Briney Farms 15-10, 15-7
Kennedy & Coe over Golden Chiropractic 15-6, 15-8
The Who? over Sager Farms/Alex Radiator & Repair (15-11), 15-0, 11-0
Pirate Electric/Frontier Equity over Marty's Electric 15-10, 15-4
Marty's Electric over S&T Communications 15-6, (15-12), 11-8
Nobody's Business over Rookies 15-8, 15-2
Golden Chiropractic over Briney Farms 15-8, 15-4
Pirate Electric/Frontier Equity over Rookies 15-11, (15-10), 11-5
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