

Cowboys tops in Holiday Classic

Goodland has to share title with Hoxie in annual event

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The Goodland Cowboys won half the title at the annual Holiday Classic wrestling tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday, sharing the prize with the Hoxie Indians. Six teams participated in the dual tournament, with Dodge City finishing as runner-up. There were five rounds, and Goodland tied with Hoxie in the first, both teams scoring 33 points.

Coach Randy Bahe said the Cowboys looked flat against Hoxie, but improved their performance in the later rounds.

“We should have done better there,” he said, “but we came out and wrestled really well the rest of the day.”

Goodland out wrestled Scott City in the second round, 44-23; took down Burlington in the third, 58-24; beat Dodge City in the fourth, 40-26; and stomped Washburn Rural-Topoka in the fifth, 78-4.

Cowboys who went undefeated with five wins include Dexter Deeds, 103 pounds; Blayze Bahe, 112; Bryce Bahe, 130; and Thomas Tompkins, 189. Bryce Bahe was named outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

In the first round, Scott City beat Washburn, 58-15, and Dodge took down Burlington, 69-12. Hoxie beat Burlington in the second round, 45-34;

and Dodge defeated Washburn, 59-12.

Dodge beat Scott City 45-33 in the third round, and Hoxie trampled Washburn, 70-10. Burlington took down Washburn 56-15 in the fourth, and Scott City fell to Hoxie, 40-33. In the fifth round, Scott City beat Bur-lington, 46-27, and Hoxie defeated Dodge, 48-29.

The tournament was the Cowboys’ fourth event of the season. The varsity wrestlers placed second at tournaments in St. Francis and Burlington and beat Atwood in a dual match.

Bahe, who is in his first season as head coach after years as an assistant, said he is pleased with the team’s progress.

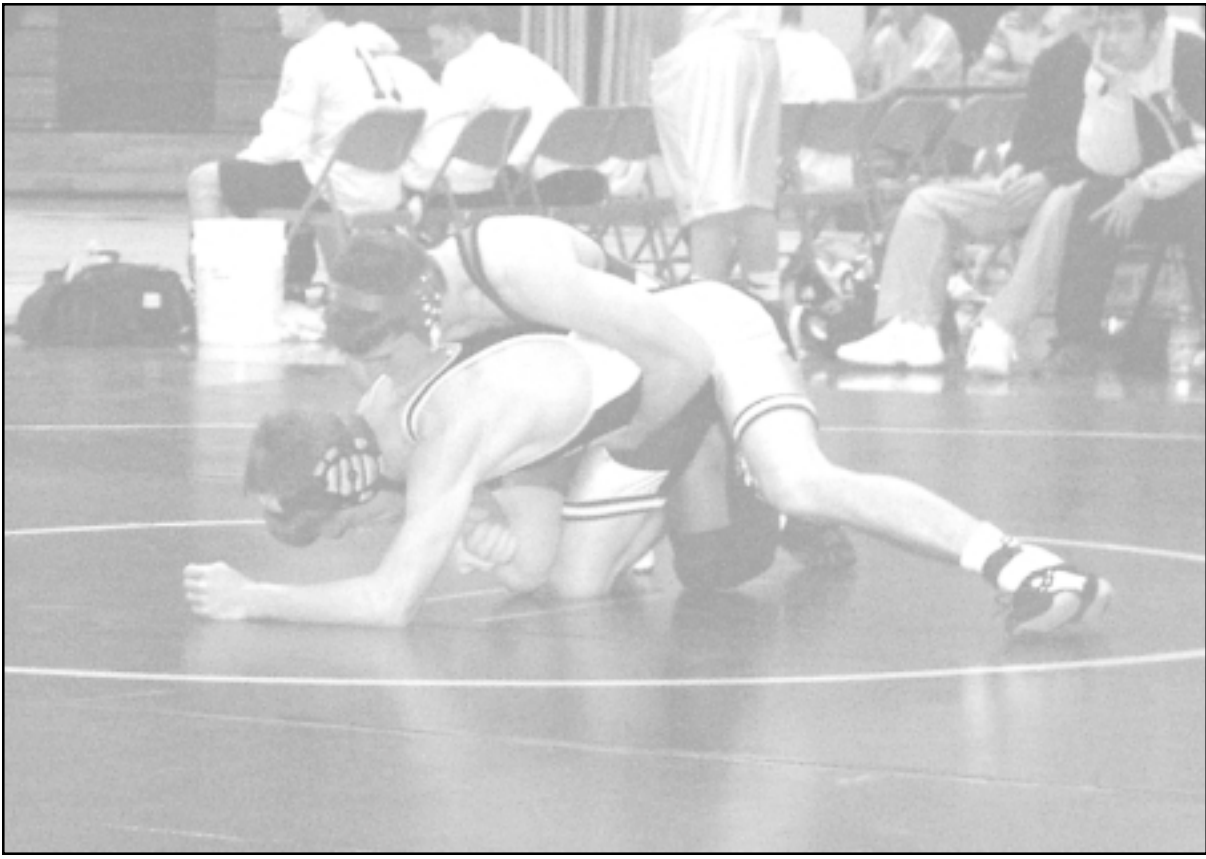
“We’re at or a little ahead of where we thought we would be starting at the beginning of the year,” he said.

The varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will travel to Quinter on Thursday for a double dual meet with wrestlers from Quinter and Oberlin.

Bahe said the Cowboys will have practice on Friday, but will then have the next week off because the state activities association requires five practice-free days during the Christmas holiday. He said the team won’t practice again until the Friday after Christmas.

“The guys come back a little fat in the face,” the coach said, “and you have to work hard to get back to where you were.”

The Cowboys need to be in shape, he said, for a tournament in Liberal on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 4 and 5, be-



A Goodland wrestler fought to free himself from his opponent's clutches at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday during the annual Holiday Classic. The Cowboys tied with the Hoxie Indians for the championship in the dual tournament.

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cause they will be facing some tough opponents. That weekend, the coach said, the junior varsity wrestlers will travel to WaKeeney for a tournament.

Individual varsity results include Mathias Goodley, 119, 2-3; Kyle Schulte, 125, 4-1; Nick Gray, 135, 3-2; Dustin Klinge, 140, 2-3; Max Saint, 145, 3-2; Taylor Brack, 152, 2-3; L.J. VonLintel, 160, 2-3; David Russell,

171, 3-2; Brandon Nemechek, 215, 3-2; and Allen Briney, heavyweight, 2-3.

The junior varsity wrestlers participated in a separate tournament in the side gym. Individual results include Ray Brigham, 112, 1-0; Andy Farris, 119, 0-3; Daniel Blake, 119, 1-2; Tray Klinge, 125, 0-1; Korey Schulte, 125, 3-0; Malcom White, 125, 1-0; Dusty King, 130, 1-0; Blake Saint, 135, 0-2; Speedy

Aguilar, 140, 1-1; Chance Schilling, 140, 0-1; Mike Zimmer-man, 145, 2-2; Michael Middleton, 145, 0-2; Brett Jarmin, 152, 2-1; Brandon Cowen, 152, 2-1; Brandon Linden, 160, 2-0; Brian Imel, 160, 2-0; Adrian Hernandez, 171, 0-1; Chris Zimmerman, 171, 1-0; Jordan Bedore, 189, 1-0; and Andy Phillips, 215, 1-0.

Kennison may save Chiefs first round pick

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Maybe the Kansas City Chiefs won’t have to spend a first-round draft pick on a wide receiver with breakaway speed after all.

Maybe they’ve found him by picking up Eddie Kennison, the nomadic and sometimes moody veteran who made several key plays in Sunday’s 26-23 overtime victory against Denver.

“Eddie Kennison will be equivalent to a high draft choice for us,” said coach Dick Vermeil. “With experience. He demonstrated that.”

In just his second game since sign-

ing two weeks ago, the former Bronco, Ram, Saint and Bear caught three passes for 62 yards and picked up 14 yards on an end-around that set up Trent Green’s 24-yard TD pass to Derrick Alexander.

In the meantime, Kennison is still working to learn the Chiefs’ system.

“He only made one mistake and that was in the two-minute stuff,” Vermeil said. “He did fine. I’m very glad he made a contribution to our success. And I’m very glad for him. He needs to experience some success to get back to the level of player he has the ability to be.”

Kennison also showed enough poise not to be rattled by all the pregame talk of possible cheap shots coming out of Denver, where many players still resent the way he quit the team the night before a game last month.

“I didn’t want to get myself too overly excited about everything,” he said. “I just wanted to stay calm and show my team that I was into the game and that they have my support and that I had their support. That’s what those guys did.”

The 6-foot-1 Kennison, drafted in the first round by St. Louis in 1996

when Vermeil was head coach of the Rams, could supply the speed that has been so noticeably lacking among Kansas City wide receivers.

“He made some nice plays for us,” Vermeil said. “I think you’ll see him grow and become more confident and really fit in in our scheme.”

In a sort of “welcome to Kansas City” gesture, the crowd gave him a huge ovation at the beginning of his first game in Arrowhead Stadium. The Chiefs are hoping that maybe he’s finally found a home with his fifth team in six years.

“I didn’t expect that,” Kennison said. “It’s definitely a great feeling for the fans to come out like that. For me to catch my first ball in Arrowhead as a Chief, I think they were more excited than I was.

“I’m going to keep busting my behind to help this team win.”

Vermeil figures Kennison will quickly fall in love with Kansas City, which regularly leads the NFL in home attendance.

“He doesn’t understand the Kansas City fan,” Vermeil said.

“These people love their players. And they appreciate a good play and they appreciate a guy who can make a good play. These people automatically adopt you.

“Then later on they divorce you if you don’t put out. But right off the bat, they’re very positive.”

Broncos will have to finish season sans Frerotte

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos will be without quarterback Gus Frerotte and defensive end Kavika Pittman for their final two games.

Coach Mike Shanahan said Monday that both Frerotte and Pittman will be placed on the injured reserve list with shoulder and calf injuries, respectively.

Frerotte likely will undergo surgery for a third-degree separation of his throwing shoulder, the same type of injury that felled quarterback Brian Griese last season.

Pittman has a torn calf muscle that probably will sideline him for 6-to-8 weeks. Frerotte, making his first start

of the season, was injured on a 4-yard run for a touchdown in the third quarter of Sunday’s 26-23 overtime loss to Kansas City.

“He’s getting a second opinion,” Shanahan said, “but the chances are he’ll be operated on in the next week. He’s got plenty of time to get it ready

for next season.”

Frerotte is expected to opt for free agency after this season, but Shanahan said the injury “should be no setback. People have had separated shoulders before. It’s nothing major.”

Griese was idled for four months after having similar surgery a year ago.

Warner’s arm makes up for errors, wins Rams playoff spot

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Who cares about penalties, turnovers and wasted timeouts? Kurt Warner’s arm makes up for all of them.

The St. Louis Rams clinched a playoff spot by beating New Orleans 34-21 Monday night.

Warner threw for 338 yards and four touchdowns, three of them to Isaac Bruce and the other to Marshall Faulk. Grant Wistrom led the defense with three sacks and an interception.

A day after a game in Cleveland had to be stopped because of rowdy fans, this one was interrupted briefly by fans throwing objects on the field after a

pass interference call against the Saints with 9:39 left.

At least 13 were arrested, but the disturbance was quickly quelled by security personnel as the public address announcer said: “This is New Orleans. We are sportsmen.”

The win by St. Louis (11-2) kept the Rams a game ahead of Chicago in the race for home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs and clinched a post-season berth for San Francisco. The 49ers, a game behind, still have an outside chance of catching the Rams in the NFC West, but St. Louis’ two wins over San Francisco gives the Rams the

tiebreaker.

The Saints (7-6) remain in contention for a wild card spot, with a key game coming up in Tampa next week against the Bucs, who have the same record.

St. Louis won despite a myriad of mistakes.

The Rams lost two fumbles, increasing their league-leading giveaway total to 37. One set up a Saints touchdown and the other prevented a score by the Rams. St. Louis also squandered all its timeouts in the first and third quarters, two of them on replay challenges that failed.

Bottle throwing put to rest with 13 arrested

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This time, the bottle throwing was over almost as quickly as it started.

And 13 people went to jail. A day after fans in Cleveland threw bottles and other objects to protest the overturning of a game-deciding call by replay, a section of fans got rowdy in New Orleans.

Unlike the fans in Cleveland, who caused the last 48 seconds of the Browns’ loss to Jacksonville to be played a half-hour later, these fans delayed the game less than a minute.

There were 13 arrests on charges including drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest and battery. Another 15 people were ejected from the Superdome.

Brewster falls to Wildcats

The Brewster Bulldogs fell to the Sharon Springs Wildcats in both boys and girls basketball action Friday.

In the girls game, Sharon Springs ended the first quarter up 19-17, then outscored the Bulldogs 22-10 in the second. The Wildcats led the scoring in the third 17-13. Brewster came back in the fourth, leading the scoring 18-8, but it was too late. The Wildcats won 66-53.

Lisa Wagoner led the Lady Wildcats in scoring with 20 and Andrea Siebert was second with 14. Sara Luckert led the Lady Bulldogs with 10.

For the boys, the Wildcats took an eight-point lead in the first and added to it in the second. They led 36-25 at half-time. Brewster made a comeback in the third, outscoring Sharon Springs 12-5, but were not able to keep up in the fourth. The Wildcats beat the Bulldogs 60-47.

Grady Fischer led the Wildcats in scoring with 18 and Corey David was next with 14. Jacob Falcon was by far the leader in scoring for Brewster with 20. Next were J.R. Baird and Paul Flanders with eight each.

Senior signs as swimmer

A Goodland High senior will join the Michigan State University swimming and diving team next year.

Rachael Hagerman was a senior national qualifier, an article on the MSU web site said, with a time of 26.5 seconds in the 50-meter free style. She impressed Coach Jim Lutz with her natural ability and kicking power.

“I saw Rachael swim and feel that few athletes possess her natural gift or feel in the water,” the coach said. “She grabs ‘big’ water and is very powerful. She has one of the best kicks I have seen in recent memory.”

Hagerman has excelled in a small program, Lutz said, and will benefit from working with swimmers who are as good as she is or better.

Issel admits to temper problem

DENVER (AP) — Denver Nuggets coach Dan Issel acknowledged he has trouble controlling his temper and said he would do anything to heal the rift he caused after he shouted an insensitive ethnic remark at a fan.

“I think it is a problem,” Issel said of his temper as he ran practice for the first time since his four-game suspension began last week.

student of the week



Name: Amanda Meissinger
Parents: Stan & Karla Meissinger
Grade: Senior
Age: 17
We’ve nominated this student because: Amanda is just Amanda! She’s a quiet leader one can depend upon and she does a wonderful job of including fellow students in community projects. She’s an excellent student in the Family & Consumer Sci-

ence Department, Her projects are always complete and beyond what is expected of her. She’s neat, neat gal!

Student Comment: After graduation I will always remember all of my friends and I will also remember how great the teachers at GHS are. I don’t have a favorite subject.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, Cheerleading

My choice of movies, books, and games : Movie - any, Music - Country, Books written by Mary Higgins Clark, Any Games.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...: go to college, but I haven’t decided where.

And 10 years from now, I hope to be ...: Happy, have a good job and maybe married.

Favorite Quote: I don’t have a favorite quote.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Tuesday, Dec. 18 - HS BB with Herndon, 5 p.m.; 1st Semester Exams.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - First Semester Exams.

Thursday, Dec. 20 - First Semester Exams.

Friday, Dec. 21 - 12:30 p.m. classes dismissed; End of first semester; First Semester Exams.

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