

Cowboy wrestlers third at Basehor

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The Goodland Cowboys placed third at a tough two-day tournament in Basehor this weekend, with two wrestlers taking second in their weight classes and two taking third.

Blayze Bahe, 112, and Bryce Bahe, 130, each finished second, while Dexter Deeds, 103, and Kyle Schulte, 125, both took third. Thomas Tompkins, 189, placed fourth in his weight, while Mathias Goodley, 119, and Jordan Bedore, 215, each finished fifth. A total of 14 varsity wrestlers participated and all won at least one match.

Goodland placed third with 142 points, behind Glenwood, Iowa, 149.5, and the top team, Atchison High School-Effingham, 168.

The Basehor-Linwood tournament started at noon on Friday and the Goodland wrestlers had to travel across the state to Basehor, which is just west of Kansas City. The Goodland wrestling enthusiasts club paid for a good portion of the trip.

The Cowboys took the top spot at a two-day tournament in Liberal the first weekend in January, but Coach Randy Bahe said this event was more challenging. He said Goodland faced a few much larger schools, but the wrestlers still performed well.

"It was a bear of a tournament," the coach said. "It was tougher than Liberal, and I didn't anticipate that it would be."

Bahe said some of the brackets were tougher than they would be at the state tournament. He said many of the Cowboys' opponents were from larger Class 5A or 6A schools in eastern Kansas. Glenwood is a larger school, he said, but Atchison is Class 3A, one class lower than Goodland in Class 4A. Atchison has been the defending Class 3A champion the past 2 years.

Overall, the coach said he was pleased with the way the Cowboys

wrestled, but added they missed some key opportunities.

"If we would have just gotten a break here or there....," he said, noting many of the wrestlers came close to placing.

"Several kids were just right next to placing," the coach said. "I think we'll get them there by the end of the year."

L.J. VonLintel wasn't able to attend, Bahe said, because he injured his shoulder, but he was replaced by Brandon Linden, 160, a junior varsity wrestler. The coach said Linden did the best job he could, winning one of his three matches.

"He scored points for us," he said, adding that every wrestler won at least one match for the team, just like they did at the Liberal tournament.

It was the first time the Cowboys have attended the tournament, and Coach Bahe thanked the enthusiasts club for giving them the opportunity. He said it was a valuable experience.

Goodland's wrestlers were able to witness different styles of wrestling and officiating, he said, adding they do things a little different in eastern Kansas.

"In eastern Kansas officials are calling stalling very aggressively," Bahe said. "A lot of people were called on it."

The coach said the Cowboys will work to avoid stalling.

"We have to become more aggressive," he said, "taking angles on top so we don't get warned for that."

Goodland will travel to Hays on Friday for another tough two-day tournament.

Bahe said their opponents may not be at the same level as Basehor or Liberal, but it will still be challenging.

"Some individual weights will be more difficult," he said.

Individual results include Nick Gray, 135, 1-2; Dustin Klinge, 140, 3-2; Max Saint, 145, 2-2; Taylor Brack, 152, 2-2; Chris Zimmerman, 171, 1-2; and Andy Phillips, 275, 2-2.

Eighth graders lose to Oberlin

The Grant Junior High eighth graders lost to Oberlin Thursday, 26-17, at a basketball game in Oberlin.

In the first game of the season, the Mustangs broke out in the first quarter with a 5-2 lead and finished the half up by one. But Oberlin came in strong in the third, outscoring the Mustangs by 6 and finished them off in the fourth, scoring eight to Goodland's four.

Shooting from the field for the Mustangs was 16 percent.

Melissa Swager led scoring with 8 points, 10 rebounds, no assists and no steals. Jordan Frazier was right behind

with 5 points, 9 rebounds, no assists and no steals. Lisha Tedford was 2, 4, 2, 1; Megan Rubio 2, 3, 1, 3; Tatum Schultz 0, 1, 3, 0; Chelsea Gray 0, 3, 0, 2; Kali Rietcheck 0, 2, 1, 1; and Morgan Titus 0, 2, 0, 0.

In the fifth quarter matchup, Oberlin outscored the Mustangs 4-2. Andrea Grieve was the only scorer, with 2 points, 3 rebounds, no assists and one steal. Sami Philbrick was 0, 2, 0, 0; Abby Martin 0, 0, 0, 4; and Briana Taylor, Jodi Roane, and Janelle Wolak all were 0, 1, 0, 0.

"Go Cowboys!"



Junior cheerleaders performed at half-time of the boys' varsity basketball game against Atwood on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The girls and boys were part of a clinic given by the Goodland High School cheerleaders.
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Kansas dismantles Oklahoma State

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — The Kansas Jayhawks aren't just talented. They're quick learners, too.

One night after losing its No. 1 ranking, Kansas staked another claim to the top spot with a dismantling of No. 6 Oklahoma State.

The fourth-ranked Jayhawks corrected the problems from the UCLA game, and led by as many as 24 points during a near-flawless first half and went on to a 79-61 victory Tuesday night.

Coach Roy Williams was critical of his team's defense against UCLA. He also didn't like his players' shot selection, particularly early in the game.

"Saturday, we lost and I said if we learned from our mistakes and changed, we'd be OK," Williams said.

Drew Gooden scored 17 points, Kirk Hinrich had 15 and Nick Collison 14 as Kansas (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) rebounded from its 87-77 loss at UCLA on Saturday by handing Eddie Sutton his worst home loss in 12 seasons as coach at Oklahoma State.

"We haven't played any better so far this year for sure," Williams said of the first half. "I thought we were really good defensively and we made shots."

"I just came out focused," said Gooden, who finished with 17 points and seven rebounds. "The way I played

against UCLA got me out strong tonight."

The Jayhawks shot 67 percent in the first half against a team that had been holding opponents to a league-best 37 percent. Gooden scored 15 in the first half and Hinrich had 13 as Kansas repeatedly beat the Cowboys (15-2, 2-2) down the floor.

"We wanted to get back and stop their transition, but we didn't do a good job of that and it led to a lot of fastbreak points," Cowboys guard Victor Williams said.

At the other end of the floor, Kansas' tough man-to-man defense frustrated the Cowboys. Ten of their 14 turnovers came in the first half, often while Oklahoma State was trying to run its halfcourt offense.

"I thought they outplayed us," Sutton said. "I thought their intensity was certainly much better than ours."

Williams came out of the UCLA game upset with his team's defensive performance and its shot selection. Both were on the mark against the Cowboys, who saw their Big 12 title chances take a hit with their second straight conference home loss.

The last time they lost two straight league games at home was February 1988. Although Gooden had 22 points and 10 rebounds against UCLA, Will-

iams said Gooden played perhaps his poorest game.

"He took two terrible shots early and didn't play any defense or guard his guy. He lost his focus," Williams said. "You throw out that game, and he's played about as good as anybody I've ever had."

Gooden, Hinrich and Collison were freshmen two years ago when the Jayhawks lost 86-53 in Stillwater, the worst loss of Williams' career. The only question this time was Kansas' margin of victory.

Scoring inside and outside, in transition or in the halfcourt, Kansas took a 22-6 lead midway through the first half behind 13 points from Gooden. At that point, the Jayhawks were 10-of-13 from the field and the Cowboys were 2-of-13 with eight turnovers.

Oklahoma State cut the deficit to 28-15 with 7:23 left before halftime, but Hinrich hit two 3-pointers and Jeff Boschee added one in an 11-2 run that made it 39-17. The Jayhawks led by 24 three times in the first half and the Cowboys got no closer than 18 in the second half.

"When we jumped out we had a lot of confidence, a lot of anger built up after losing to UCLA," Gooden said. "I think that was the game that gave us a reality check."

Goodland places third at tourney

Goodland's junior varsity wrestlers attended a tournament in Hays on Saturday, placing third with help from two wrestlers who took first in their weight classes.

David Russell, 171, and Brandon Nemechek, 189, wrestled their way to the top spot, contributing to their team's 122 points. Wrestlers from Garden City placed first with 168 points, and Manhattan took second with 160.

Brian Bauman, 145, 0-1, was injured during a match and wasn't able to finish the tournament. Many of the 18 wrestlers had a successful tournament, with five finishing fourth in their weight classes.

Chad Normandin, 103; Dusty King, 125; Mike Zimmerman, 140; Brandon Cowen, 152; and Landon West, 215, each took fourth. Cowen won three of his five matches.

In other individual results, Ray Brigham, 112, finished with a 0-2 record; Brock Whitmore, 112, 1-2; Andy Farris, 119, 0-2; Korey Schulte, 119, 2-2; Malcom White, 130, 1-2; Michael Middleton, 145, 0-2; Brett Jarmin, 152, 0-2; Dan Bagnell, 160, 2-2; Brian Imel, 160, 0-2; and Adrian Hernandez, 171, 2-2.

Junior varsity beats Atwood

The junior varsity Cowgirls basketball team edged out Atwood 28-26 Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland shot almost 22 percent, making 10 out of 46 shots, and shot 44.4 percent from the line. Atwood shot 29 percent from the field, but made only one free throw out of eleven. Megan McCall led scoring for Goodland with eight points, connecting on three out of eight, and getting five rebounds. Tess Schultz grabbed seven rebounds, the team high, and scored one point on a free throw.

Stephanie Fairbanks scored six points with one rebound, and Cortney Shields had four points and four rebounds. Jennifer Mentzer was 4, 1; Kendra Billinger 2, 1; Megan Leonard 2, 1; and Deanna Livengood 1, 2.

They will play next at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in Oberlin.



Megan McCall

correction

In Tuesday's edition of *The Goodland Daily News*, in an article titled "Goodland boy in NFL contest," there was reference made to Bobby Miller's parents as the Millers. His parents are actually named Randy and Tammy Schoenthaler. This was due to an editing mistake.

In Friday's edition, in an article titled "Lakin outplays boys," Brock Lohr was said to have scored 16 points. He scored 1 point and Wade Taylor scored 16 points.

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