

Goodland finishes second and third

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News
The Goodland girls came down from a 12 point lead to lose by one while the boys clobbered their opponents from across the state line by 40 in the final round of the Goodland Invitational Junior Varsity Tournament.

The Cowgirls lost to a tough Sharon Springs team 35-34 to finish second in the tournament, and the boys finished off Burlington, 68-28, to grab third.

The girls just couldn't hold on in the fourth quarter.

Leading 25-17, Goodland only scored one basket in the first four minutes of the quarter, a layup by Megan McCall a minute in. Goodland didn't score again until after the Lady Wildcats had tied the game at 27 points. Megan Leonard scored and brought the score to 29, and Sharon Springs followed up with three of their own, leading 33-29.

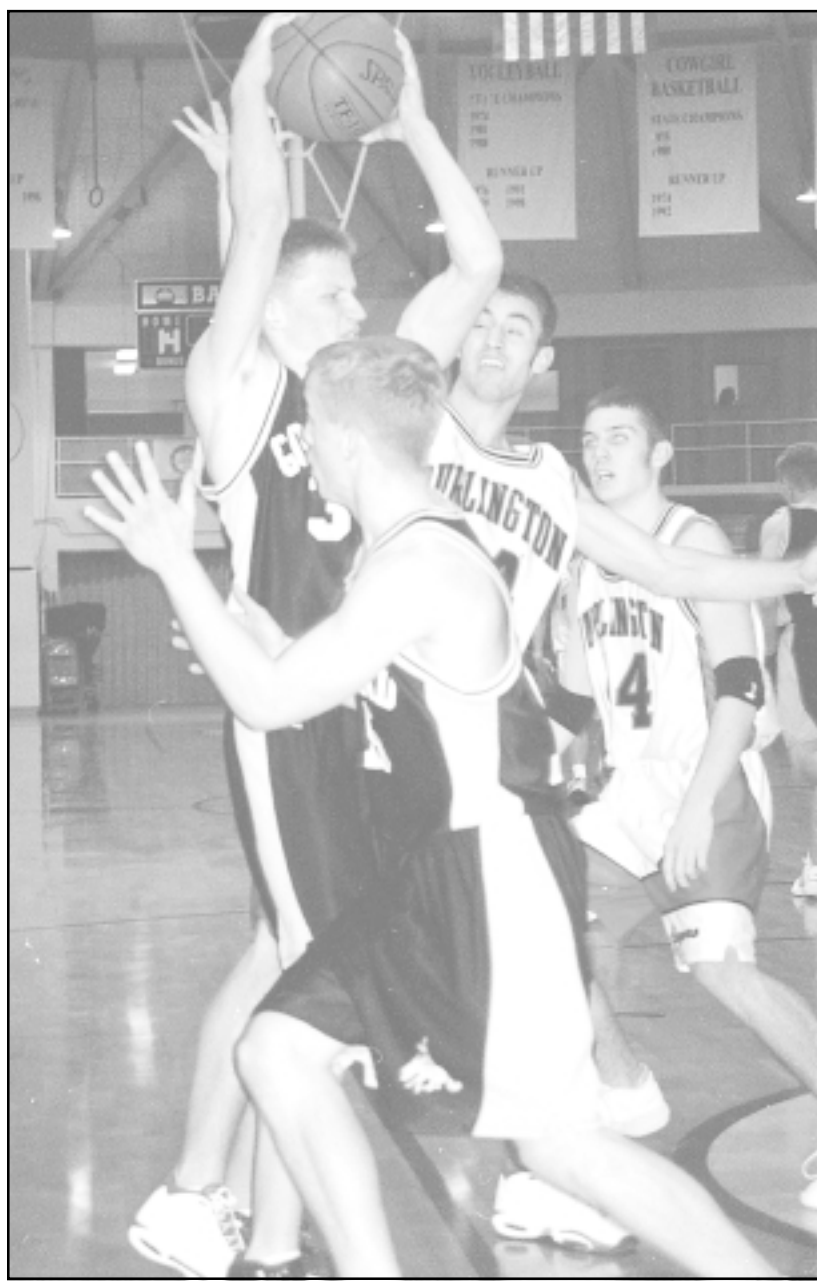
McCall put back in her own rebound with 1:30 left, and the Cats put one in on the inbound. With 30 seconds left, Stephanie Fairbanks was fouled, and made her first free throw. She missed the second, but Goodland was able to get a jump ball possession on the rebound.

Leonard missed a three-point attempt, but the Cowgirls got the rebound and put it back, dropping the lead to one with nine seconds left.

They fouled Sharon Springs on the inbound, and the Wildcats had to do it again. They got it in the second time, and managed to hold on, winning the game.

The Cowgirls started the game right. Cortney Schields fumbled a McCall pass, picked the ball up off the floor and put it in for two. McCall came up with the next bucket and put Goodland up 4-0.

The Lady Wildcats held the Cowgirls back while they scored two buckets and a free throw, putting them up by one at the end of the quarter.



Cowboy Jared Duke looked for an open player Monday night as Alan Cebula called for the ball.

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The Sharon Springs girls scored again for a 7-4 lead, but had it whittled away by the Cowgirl offense. They

turned it around and put eight points on the board before Sharon Springs could get another basket. The half ended for

the Cowgirls 14-9.

Leonard grabbed the ball away from the Cats about three minutes into the half, but had it knocked out of bounds. On the inbound, Leonard popped up a turn-around jumper which bounced off the backboard and in, putting the score at 18-9.

Four minutes into the third quarter, Goodland got four offensive rebounds on one play, finally allowing Tess Schultz to put it in, drawing a foul. She made her free throw and put her team up by 10.

Another bucket off of an offensive rebound put the girls up by 12, but it wouldn't last.

The Wildcats came back with six straight points, and the third quarter ended with McCall putting a shot in at the buzzer, making it an eight-point game.

The Cowgirls couldn't hold it, and were shot down in the fourth.

In the boys' game, the Cowboys showed up their Colorado rivals in almost every way possible. After being tied 4-4 two minutes in, the Cowboys led the Burlington Cougars the rest of the game.

Bill Linen scored four points to bring it to 8-4, and the Cougars brought their score up to six, but they would never get any closer.

They didn't score again until the end of the second quarter. The first ended 21-6, with Alan Cebula hitting a trey at the buzzer.

With 3:30 left in the second, the Cougars grabbed a bucket, making it 27-10. Drew Wilkens answered with back-to-back baskets for the Cowboys. The half ended 37-14.

The Cowboys led 49-14 at the end of the third. In the final quarter, Burlington scored as many points had they had the rest of the game combined, but Goodland topped them with 19.

The Goodland basketball teams play in Colby today, starting with the "C" teams at 3:45 Mountain Time.

U.S. snowboarders sweep

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—For all the scripted ways organizers have tried making the Winter Games truly American, three snowboarders have pulled off the equivalent of spray painting "USA" on the white spires of the Mormon temple.

Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas took gold, silver and bronze in the men's halfpipe Monday, thrusting themselves and their radical sport to the forefront of the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Elsewhere Monday, the men's luge single changed champions for the first time in a decade and Russia extended its record reign in pairs figure skating — at least in the eyes of judges, if not the fans.

The full sweep in the halfpipe marked the first time Americans took all three medals in an event since men's figure skating in 1956.

Their haul doubled the U.S. medal

count to six, with two golds — the other in women's halfpipe. No country has more golds or overall medals.

The power of their sweep was best illustrated at the medals ceremony late Monday, when three U.S. flags were raised side-by-side.

"It was pretty cool," said Kass, the 19-year-old poster boy for this X-Games crossover sport. "Everybody was psyched."

The trio left the medals podium to chants of "USA!" then stirred up the crowd by tossing out their baseball caps.

And what about their bouquets of yellow roses?

"I saved them for my mom," said Powers, smiling.

Picabo Street's bid to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals was pushed from Monday to Tuesday because of high winds.

student of the week



Name: Crystal Christians
Parents: Mitch & Julie Christians

Grade: Senior
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Crystal is always prepared for assignments, and her future. Her quiet thoughtful presence is a positive force for those around her.

Student Comment: I'd have to say that one of my favorite classes would be

composition I & II. I've always loved to write and that's all we ever do in there. One thing I'll remember after graduation is how dysfunctional some of the teachers were if they didn't have their cup of coffee in the morning!

Activities involved in at school: I am a member of FCCLA

My choice of movies, books, and games : The two movies I could watch all day would be Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and The Fast and the Furious.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...: Go to college and major in either psychology or Computer Graphics

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: Hopefully in Salina, KS or Chicago, Ill.

Favorite Quote: What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything" Vincent Van Gogh

Wrestlers end season undefeated in dual meets

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News
The Goodland Cowboys wrapped up a successful season with a 35-24 win over the Oakley Plainsmen at a dual meet Friday and are now preparing for the Class 4A regional wrestling tournament in Larned this weekend.

The Cowboys finished the season undefeated in dual meets — something no other team in the Northwest Kansas League can claim.

They won the league tournament in Oakley, along with several other tough events, and go into the postseason ranked second in the state behind Clay Center.

Coach Randy Bahe said he thinks the team has a shot at taking regionals.

"I feel we can compete with anyone there," he said, "but it will be tough." He said it will come down to which team is the most consistent over two days.

Regionals will be held on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The Cowboys will leave for Larned early Friday morning.

Coach Bahe said he had confidence in his team when they left for Oakley on Friday.

"I knew we should win the dual if we wrestle well," he said, adding that the Cowboys could have lost on an off-night.

Bahe said he was expecting the Plainsmen to be tough, and he was right.

"I knew there were going to be good matches," he said.

He said four close matches could have gone either way but ended in Oakley's favor.

Despite a few losses, the Cowboys triumphed with help from Mike

Zimmerman, who pinned his opponent, and Bryce Bahe, who brought in enough points for a technical fall. The fact Oakley had to forfeit two matches also helped.

The dual started with an exciting match, as Goodland 103-pounder Dexter Deeds beat Levi Younkin by a 13-8 decision.

Bahe said Deeds was 1-1 with the talented Younkin before they matched up.

Blayne Bahe, 112, brought in a second win, defeating Shawn Kuhlman with an 8-1 decision, and Mathias Goodley, 119, snatched a big 7-2 victory over Cody Wilson.

The coach said it was a surprising win.

"I thought it could be close at 19," he said, "but it turned out not to be."

Kyle Schulte, 125, gave the varsity its first loss of the night, as he was narrowly defeated by Clayton Bosserman, 6-5. That was one of the four close matches Bahe named.

The others were in the heavier weights, with Max Saint, 145, losing 3-1 to Cody Younkin; Taylor Brack, 152, losing 2-0 to Bobby Dennis; and Jordan Bedore, 215, falling to Neil Brown in the second period. Coach Bahe said Bedore was close to winning the match before he made a mistake and was pinned.

A big win by 130-pound Bryce Bahe, a pin by 140-pounder Zimmerman and forfeits on Oakley's side helped the Cowboys secure the



Zimmerman



Bryce Bahe

victory. Scoring 15 points in the first period, Bryce Bahe beat Curtis Sharp with a 21-4 technical fall, bringing in 5 points for the team. Dustin Klinge brought in more points by defeating Kyle Runnalls by a 7-2 decision.

Zimmerman got the better of Jeff Dennis in the second period, pinning him to bring in 6 points for Goodland. The Cowboys gave up 6 points to Oakley when they forfeited the 160-pound class because both qualified wrestlers had been injured.

Coach Bahe said L.J. VonLintel hurt his shoulder and Brandon Nemechek strained his back.

"They were OK to wrestle," he said, "but I didn't want to take a chance this late in the season."

Goodland recovered the points in the 189-pound and heavyweight classes, as Oakley was forced to forfeit because of sickness and injuries. That left Thomas Tompkins, 189, and Andy Phillips, heavyweight, without opponents.

Chris Zimmerman, 171, wrestled one of the last matches, losing 4-1 to Sean O'Brian.

The Cowboy junior varsity split their matches, all decided by falls:

At 103 pounds, Chad Normandin pinned Chad Zerr.

At 112, Broch Whitmore was pinned by Neil Hockersmith.

Tray Kling at 125 was pinned by Kyle Runnalls.

Brett Jarmin at 152 pinned Kacey

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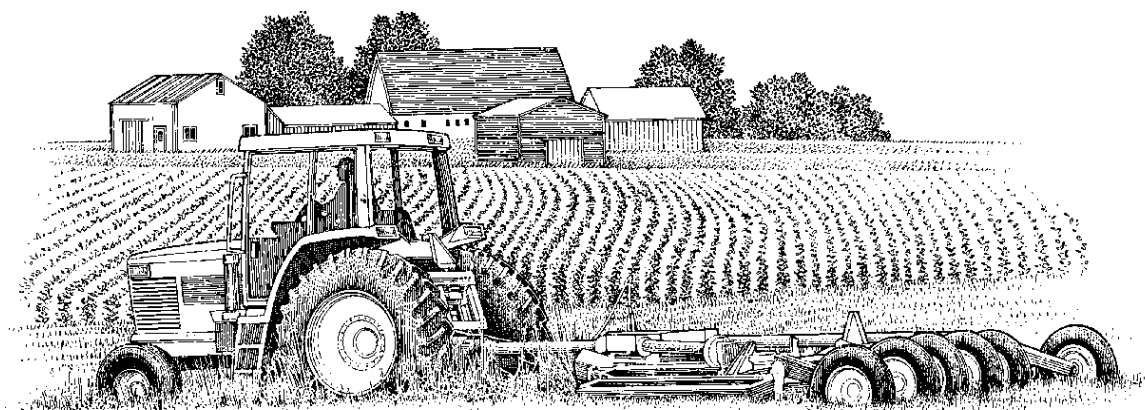
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