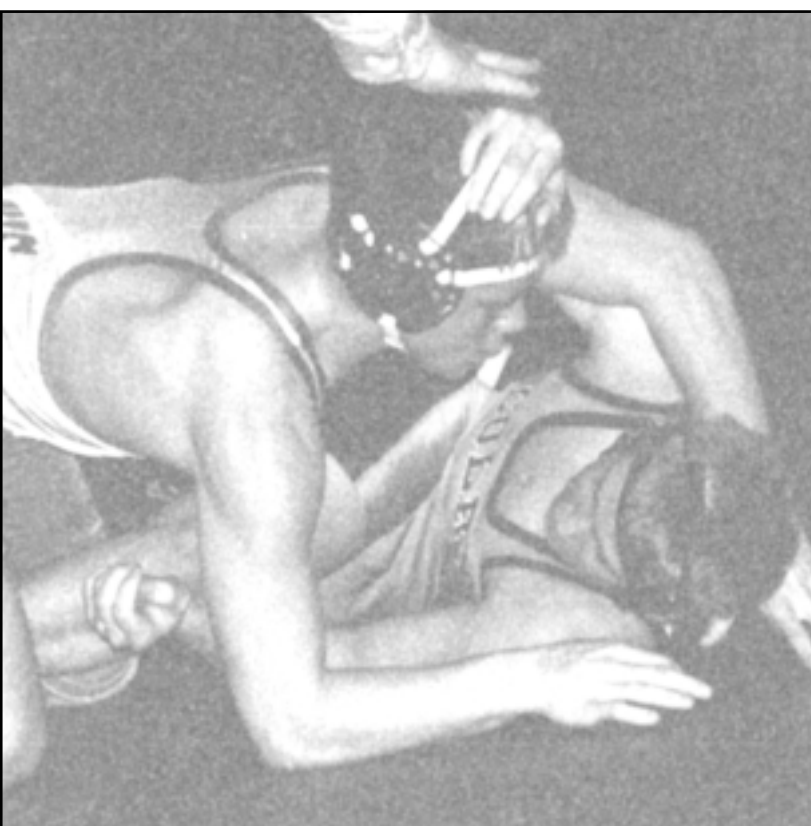


Goodland team runner-up at state



Goodland's Blaze Bahe wrestled Danny Mainus of Colby in the final round of the 112-pound bracket on Saturday in Wichita. Blaze lost the match and finished second. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

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The team at least matched Coach Bahe's expectations.

"I was hoping we would get in the top five," he said. "Winning second is pretty good."

"It would have been nice to get first. We didn't quite get enough points to get it."

Other medal winners were sophomore Blaze Bahe, who took second at 112 pounds; senior Bryce Bahe, third at 130 pounds; freshman Dexter Deeds, fourth at 103; and junior Taylor Brack, fourth at 152. Max Saint, 145 pounds; Kyle Schulte, 125 pounds; Mathias Goodley, 119 pounds; and Thomas Tompkins, 189 pounds, did not make the medal rounds.

At state last year, the Cowboys sent seven wrestlers and placed eighth. Blaze Bahe placed fourth in the 103-pound class, and Bryce Bahe took second at 130 pounds. Bryce qualified for state four years, taking sixth at state his

freshman year and second as a sophomore. Saint and Schulte qualified for state last year.

Bedore topped Greer Tad of El Dorado by a 7-5 decision in the final round. He gained a quick lead in the first period and held on for the win. He went into the tournament with a 24-4 record. Friday and Saturday, he beat senior Ty Patton of Circle by fall in the first round, Danny Lavole of Concordia by fall in the second round, and Aaron Brockway of Independence by 3-2 decision in the semifinals.

Blaze Bahe went in with a 29-6 record. In the finals, he faced Danny Mainus of Colby. Blaze could only get one point against Mainus and lost 5-1 to take second. Blaze had beaten Mainus at regionals, but lost to him at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. Blaze beat Brad Burrow of Altamont-Lumont County in the first round by fall (5:34). He pinned Marcus Waters of Lansing with 8 seconds left in the quarterfinals, and beat Cody Bell of Basehor-Linwood by 6-2 decision in

the semifinals.

Bryce Bahe beat Adam Taylor of Concordia 8-1 in the first round then lost to Emerson McReynolds 6-4 in the second and dropped to the consolation bracket. He beat Ryan Demel of El Dorado 12-0 and Tim Morgan of Basehor-Linwood 13-2 in the consolation quarter finals. He beat Danny Grater of Clay Center by fall (4:41) in the semifinals, and Jeremy Terrell of Rose Hill by fall in 51 seconds to finish third.

Brack beat Dominic Cantu of Bishop Ward High in Kansas City by 6-2 decision in the first round. He topped Curt Frazzell of Chanute 10-8 in the second round, but lost to Brandon Buck of Basehor-Linwood 10-5 in the semifinals. He faced Kyle Johnson of Altamont-Lumont County in the finals of the consolation bracket for third place and lost 5-3.

Deeds pinned Joe Bonner of Baldwin in the first round and Zach Freisberg of Caney Valley in the quarterfinals. He lost to Jake

Kriegbaum of Abilene in a 12-1 decision in the semifinals. In the consolation bracket, he lost to Cody Hamilton of Chanute 6-4 and ended up fourth.

Tompkins beat Will Whitehead of Douglass 4-3 in double overtime in the first round. He lost 5-4 to Jacob Strait of Concordia in the second round and went to the consolation bracket. He lost 1-0 to Donnie Abell of Spring Hill.

Goodley lost to Marcus Bowman of Columbus in the first round 14-8. He beat Brice Dawson of Abilene 9-6, then lost to James Annon of Norton by fall with 30 seconds left in the match.

Saint, 18-16, lost to Matt Dukes of Basehor-Linwood 7-0 in the first round, then beat Jared Daniels of Caney Valley 5-1 in the consolation bracket. He lost to Russ Fitzgerald of Marysville 2-7.

Schulte lost to Jordan close of Clay Center in the first round 14-3. He went to the consolation bracket and lost to Nick Zahm of Columbus 12-5.

"The competition was tough," said Coach Bahe, "but we did a good job."

Kansas clinches conference title with win over Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Now Kansas can celebrate its conference title.

Six days after partially cutting down the nets when they clinched at least a tie for the Big 12 regular-season title, the top-ranked Jayhawks claimed it outright by rallying to beat Nebraska 88-87 Sunday.

"I told them we needed this experience," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "I told the kids I hope they understand Nebraska outplayed us. We put ourselves in a bad position. But the second feeling they should have is to feel great for winning the conference championship."

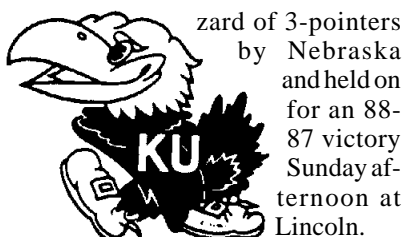
Kansas, which has won 12 straight games, can add another layer to the

celebration by beating Kansas State and winning at Missouri this week to become the first Big 12 team to go unbeaten in conference play.

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was No. 2 Maryland 90, No. 20 Wake Forest 89; No. 3 Duke 97, St. John's 55; and Michigan State 57, No. 23 Indiana 54.

The Jayhawks last won the Big 12 regular-season title in 1997-98. After beating Iowa State and clinching a tie last Monday, the Jayhawks cut the nets halfway down in anticipation of wrapping up the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament.

In one of most pulsating games of the year, the Jayhawks overcame a bliz-



zard of 3-pointers by Nebraska and held on for an 88-87 victory Sunday afternoon at Lincoln.

It appeared to be a lock, especially heading into Nebraska, which had lost six straight in the series. It turned out to be far from certain.

The Huskers, who trailed by 32 points at halftime in a loss at Kansas last month, were in a 41-all tie after 20 minutes this time and led for most of the second half until Kansas was finally able to reclaim the lead.

With Nebraska up 87-85, freshman Keith Langford, just 5-for-28 from 3-point range this season, hit a shot from the top of the key to put the Jayhawks up by a point with 33 seconds left in the game.

"I figured if it was coming my way, I was going to shoot it," said Langford, who finished with seven points. "You play basketball to be in that type of situation."

The Jayhawks (25-2, 14-0) had to overcome a 12-point deficit in the second half and a school-record 18 3-pointers by Nebraska.

"We give congratulations to Nebraska because I think they outplayed

us," Williams said. "They played better than we did. We just feel so fortunate."

After Langford's 3 gave the Jayhawks their first lead since 16:26 remained, Nebraska had a couple of chances to win.

With 13 seconds left, Kansas' Jeff Boschee knocked an inbounds pass to the other side of the court, costing the Huskers valuable time.

Nebraska's John Robinson got the ball back and missed a jumper from just inside the 3-point line. John Turek missed a tip-in attempt, and Kansas' Drew Gooden got the rebound, then tossed it straight up in the air as time expired.

Old friends play in finals

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP)—In a 36-hole match that had more at stake than just hometown bragging rights, Kevin Sutherland compensated for wild tee shots with clutch putting to beat childhood friend Scott McCarron 1-up in the Match Play Championship.

The last match they played was the San Joaquin Sectionals in high school 20 years ago, which Sutherland came back to win. The only thing different about this match was the payoff—\$1 million.

Mustangs finish second

The seventh grade Grant Junior high basketball team finished second in a four-team league basketball tournament at home Thursday.

They faced St. Francis in the first round, beating them 36-15.

Emily Murray led scoring with eight points, five rebounds, four steals, one block and no assists. Dani Bedore followed with seven points, five rebounds, one steal, no blocks and no assists.

Jenna McCall 6, 3, 1, 0, 0; Amber Cowan 4, 5, 0, 1, 0; Whitney Archer 4,

1, 3, 0, 2; Nicolette Clancy 2, 2, 1, 0, 0; Kaylee Billinger 2, 1, 6, 3, 2; Shandel Simon 2, 0, 2, 0, 0. Lindsay Shields 1, 0, 2, 0, 0; Alicia Studor 0, 0, 0, 1, 1; Tanae Garret 0, 1, 0, 0, 0; Steph Sheldon played.

In the championship game, the Mustangs lost to Quinter 33-18.

Bedore led scoring with 7, 5, 2, 2, 0; Murray 6, 2, 2, 1, 0; Clancy 4, 1, 0, 0, 0; McCall 1, 1, 0, 0, 0; Billinger 0, 3, 0, 0, 1; Cowan 0, 0, 2, 0, 0; Simon 0, 0, 1, 0, 0; Shields 0, 1, 0, 0, 0; Studor, Archer and Garrett played.

Outfielder not 'scrawny kid'

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Curt Schilling calls Colorado Rockies centerfielder Juan Pierre one of the two best leadoff hitters in the National League.

Rockies hitting coach Clint Hurdle calls Pierre the hardest-working player he has ever coached.

In his first full big-league season in 2001, the 24-year-old proved he was no longer just a scrawny kid with a big heart.

The Rockies gave him the center field job that year with reservations. After a call-up from the minors, Pierre had hit .310 in the final two months of the 2000 season, but could he do it over a full season? Would his defense be adequate? Could he improve as a bunter and basestealer?

Pierre answered a resounding yes to every question.

He played in 156 games, finished ninth in the NL with a .327 batting average and second in the league with 202 hits.

He tied Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins for most stolen bases in the NL (46), and he stole third base 14 times, tying Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki for most in the majors.

He averaged a strikeout once every 23.6 plate appearances, the best ratio in the majors, and he led the NL with 51 infield hits. He also tied a club record with 11 triples.

Unlike most of his teammates, Pierre thrived away from Coors Field, hitting

.321 on the road.

In the outfield, he had a fielding percentage of .979 and committed only one error in his last 49 games.



Finalists in the district spelling bee were, from left to right, Cameron Morris, Aaron Deeds, Chelsie Gausman, Elaine Reiter, Brandon Zelfer, Corey Yarbrough (with plaque), Chelsea Gray, Chance Davis, Emily Boster and Brad Geist. Yarbrough won and Gray was runner-up.

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Goodland All-Star Booster Club

Monday, Feb. 25 - Girls BB Sub-State post-poned until Wednesday.
Tuesday, Feb. 26 - BB Sub-State. Ulysses boys host Goodland, 6 p.m. MDT.
Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Screening Comm. Meeting, 3:45 p.m. BB Sub-State rescheduled. Goodland girls host Norton, 6 p.m. Halftime, Ambassadors, school Booster Club honor wrestlers.
Thursday, Feb. 28 - 7th Girls BB at Hoxie, 2 p.m.; 8th Girls BB at Oakley, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 1 - BB Sub-State, TBA
Saturday, March 2 - Kansas State DECA Career Dev. Conference at Overland Park.
Monday, March 4 - Kansas State DECA Career Dev. Conference.
Tuesday, March 5 - Spring Pictures Central; Kansas State DECA Career Dev. Conference at Overland Park; West Site Council Meeting, 4 p.m.; West Site Council Meeting, 7 p.m.; Goodland Scholars Bowl 4 p.m.
CONGRATULATIONS GHS WRESTLERS, second place team, 4A State! Way to go Jordan Bedore, State Champion; Blaze Bahe, silver medalist; Bryce Bahe, bronze medalist; Taylor Brack and Dexter Deeds, 4th place. A special tribute to GHS wrestlers will run Wednesday. Call Bill or Eric at 899-2338 by 4 p.m. Tuesday to be included. BEST WISHES GHS Basketball Teams in Sub-State Action!

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