

Wrestlers going to nationals

Two Goodland High School wrestlers fought their way through a regional tournament and qualified for the National Cadet Championships starting Saturday, July 20 in Fargo, N.D.

Jordan Bedore and Blayze Bahe wrestled for Kansas at the National Cadet Duals during the July 4 weekend in Greeley, Colo. Bedore ended up with a 10-0 record, and Bahe was 6-4.

Bedore, who wrestles at 215 pounds, qualified for the Greeley meet by placing first in both freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling in a match June 2 in Baldwin City. Bahe, 119-pounds, placed second at the meet.

Bedore wrestled on Kansas' gold team, and Bahe on the silver. This was Bahe's first time competing in the tournament, said Glenna Jarmin, Bedore's grandmother, and the second for Bedore. Bedore was the state high school champion at 215 pounds this year.

High school wrestling tournaments are freestyle, Jarmin said, and Greco-Roman is more restrictive.

"Unless they have been practicing that style," she said, "it's hard to come up with these results in a tournament. Blayze did a very good job, especially for a beginner."

There were 21 teams competing in the Greco-Roman division, Jarmin said, and 23 in the freestyle. The Kansas gold team ended up sixth, but the silver team was missing wrestlers, she said, and had to forfeit six matches. To compete, the wrestlers had to be born in 1986 and 1987.

Bedore and Bahe are training today in Hutchinson, and are getting ready for the week-long national meet which starts Saturday.

'That's the way to do it'



Connie Livengood coached Alicia Studer, a Grant Junior High basketball player, during a drill at a basketball camp this morning at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The camp, run by Goodland High School coaches and the city-county recreation department, teaches fundamentals to junior high players in the morning, and high school athletes in the evening. It started today and will last through Thursday.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Players try out for Nuggets' spot

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Nuggets issued a patriotic appeal to players around the country to attend an open tryout, and 262 showed up for a four-hour workout in 95-degree heat Sunday.

"This is America, the land of opportunity," general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "I wanted to provide everyone the equal opportunity to become a part of the Nuggets."

The team picked four of the players for its Rookie/Free Agent Camp that starts Monday. One will be chosen for the Nuggets team in the Rocky Mountain Revue in Salt Lake City July 19-27.

Vandeweghe said the Nuggets staged the open tryout so they wouldn't overlook unheralded talent.

"I think we all know that Michael Jordan was cut by his high school team, and we know what became of him," he said. "This kind of tryout, which I remember the old ABA used to do, affords us a chance to find talent that the system might have missed."

That appealed to Dante Hill, who took a 27-hour bus ride from Ottawa Hills, Mich., for the tryout. He played at Ferris State in Big Rapids, Mich., and spent a year in the CBA.

"This is old hat for me, trying to earn

a spot on a roster," Hill said. "I had to go through the tryout process to make my high school and college teams."

Hill didn't make the cut. Neither did Warren Smith, 34, who played NAIA basketball at St. Mary's in San Antonio more than a decade ago.

He gave himself an even chance until he got onto the makeshift court at the parking lot of the Pepsi Center, the Nuggets' home arena.

"When I woke up this morning, I thought I had a 50-50 shot," Smith said. "I am more realistic after a few times down the asphalt. I will go (back) to work on Monday."

The four chosen were Jimmy King, 28, a star at Michigan who played for the Nuggets in 1996-97; Nick Mohr, 22, a four-year player at Colorado who finished his eligibility this year; Jermaine Mason, 22, who played at Southern Colorado; and Ben Adams, 23, who played at Copiah Lincoln Community College in Mississippi and played professionally in Europe.

The Nuggets had planned to take only three players. "The talent level was so good we chose four instead of three," Vandeweghe said. "Our staff had trouble cutting the field to 10 and decided on four when we had an even tougher time getting to three."

Royal hits grand slam

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Raul Ibanez can be as baffled by the mysteries of hitting as anyone.

He hit a grand slam in the first inning and a three-run homer in the second Sunday after deciding to swing easy instead of hard, a move which led the Kansas City Royals to a 12-3 victory over the Anaheim Angels.

By swinging hard, he had buried himself in an 0-for-9 hole.

"Sometimes less is more," said the outfielder/first baseman whose seven RBIs tied the team record.

"I'd been swinging way too hard the first couple of games of the second half. Now I'm trying to go back to putting an easy swing on the ball. Today, the good swing showed up."

Ibanez hit a 3-2 pitch off Ramon Ortiz (8-7) in the first inning for his second career grand slam. Then Ortiz, whose 28 home runs are the most allowed by any pitcher in the majors, gave up a triple to Brandon Berger and singles to Luis Alicea and Joe Randa before Ibanez connected for a 9-0 lead.

Easy does it.

"What happens is there's less body and more hands and more whip in the bat," Ibanez said. "It works out better for you, but it's the toughest concept there is to buy into as a hitter."

Facing reliever Lou Pote in the sixth, Ibanez was hit in the leg. With the crowd still booing, Michael Tucker hit a two-run homer to make it 12-2. Ibanez finished 2-for-4 with three runs scored.

In his last 15 games, Ibanez has seven home runs and 17 RBIs. He also had a two-homer game, the first of his career, July 2 at Seattle.

His seven RBIs tied the club record accomplished eight other times, most recently by Johnny Damon on Aug. 10, 1996, at Anaheim.

Ibanez was playing first base in place of Mike Sweeney.

Sweeney, who is competing with Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki for the AL batting lead, was a last-minute scratch with what the Royals said was a stiff lower back.

baseball scores

By the Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 12 innings
Houston 2, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 9, Florida 2
San Francisco 6, Colorado 1
Arizona 7, Los Angeles 5
St. Louis 2, San Diego 1, 10 innings

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 10, Atlanta 3
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago Cubs 10, Florida 3
Cincinnati 8, Houston 3
Colorado 5, San Francisco 3

Today's Games
Philadelphia at Montreal, 5:05 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 5:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 4-1) at San Diego (Ol. Perez 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 9-4) at San Diego (Peavy 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Saturday's Games
Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 3, 1st game
Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 1, 2nd game
Toronto 4, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 3, 10 innings
Texas 8, Minnesota 1
Oakland 6, Baltimore 0
Kansas City 4, Anaheim 0
N.Y. Yankees 14, Cleveland 5

Sunday's Games
Toronto 6, Boston 5
Cleveland 10, N.Y. Yankees 7
Seattle 7, Tampa Bay 6
Baltimore 6, Oakland 3
Minnesota 5, Texas 4
Kansas City 12, Anaheim 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4

Today's Games
Texas (Benoit 2-0) at Kansas City (Sedlacek 0-0), 2:05 p.m., 1st game
Boston at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.
Seattle at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 5:05 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 5:15 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City, 5:35 p.m., 2nd game
Anaheim at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Seattle at Baltimore, 10:35 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 11:05 a.m.
Boston at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 5:05 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 5:15 p.m.
Texas at Kansas City (May 2-6), 6:05 p.m.

Pitcher holds Giants to two hits

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Shawn Chacon sometimes causes problems by thinking too much in the dugout.

Against the San Francisco Giants on Sunday, Chacon was so good he didn't get much time to dwell on his remarkable performance.

Chacon pitched seven innings of two-hit ball, allowing only an unearned run, as the Colorado Rockies snapped a four-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory over the Giants.

Chacon (4-6), who earned the first road victory of his career at Pacific Bell Park last season, helped the Rockies avoid a four-game sweep.

This was his first victory since May 8, following several weeks on the disabled list (strained chest muscle) and six winless starts.

He cruised through seven innings, facing just two batters over the minimum. Since Giants starter Kirk Rueter works almost as quickly, Chacon was into the seventh almost before he knew it.

Catcher hurt shoulder, out 15 days

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Colorado Rockies placed catcher Bobby Estalella on the 15-day disabled list Sunday with a left shoulder injury.

Estalella is hitting .205 in 38 games this season while sharing playing time with Gary Bennett. Estalella, who hasn't played since July 6, is suffering from rotator cuff

problems that haven't improved with the help of anti-inflammatory medications.

To replace Estalella, Colorado recalled minor-leaguer Walt McKeel from Triple-A Colorado Springs.

McKeel, 30, hasn't played in a major league game since Aug. 5, 1997, with Boston. He's hitless in six career major league at-bats.

With all four of his pitches working, Chacon frustrated San Francisco into fly ball after fly ball.

"He was outstanding, very nasty," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "It's a huge building block for him. When you lose the first three games of a series like that, it's a great thing to get a start like that from a guy in the back of your rotation."

The Rockies' starting pitching has

been a big problems of their disappointing season. Staff ace Mike Hampton has been mostly terrible, and Denny Neagle has fallen all the way out of the rotation.

Terry Shumpert homered and drove in two runs for the Rockies, who scored just three runs in the first 28 innings of the series. Colorado had a four-run sixth inning capped by Gary Bennett's two-run single.

Racing team switching to Chevys

JOLIET, Ill. (AP)—Joe Gibbs Racing will switch to Chevrolet from Pontiac for the 2003 NASCAR season, and will run a limited number of races this season in the Chevrolet.

Gibbs said drivers Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte would test in 2002 Chevrolets on Monday and Tuesday at Indianapolis, one of the larger tracks on the Winston Cup circuit where Chevrolet has run well.

"We feel like starting next year, we'll be in a better position as a race team, where we can benchmark our cars against a lot of other good cars," Gibbs said.

Gibbs added that the team was likely to run a limited number of races in the Chevrolets this season, including the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis and Michigan.

The switch leaves Johnny Benson, Stacy Compton and Ken Schrader as the remaining Pontiac drivers.

Labonte, the 2000 Winston Cup champion, and Stewart have three wins

for Pontiac this season, but have lacked the consistency from previous years. Stewart was seventh in points going into Chicago, while Labonte was 22nd.

"We won a championship with them, so it's been everything we thought it would be when we went over there," Gibbs said. "I don't think they could have done anything more to help us. They've been a great partner."

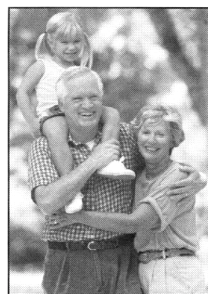
Stewart said the move to Chevrolet would give the team more leverage with other Chevrolet teams if and when

they go to NASCAR for rule changes.

"I just want what everybody else has. I don't want to be beat by a rules package," said Stewart, who finished third in Sunday's Tropicana 400 and moved into fifth place in the standings.

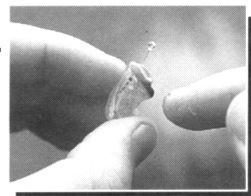
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