

Bahe named to academic team

Twelve wrestlers, including Goodland's Bryce Bahe, headlined the National High School Coaches Association's 100-member Academic All-America Wrestling Team.

Bahe, who graduated from Goodland High School in May, is wrestling for the Minnesota State University of Mankato, and his first college match is Saturday. He earned All-America honors at the National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships in April.

In the Academic All-American Team list, Bahe at 130 pounds was tied for eighth with Andrew Adams of Dublin (Ohio) High School at 215.

The top of the list was 275-pound National Seniors champion, Tom Curl of Paulsboro (N.J.) High.

He was followed by Mark Johnson of Glasgow (Mont.) High, the 103-pound runnerup; Alex Clemson of Moberly (Mo.) High, at 189; Matt Delguyd of Mayfield Village (Ohio) at 215; Jamie Rakevich of Elma (Wash.) High at 275; Andy Everson of Mitchell (S.D.) High at 135; Lucas Magnani of South Huntington (N.Y.) St. Anthony's High at 119; David West of Midwest City (Okla.) High at 125; Justin Dyer of Olathe (Kan.) South High at 189; and Tyler Turner of Spring Valley (Wis.) High.

Eight other wrestlers who earned All-American status in the national open were named to the squad.

The selection was based on grade-point average, class rank, test scores, academic honors and wrestling accomplishments. The 100 members of this year's team, chosen from over 300 nominations, include 63 graduating seniors, 25 juniors, eight sophomores and four freshmen, and came from 35 states and the District of Columbia.

They hold an average grade-point average of 3.93; nearly half — 44 — hold a 4.0 grade-point average of better, and 12 either graduated or stand first in their class. The leading states in representation were Ohio (8); Georgia and Wisconsin (7); and Michigan, North Carolina and Oregon (5 each).

The 100-man team included a record 51 state champions, with record numbers of multi-time state champions as well; 16 two-time champions, three four-time champions and a five-time champion, Andrew Iannuzzi of Lewisville (N.C.) Forsyth Country Day School. Seventeen ended the season with perfect records.

Bahe Named All-American
Bahe, a Goodland High School senior, earned the title of "All-American" in April by placing eighth in his weight class at the national championships in Cleveland.

Randy Bahe, head coach of the Cowboys wrestling team and Bryce's father, said it's an honor no other Goodland wrestler has achieved in at least seven years.

Randy was named head coach last year after being an assistant coach for seven years. He said, he remembers two wrestlers qualifying for the national tournament, but neither placed.

The tournament is only open to high school seniors, Randy said, and wrestlers qualify by placing first or second at a state tournament sometime during their high school career. He said Bryce placed sixth at state his freshman year, second as a sophomore and junior and third this year — after fighting mononucleosis for most of the season.



Bryce Bahe

Randy said 725 wrestlers from across the country qualified for the championships, including 37 Kansas seniors.

The Kansas students wrestled as a team, the coach said, placing fourth in the tournament, the highest the state has ever done.

The top eight wrestlers in each weight class earn the title All-American, he said, and nine Kansas students walked away with the designation.

"I'd have been proud of any of the wrestlers," he said. "As a father, a little more personal feelings are involved." People may not realize what a major accomplishment it is, Randy said, adding that he witnessed "an amazing quality of wrestling." In Bryce's weight class, he said, there were four four-time state champions, one three-timer, two two-timers and several one-time champions.

Bryce said he spent about a month preparing — practicing with the Kansas Kids Wrestling team, wrestling in Hoxie and Colby and running three miles a day. The 18-year-old said it was worth it.

"I was very excited," he said. "It's been a goal for many years. I couldn't be much happier. I worked hard to get to that level and it paid off."

Bryce said it was a boost after a disappointing final high school season. He said he struggled with his stamina and at times felt like he didn't have the energy to finish a match.

Randy said Bryce was diagnosed with mono — a virus that can cause a person to feel tired and weak — last January, and still hasn't fully recovered.

Bryce said he probably would have done better at the state tournament this year if he hadn't been ill. But, he added, he was proud of himself for overcoming that obstacle.

"I didn't let that get me down," he said.

Bryce said he was in a 64-man bracket in the nationals with five pig-tail matches, which are held when there are more wrestlers than there is room in the bracket. The winner of each of those matches earns a space on the regular bracket, he said.

The wrestler said he finished with a 4-3 record, losing in the quarterfinals and then winning a consolation match to qualify as an All-American. He said he beat a two-time Wisconsin state champion and a two-time North Carolina state champ.

Bryce said he started wrestling with the Kansas Kids organization when he was 5. He said he's always enjoyed wrestling, adding that he feels like kid wrestling helped put him on the right track to becoming an All-American.

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Jayhawks get win at Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Kansas got the win it needed to soothe the sting of its slow start.

The 20th-ranked Jayhawks finally beat a ranked foe in their fourth attempt, edging No. 17 Tulsa 89-80 Wednesday night.

Nick Collison had 26 points and 12 rebounds, and Wayne Simien and Keith Langford each scored 19 points as the Jayhawks handed Tulsa its first loss.

"It's a great feeling," coach Roy Williams said. "We needed a win. The coaches needed one. The players needed one. The announcers needed one."

Williams convinced his team to be more patient and generous on offense, the opposite of traits the Jayhawks displayed in previous losses to Top 25 foes North Carolina, Florida and Oregon.

The result: a 53-point second half in which the Jayhawks (4-3) shot 59 percent from the field to overcome a 40-36 halftime deficit.

"When we share the ball and are more patient than we have been, we'll get some good shots," he said.

Tulsa, meanwhile, found out again that it's capable of playing tough against major conference powers. Kevin Johnson scored 23 points despite missing 13 minutes of the game with foul trouble.

"Hey, we're pretty good, but we're not where we want to be so we don't need to quit working," Tulsa coach John Phillips said.

"We've got plenty of season left to play. If our guys were not disappointed, that would bother me, because I would think they think we just got beat by a team better than us."

Phillips still saw plenty that he didn't like. Kansas outrebounded the Golden Hurricane (4-1) 41-32, including a 19-10 edge off the offensive backboards.

Kansas' defense, which Williams said was the best at the perimeter in years, took Tulsa out of its offensive rhythm in the second half. Kansas forced 22 Tulsa turnovers.

"Their defense in the second half had a lot to do with our team not doing very well," Phillips said. "Sometimes I looked out there and I didn't think those were our guys."

The Jayhawks took advantage of greater depth on the front line to physically dominate the undersized Golden Hurricane. Collison and Simien combined for 45 points and 20 rebounds, and many of Langford's baskets came in the paint.

Johnson's frontcourt mates, Charlie Davis, Marcus Ledoux and Anthony Price added just 12 points and 12 rebounds together to Johnson's contribution. Johnson had six rebounds.

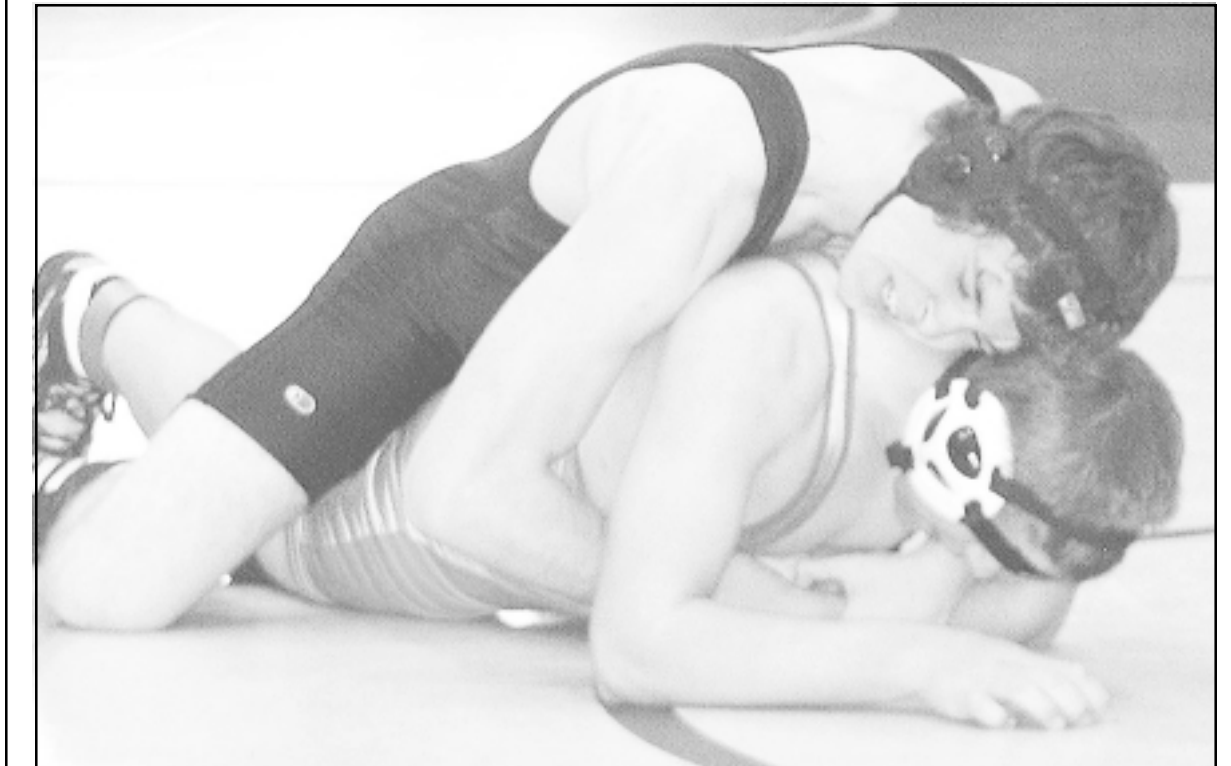
"We wanted to get the ball inside," said Langford, who scored five baskets as Kansas turned a 45-42 Tulsa lead into a 56-50 Jayhawks' lead in the second half.

"Kevin Johnson is good, but he's not as big as our guys," Langford said. "We wanted to take advantage of that."

Kansas won even though Kirk Hinrich, who has been playing through a sore back, shot just 2-11 from the field. He missed both of his 3-point attempts and all three free throw shots.

"Kirk Hinrich didn't shoot the ball worth a darn, but he was sensational on the defensive side of the ball," Williams said. "The key to the game was our perimeter defense."

Young wrestlers get first taste



Goodland's Mark Starr (top) tried to roll Drew Martin of Oberlin onto his back Saturday at the junior varsity wrestling tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Starr won all three of his matches in the tournament. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News



Brandon Hatfield of Goodland High School tried to break a Garden City wrestler at Saturday's tournament. Hatfield won all four of his matches.

dart league

Wednesday Nite Darts Week 9
Confused over 3MTA3 11-5
Acme Darts over Bad A's 10-6
Dart Sharks over Lounge Lizards 9-7
Diggin It ties Silver Bullets 8-8

4th Round Outs: Duane Hanke-2, Mark Wear-1, Brandi Scott-1.
8 Dart Out: Mark Wear-1; Kevin Delano-1.
9 Dart Out: Paul Simons-2; Casey Lee-1; Mark Wear-1.
Hat Tricks: Paul Simons-2; Mark Wear-1; Duane Hanke-1; Kevin Delano-1.
White Night: Mark Sieck; Rodney Corke.

Low Tons: Paul Simons-8, Duane Hanke-6, Monty Phillips-6, Mark Wear-6, Casey Lee-5, Nan Linnell-4, Kevin Delano-4, Larry Woodard-4, Nikki Quain-3, Chris Dawdy-3, Eric Smith-3, Lana Jackson-2, Tina Wilson-2, Angel Corke-2, Cassandra Dawdy-2, Jen Schamberger-1, Barbara Phillips-1, Ed Ginn-1, Louie Yarger-1, Christie Powell-1, Brandi Scott-1, Teresa Dickey-1, Carlene Hachmeister-1

Wins: Paul Simons-6, Duane Hanke-6, Monty Phillips-5, Mark Wear-5, Aaron LeRoux-3, Louie Yarger-3, Kevin Delano-3, Lana Jackson-2, Ed Ginn-2, Christie Powell-2, Brandi Scott-2, Teresa Dickey-2, Tony Dickey-2, Casey Lee-2, Cindie Yarger-2, Nan Linnell-2, Audrey Huthansel-2, Larry Woodard-2, Patricia Smith-2, Tina Wilson-1, Carlene Hachmeister-1, Nikki Quain-1, Mike Yarger-1, Angel Corke-1, Melody Abbott-1, Cassandra Dawdy-1, Chris Dawdy-1, Eric Smith-1.
Standings: 1. Confused 107-37 2. Bad A's 74-70 3. Lounge Lizards 73-71 4. Acme Darts 71-73 5. Silver Bullets 70-74 6. Dart Sharks 63-81; 7. Diggin It 60-84 8. 3MTA3 52-92.

Wildcats win, 102-68

MANHATTAN (AP) — Jarrett Hart was starting to feel the pressure. Although the junior college transfer from Little Rock came to Kansas State labeled as a scorer, his 5.8 point average through the first six games wasn't living up to expectations. But Wednesday night was different as Hart scored a career-high 19 points, shooting 7-of-8 from the field, in leading the Wildcats over Texas-Pan American 102-68.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League Dec. 11, 2002
Basgall Construction over Witzel & Rhea 12-8
Weber Kennel over Bowladium Lanes 11-9
Sigco over ProLine 11-9
Western Ks Valley over Sunflower Satellite 13-7
L & M Steel over Fitzgibbons 14-6

Individual high game: Bill Lacy-279
Individual high series: Bill Lacy-961

Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-696
Team high series: L & M Steel-2318

League Standings: Bowladium Lanes 79.5-20.5; Weber Kennel 65-35; Sigco 62-38; Basgall Construction 60.5-39.5; L & M Steel 59.5-40.5; ProLine 41-59; Fitzgibbons 40-60; Western Ks Valley 36-64; Witzel & Rhea 34.5-65.5; Sunflower Satellite 22-78.

Wednesday Night Mixed League Dec. 11, 2002
Phillips Brothers over JIBG 3.5-5.5
The Gamblers over Fun Lovers 3-1
The Pits over D&G Clan 4-0
Guzzlin Socializers over Palace Barber Shop 3-1
Shear Dimensions over Blind #10

Men's high game: Travis Gillihan-227
Men's high series: Melvin Musil Sr.-585

Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-201
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-585

Team high game: Guzzlin Socializers-674
Team high series: Shear Dimensions-1876

League Standings: Guzzlin Socializers, Shear Dimensions, Phillips Brothers

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