

# Cowboys win dual, 7th at Burlington

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The Cowboys won Thursday's dual wrestling meet against Atwood 46-30 but finished seventh at Saturday's tournament at Burlington, having five wrestlers out with injuries and one sick.

The Cowboys are hoping to bounce back for the Holiday Classic at 9 a.m. Saturday at home.

At least two or three wrestlers will not be able to compete this weekend, Bahe said, and the Cowboys start the tournament with a league dual against Hoxie.

Having players out will make it tough against some teams, Bahe said, especially Hoxie. After the opening dual, he said, the winner goes to one pool, and the loser to another. All the teams wrestle all day, he said, dueling the other three teams in their pool. Then the teams that win in each pool compete for first and second, the coach said, and the second place teams compete for third and fourth and so on.

"We're taking it day by day," he said, "to see how they're gonna recover."

After the classic, he said, the team will have holiday break.

"That will help us recover," he said, "I hope."

Atwood was minus five wrestlers and the Cowboys two for Thursday's meet.

Adrian Hernandez of Goodland beat Ethan Solko 6-2 in the 171 weight class; Kyle Schulte beat Mitchell Lowry 13-1 at 135; Taylor Brack won by fall against Patrick Sweet at 160;

and Mark Starr won by fall against Solko at 171.

Ray Brigham of Goodland lost by fall to Robert Binning at 119; Chris Baumfalk lost 17-10 to Austin Argabright at 145; Brandon Linden lost 14-8 to Jeff Samson at 171; and Landon West lost by fall to Tanner Schmidt at 189.

At the Burlington meet, Brack was first in the 160 weight class, and Mike Zimmerman was second at 152. Dustin Klinge was third at 140, and West was fourth at 189.

Brandon Zelfer, Brett Lalicker, Brigham, Tyrel Rall, Malcom White, Dusty King, Baumfalk and Linden wrestled but did not place. Mathias Goodley wrestled one match and defaulted from the tournament due to injury.

Standley Lake, Colo., won the tournament; Broomfield, Colo., was second; and Burlington was third.

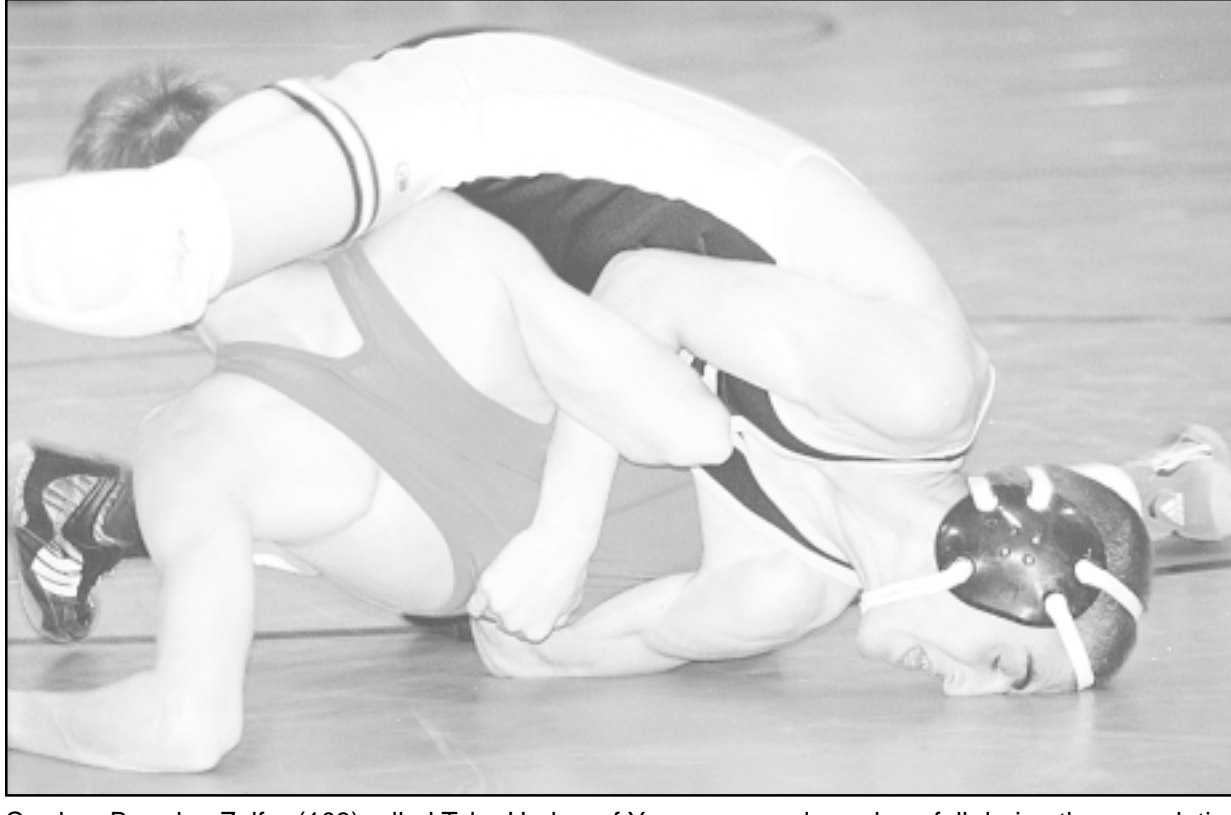
For the junior varsity individual results, Brandon Hatfield was 3-0 in the 140 weight class, Blake Saint was 3-0 at 145, Corey Schulte was 3-0 at 152, Adrian Hernandez was 3-0 at 171, and Mark Starr was 3-0 at 171.

Brock Whitmore was 2-1 in the 130 weight class; Michael Middleton was 1-2 at 171, and Tray Klinge was 0-3 at 135.

Some junior varsity athletes wrestled for the varsity team in Burlington, Coach Randy Bahe said, so there were not as many experienced wrestlers competing for the Cowboys.



Cowboy Chris Baumfalk (145) worked to turn Tim Chavez of Monarch in the consolation quarter-finals Saturday at Burlington. Baumfalk won the match by a fall, but lost in the semifinals to Greg Smith of Yuma.



Cowboy Brandon Zelfer (103) rolled Tyler Herber of Yuma over and won by a fall during the consolation quarterfinals at Burlington Saturday. Zelfer lost by a fall in the semifinal match to Eric Senescu of Monarch and did not place.

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# Bearcats lose bowl to N. Texas

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Cincinnati's Gino Guidugli was the headliner coming into the New Orleans Bowl, but the North Texas defense stole the show.

Russ Owens, former Goodland high graduate who attended Dodge City Community College, is a junior tight end (88) on the Cincinnati Bearcat roster. He is the son of Brent and Julie Owens.

North Texas intercepted five of Guidugli's passes and held Cincinnati to 85 yards rushing in a 24-19 victory last night.

"They had a good scheme, and I messed up a lot," Guidugli said. "They rushed three and got good pressure while dropping eight (into coverage), and I forced too many balls."

Kevin Galbreath ran for 130 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown, and Jeremy Pearl scored on a 20-yard interception return for North Texas (8-5), which finished the season on a seven-game winning streak. The Mean Green won its first game against a Division I-A team outside of the Sun Belt Conference.

"It means a lot because people don't have respect for us," Pearl said. "If we can't get our respect now, I don't know when we can."

The victory also gave the 2-year-old Sun Belt its first bowl victory. North Texas lost to Colorado State last year in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl. This season, Cincinnati (7-7) finished tied for first in Conference USA with Texas Christian.

"We've got a lot of good teams in our league, and this win shows we're capable of being a Division I-A league," North Texas Coach Darrell Dickey said.

Andrew Smith completed 9 of 22 passes for 126 yards, but North Texas gained 192 yards on the ground to control the game. Galbreath also had a 19-yard first-down run in the last two minutes that allowed North Texas to run out the clock without giving the dangerous Guidugli another shot.

"Our offense made enough plays for us to win the game," Dickey said. "We were able to run the ball, even when they had the middle stacked."

# Wildcats down Beavers

The Sharon Springs Wildcats downed the Herndon High Beavers on Tuesday 78-63 in a hard-fought contest on the Wildcats' home turf.

The boys from Wallace County High showed their stuff in the third quarter, when the ball fell just like it was supposed to.

In the first quarter, the Wildcats jumped out to a 21-15 lead on the scoring of freshmen Kyle Elder, two field goals and three free throws for 7 points, and Kyle O'Connor, three field goals for 6 points. Sophomore Kevin Heyl and junior Bailey Fischer added 4 points each.

In the second quarter, Herndon got back in the game on the strength of free throws. The Beavers hit seven of 10 tries at the line to outscore the Wildcats 23-17.

Fischer was a bright spot in the second with four field goals for 8 points while O'Connor added 5 including a three pointer. Freshman Torrey Elder hit two of four free-throw attempts and Heyl added a pair of points.

At the half, the score was tied at 38.

In the third quarter, the Wildcats were able to hold the Beavers and never gave them another free chance to score.

Kyle Elder came through with 13 points while O'Connor had 8 including a pair of three pointers. Senior Kellen Davis put up a three-point shot and Fischer added 2 points to the board.

At the end of three, the Wildcats had a nice 64-49 lead.

The fourth quarter was an even match with each team scoring 14.

O'Connor scored 6; senior Brady Larson, Davis and Bailey Fischer, 2 each; and Heyl and sophomore Blake Fischer, 1 each.

Scoring were O'Connor, 25; K. Elder, 20; Bailey Fischer, 16; Heyl, 7; Davis, 5; Larson and T. Elder, 2 each; and Blake Fischer, 1.

The was no girls game because Herndon does not have a girls team.

The Wildcats will be in Brewster on Friday with the girls game starting at 5:30 p.m. and the boys about 7 p.m.

# Rockies trade

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies traded outfield prospect Victor Hall to the Houston Astros in return for right-handed pitcher Nelson Cruz, the club announced Tuesday.

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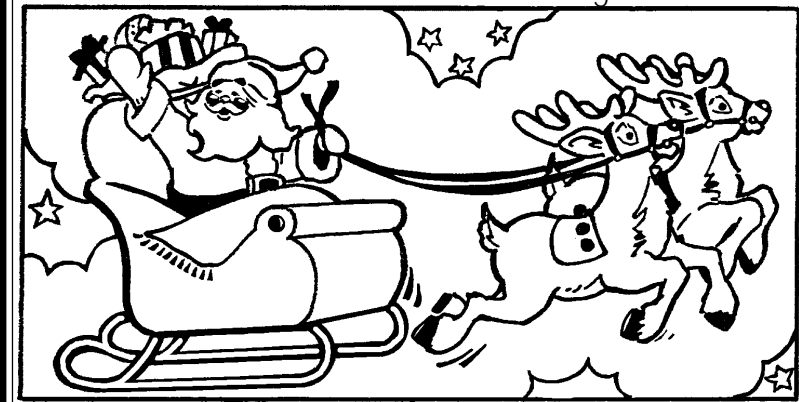
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