

Colby hands Goodland wrestlers a loss

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What Coach Randy Bahe thought would be a close dual with the Colby Eagles on Thursday night ended up being a loss as the Cowboys fell to Colby 43-25.

Out of the 14 varsity matches, Goodland brought home only six wins.

"In all honesty, I wasn't very happy about the way we wrestled," said coach Bahe. "I thought it would be a lot closer."

The night started out with Colby taking an easy 6 points off of the forfeit by Brandon Zelfer. Daniel Tibbles of Colby won the 103 pound match due to a knee injury suffered by Zelfer.

The Cowboys tried to gain some ground in the next round as Dexter Deeds faced Colby's Travis Powell in the 112 weight class. The only point earned by Powell was from an escape early in the first period. Through the match Deeds scored 12 points, for a major decision and 5 team points for the Cowboys. This was Deeds' first match since coming back from a broken hand earlier in the season.

At 119, Blayze Bahe got the first pin of the night by nailing Colby's Taylor Finley to the mat midway through the second period. The 6 team points earned by the fall would push Goodland into their only lead of the night, 10 to 6.

Brock Whitmore was the next Cowboy to grapple and faced Jesse Tibbles in the 125 pound weight class. It was a short round as Whitmore was pinned in the first two minutes of the match, giving Colby the 12 to 10 lead — a lead that would not be overcome by the Cowboys.

At 130, Mathias Goodley was up against John Wark. Goodley took the early lead and was ahead 6 to 4 at the end of the first period, but Wark turned on the pressure and scored 4 to Goodley's 2 points in the second period. Heading into the close of the third period tied, both wrestlers struggled for control and



Jordan Bedore, above, wrenched on Cubby Haremza at Thursday's dual between Goodland and Colby. Bedore won his match by pinning Haremza in the first period. Kyle Schulte, above right, took advantage of being on top as he worked to turn over Cole Garcia.

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points. Wark who had the advantage in the final period was able to turn Goodley over for the pin with under 50 seconds left to wrestle.

For the first time in the evening since the 112 weigh class, Kyle Schulte and Cole Garcia at 135 pounds wrestled for the entire three periods, although Schulte was only able to score in the first period. Garcia went on to get another Eagle win, an 8 to 3 decision.

In the 140 pound weight class, Dustin Klinge was a winner for the Cowboys. Klinge wrestled Justin Bell and defeated him by an 8 to 3 decision.

Blake Saint, who was wrestling for the injured Tyrel Rall at 145, took a big loss to Colby's Eric Luedke. Saint was unable to score throughout the match, which was called near the end of the third period as a technical fall, 17 to 0.

At 152, Mike Zimmerman wrestled Schuyler Sharpe. Sharpe took the early takedown for 2 points and pinned Zimmerman with 49.9 seconds left in the first period. At

this point, with only five matches left, Colby led 32 to 13.

Taylor Brack at 160, wrestled hard against Drue Herl. Brack was able to hold Herl's scoring to the first period and scored 10 points to Herl's 5, to take the decision and 3 team points for Goodland.

The second technical fall for Colby was in the 171 pound weight class. The match between Cowboy Brandon Linden and Tucker Olsen was called with one minute left in the third period, 20 to 3.

At 189, Landon West wrestled Theo Kleinsorge. The tight match ended with West taking a decision, 11 to 8.

The last win for the evening for the Cowboys was in the 215 pound weight class. Jordan Bedore was able to pin Colby's Cubby Haremza in the first period with less than a second left on the clock. This would end Goodland scoring for the dual with 25 team points.

In the final match of the night, Andy Phillips faced Brent Deibert. Colby took the pin in the second

period to finish the dual 43 to 25.

The Cowboys left this morning to head to Liberal for the Southwest Classic Tournament. Wrestling will begin tonight and continue throughout Saturday.

"I am hopeful that we will wrestle better at Liberal," said coach Bahe.

The next dual action for the Goodland wrestlers will be on Tuesday night as they head to Oberlin. Matches will begin at 5 p.m. Mountain Time.

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