

Cowboys third in Hays wrestling tourney

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The Cowboy wrestling team competed in the Prairie Senior Classic tournament on Friday and Saturday in Hays and finished in third out of 19 teams.

Many of the wrestlers from Goodland did well, placing in the top six. After finishing in first place at the Newton Tournament of Champions last weekend, Jordan Bedore did a repeat this weekend and took first at 215 pounds. Six other Cowboys placed in the tournament. Blayze Bahe (119), Dustin Klinge (140) and Taylor Brack (160) placed second. Mathias Goodley (130) and Dexter Deeds (112) finished fourth, while Kyle Schulte (135) took sixth.

At 103, Chad Normandin wrestled for Goodland. In his first round, he lost to Mark Samueulson of Oakley by a decision of 4-2. His second match in the double-elimination tournament was with Trevor Richard of St. Francis. Normandin was pinned in third period.

Deeds who finished fourth in the 112 pound weight class did so by first defeating Matt Montoya of Dodge City by pinning him in the second period and an 8-6 decision over Levi Eddie of Ulysses. In his third round, he faced Tim Elliott of Haysville and lost by 6-3. His next opponent was Levi Sides of McPherson. Deeds won by 6-4. In the consolation finals, Deeds lost to Matt Warta of Ellsworth to finish fourth.

In the 119 pound division, Blayze Bahe made it to the championship match by a series of pins on three different wrestlers. He pinned Neil Hockersmith of Oakley in the first period, and Clay King of Ellis and Joey Ortiz of Ulysses in the second. In the finals, Bahe lost to Tanner Gardner of Shawnee Heights by a score of 12-4 for the second place finish.

Brock Whitmore was the 125

pound wrestler for Goodland. He wrestled twice in the tournament and was pinned by both opponents. He lost to Chris Curl of McPherson in the second period and to John Kroeger of Ellis in the third.

At 130, Goodley started out the first match with a pin. He pinned Curtis Sharpe of Oakley in 1 minute flat and advanced to wrestle Layson Smith of Dodge City. He lost by a 6-5 decision. In the consolation bracket, he first faced Ryan Laslo of Hoisington and pinned him in 50 seconds. Next, Goodley pinned J.B. Montagne of McPherson in just under two minutes. With his match against C.J. Pfannenstiel of WaKeeney, Goodley won by a 6-2 decision. In the consolation finals, Goodley was unable to beat Kyle Michelstetter of Buhler, but wrestled the entire three periods and lost by a 7-4 decision.

Kyle Schulte who finished fourth at 135 started the tournament off with a bye. In his first match with Blaze Mollhagen of Ellsworth, he was pinned in the second period. His next two matches were wins by defeating Derek Fox of Ellis and Dustin Schultz of McPherson 10-0 and 8-5 respectively. His next match up was with Dave Anderson of Haysville. He lost the match 4-1 to wrestle for seventh place. In his final match, he lost to Paul Deines of TMP, 7-4.

Klinge had a good showing at 140 and "pinned his way" into the finals. His first two pins were on Brett Rathbun of Ellsworth and Cody Lang of Russell. His third pin was on the first seeded Andrew Gossett of Buhler. In the finals, Klinge fell to Josh Schweitzer of Phillipsburg to finish second.

Korey Schulte had a tough tournament and was pinned both times he was on the mat. The first round was a first period pin by Austin Morris of McPherson and in the consolation bracket, he was pinned by

Gabe Smull of St. Francis.

Mike Zimmerman, 152, who has been out due to illness was back and in his first match lost to Kurt Schneweis of Dodge City, 8-4. His second match had a better outcome as he pinned Justin LaBarge of Ellis. His second loss came at the hands of Trey Hilt of St. Francis, 7-3.

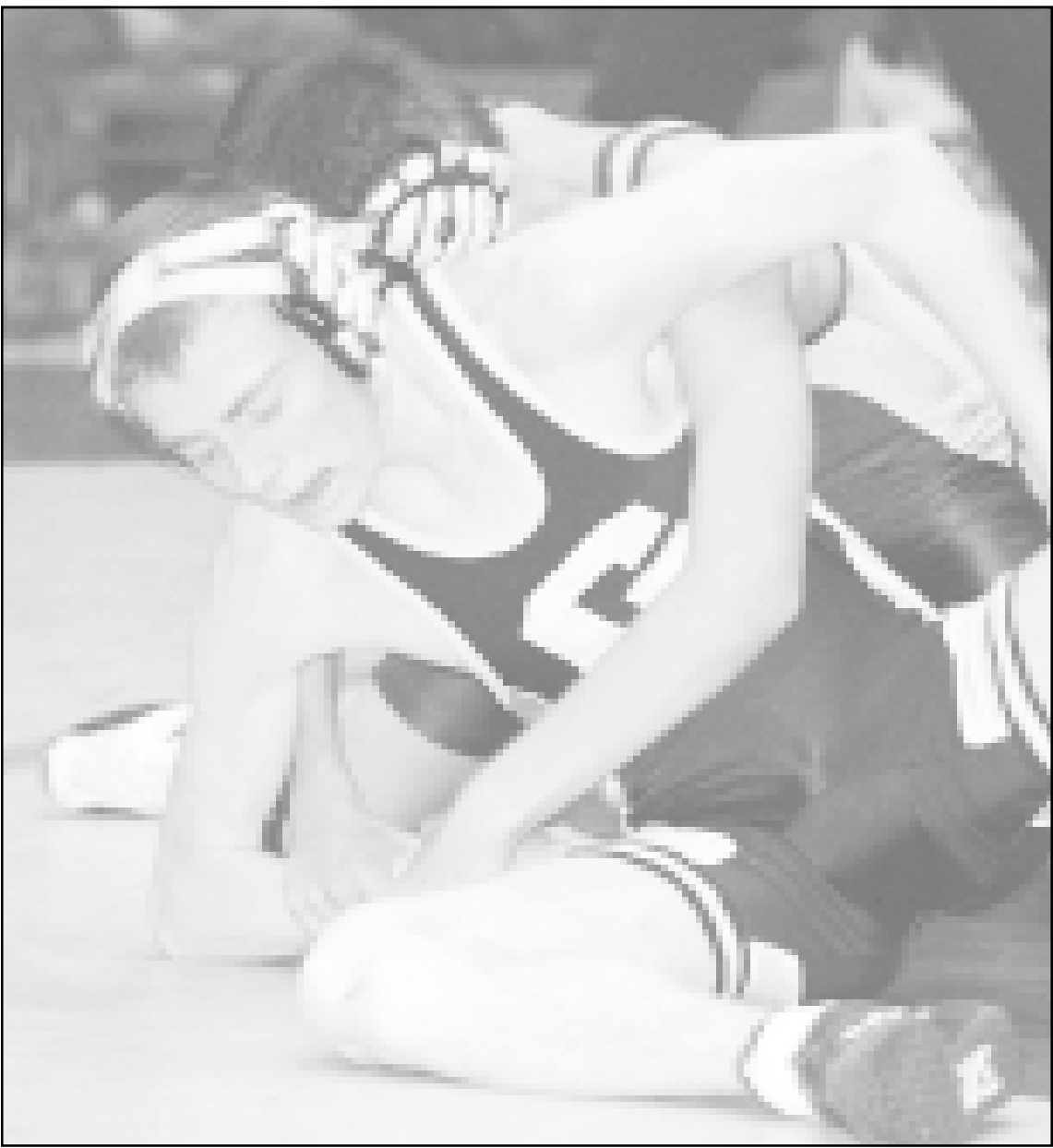
Brack started off his showing in the tournament by pinning Tucker Tromp of Haysville and then Chance Carter of Ulysses. His third round was a 3-0 victory over Derek Schumacher of TMP to advance him to the finals. In his bid for first place, Brack was defeated by Phil Hart of Shawnee Heights. The match was a series of takedowns and escapes which led to Hart's 22-9 win.

Brandon Cowen wrestled at 171 for the Cowboys. His first match was with Jake Sanders of Hays High. He lost by a technical fall, 15-0, in the second period. Cowen's second match was a bye. In his third match, Cowen fell to Landon Beesley of Quinter by a pin in the second period.

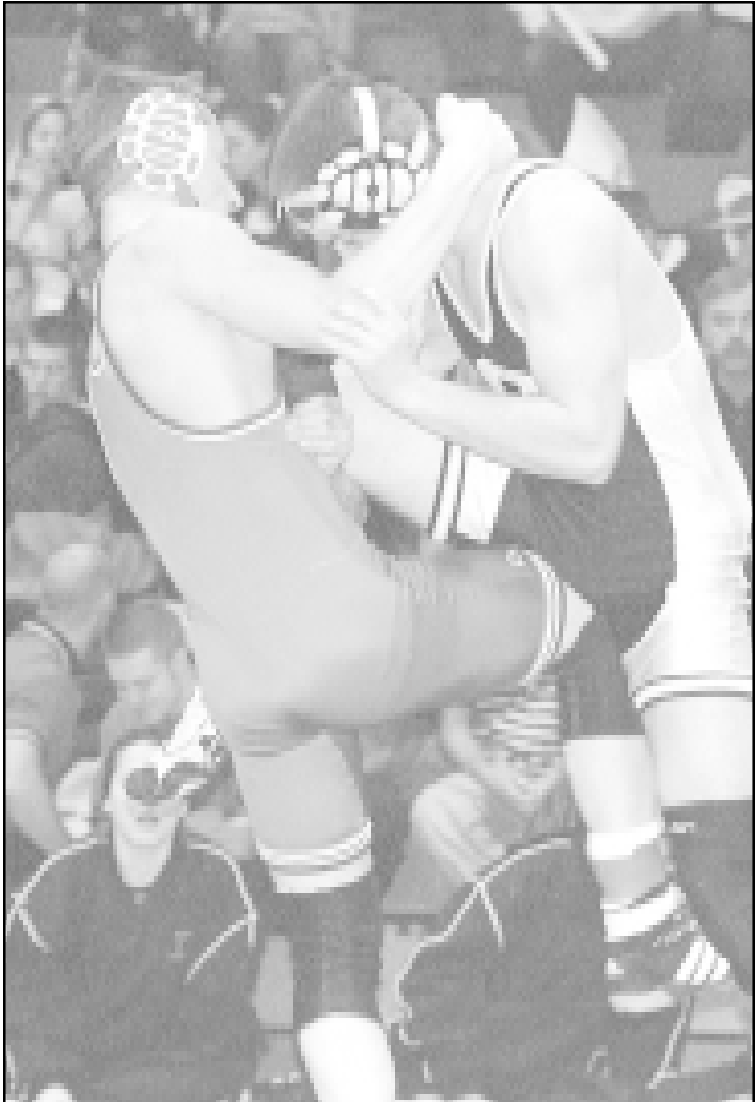
Landon West, 189, started the tournament off with a loss to Carlos Rodriguez of Dodge City, 13-4, but then came back strong to pin Casey Cross of Ellis in the first period. West took another win after a 6-3 decision over Ryan Seger of Ulysses. In his next match, West lost by a technical fall to Justin Hiebert of Buhler.

Bedore was seated first in the 215 pound weight class and had a bye in the first round. Bedore pinned all of his three competitors for the first place finish. Bedore pinned Clayton Holsinger of Phillipsburg and Sam Archer of McPherson both in just over 3 minutes. In the finals, he then pinned Matt Crosson of Shawnee Heights in 1:36.

In the heavyweight division, Andy Phillips first wrestled Chris Barnes of Phillipsburg and lost 4-0. He then faced Nick Sterneker of McPherson and was pinned in the second period.



(Above) Chad Normandin, 103, tried to break free from his Oakley competitor during the Prairie Senior Classic wrestling tournament in Hays. (Left) Mike Zimmerman struggles for control against his first round competition from Dodge City. Photos by Liz West/The Goodland Daily News.



Kansas honors longtime Missouri coach

By Doug Tucker

AP Sports Writer
LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — For 32 years, Kansas fans despised Norm Stewart. They jeered him, insulted him and sometimes hurled paper cups at him.

The favorite chant in Allen Fieldhouse during Stewart's reign as head coach at Missouri, their most hated rival, was "Sit down, Norm! Sit down, Norm!"

Monday night, in a funny and touching ceremony honoring their longtime rival, a rocking chair was brought out to midcourt. As fans cheered and laughed, a smiling Stewart sat down.

"Thank you," said Stewart, who retired in 1999. "This is a very

meaningful moment. I mean that from the bottom of my heart."

When Kansas coach Roy Williams first motioned Stewart onto the court, there were quite a few boos heard above the cheers. But when the brief ceremony concluded, there were only cheers.

Williams told the crowd he decided to pay homage to Stewart when told that Kansas had similarly honored the late Jack Hartman when he retired as coach at Kansas State.

"I thought that says what Kansas basketball stands for, because it shows great sportsmanship and it shows great class," coach Williams said.

Williams said he wanted to honor

Stewart not only for what accomplished on the court, but for his efforts in raising money for cancer research.

"In 1993-94, something was started by this man that has given me a great deal of satisfaction to be involved in," Williams said. "Coaches vs. Cancer and Three-Point Attack has raised over \$16 million.

"When we were competing against the University of Missouri, this was the toughest competitor I ever coached against. During the games, I didn't like him at all. But I respected him a great deal and the feeling of respect never went away."

The two men hugged, then

Stewart, who was 33-41 against Kansas, took the microphone and recounted the many great Jayhawk coaches and players he had known.

"No one has any more respect or admiration for Kansas basketball," he said. "I want to thank Roy Williams and Kansas University and you great friends and fans for sharing this moment with me. Thank you."

Later at halftime of Kansas' game against Texas, the Jayhawks retired the jersey of Jo Jo White, an All-America guard in the '60s.

"Every night I took the court I gave you everything I had, and every night you cheered me on," White told the crowd. "You gave me everything you had."

Jayhawks refuse to lose three straight games

LAWRENCE (AP) — Losing streaks of any kind are rare at Kansas.

Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich made sure this one didn't go any longer.

Hinrich scored 25 points and Collison had the best game of his career with 24 points and 23 rebounds to rally the 12th-ranked Jayhawks to a 90-87 victory Monday night over No. 3 Texas.

"I thought Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison played great basketball," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "They did what seniors are supposed to do. They came home and won. They have two of the best players in college basketball and tonight they did what they had to do."

The Jayhawks, coming off losses to Colorado and No. 1 Arizona, avoided their first three-game losing streak since 1994.

"Looking at the big picture (Hinrich and Collison) are very good players," coach Roy Williams said. "Everybody on our club draws some strength from them. I am not concerned about those guys loading

everybody on their back."

Collison, a 6-10 center, also made the 3-pointer that put the Jayhawks ahead to stay in the final minutes.

"I just made up my mind that I was going to be very aggressive," said Collison, who fouled out with a little more than one minute left.

"We really needed a win. We really needed a lot of rebounds against a big, physical Texas team. I think it might be my best game."

Williams was sure he'd just seen Collison's finest game.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a person be so relentless on the backboard as Nick Collison was tonight," he said. "If those NBA scouts sitting over there tonight say there's anybody in the world with a bigger heart than that sucker, then they're just blind."

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 14 Connecticut beat St. John's 74-69.

Students stormed the court, stomping and yelling after the Jayhawks (14-5, 4-1 Big 12) halted the eight-game winning streak of the Longhorns (13-3, 4-1).

Michael Lee made two free

throws with 29 seconds left and Texas missed two 3-pointers in the final seconds, including one by point guard T.J. Ford whose line was almost as impressive as Collison's — 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

"I thought T.J. was terrific," Barnes said. "I said coming in to the game I wouldn't trade him for anybody, and I wouldn't. I thought he was tremendous in what he did for us and I like the fact that we kept fighting. He is the best point guard in the country."

After Kansas' Keith Langford missed two free throws with 10 seconds to go, Texas hurried down the court for the ill-fated 3's. Ford's was barely short.

"It looked like it was going in," he said. "I thought it was going to go into overtime."

During the back-and-forth con-

test in the final minutes, Brandon Mouton's short jumper brought Texas to 84-82, then, with 2:05 to go, Aaron Miles hit from the outside before Ford drove the lane with 1:37 left.

"They made tough shots," Ford said. "This is how it is every time against Kansas. Tonight, the game was really up and down."

After getting to within one or two points four times, the Jayhawks finally took a 79-78 lead when Collison canned a long 3-pointer with 6:07 to go.

A moment later, he grabbed a Texas miss for his 20th rebound and Hinrich fed Aaron Miles for a fastbreak layup that made it 81-78.

Brian Boddicker, in foul trouble much of the second half, had a career-high 20 points for the Longhorns. Mouton had 14 and Thomas 10.

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sports briefs

SANDIEGO (AP)—The best players on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are in their prime, and the offense should get better as Jon Gruden tinkers.

TAMPA, Fla. — More than 65,000 charged-up fans filled chilly Raymond James Stadium with camera flashes and deafen-

ing noise as the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers came home.

Players were led to a stage on the field at 9 p.m. by team owner Malcolm Glazer, who hoisted the Super Bowl trophy over his head as the cannons on the end zone pirate ship blasted away.

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