

Goodland wrestlers finish fifth at league tournament

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The Goodland Cowboys finished fifth at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament on Saturday in St. Francis.

Many of the Cowboys placed in the tournament, including a first place finish from Jordan Bedore and second place medals for Blayze Bahe and Andy Phillips.

Coach Randy Bahe said he was disappointed in the outcome of the tournament, but said sickness had played a role in their performance.

"We should have done better," Bahe said.

Hoxie placed first, followed by Colby and St. Francis.

Chad Normandin wrestled for the Cowboys at 103 pounds. He lost his first match to Mark Samuelson of Oakley by a fall. In the consolation bracket, his first round was a bye, but then was pinned by Daniel Tibbles of Colby, the eventual third place winner.

At 112, Dexter Deeds finished fourth. Deeds drew a bye in the first round and went on to wrestle Dylan Loyd of St. Francis. Deeds was pinned in the second period and had another bye in the next round. In the consolation finals, Deeds lost to Michael Schamberger of Hoxie, 2-1.

Bahe finished second in the 119-pound class. Bahe pinned his first two opponents, David Barth of Oberlin and Matt Brown of St. Francis. In the finals, Bahe lost to Tyler Baker of Hoxie 8-6.

Brock Whitmore first faced Tyrel Spillman, the No. 1 seed at 125 pounds. Whitmore was pinned by Spillman and received a bye in the first round of consolation matches. In his next match, Whitmore wrestled John Wark of Colby and was pinned in the first period.

At 130, Mathias Goodley finished fourth. Goodley started the tournament being pinned by Kevin Brown of St. Francis. In the consolation bracket, he began with a bye and then beat Jesse Tibbles of Colby in overtime, 8-6. In the finals, Goodley again wrestled Brown of St. Francis and lost 6-5 to finish fourth.

Kyle Schulte finished third for the Cowboys at 135 pounds. He pinned Devin Rohweder of St. Francis. In his second round, Schulte lost to Kenyon Badsky of Oberlin, 16-5. After a third-round bye, Schulte wrestled for third place and pinned Josh Cersovsky of Colby in the second period.

Dustin Kling, 140, also finished fourth. Kling had a bye in his first round and lost his second to Chance Harmon of Oberlin, 10-2. His next round was a bye and he advanced to wrestle Justin Bell of Colby. Kling became ill during the day and had to forfeit the match.

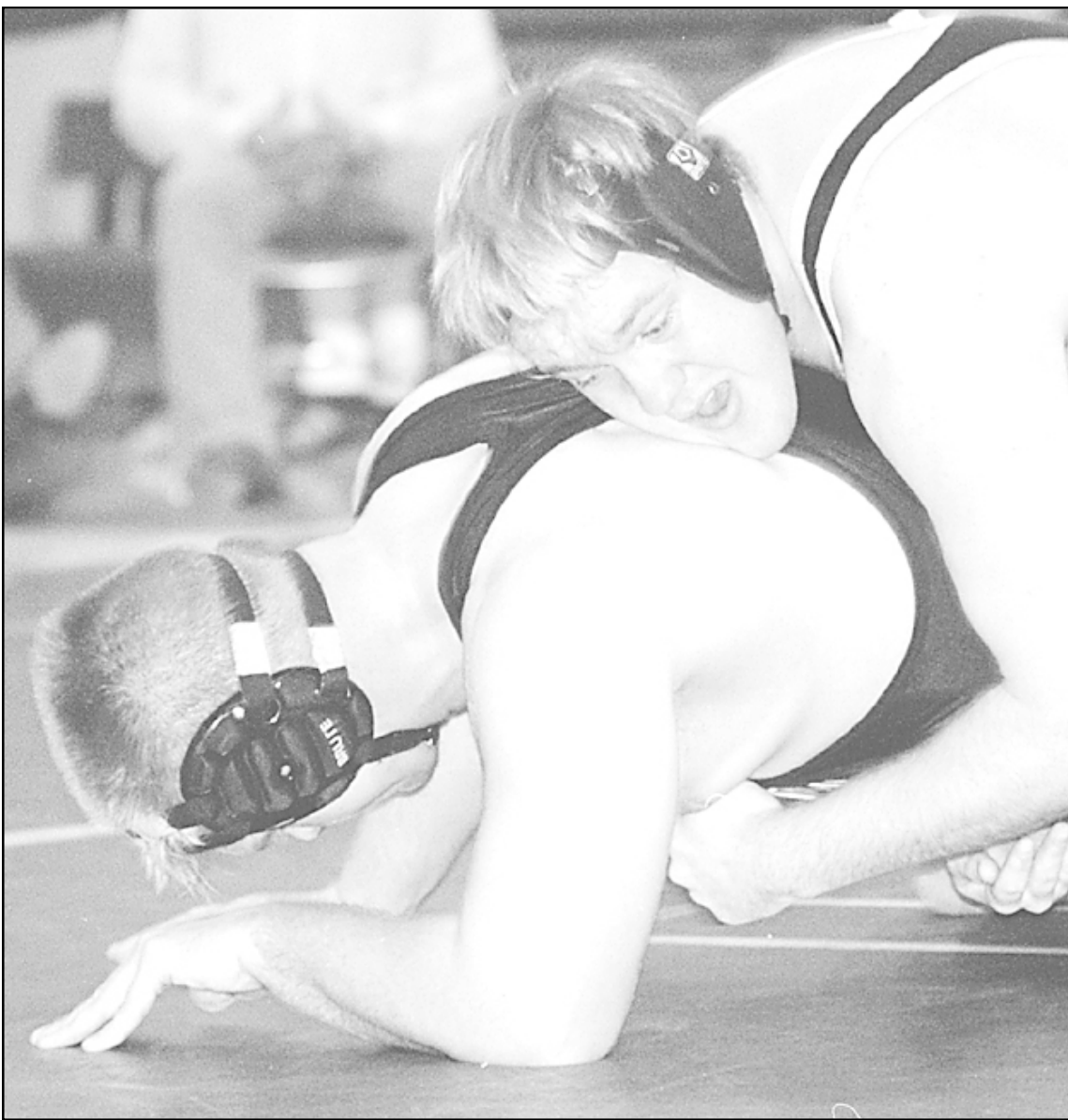
Korey Schulte at 145 pounds started out the tournament wrestling Logan Glaze of Oberlin. He was pinned. In the consolation bracket, he first had a bye and then wrestled Gabe Smull of St. Francis. He was pinned in the third period.

At 152, Mike Zimmerman pinned Trevor Leitner of Atwood in the first round. In the second round, he lost to first-seeded Schuyler Sharpe of Colby, 4-3. Zimmerman went on to wrestle Adam Steinmetz of Oberlin and lost 9-4.

Taylor Brack was seeded second in the tournament at 160 pounds. He started off by beating Drue Herl of Colby, 10-3. He advanced to face Derek Ross of St. Francis, the eventual winner of the weight class. Brack lost 5-3. In the next round, Brack received a bye in the next round to move on to wrestle for third place. He defeated Grant Reichert of Oberlin 12-2 for third.

Mark Starr, at 171, was pinned by first-seeded Bobby Dennis of Oakley in the second period. In his next match, he lost to Kyle Buffington of St. Francis, 15-5.

At 189, Landon West was



Andy Phillips worked to turnover his opponent, Heath Klein of Atwood. Phillips won the match, 3-2 and went on to place second in the tournament.

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pinned in the second period to Travis Hilt of St. Francis. In the consolation bracket, West beat Theo Kleinsorge of Colby was his next opponent, 6-4. In his last match, West was defeated by Scott Harman of Oberlin, 9-3.

At 215, Bedore took first place. His first round was a bye and he

went on to wrestle Dallas Walz of St. Francis, 13-4. In the finals, Bedore beat Jeff Horinek of Atwood, 12-2.

In the heavyweight division, Phillips first pinned Jake Padgett of Oberlin in 35 seconds. In his second match, Phillips upset the first-seeded Heath Klein of Atwood, 3-2. In the finals, Phillips was defeated by Brent Deibert of Colby, 4-1.

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