

# Goodland wrestlers stomp Plainsmen in home dual

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The Goodland Cowboy wrestling team stomped the Oakley Plainsmen in a home dual on Friday night, 45-27.

It was the final dual of the year for the Cowboys as they prepare for the regional tournament next Friday and Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Spectators saw a different Cowboy wrestling team, as the boys were fired up and supporting their teammates.

Coach Randy Bahe said he was very pleased with the boys, who as he put it, "had made big strides in the right direction."

Bahe said the team had held a meeting this week to focus its efforts. "The meeting made a big difference," he said.

The Cowboys won eight of their 14 matches, three on forfeits from open brackets on the part of Oakley, and four by pins. Three of the pins came in the first period, while the fourth was in the second.

Chad Normandin started the night out for the Cowboys at 103 pounds. He wrestled all three periods with Mark Samuelson, but lost 3-1.

At 112 pounds, Dexter Deeds was the first Goodland wrestler to post a win, picking up a bye and 6 team points for the Cowboys.

Blaze Bahe had the first pin of the night as he stuck Neal Hockersmith to the mat in 2:15. Bahe's win boosted Goodland to a 12-3 lead over the Plainsmen.

Brock Whitmore at 125 wrestled Shawn Kuhlman and was pinned in the second period, with just under a minute left. Oakley took the 6 points and started to close the gap, but Goodland led by 3.

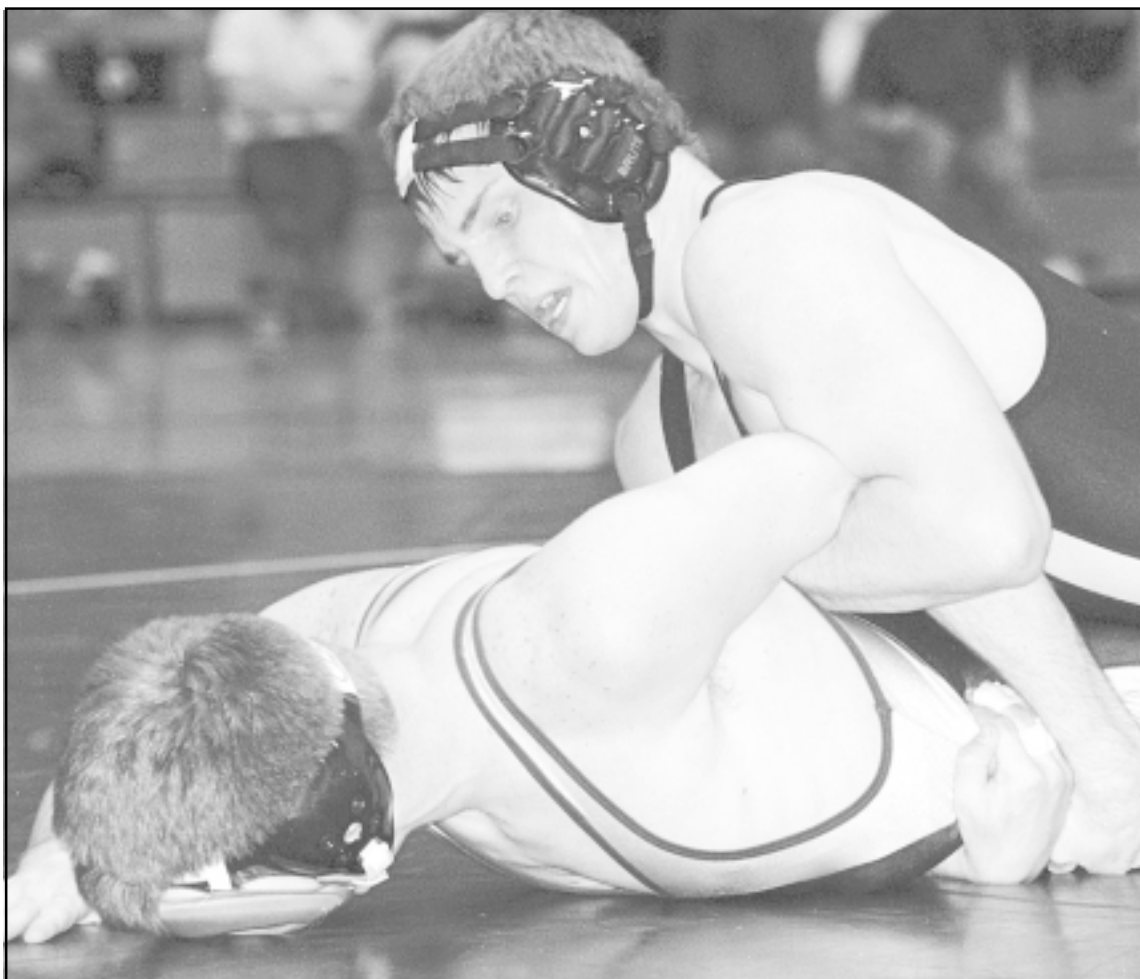
Mathias Goodley, 130, gave Goodland another 6 with his pin of Curtis Sharpe. Goodley took the pin in the first period in 2:37.

At 135, Kyle Schulte beat Christ Halbleib 6-5. Schulte was able to takedown Halbleib right away and was leading 4-1 at the end of the first period. Schulte chose to be down at the start of the second period and quickly picked up a reversal for 2 points.

Before the buzzer signaling the end of the second, Halbleib pulled his own reversal for 2. Schulte was up by 3 points with only one more period to wrestle. Halbleib received another 2 points from a reversal, but Schulte's hand was raised in victory, 6-5. With the additional 3 team points, Goodland led 21-9.

Dustin Klinge at 140, was the third Cowboy wrestler to pin his opponent. Klinge stuck Jody Kruse in the first period in 1:44. Goodland's lead continued to climb, 27-9.

Oakley was ready to put a stop to Goodland's run on the scoring. Goodland's Korey Schulte and Kyle Rietcheck took the mat at 145. The pair were both scoreless in the first period and Rietcheck picked up 3 points from an escape and a



Landon West, a Goodland senior, tried to turn Eric Baalman onto his back Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. West lost the match when he was pinned by Baalman at the end of the second period. Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

takedown in the second. Schulte's only 2 points came from a reversal in the third. Rietcheck picked up

another point from a penalty to win the match 4-2.

At 152, Mike Zimmerman

wrestled Cody Younkin. Zimmerman was not able to pick up any points in the first two periods. Head-

ing into the final period, Younkin was up 3-0. Zimmerman did gain a point from an escape, but Younkin took him back down to the mat and was able to pin him with 12 seconds left. With the pin, Oakley advanced another 6 points, but Goodland still led, 27-18.

The final pin of the evening for the Cowboys was from Taylor Brack. He pinned Jeff Dennis in the second period, in just over 2 minutes. Goodland edged up 6 more points, 33-18.

At 171, Brandon Linden wrestled Bobby Dennis, the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the state for Class 1A, 2A and 3A. Although Linden had Dennis on his back on several occasion, he was unable to hold him to pick up the back points. Linden lost 6-1.

For the Cowboys at 189, Landon West grappled Eric Baalman. West had the first takedown of the match, but allowed Baalman to escape. At the end of the first period, West was leading 2-1. In the second period, a caution was given to West and Baalman received a penalty point. Baalman, who had chosen to be down, reversed for 2 points and put West to the mat for a pin with only 7.7 seconds left in the second period.

With Baalman's pin, Oakley had picked up their final points of the evening, since their final two weight classes were open. Both Jordan Bedore and Andy Phillips picked up byes for Goodland and 6 team points each. The final score of the night was 45-27.

## Hoops for heart



Fifteen students participated in Hoops For Heart, a fund raiser for the American Heart Association, Monday morning at the Goodland Activities Center. Dave Hopkins of Cimmaron was there to represent the association and conduct the event. Kids played basketball games such as Knock Out and Horse and did fundamental drills. They raised \$1,040 by getting pledges for participating. J.P. McCool was the top fund-raiser with \$200 gathered for the heart association.

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## Grant Junior High basketball team defeated by Hoxie Lady Indians

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The seventh-grade girls basketball team from Grant Junior High lost to the Lady Indians in Hoxie on Thursday, 40-33.

In the first quarter, the game was close. Goodland ended the first period up apoint over Hoxie, 9-8, on the strength of successful shooting from the free throw line. The Lady Mustangs shot 100 percent from the line, making all three attempted free throws, one from Ashley Christians and two from Cassie Sandoval.

In the second quarter, Hoxie dominated Goodland 19-5. Christians was able to sink 2 field goals and Sammie Raymer put in 1 of her 2 free throws. Hoxie had great opportunity at the charity strip with six chances at free throws. Fortunatly for Goodland, they were only able to sink one. By the half, Goodland was trailing by 13 points, 27-14.

After a pep -talk, the Lady Mus-

tangs returned to the court charged up. In the third quarter, the girls put up 19 points, 8 by Raymer. The girls held Hoxie to 13. They were closing the gap and were only behind 7 points, 40-33.

In the final quarter, the teams took turns back and forth at the free throw line. Goodland had six opportunities for free throws and only made one, for 17 percent. The Lady Indians were at the line 8 times and sank 4 of them. Hoxie ended up outscoring the Lady Mustangs 12-7 in the fourth quarter for the 52-40 win.

Christians and Raymer both ended the game in the double figures. Christians recorded 14 points, while Raymer had 12. Sandoval contributed 8 points, while Jessica Hatfield made 4 and Andrea Wolak had 2. Goodland shot 43 percent from the line making 6 of 14 attempted free throws. Hoxie sank 12 of 25 for 48 percent.

In the B team game which followed, a scoreless Goodland lost to Hoxie 13-0. The teams played two quarters and Hoxie was able to shut out the Lady Mustangs in both. Hoxie scored 5 points in the first quarter and 8 in the second.

## bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League

February 10, 2003

Lonny's Auto Body over Callahan's 4-0  
Jim Alcorn/Shelter Insurance split  
Mann's Jewelry 2-2

Bowladium unopposed  
Medical Arts Pharmacy over Team #10 4-0

McClung's Appliance over KLOE 3-1  
Individual high game: Betty Wright-216  
Individual high series: Betty Wright-579

Team high game: Bowladium-653  
Team high series: McClung's Appliance-1861

League Standings: No. 1 Medical Arts Pharmacy 21-7; No. 2 Lonny's Auto Body 19-9; No. 3 Jim Alcorn/Shelter Insurance, KLOE 17-11.

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**Wednesday, Feb. 19** - Gifted Seminar; "All the World's A Stage" (Theatre) at NWKESC 2-5;  
**Thursday, Feb. 20** - 1 p.m. Little 9 Instrumental Clinic at Cheylin;  
**Friday, Feb. 21** - 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., high school basketball, Northern Valley at Brewster;  
**Saturday, Feb. 22** - State Music/piano competition;  
**Monday, Feb. 24** - High School Basketball Regional, to be announced;  
**Tuesday, Feb. 25** - 10 a.m. Little 9 Scholarship Contest at Golden Plains, High School Basketball regionals, to be announced.

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