

# Cowboys tie for second place at Wichita

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WICHITA — After 34 matches Friday and Saturday, the Goodland Cowboy wrestler finished in a tie for second in the Class 4A State Tournament in Wichita.

Every team member contributed points to the success of the Cowboys, who finished second only to Abilene, the winner with 113 points. Goodland accumulated 100 points, tied with Columbus. Finishing fourth were the 2002 champions, Clay Center. Colby, which beat both Goodland and Clay Center at the regional tournament, finished seventh with 67.5 points.

Four of the eight Cowboys who qualified for the state tournament placed. Junior Jordan Bedore at 215 pounds, captured his second state title. Both sophomore Dexter Deeds, 112 pounds, and senior Taylor Brack, 152 pounds, took second in their weights, losing in the finals. Senior Matthias Goodley at 130 pounds finished sixth.

Head coach Randy Bahe said he was very proud of the team and the boys efforts.

“To have all the wrestlers still in it after Friday evening was very unusual,” he said. “I couldn’t have asked any more of the team. They came together to do what some people thought was the impossible.”

- At 103 pounds, sophomore Chad Normandin, did not place. In his first match against Josh Sharp of Fort Scott, Normandin was pinned within 20 seconds.

In the consolation bracket, he picked up a win over Michel Stremmel of Royal Valley by a score of 9-1. He easily picked up the first points of the match by a quick take down and dominated Stremmel through the second and third periods.

His final match of the tournament was with Daniel Tibbles of Colby, who took fifth. Normandin had tied the match at 2-2 in the second period, but with only seven seconds left before the buzzer at the end of the period, Normandin was put on his back by Tibbles and pinned. He finished the season with a record of 8-11.

- Deeds, who finished second at 112 pounds, started off with an 8-2 win over Sean Cillessen of Mulvane.

Cillessen got the first takedown of the first period and Deeds picked up the first of the second period, with the match tied 2-2 going into the third. Deeds poured on the heat and was able to score an 6 points for the win.

In his second match, against Sean Flynn of Lansing, the No. 1 seed for

the weight class, Deeds pulled out a huge win, keeping him scoreless at 8-0.

In the semi-finals, Deeds was paired up with Josh Peterson of Abilene. In the first two periods, Deeds kept the upper hand and held Peterson scoreless. In the final period, he racked up another 6 points while allowing Peterson 3 for a 13-3 win.

In the finals, Deeds faced Levi Eddie of Ulysses. The match was controlled by Eddie through the first two periods. With only two minutes to wrestle, Deeds stepped up and scored 4 points, but it was just short of the win. Deed took second with the 5-4 loss and finished his season with a record of 18-10.

- The fourth-place finisher at 119 pounds, Blayze Bahe, had to work hard to wrestler up the back side of the bracket. Bahe started the tournament with a 7-0 win over Greg Sharpe of Fort Scott, but then fell in the second round to Marcus Waters of Lansing, 10-7.

In the consolation bracket, Bahe dominated Jeremiah Hamer of Holton for three periods. Bahe picked up a technical fall, 17-0.

His next opponent, Joey Ortiz of Ulysses, proved to be a fairly even match. The score at the end of three periods was tied 1-1.

Bahe went on to pin him in overtime for the win.

In the quarter-finals, Bahe was paired up with Ben Smith of Chapman. Again, Bahe outwrestled his opponent and did not allow him to score. Bahe won the match 6-0.

In the quest for the third place, Bahe next faced Kyle Beebe of Parsons. Bahe was the only one to score and was ahead 1-0 in the final period.

Then Beebe was able to put Bahe on his back and pinned him with only 43 second left in the match. Bahe finished his season with a record of 30-8.

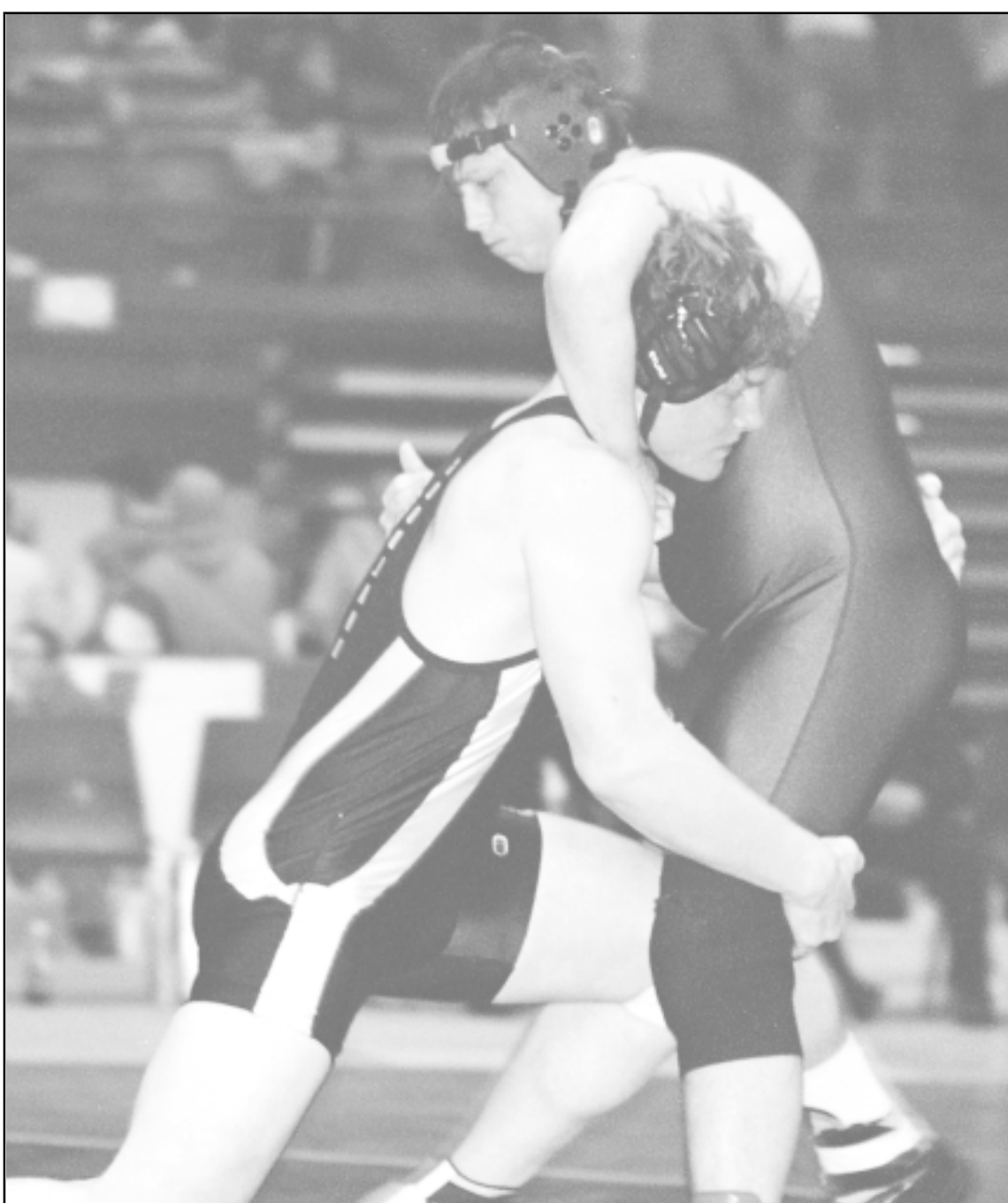
- At 130 pounds, Goodley took sixth. He lost his first match to Earl Jones of Coffeyville, the eventual champion of the weight class, who hasn’t lost a match in three years. The pin in the second period sent Goodley to fight his way up the back-side of the bracket.

Goodley won his next three matches. He defeated Shawn Massey of Hiawatha and Tyson Adams by pinning both in the second period.

He defeated Tim Morgan of Basehor-Lindwood 3-1.

Against Daniel Prater of Pratt, Goodley lost by a score of 9-0 to go on to face Zach Camacho of Independence for fifth.

Goodley was up on Camacho



The Goodland Cowboys tied Concordia for second place at the Class 4A state wrestling tournament in Wichita. Above: Cowboy wrestler Jordan Bedore powered through a headlock by Eudora’s Mike Paxton on the way to a 17-2 technical fall in the 215-pound championship match Saturday. The junior won his second straight championship at 215 pounds. Right: Taylor Brack worked for escape points against Lucas Weller of Mulvane in the 160-pound championship match at Wichita Saturday. Brack lost to Weller 2-0.

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through the first two periods, but then Camacho gained ground in the third to defeat Goodley 7-6.

He finished the season with a



record of 23-19.

- At 140 pounds, senior Dustin Klinge improved his record to 28-14 for the season.

Klinge made his first appearance at state and went 2-2 for the tournament. His first match was with Nick Zahm of Columbus, would win the

weight class. He defeated Klinge 17-06.

In the consolation bracket, Klinge first defeated Jeff Lackner of Basehor-Lindwood by pinning him in the second period and then went on to beat Eddie Gatlin of Garnett-Anderson 6-2.

His final match was with Nathan Allison of Fort Scott, the eventual third-place finisher.

At the end of three, the match was tied 7-7. Allison got the takedown in overtime to win.

- Brack wrestled well on Friday and had positioned himself to be in the finals on Saturday.

He defeated Derek Lang of Baldwin 10-6, Abe Kersting of Douglass 5-0 and Joseph Lattimer of Fort Scott 8-6.

In the finals, Brack faced Lucas Weller of Mulvane. Both were scoreless in the first period, but Weller was able to get two reversal points in the second.

Neither wrestler would score again to leave Weller as the winner. The second-place finish allowed Brack to finish the season with a record of 31-7.

- Senior Landon West qualified for state at 189 pounds. West lost his first match to Willis Whitehead of Douglas by a score of 5-1.

In the consolation bracket, West first faced Kyle Manwaring of Burlington, pinning him in the third period. Both wrestlers were scoreless in the first period, but by the end of the second the score was tied 2-2. West had scored another three points and was up 5-2, but with 19 seconds, West got him to his back and pinned him to the mat.

West’s final match was with Jake Weishaar of Atchison, the eventual third-place finisher. In the third period, West was trailing Weishaar 10-4, but was overpowered and put on his back.

He was pinned with four seconds remaining in the match. West finished the season with a 21-21 record.

- In the 215-pound division, Bedore was seeded first in the tournament.

He pinned his first two opponents, Nathan Shaw of Caney Valley and James Hartshorn of Tonganoxie in the first period.

In the semi-finals, Bedore defeated Tad Greer of El Dorado 7-3. In the finals, he defeated Mike Paxton of Eudora by technical fall of 17-2 to win his second state title. Bedore finished his season 29-1.

“We had some tough losses, but state is always the toughest tournament,” Bahe said. “There were no disappointments. Everyone scored points for the team.”

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