

Cowboys wrestle Indians today

By Greg Stover
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The Goodland High School wrestling team opens its season today with a dual meet on the road against the Indians of Hoxie.

Randy Bahe, in his third year as head coach, said Hoxie will be a tough opponent to open the season with, especially since the Cowboys will have to forfeit one weight class due to injury.

"I think Hoxie will be the favorite for the Northwest Kansas League title this year," Bahe said, "and I also think St. Francis will be very tough. The whole league could be very competitive this season."

Bahe has 24 wrestlers, including two of his sons, on the roster for the 2003-2004 season, nine with varsity experience. Four of them qualified for the state Class 4A championship meet last year, where the Cowboys finished as the runners-up for the second year in a row.

Helping Bahe this season are assistant coaches Travis Palmgren, in his third year, and Ponch Avelar, in his second. Bahe spent seven years as an assistant coach with the Cowboys before moving up.

Bahe said the Cowboys are at least two deep in every class except heavyweight. The good news is that senior Jordan Bedore, last year's state heavyweight champion, is

back for his fourth season. The bad news is he is recuperating from a football injury and is not expected to wrestle until after Christmas.

Another man lost until after Christmas due to a football injury is junior Dexter Deeds, who finished second at state last season.

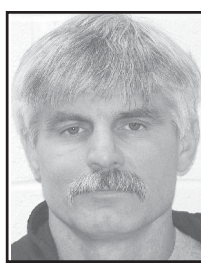
"Dexter had a very good finish to end last year's season," said Bahe. "He is anxious to recover from his injury and get started."

Senior Blayze Bahe is another Cowboy back for his fourth season. He placed fourth last year at state. "Blayze did a lot of off-season wrestling and had a very successful summer," Coach Bahe said.

Junior Chad Normandin is the final returning wrestler who qualified for the state tournament last year.

"Chad had a strong finish last season," said Coach Bahe. "He did some off-season wrestling and has improved."

The other wrestlers returning with varsity experience are seniors Mike Zimmerman, Brock Whitmore and Korey Schulte, junior Blake Saint and sophomore Chris



Randy Bahe

Baumfalk. "Mike came close to qualifying for state last year," Coach Bahe said. "I'm looking for great things from him."

Coach Bahe said Whitmore and Saint have been working hard and have shown improvement, as have Baumfalk, who was injured during the early part of last season. He said Schulte is coming along well and is looking more aggressive this year.

Other wrestlers on this year's squad include juniors Ray Brigham and Brandon Cowan, and sophomores Justin Holloway, Brett Licker and Mark Starr. Junior Tray Klinge and sophomore Brandon Zelfer are injured.

Six freshmen began their first season of high school wrestling this year: Kerek Mason, Brandon Douglas, Brett Bahe, Josiah Goodley, Brett Schields and Jon Cook.

Although the Cowboys will be missing some of their key people early in the season, Coach Bahe said other wrestlers are ready to step up and give 110 percent.

"I'm really excited about the season," Coach Bahe said. "I think we have great potential. I've been really pleased with the guys for their work in practice and attitude. They recognize the capabilities of our team and have been showing it in practice."

Decorating committee



Basketball team managers Ana McClung (front, center) Maricel Murillo (back, left) and Bailee Guyer prepared posters Wednesday afternoon for the Topside Tip-Off Tournament next week. Managers Hannah and Emily Burkett (not pictured) were also there making posters.

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community volleyball

CCR CO-ED Volleyball Wednesday, December 3

Who's Next over Kansasland Tire 15-6, 15-1
Scared Hitless over Alex's Radiator & Repair 15-7, 15-7
Who's Next over DDT 15-11, 4-15, 11-10
Pirate Electric/Brewster Frontier Equity over Alex's Radiator & Repair 15-3, 15-3
First National Bank-I over First National Bank-II 15-2, 15-12
Oldies But Goodies over Mad Dogs 15-2, 15-9

First National Bank-II over Da Killer B's 15-10, 15-12
DDT over Da Killer B's 15-8, 15-6
Duell Farms over Kansasland Tire 15-6, 15-9
American Family Insurance over Mad Dogs 15-1, 15-0
First National Bank-I over Rookies 15-13, 15-13
Oldies But Goodies over Rookies 15-10, 15-10
Pirate Electric/Brewster Frontier Equity over American Family Insurance 15-3, 15-11
Duell Farms over Scared Hitless 15-2, 15-3

Weekend sports schedule

SATURDAYMORNING

10:00 12/56 ESPN College Basketball Oklahoma vs. Michigan State. From The Palace at Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich. (Live) (CC)
11:00 4/6 ABC College Football Notre Dame at Syracuse. (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Arizona at St. Louis. (Live) (CC)
11:30 7/11 CBS College Basketball Kentucky vs. UCLA. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON
12:00 12/56 ESPN College Basketball St. John's at Duke. (Live) (CC)

1:00 8/8 NBC 33/9 NBC Golf Office Depot Father/Son Challenge — First Round. From ChampionsGate Golf Resort in Orlando, Fla. (Live) (CC)

2:00 7/11 CBS College Football Navy at Army. (Live) (CC)
12/56 ESPN College Basketball Missouri at Indiana. (Live) (CC)

28/37 TNT PGA Golf Grand Slam of Golf — Day Two. From Poipu Bay Golf Course in Kauai, Hawaii. (Live) (CC)

30/55 FXSP College Basketball Southern Illinois at Drake. (Live) (CC)

99/36 WGN College Basketball John Wooden Classic — Kansas vs. Stanford. (Live) (CC)

2:30 4/6 ABC College Football Oregon State at Southern California. (Live) (CC)

3:30 54/57 ESPN2 NFL Live (Live) (CC)
4:00 12/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Memphis at Mississippi. (Live) (CC)

SUNDAY MORNING

11:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Tennessee Titans. From the Coliseum in Nashville, Tenn. (Live) (CC)

12/56 ESPN PBA Bowling Cambridge Credit Classic. From Windsor Locks, Conn. (Live) (CC)

13/7 FOX NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

12:00 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Soccer NCAA College Cup Final — Connecticut or Florida State vs. North Carolina or UCLA. From Cary, N.C. (Live) (CC)

2:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos. From INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver. (Live) (CC)

8/8 NBC 33/9 NBC Golf Office Depot Father/Son Challenge — Final Round. From ChampionsGate Golf Resort in Orlando, Fla. (Live) (CC)

30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Notre Dame at Washington. (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 ESPNews (Live) (CC)
2:30 54/57 ESPN2 ESPNews (Live) (CC)

3:30 4/6 ABC BCS Selection Show Matchups for college football's Bowl Championship Series games are announced. (Live) (CC)

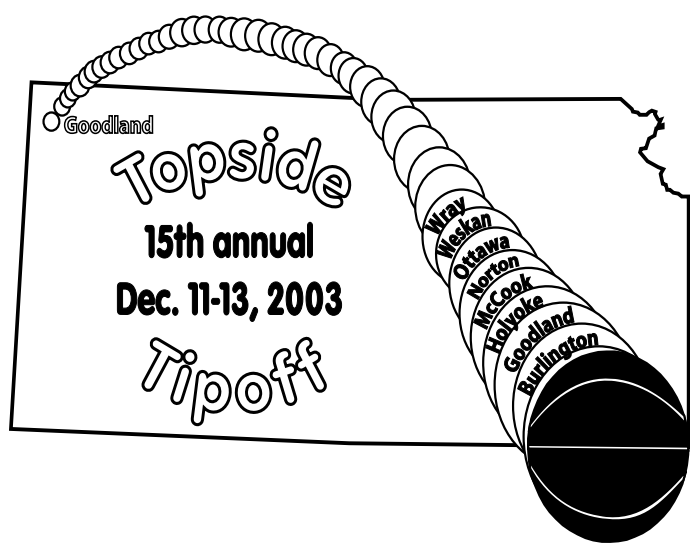
4:00 12/56 ESPN Gameday Bowl Selection NCAA college football bowl matchups revealed. (Live) (CC)

30/55 FXSP College Basketball Tipoff (Live) (CC)

4:30 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Wisconsin-Milwaukee at North Carolina State. (Live) (CC)

5:00 12/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)

5:30 12/56 ESPN NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)



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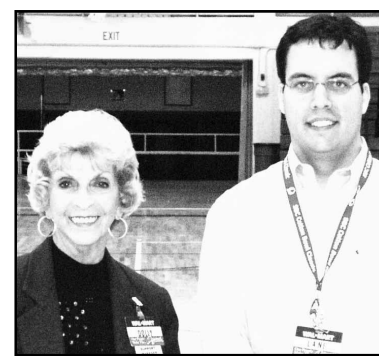
Topside Tipoff

is coming to Max Jones Fieldhouse Complex in Goodland Dec. 11-13. Be there!

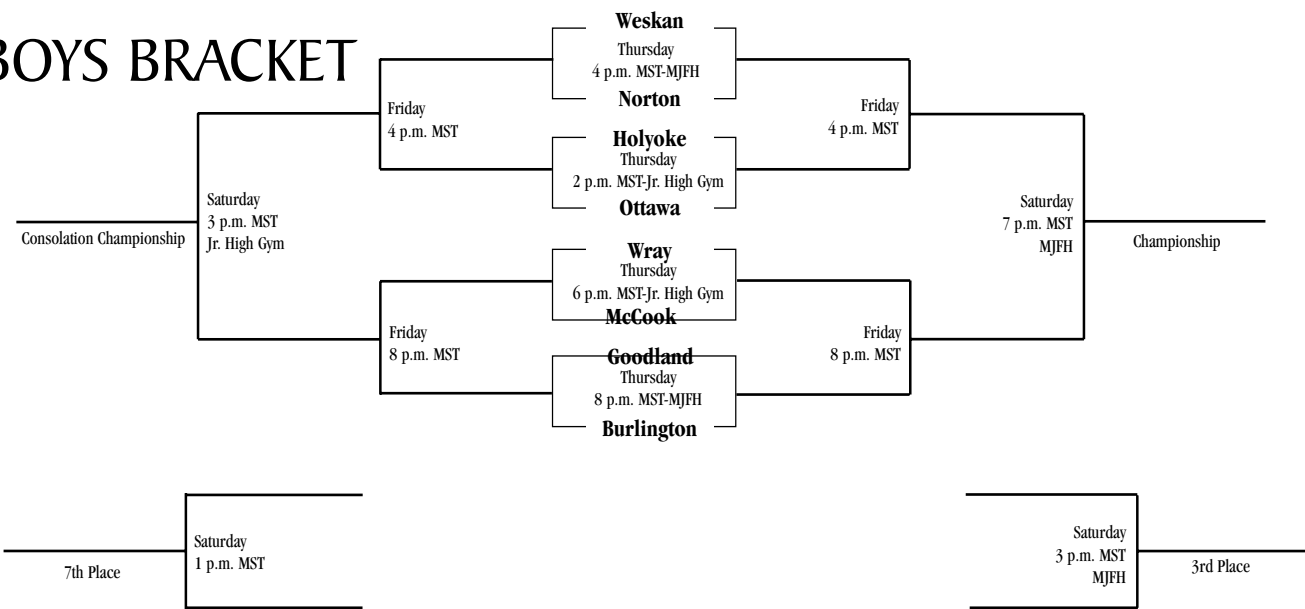
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