

Cowboys beat Garden City for second

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Apin in the final match of the final dual gave the Goodland Cowboys wrestling team second place in their home tournament Saturday.

The Cowboys had won their duals in the first three rounds, putting them in the race for first, second and third against Norton and Garden City. Goodland lost 40-24 to the Blue Jays, who then beat Garden City.

In the final dual, a pin by junior Jay Cotter in the heavyweight class gave Goodland the 35-34 win over Class 6A Garden City and second in the tournament. Norton was undefeated for the day and took first.

Goodland and Garden City had a tie for Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament, Goodland's senior Keegan Smith at 152 pounds and Garden City's Joey Dozier at 140. Fastest pin of the tournament went to Billy Broekelman of Norton for pinning Chris Heim of Hoxie in 11 seconds.

Smith is having a great start to his senior season, said Coach Joseph Sramek — he has been named outstanding wrestler at the Colby tournament and the Holiday Classic and is 16-1 for the season.

Dozier is a great wrestler too, Sramek said; he pinned all five of his opponents.

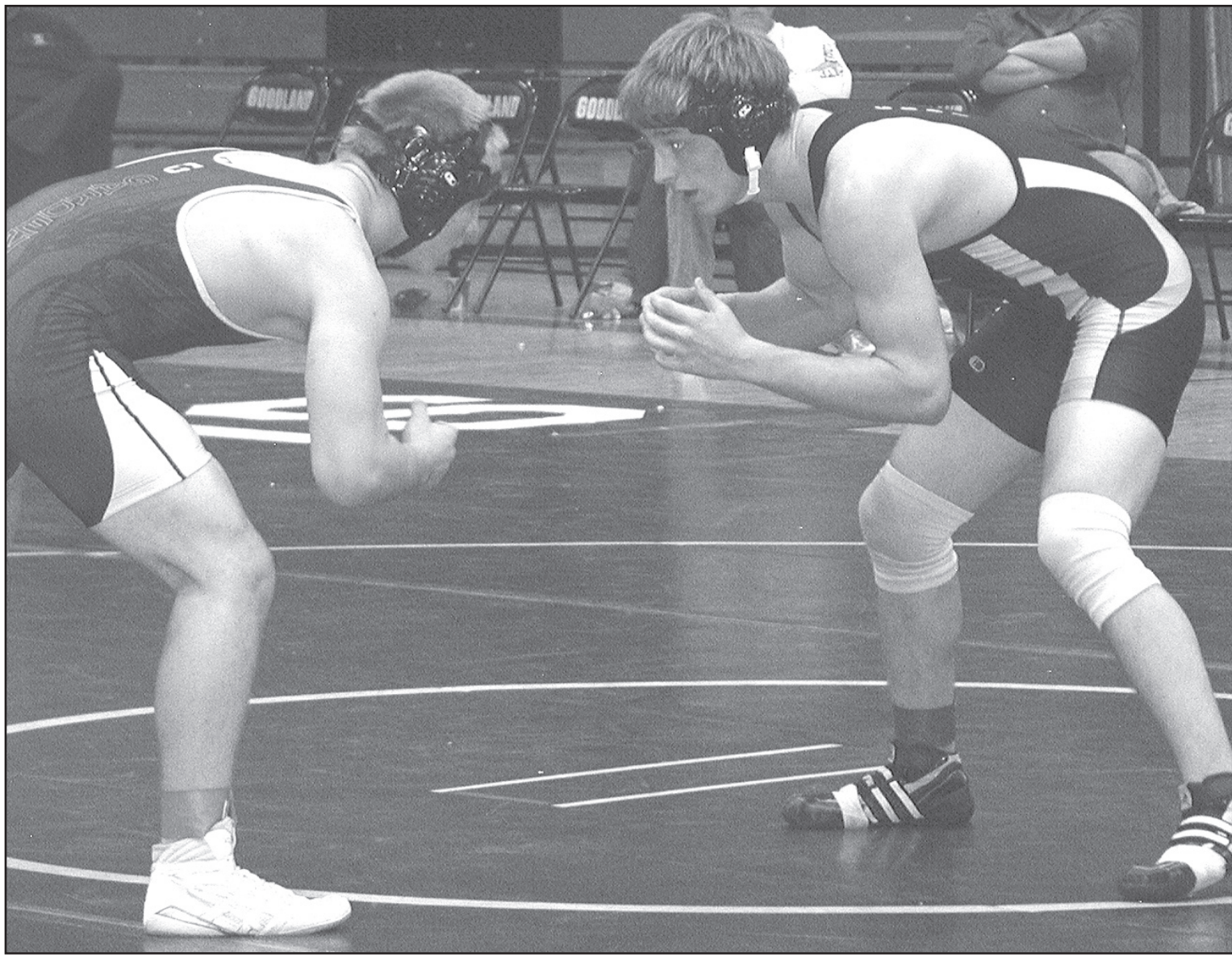
Besides Smith, Goodland had three other wrestlers go undefeated for the tournament: freshman Austin Avelar, seniors Fernando Martinez and Ryan Taylor, who beat the No. 1 ranked wrestler in Class 3-2-1A from Leoti and the No. 4 ranked Class 4A wrestler from Scott City.

"For being a small school," Sramek said, "I like wrestling the bigger schools. It prepares us more for regionals and state because many of the small teams at state don't have the opportunity to wrestle that type of competition. We have dualled three 5A schools and two 6A schools."

"Norton is a really good team — they are currently ranked No. 1 in 3-2-1A in the state. I felt that we should have wrestled them closer than we did. Keegan Smith did a nice job fighting back in his match to win in overtime over Perez, who is currently ranked fifth in the state at 152."

"Beating Garden City was good way to finish before Christmas break, especially after not wrestling so well against Norton and losing to Garden the week before in the Colby tournament. The key match of the dual was Lorenzo Delgado, who was pinned by his opponent the week before at the Colby tournament but then beating the same kid 9-2 at the Holiday Classic."

Twelve teams, divided into



Senior Keegan Smith wrestled Garden City's Anthony Shockley in the final dual of the Holiday Classic tournament Saturday. He won

14-3, and Goodland ended up winning the dual 35-34.

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three pools, competed in dual format in rounds one through three. Then the top teams in each pool dualled, the No. 2 teams in each pool dualled and the No. 3 teams in each pool dualled and the No. 4 teams in each pool dualled, determining their final rank. In the first round, in Pool A, Class 3A Goodland beat Class 6A Dodge City 47-15, and Class 4A Scott City beat Class 2A Wichita County (Leoti) 75-6.

In Pool B, Class 3A Norton beat Class 1A Hoxie 66-9, and Burlington, Colo., Class 2A in Colorado but the same size as Goodland, beat Class 4A Hugoton 42-33. In Pool C, Class 6A Garden City beat Class 4A Ulysses 45-30, and Class 4A Pratt beat Class 4A Buhler 39-27.

In the second round, in Pool A, Goodland beat Leoti 73-6, and Scott City beat Dodge City 43-24. In Pool B, Burlington beat Hoxie 43-28, and Norton beat Hugoton 47-22. In Pool C, Ulysses beat Buhler 39-27, and Garden City beat Pratt 48-27.

In the third round, in Pool A, Goodland beat Scott City 32-28,

and Norton beat Burlington 50-27. In Pool B, Hugoton beat Hoxie 57-18, and Dodge City beat Leoti 51-30. In Pool C, Ulysses beat Pratt 36-26, and Garden City beat Buhler 48-24.

In the championship rounds, Goodland faced Norton, losing 40-24, then Norton beat Garden City 33-32 and Goodland beat Garden City 35-34, making Norton first, Goodland second and Garden City third.

In the fourth through sixth competition, Scott City beat Burlington 59-16, Burlington beat Ulysses 45-36 and Scott City beat Ulysses 40-24, making Scott City fourth, Burlington fifth and Ulysses sixth.

In the seventh through ninth competition, Dodge City beat Pratt 48-22, Hugoton beat Dodge City 32-28 and Pratt beat Hugoton 34-31, making Dodge City seventh, Hugoton eighth and Pratt ninth.

In 10th through 12th-place competition, Hoxie beat Leoti 46-30, Buhler beat Leoti 51-25 and Buhler beat Hoxie 48-30, making Buhler 10th, Hoxie 11th and Leoti 12th.

In Goodland's dual with Dodge

City, freshman Austin Avelar beat Alex Garcia 8-2 at 103 pounds.

At 112, freshman Ty Thompson was pinned by Pablo Martinez.

• 119 sophomore Seth Miller pinned James Weller in a minute, 48 seconds.

• 125 senior Kade Sheldon beat Brandon Vasquez 7-1.

• 130 sophomore Christopher Bustillos beat Levi Shirley 16-4.

• 135 sophomore Kayler Rietcheck got a forfeit.

• 140 senior Hector Sarinana was pinned by Jacob Bruton.

• 145 junior Lorenzo Delgado beat Justin Blundell 6-4.

• 152 Smith beat Raymond Marquez 11-0.

• 160 senior Vance Johnson beat Adam Ybarra 11-3.

• 171 senior Ryan Taylor beat Eli Evinger 16-0.

• 189 senior Fernando Martinez got a forfeit.

• 215 senior Tanner Oharah beat Jesse Trent 8-4.

• 285 Jay Cotter lost 5-2 to Jeremiah Lee.

Against Leoti:
• Avelar pinned Levi Gerstberger

in 30 seconds.

• Thompson was pinned by Denton Takersley.

• Miller got a forfeit.

• Sheldon pinned Joe Salinas in 46 seconds.

• Bustillos pinned Bryan Porter in 2:17.

• Rietcheck beat Mario Mancillas 6-5.

• Sarinana got a forfeit.

• Delgado pinned Kyler Mastel in 3:03.

• Smith pinned Kyler Berning in 33 seconds.

• Johnson beat Collin Wittig 13-2.

• Taylor pinned Ben Brown in 5:12.

• Martinez pinned Matt Mastel in 1:32.

• Oharah and Cotter both got forfeits.

Against Scott City:
• Avelar got a forfeit.

• Thompson was pinned by Francisco Antillon.

• Miller beat Miles Pearson 14-1.

• Sheldon lost 5-3 to Jesus Contreras.

• Bustillos lost 5-3 to K.C. Kough.

• Rietcheck lost 8-0 to Sam McDaniel.

• Sarinana was pinned by Dakota Hayes.

• Delgado lost 10-4 to Morgan Numrich.

• Smith pinned Dillon Stuckey in 5:56.

• Johnson pinned Jon Averitt in 1:33.

• Taylor beat Chaston Hoeme 8-4.

• Martinez beat Luke Hayes 9-1.

• Oharah lost 10-3 to Rylee Ward.

• Cotter beat Calvin Ervin 2-1.

Against Norton:
• Avelar pinned R.J. Ellis in 1:22.

• Thompson was pinned by Troy Bainter.

• Miller lost 18-4 to Billy Broekelman.

• Sheldon lost 3-2 to Brett Terrell.

• Bustillos lost 7-5 to Connor Pfannenstiel.

• Rietcheck was pinned by Landon Keiswetter.

• Sarinana was pinned by Spencer Shirk.

• Delgado was pinned by Kaid McKenna.

• Smith beat Zane Perez 5-3.

• Johnson lost 8-4 to Matt Stanley.

• Taylor beat Brock Lauer 3-2.

• Martinez pinned Tyler Cook in 5:33.

• Oharah lost 6-2 to Jordan Bebb.

• Cotter received a forfeit.

Against Garden City:
• Avelar pinned Anthony Calderon in 54 seconds.

• Thompson lost 20-3 to Juan Hernandez for a technical fall.

• Miller lost 16-1 to Aaron Aguiano for a technical fall.

• Goodland was open at 125 as Sheldon had an injury from the Scott City dual and was held out.

• Bustillos was pinned by Braxton Medina.

• Rietcheck was pinned by Jonathan Heiman.

• Sarinana was pinned by Dozier.

• Delgado beat Eddy Gomez 9-2.

• Smith beat Anthony Shockley 14-3.

• Johnson beat Aaron Deleon 2-1.

• Taylor beat Dane Meyers 9-1.

• Martinez beat Mitchell Bean 3-2.

• Oharah received a forfeit.

• Cotter pinned Chance Blalock in 1:01.

The Cowboys' season will resume Thursday, Jan. 8, with a dual at 5:30 p.m. in Colby.

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