# Wrestlers work for medals at state tournament

Sports

#### By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com Goodland Wrestling Club qualified 16 members to compete in the Kansas Folkstyle Championships Saturday and Sunday at the Kansas Expocenter in Topeka.

The Folkstyle Championships will feature 168 teams from around the state with the Goodland wrestlers being one of the 35 teams from District 4, which is the western part of the state from Hays to the Colorado border. About 140 wrestlers in Topeka will be from District 4 and the tournament will have about 670 wrestlers from across the state.

Sixteen Goodland wrestlers placed in the top four at the District 4 tournament held at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday. Lorenzo Delgado placed first; Tate Withington, Evan Peter, Luis Ledesma, Ian Bonsall and John Peden finished second; Tayton Weeter, Tanner Gastineau, Aaron Avelar, Marvin Hernandez and Seth Miller finished third; and D.J. Knox, Dawson Holub, Coy Johnson, Rickey Milke, Brook Bahe and Drew House finished fourth.

Goodland Coach Ponch Avelar said Wednesday he feels the Goodland wrestlers have a good chance to win many of the first round matches. He said the District 4 wrestlers will be matched against those from District 3, which is the central part of the state from Marysville to Emporia and includes Salina and Manhattan.

"We have had good experience in wrestling against the teams from District 3," he said. "Those who finished first in our district tournament will wrestle a fourth place from District 3 and a second place will wrestle a third place from the other district."

Avelar said a number of the Goodland wrestlers will face some stiff competition, but said at state you never know what can happen. He feels confident Goodland will have some wrestlers winning medals on Sunday.

Wrestling will begin Saturday morning with the parade of athletes at 7 a.m. (mountain time). The wrestling matches are to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. on Sunday.

Weigh-in will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today, and from 5 to 5:30 a.m. on Saturday.

First round matches for the Goodland wrestlers have been posted.

#### 8 and under

43 pounds, D.J. Knox will face Blake Olmstead of Salina Wrestling Club.

67 pounds, Dawson Holub will face Bubba Wilson of Manhattan Optimist Kids.

70 pounds, Tayton Weeter will face Brendan Young of Lincoln County.

#### 10 and under

61 pounds, Tate Withington will face Austin Barnts of Republic County.

100 pounds, Evan Peter will face Jacob Mintzmyer of Marysville Kids Wrestling.

150 pounds, Luis Ledesma, Luis will face Jarret McLinden of Marion Junior Wrestling Club.

### 12 and under

80 pounds, Tanner Gastineau will face Clay Miller of Team Lightning.

92 pounds, Coy Johnson will face Chase Prester of Russell Wrestling Club.

100 pounds, Ricky Milke will face Issac Russell of Emporia Kids Wrestling Club.

#### 14 and under

90 pounds, Aaron Avelar will face Clay Johnson of the McPherson Wrestling Club.

110 pounds, Brook Bahe will face Josh Goepfert of Marysville Kids Wrestling.

145 pounds, John Peden will face Daniel De La Cruz of Abilene Wrestling Club.

165 pounds, Ian Bonsall will face Preston Nelson of Smoky Valley Wrestling Club.

#### High school division

115 pounds, Marvin Hernandez will face C.J. Milliard of Abilene Wrestling Club.

130 pounds, Seth Miller will face Terrance Wise of Hutchison Kids Wrestling.

155 pounds, Lorenzo Delgado has a bye in the opening round. Delgado will face the winner of the match between Nick Collins of Augusta and Chris Coover of Ottawa Mat Masters Wrestling in the quarterfinals.

Goodland wrestler Lorenzo Delgado (above) won by major decision 8-0 over Tyler Reed of Pratt in the first round of the District 4 Tournament held Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Delgado finished first in the 155 pound division of the high school division and has a bye in the first round of the state tournament in Topeka. Goodland wrestler Tanner Gastineau (right) won his consolation semifinal match over Wyatt Murphy of Oakley by a pin in 3:17. Gastineau placed third and will face Clay Miller of Team Lightning in the first round of the state championships on Saturday in Topeka.

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## **Crossword Puzzle**



A Cowgirl who has won two state golf medals signed recently to be a member of the Barton Community College golf team this fall.

Goodland senior Natashia Hillman has signed to play golf for Barton Community College and Barton Coach Doug Kaiser said he is pleased Hillman has chosen to join his team.

Kaiser said he met Hillman and Goodland Coach Connie Livengood when the Cowgirls were at the Class 3-2-1A state tournament in October.

"I met Natashia and Coach Livengood at girls state golf last fall at Lake Barton," Kaiser said. "This is my third year as woman's golf coach at Barton and I know Natashia will do well here and be one of our top three girls for next year.

"I am looking forward to having her in our woman's program."

As a senior Hillman finished sixth at the Class 3-2-1A tournament and led the Cowgirls with a score of 94.

"She played the course very well," said Coach Livengood. "Natashia is a senior this year and I am glad she finished her year with another state medal in her hands."

The Cowgirls came within three strokes of repeating as the state champions for the 3-2-1A state golf tournament at Lake Barton Golf Course.

Larned won the state title with a team score of 390 ahead of Goodland at 393.

As a junior Hillman finished 17th as the Cowgirls won the 3-2-1A state golf championship and she received an individual medal. As a sophomore Hillman tied for 80th in the Cowgirls appearance in the Class 4A state golf tournament three years ago at Buhler where Goodland finished fourth. It was the first time the Cowgirls had gone to state as a team.



Cowgirl Natashia Hillman putting during the regional tournament held at Sugar Hills Golf Club. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-news

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