

Cowboy wrestlers fall 45-30 to Burlington

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The injury-plagued Goodland High School wrestling team lost a dual with Burlington 45-30 on Thursday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Brook Bahe, 132, hit his head in a match at the Hays Senior Prairie Classic on Jan. 21. Austin Avelar sprained his ankle badly in a championship match at the Oberlin Invitational on Jan. 14. Mac Purvis, 285, and Jed Gray, 145, also didn't wrestle.

This, along with an open spot at 126, put the Cowboys far behind in points. They were not able to make up the deficit despite getting five individual wins and one win by forfeit at 170.

The Cowboys came out strong. At 106, Aaron Avelar won by fall over Burlington's Daniel Walsh. Coy Johnson, wrestling at 113, took his opponent down in just 20 seconds, winning by fall.

At 132, Corey Davis lost by fall. James Dinkel, 138, also lost by fall.

At 152, John Peden won by fall

in the first match of the evening to get to the third round. Peden was winning 15-2 when he pinned Burlington's Cord Carlin.

Colton Cooper, 160, lost a 3-1 nail-biter to Jake Cole. The score was tied at one with 31 seconds left in the third period when Cole took Cooper to the mat to get the final two points.

At 182, Tyler Gastineau lost a similar 3-1 match to Alex Gribben. Neither wrestler scored a point until 1:35 in the second period, when Gastineau escaped Gribben for one point. Gribben tied it up in the third with an escape of his own. After pushing each other off the mat several times – into the Burlington bench and the cheerleaders – Gribben scored the final two points in overtime.

Riley Oharah, currently ranked first in 3-2-1A by the Kansas Coaches Association, won by fall to end the match at 45-30 in favor of Burlington.

There was one junior varsity match after the main event. Davis wrestled Burlington's Dalton Richards at 132. Richards won 12-5.



Goodland High School freshman Coy Johnson pinned Miguel Torres of Burlington just 20 seconds into the match. Wrestling at 113, Johnson won by fall. The Cowboys fell to Burlington 45-30. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Girls' 12-point run not enough to win

The Cowgirls ended on a 12-0 run at the end of the game against the Holcomb Lady Longhorns on Friday night at Holcomb but it was not enough to even get close to a victory. They lost 62-43.

The team was missing M'Lynn Hinger, who was out sick.

Coach Andy Scheopner said that the Holcomb team was not very big but they shoot the ball well and are quick. They are good at applying the pressure and the press.

At 40 seconds into the game Holcomb got their first bucket. On the next shot by Holcomb, Hope Cochran rebounded the ball and made a three-point shot. The Cowgirls lead 3-2. Megan Siruta then got a bucket to make it 5-2.

Holcomb continued to score and pulled ahead. The Lady Longhorns had 8 team fouls in the first quarter. Brianna White made a free throw and Berkley White a three-point shot and two free throws. At the end of the first quarter Holcomb led, 18-11.

The Cowgirls were unable to score until 5:09 in the second quarter when Siruta hit a bucket. The Holcomb continued to foul but

the Cowgirls could not make the free throws. At 1:23 left in the quarter Berkley White hit a bucket, but Holcomb widened their lead to 33-15.

In the first possession of the third quarter Taryn Bedore made a three pointer. Berkley White made another three pointer at 5 minutes left in the quarter. Maddie Mayer made her first bucket of the night as did Kate-Lynn King. With a minute left Siruta hit two free throws, but Holcomb led 51-27.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter the Holcomb coach played their sophomores and freshmen against the young Cowgirl team. Bedore and Siruta each made a bucket. King rebounded a ball and hit a two-point shot. Siruta hit two more buckets and a three-point shot and Mayer added another three pointer. In the last couple of minutes the Cowgirls made 12 points, but the game ended with Holcomb winning 62-43.

The season record for the Cowgirls is 0-13.

Their next game is at 5:30 p.m. tonight against Burlington at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland boys basketball team comes close

The Goodland High School varsity boys basketball team allowed two double-digit runs and couldn't regain the lead against a physical Holcomb team, losing 66-52 on Friday at Holcomb.

Ryan Hillmer put in the first two and was fouled as he shot. He made a free throw to make it 3-0. Holcomb came back right away with two and later a putback to take a 4-3 lead.

The Longhorns would score 11 more unanswered points before Taylen Smith hit a two consecutive two-pointers to end the run with the score at 15-7 with less than two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Cowboys would score four more points to Holcomb's five to make it 20-11 at the buzzer.

The Longhorns hit a two-pointer after several scoreless minutes in the second quarter, then Reed Bellamy hit one of three free throws to make it 22-13. Hillmer hit a free throw of his own, but Holcomb came back with another two.

With the score at 24-14, Gannon Ihrig hit a three-pointer. Hillmer stole the ball back for the Cowboys but was fouled. He hit two free throws.

The Cowboys would score ten more points to Holcomb's nine to make it 33-24 with 31 seconds left in the half. Gage Ihrig made two free throws to end the half at 33-26.

Blaine Luther stole the ball to

open the second half and gave it to Hillmer, who hit a three-pointer to make it 33-29. Luther made a layup to close to within two of tying.

At 5:50 Holcomb made their first points of the quarter to make it 35-31. They made another eight before Hillmer hit two free throws to make it 43-33. Holcomb made a two-pointer, but Luther hit a two to keep the lead at 10. The Cowboys would

score another five unanswered points to end the quarter at 45-40.

Gannon Ihrig was fouled early in the fourth. He hit both free throws to make it 45-42.

With the score at 55-47, Smith hit a two-pointer, but Holcomb made a putback to make it 57-49 with 1:50 left. The Longhorns put in another two to take the lead back to double digits. Gannon Ihrig was

fouled and made two free throws to make it 59-51. Holcomb answered with a layup to keep the lead at 10. The Cowboys would score only one more point in the game, ending up with a 66-52 loss.

The boys fall to 3-10 overall this season and 0-5 in the Great West Athletic Conference. They will be in action at home against Burlington tonight at 7:30 p.m.



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Wednesday: black day
District A FCCLA Star Events
3:45 p.m.: PDC meeting

Thursday: Gold day
3 p.m.: Boys 8th Grade basketball, here, versus Holcomb
Boys 7th Grade basketball, here, versus Holcomb
5:30 p.m.: Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling at Atwood

Friday: Black day
3:45 p.m.: C team basketball, here, versus Ulysses
5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity basketball, here, versus Ulysses
7 p.m.: Varsity basketball, here, versus Ulysses

Saturday: KSHSAA Regional Piano Festival
9 a.m.: Varsity wrestling GWAC Tournament in Holcomb

Monday: Gold day

Tuesday: Black day
FCCLA Flag Ceremony and "Money Grab"
3:45 p.m.: C team basketball, here, versus Colby
5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity basketball, here, versus Colby
7 p.m.: Varsity basketball, here, versus Colby



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