

Cowboy wrestlers win tournament in Liberal

The Goodland High School wrestling team won the Southwest Wrestling Classic tournament in Liberal this past weekend with three Cowboys winning their weight class and another taking second.

The Cowboys finished first among the 18 schools competing in Liberal earning 186 points. The Buffaloes of Garden City High School finished second with 175. Colby finished third, Pratt fourth and McPherson was fifth.

Freshman Brett Bahe, and seniors Blayze Bahe and Jordan Bedore earned the gold medal in their respective weight classes. At 103 pounds Brett Bahe won the championship match with a 1-0 overtime decision over Colby's Daniel Tibbles. At 119 pounds Blayze Bahe pinned Jake Dozier of Pratt in the final. In the heavyweight final Bedore defeated Tony Lewis

of Ulysses 3-1.

Junior Brandon Cowan finished second at 189 pounds winning the silver medal. Junior Dexter Deeds finished third at 125 pounds, junior Blake Saint took fourth at 140 pounds and junior Chad Normandin sixth at 112.

Other Cowboys competing there were seniors Corey Schulte and Mike Zimmerman, sophomore Brandon Hatfield and freshmen Brett Schields and Jon Cook.

Coach Randy Bahe said he was very pleased with the team's effort at Liberal noting that the Cowboys won the tournament even though they did not have a wrestler competing in two of the weight classes.

"We've been getting a lot of falls lately, in duals as well as tournaments," he said, "which helps with team points. I'm really pleased with that."

Devin Valasquez of Tascosa High School in Amarillo, Texas won the 145-pound class and was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament.

The junior varsity competed at a tournament in WaKeeney Saturday with all eight wrestlers winning at least one match there. Two Cowboys took first place: Freshman Kerek Mason at 112 pounds and sophomore Brandon Zelfer at 125 pounds.

Both senior Brock Whitmore at 130 pounds and sophomore Justin Holloway at 125 pounds took second. Freshman Josiah Goodley finished fourth at 160 pounds. Other Cowboys participating there include freshman Brandon Douglas at 112 pounds, junior Ray Brigham at 130 and junior Tray Klinge at 152.

The varsity's next competition will be this Friday and Saturday at



Senior Blayze Bahe (top) put the pressure on Dustin Sullivan of Garden City in the quarter-finals of the 119-pound competition at the Southwest Wrestling Classic. Bahe won the match by technical fall 16-0 and went on to win the gold medal.

Photo by Dennis Saint

a tournament hosted by Basehor-Linwood High School in Basehor which is about two miles west of Kansas City north of I-70. Coach

Bahe said this will be the Cowboys' toughest tournament of the season other than the state championships. The junior varsity will be in Hays

that Saturday competing at the Prairie Junior Classic which, Bahe said, will be its toughest competition of the year.

Cowgirls host Atwood Friday, lose big to Colby 69-39

By Tom Betz

The Atwood Lady Buffaloes come to town at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, and the Cowgirls will try to put their mind and try to get back on the winning side.

"I don't know much about Atwood," said Coach Terry Daise. "I am hoping to get to see them when they play tonight. I think we should have a better performance on Friday."

Friday the Cowgirls found themselves in a deep hole within the first few minutes against the Colby Lady Eagles, and never had a chance to climb back. The Cowgirls never had a lead, and the closest they were was 2-2 with 6:40 left in the first.

"This is one of those games we have to put behind us and move on," Coach Daise said. "Not many things went right for us and we missed some easy shots early. Colby's pressure defense is hard to handle, and everytime we had a turnover they seemed to take it down and score."

It seemed like every time the Cowgirls were close to making a good play they would throw the ball away and turn it over to Colby. The full court pressure the Lady Eagles used was troubling to the Cowgirls, and caused several turnovers which they turned into points and led 20-2 with less than two minutes left.

Cowgirl Justeen Koehler got the first basket on a pass from Jessica Osborn early in the first quarter and Kaylee Billinger got the second Goodland basket of the quarter with 25 seconds left. The quarter ended with Colby leading 23-4.

Things looked like they were going to get better in the second when Osborn passed to Cortney Schields underneath and she put it in for the first basket of the quarter.

However, turnovers and more turnovers kept the Cowgirls from getting anything like a run going and they fell behind 34-6 before Whitney Archer hit a 3-point basket, and Osborn got two free throws to at least get the Cowgirl score into double figures. Dani Bedore got a basket with 2:10 left to make it 36-



Cowgirl Justeen Koehler took a shot over the outstretched hands of Colby's Lauren Cox Friday night, but the Cowgirls were defeated, 69-39.

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13. The other scoring in the first half for Goodland was a basket by Ar-

cher and two free throws by Emily Murray and it was 43-17 at the

break.

The Cowgirls started the second half with the ball, and Koehler got a quick basket, but Colby's Jessica Stephens answered with a 3-point basket. Archer got a basket to put Goodland up to 21 points against the 46 for Colby.

Again turnovers by the Cowgirls kept them from getting anything like a run going and when Koehler hit another basket on a pass from Schields it was 23-50 halfway through the third quarter. Archer helped out with another 3-point basket and with 2:50 left Whitney Carmichael put in a basket to make it 28-51.

Murray had the final Cowgirl score of the quarter with 1 minute left to give Goodland and even 30 points. Colby finished the quarter with 59 points.

Before the fourth quarter opened the officials held a conference and then talked to each coach. A few minutes later when the Lady Eagles held a 63-32 lead it was announced that the 30-point rule was being put into effect and that the clock would

run continually.

To their credit the Cowgirls kept trying to make plays and to slow down the Lady Eagles. Archer hit two free throws and another 3-point basket in the final quarter and Bedore got the final basket with 1 minute left to finish the game 69-39.

This may be the Cowgirls' worst loss in many years, and the first time in years that the 30-point rule has been employed.

The loss gives the Cowgirls a 3-3 record, and they have lost their last two games.

Archer was the high scorer for the Cowgirls with 15 points; Koehler and Billinger each had 6; Murray 4; and Osborn, Carmichael and Bedore each had 2.

The Cowgirls had 25 turnovers to 10 for Colby and were out-rebounded 28-15.

Jessica Stephens was high scorer for the Lady Eagles with 20; Emily Sloan 19; Ivy Ramsey 12; Zanae Baird 10; Brittany Kersenbrock and Amanda Seemann each had 3; and Laruen Cox had 2.

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Lady Trojans improve to 16-1

The Colby Community College women's basketball team won its third straight game since the Christmas break defeating Cloud County Community College Saturday evening 72-54.

The Lady Trojans led 27-22 at halftime then outscored the Thunderbirds 45-32 for the win. Cloud County was ranked No. 13 by the latest national basketball poll.

Sophomore Louise McLean led Colby with 20 points followed by

sophomore Jelena Spiric with 13. Sophomore Bojana Samardziska added 11 points for the Trojans. Spiric led the team with seven rebounds.

Last Wednesday Colby defeated Garden City Community College

71-49. Spiric was the Trojans' leading scorer with 23 points. Samardziska scored 16 and sophomore Ivana Drmanac added 10 points. Samardziska led the team with 13 rebounds.

On January 3 Colby defeated

Butler County Community College 81-44 in El Dorado. All 11 players on the roster scored that night led by Spiric with 19. Drmanac scored 12 and Samardziska added 11. McLean led the team with 13 rebounds and had nine points.

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School calendar for Jan. 14 - Jan. 20
Wednesday - "Gold Day", Seminar - Mrs. Melia meeting in conference room, city/county recreation in fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m., GAC in high school gym 7:30 p.m., Central Site Council meeting 4 p.m.
Thursday - "Black Day", Seminar - DECA and FCS, last day of 2nd 9 weeks, wrestlers leaving for Basehor-Linwood, seventh and eighth basketball in Oberlin at 3:30 p.m., junior high wrestling Triangular in Goodland against Oberlin and Quinter at 3:30 p.m.
Friday - No school, Teacher Inservice and workday, varsity wrestling at Basehor-Linwood, C, junior varsity and varsity basketball in Goodland against Atwood 3:45 p.m., DECA Western Region Conference in Great Bend 6 a.m.
Saturday - Varsity wrestling at Basehor-Linwood, junior varsity wrestling in Hays at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday - Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition at high school gym from noon through 3 p.m.
Monday - C team basketball in Goodland against Benkelman 5 p.m.
Tuesday - "Gold Day", Seminar - Stuco, Scholars Bowl at Scott City 3 p.m., Technology Committee meeting 3:45 p.m.

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