

Cowboys win Hays Prairie Senior Classic

The Goodland High School wrestling team won the Hays Prairie Senior Classic this past weekend with three Cowboys winning gold medals.

Freshman Brett Bahe pinned his opponent from St. Francis 31 seconds into the second period in the championship match at 103 pounds. Senior Blaze Bahe also won by pinfall in the first period of the title match for the 119-pound class over his opponent from Ellis. Senior heavyweight Jordan Bedore won a hard-fought 3-1 decision over Tony Lewis of Ulysses.

Juniors Chad Normandin (112 pounds) and Dexter Deeds (125 pounds) both took fourth place in their respective weight class. Junior Brandon Cowan finished fifth at 189 pounds and junior Blake Saint sixth at 140 pounds.

Other Cowboys competing in Hays were seniors Korey Schulte, Mike Zimmerman and Brock Whit-

more; sophomores Brandon Hatfield and Chris Baumfalk; and freshman Jon Cook.

Goodland finished the tournament with 161 total points, four better than Haysville Campus High School of Wichita which had five individual champions. Shawnee Heights was third and Ulysses fourth. The Indians of St. Francis finished in a tie with Hays High for fifth. Nineteen teams competed in the tournament.

Four Cowboy wrestlers competed at the junior varsity tournament in Hill City Saturday earning a second-place and two third-place finishes. Sophomore Justin Holloway took second at 125 pounds.



Blayze Bahe

Junior Ray Brigham (130 pounds) and freshman Josiah Goodley (160 pounds) both finished third. Freshman Brandon Douglas also competed there in the 112-pound class.

The Northwest Kansas League tournament begins at 9:30 (Central Time) Saturday morning at the Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. All-day admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for students (K-12). The championship matches will begin about 5 p.m., admission for just the finals is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Freshman Brett Bahe (right) applied pressure on his opponent from Ellsworth Saturday during one of his preliminary matches on his way to winning the gold medal at 103 pounds.

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Cowgirls take fourth at Orange and Black Classic

By Tom Betz and Greg Stover

The Goodland Cowgirl basketball team finished fourth at the 19th annual Orange and Black Classic last weekend in Colby.

The Eagles of Colby High hosted the tournament with some games played in the school's gymnasium and some at Colby's Community Building. Goodland was one of eight teams from Kansas and Nebraska competing at the 19th Annual classic.

Goodland went 2-1 in the tournament. The Cowgirls lost their first round game to the Lady Redskins of Liberal 58-46 Thursday night at the high school gymnasium. The Cowgirls responded by winning their next two games defeating Ulysses Friday 45-32 and Beloit 57-56 on Saturday.

The Cowgirls are now 6-4 for the season and are in action today against the Blue Jays of Norton High School at Max Jones Fieldhouse today with C team action starting at 4 p.m. Friday they head to Oberlin to play the Red Devils of Decatur Community High School.

Daise said the Koehler injured her ankle last week in practice before the Orange and Black, and he is not sure she will be able to play this week.

Liberal

Against Liberal, freshman Cowgirl Dani Bedore scored the game's first two points and sophomore Justeen Koehler followed with two more to give Goodland an early 4-0 lead. However, the Redskins re-

sponded with 11 straight points and later led 13-8 at the end of the first period.

Liberal kept the lead until Bedore scored four straight points with about two minutes left in the half for a 20-17 Goodland lead, but the Redskins came to score the final five points of the half to lead 22-20 at the break. In the third period Liberal's offense picked up the pace outscoring the Cowgirls 22-12 for a 44-32 lead. Both teams scored 14 points in the fourth period making the final 58-46.

"We did pretty well until the two girls from Liberal got to hitting from the outside," Coach Terry Daise said. "They really lit it up with 3-pointers, and we didn't get out to defend them in time.

"We missed some easy baskets and did not play well in the third quarter. Over all I was pleased with the girls play in the tournament. Anytime you can go 2-1 in a tournament with tough competition I think it is positive."

Bedore led the Cowgirls with 19 points followed by Koehler with 12 and freshman Whitney Archer with 10. Sophomore Melissa Swager and freshman Kaylee Billinger both scored two points, and senior Cortney Schields scored on a free throw.

Ulysses

Friday the Cowgirls took control of the game against the Ulysses Tigers and won 45-32.

Against the Tigers the Cowgirls fell behind early, but a 3-point basket from senior Jessica Osborn tied it up at 9 with under two left in the

quarter. A basket by freshman Emily Murray gave Goodland the lead 11-9 at the end of the quarter.

Using full court pressure the Cowgirls scored the first six points of the second quarter to hold a 17-9 lead before Ulysses' Hope Fry, hit two 3-point baskets to cut the lead to four, 19-15. Archer answered with two 3-point baskets to give Goodland a 25-17 lead with 3:30 left in the half.

A free throw by Bedore and one by Ulysses' Heather Zerr were the final points of the half 26-18.

The Cowgirls kept the pace in the third opening with two quick buckets by Bedore to give them a 12-point lead, and held a 15-point lead at the end of the quarter, 33-18. Ulysses did not score in the third quarter.

Ulysses broke their dry spell in the fourth, but the Cowgirl lead proved to be too much to overcome. With about three minutes left Osborn hit another 3-point basket to give the Cowgirls a 41-25 lead.

The Tigers went on a short last minute run scoring the next six points, but Osborn kept the Cowgirls lead in double figures with a field goal and a free throw, 44-31.

Swager made the final point for the Cowgirls on a free throw with 40 seconds left, and Fry got the final Tiger point on a free throw with 31 seconds left.

Bedore was the leading scorer with 11, Osborn had 10, Archer 9, Swager 5, and Murray 4. Schields, Billinger and Koehler each had 2. The Cowgirls shot 38 percent from

the floor (17/46), hit 33 percent of their 3-point shots (4/12) and 41 percent of their free throws (7/17).

Ulysses hit 22 percent (11/50) from the field, 19 percent of their 3-point shots (3/18) and 70 percent of their free throws (7/10).

Beloit

The game was a see-saw match with five lead changes and three ties in the first half as the Cowgirls battled Beloit for fourth place winning in the final seconds, 57-56.

"It was good to get the win over Beloit," Coach Daise said. "It was a close game, and the girls played good defense. It really helped to get the two 3-point baskets from Osborn in the fourth quarter to get us going, and it seemed to help her confidence too."

Goodland had an early 8-2 lead, but that did not last long as the Lady Trojans came back as the lead changed twice in the final minute of the first quarter. A basket by Goodland's Billinger gave the Cowgirls a 15-14 lead at the end of the first period.

Beloit took the lead to start the second quarter and had a three-point lead, 21-18, with 5:50 left in the half.

The Cowgirls rallied behind a basket by Bedore and free throws by Koehler to tie and retake the lead, and then extend it to a five point lead on free throws by Bedore, Schields and Archer to lead 26-21 with 2:45 left.

The Lady Trojans were not going away and battled back to tie the game at 26 with 1:45 remaining. After the Cowgirls retook the lead

on a basket by Schields the Trojans managed to tie it again with 20 seconds left on free throws to make it 28-28 at the break.

In the third quarter Beloit again took a lead and 3-point baskets by Osborn and Archer tied the game at 36. Beloit answered with a 3-point basket. The Cowgirls battled back to take a 40-39 lead only to see it slip away again.

Beloit went on a short run to lead by seven, 50-43 at the end of the quarter. That was the largest lead of the game for either team.

Osborn opened the fourth with back to back 3-point baskets to make it a one-point game, 50-49. For the next three minutes neither team could seem to get a ball through the hoop as shots rimmed or bounced out until the Cowgirls got a break with 3:20 left and Bedore hit to give Goodland a 51-50 lead.

Beloit got the lead back on a field goal, but a few seconds later that was reversed on two free throws by Bedore to tie the score at 52 and then give Goodland a 53-52 lead. Another Bedore basket seemed to give the Cowgirls some breathing room with a 55-52 lead and 2:22 left.

The Trojans managed to cut it back to a one point lead, 55-54, with 1:40 left, and Coach Daise told the Cowgirls to take some time off the clock. With about 40 seconds left Schields put up a shot, but it was no good and the rebound went to Beloit. Beloit took a time out with 27 seconds left and then took the ball and scored to take a 56-55 lead

with 16 seconds left.

Beloit took another time out to set their defense, and the Cowgirls got their play ready. When Goodland put the ball in play it took eight seconds for it to get to Bedore who drove and put the ball in to give the Cowgirls the lead at 57-56. Bedore was fouled on the shot, but her free throw was no good.

A last second shot for a 3-point basket by Beloit was off the mark and the Cowgirls were the winners of the game and fourth place in the tournament raising their record to 6-4 and Beloit to 7-5.

Bedore was the top scorer for the game with 20 points on eight field goals and four free throws. Osborn had 12 on four 3-point shots. Archer had 12 on three 3-point shots, one field goals and a free throw. Schields had 9 on four field goals and one free throw. Koehler and Billinger each had 2.

The Cowgirls hit 48 percent from the floor (14/29), 64 percent of the 3-point shots (7/11) and 53 percent of their free throws (8/15). Beloit hit 41 percent from the floor (18/44), 36 percent of their 3-point shots (4/11) and 89 percent of their free throws (8/9).

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Wednesday - "Gold Day", City/county recreation in fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m., GAC in high school gym 7:30 p.m.
Thursday - "Black Day", Seminar - Stuco and GRACE, junior varsity and varsity wrestling in Oberlin 5 p.m., C boys, junior varsity and varsity basketball in Goodland against Burlington 4 p.m., GAC in the high school gym 7:30 p.m., seventh and eighth basketball in Quinter 3:30 p.m., junior high wrestling at Colby 3:30 p.m.
Friday - "Gold Day", C boys, junior varsity and varsity basketball in Oberlin 3:45 p.m.
Saturday - Northwest Kansas League wrestling in Oberlin 8:30 a.m., city/county recreation at the Max Jones Fieldhouse 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Snowball Dance 9 p.m. to midnight.
Monday - National Honor Society interviews, junior varsity basketball at Colby Tournament, junior high Scholar's Bowl at Quinter 3 p.m.
Tuesday - "Gold Day", Seminar - American Field Service, junior high wrestling at Cheyenne Wells, Colo. 2 p.m., seventh grade basketball in Scott City 3:30 p.m., eighth grade basketball in Goodland against Scott City 3:30 p.m.

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