## <u>-star-news</u> Cowboys win league tournament by one

The Goodland Cowboys won the 2004 Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament Saturday in Oberlin, besting the Indians of Hoxie High School by one point.

Goodland finished the tournament with 143 points to Hoxie's 142. St. Francis was third with 117 and Colby fourth with 115.

The Cowboys had a top four finisher in all 11 weight classes they entered, including three champions. Freshman Brett Bahe won first at 103 pounds, as did his brother, senior Blayze Bahe at 119 pounds, and senior heavyweight Jordan Bedore. Injuries left Goodland open in three weight classes, but the six points Bedore earned in the tournament's final match gave Goodland the victory.

"Quite honestly, I was amazed by the team's performance," said Coach Randy Bahe, Blayze and Brett's dad.

Junior Chad Normandin earned second place and took home the silver medal at 112 pounds. Sophomore Brandon Hatfield (135 pounds) and Brandon Cowan (189 pounds) both finished third in their weights.

Finishing fourth were junior Dexter Deeds (125 pounds), sophomore Brandon Zelfer (130 pounds), senior Korey Schulte (145 pounds), senior Mike Zimmerman (152 pounds) and freshman Jon Cook



Sophomore Brandon Zelfer (above, top) maintained the advantage over Atwood's Robert Binning during most of their match at 130 pounds. Zelfer won by major decision 14-4 and went on to earn fourth place and help Goodland win the Northwest Kansas League tournament Saturday in Oberlin. Photos by Dennis Saint/The Goodland Star-News

(160 pounds).

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Bahe said he was pleased with the wrestled extremely well. team. He said Hatfield, Zimmer-

good weekend.

another by Bedore make it 14-8 at

In the second quarter, the Lady

run to make it 21-12 before Burl-

ington got another score with 5 min-

Cowgirl Jessica Osborn, who had

Two days before the tournament, triangular meet, where they deweight class to fill in for the injured 43-25 and Quinter 60-6. The meet pounds) and Bedore all pinning

Brett Schields," he said, "and was rescheduled from Dec. 16 because of weather.

Against the Red Devils of Oberman and especially Zelfer all had a the Cowboys were in Oberlin for a lin, Goodland won 9 of 14 matches with Brett Bahe (103 pounds), "Brandon (Zelfer) stepped up a feated Decatur Community High Deeds (125 pounds), Cowan (189

130 pounds, while two of the Cowboys' losses was by forfeit. Bahe said both Whitmore and Hatfield wrestled well against Oberlin.

the league tourney.

their opponent.

Against the Quinter Bulldogs, the varsity tournament starting at 8 a.m.

to a 15-point lead, 57-42, with five

minutes remaining. The Oberlin

girls began hitting, and went on a

12-0 run to cut the lead to three

Goodland took a time out to re-

group, and coming back on the

floor, the girls got a basket and then

two free throws by Bedore to break

the Oberlin run and give them some

breathing space with a 61-54 lead.

minute remaining to make it 63-56,

and Bedore went to the free throw

line for two shots with five seconds

The Devils weren't done. They

worked the ball down the court

quickly and put up a 3-point shot at

left to make it 65-58.

Osborn got a lay-up with one

Blayze Bahe won his match at

119 pounds by major decision 16-

2. Senior Brock Whitmore (135

pounds) won his match by decision,

as did Normandin and Hatfield at

112 pounds and 140 pounds. Good-

land's other win was by forfeit at

Cowboys won 10 of the 11 matches, seven by forfeit. Zimmerman and Cook both won their matches with pins, and sophomore Chris Baumfalk won at 171 pounds by a 6-4 decision. Goodland's one loss was by forfeit. Neither team put up a wrestler in three of the 14 weights.

The Cowboys will in action again Friday, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse, against the St. Francis Indians in a dual meet. Saturday, Max Jones will see a junior

## Cowgirls win two; tame Cougars, rope Red Devils

## By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News The Cowgirls notched two wins for the week, defeating the Burlington Lady Cougars 70-48 on Thursday, and Friday they made it two straight with a 65-61 win over the Lady Red Devils of Oberlin to give them an 8-5 record.

This week, the Cowgirls travel to St. Francis on Friday and play Hays High School here on Saturday. The game in St. Francis will start at 3:45 p.m. Mountain Time, and the game Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse will tip off at 6 p.m.

"St. Francis does not have a good record," Coach Terry Daise said, "but they have been playing better in every game, and we will be on their home court. I expect to be a good game.

in the first quarter. They battled win, 70-48. back to tie with 3:40 remaining.

"We played pretty well and put pressure on them," Coach Daise Neither team could hold onto the ball, but Goodland's Dani Bedore said. "We played 13 girls. We got got a steal and lay-up to give the started a little slow, but did better Cowgirls a 10-8 lead with 1 minute after we got going.'

At total of 10 Cowgirls scored in A basket by Megan Leonard and the game. Bedore was high scorer with 17 points, and Archer had 16. Emily Murray had 8, Osborn and Cortney Schields 7, Leonard 6, Cougars cut the lead to 2, 14-12, but Frazier 4, Nicolette Clancy and the Cowgirls went on a seven point Melissa Swager 2 and Whitney Carmichael 1.

The Cowgirls hit 44 percent (22/ 50) of their field goals, 33 percent (2/6) of their 3-point shots and 67 the opening basket of the game, hit percent (20/30) of their free throws. a 3-pointer with 2 minutes left to The Lady Cougars hit 30 percent make it 33-19, and then got an as- (16/53) from the field, 75 percent sist a few seconds later with a pass (3/4) of 3-point shots and 33 percent to Jordan Frazier, who hit a basket (7/21) of their free throws. The "Hays will be a challenge for us. to make it 35-19. Whitney Archer Cowgirls out rebounded the Lady They will bring a pretty good team got the last basket of the half for the Cougars 34-28. The Cowgirls had the end of the half. in Saturday, and have some really Cowgirls, giving them a 38-21 lead. 23 turnovers to 25 for Burlington. Friday, the Cowgirls traveled to Oberlin to face the Lady Red Devheading into the final eight minutes. ils, and despite a slow start and Oberlin's fast finish, Goodland came out with a 65-61 win. With three minutes gone in the

first quarter the Cowgirls found fourth quarter, the Cowgirls built up our press. themselves down by eight, 10-2, but baskets by Archer and a 3-point shot by Osborn cut it to one with three minutes left. Thirty seconds later a 3-point basket by Archer gave points, 57-54, with under three min-Goodland a 13-11 lead. Kaylee utes left. Billinger had a basket and a free throw to make it 16-12 with 90 seconds left, and Leonard hit two free throws to make it 18-15 at the end of the quarter.

Opening the second quarter, Bedore hit two free throws and then Emily Murray hit a basket and three free throws to make it 27-18 with five minutes left in the quarter.

Every time the Red Devils would seem to get a little steam, the Cowgirls would respond and keep the lead behind 3-point shots from Osborn and a basket by Bedore to the buzzer that went in to make it a make it a nine-point lead, 36-27, at 65-61 final.

In the third quarter, the Lady Cou- team, and felt we could play against

Junior Chad Normandin (above, left) tried to force Colby's Travis

Powell to the mat during the 112-pound title match Saturday. Al-

though Travis eventually won the match, Normandin's second-

place finish was an important factor in Goodland's team victory at

"We allowed them back in the game in the fourth quarter, but after we took the time out the girls settled down and took control of the last few minutes."

Bedore was the high scorer for the Cowgirls with 23, and Osborn and Archer each had 11. Murray finished with 7, Billinger, 5, and Schields, Justeen Koehler, Leonard and Carmichael each had 2.

The Cowgirls his 35 percent (17/ 48) of their field goals, 50 percent (5/10) of their 3-point shots and 64 percent (16/25) of their free throws. The Lady Red Devils hit 40 percent (20/50) from the field, 15 percent (4/26) of their 3-point shots and 45 percent (9/20) of their free throws. The Lady Red Devils out rebounded the Cowgirls 34-20. The Cowgirls had 28 turnovers to 20 for "We knew Oberlin had a good Oberlin.

quick guards. This will be a tough game for us.

"We have some tough ones coming up."

Thursday, the Cowgirls took the opening lead, but fell behind early

In the third quarter, the Cowgirls kept hitting and held a 54-35 lead In the final quarter, the Cowgirls

stayed focused and played well at both ends of the court to cement the

gars could not manage to cut into the lead as the Cowgirls matched them basket for basket. The Goodland girls ran up an 11-point lead, 48-37, going into the final quarter.

them," Coach Daise said. "We put pressure on them from the outside because we felt they were not a good 3-point shooting team. We were able to break their press fairly eas-In the opening minutes of the ily and we got some turnovers from

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