

# Cowboys in Abilene today for regionals

**By Greg Stover**  
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 The Goodland High School wrestling team will be in Abilene today to compete in the Class 4A regional tournament.

The field comprises 14 teams from northern Kansas, including the Cowboys and the Colby Eagles. The first four rounds will be today, with Round 1 starting at 2 p.m. (Central Time). Action continues Saturday with Round 5, the championship semi-finals, starting at 11 a.m. The championship finals will start around 6:30 p.m.

Goodland is sending 13 wrestlers to Abilene, five of whom are among the top six in their weight class in the latest rankings by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association:

•Senior Jordan Bedore is ranked No. 1 at heavyweight with a 24-0

record.

•Freshman Brett Bahe is ranked No. 2 at 103 pounds and has a 26-2 record.

•His brother, senior Blayze Bahe at 119 pounds ranked No. 3 with a 28-1 record.

•Junior Dexter Deeds at 125 pounds also is ranked No. 3 at 17-9 for the season.

•Junior Brandon Cowan is ranked No. 5 at 23-9.

Bedore has been the state champion at 215 pounds the past two years. Last year, Deeds finished second at 125 pounds and Blayze Bahe fourth at 119 pounds.

The other Cowboys competing at Abilene are junior Chad Normandin at 112 pounds (17-14), sophomore Brandon Zelfer at 130 pounds (10-7), sophomore Brandon Hatfield at 135 pounds (16-12), junior



Cowan

160 pounds (10-16) and sophomore Mark Starr at 215 (2-3).

Sophomore Chris Baumfalk is recovering from a shoulder injury and will not compete. He finished the season 7-7 at 171 pounds.

“We had a good week at practice,” said Coach Randy Bahe. “I felt really good and excited about our efforts after every night’s practice.”

Abilene is the defending state

champion and returns two individual champions. The Abilene Cowboys have three No. 1 ranked wrestlers, one ranked No. 2 and another ranked No. 5. Colby, which won the state title in 2001, has four wrestlers ranked in the top six in their weight classes.

The top four wrestlers in each weight from each of the four regional tournaments will advance to the state championship in Wichita on Feb. 27-28.

“I really feel good about this team,” Bahe said. “I have all year. We’ve got a great group of wrestlers this year. I know they’re going to give everything they’ve got, and if they do that, we’re going to get very good results.”

Last Friday, the Cowboys finished their regular season with a 37-22 win over Oakley. Goodland won

seven of the 11 matches wrestled. Goodland forfeited at 189 pounds and Oakley forfeited at 215 and heavyweight.

Goodland won the first three matches, all by decision, charging out to a 9-0 lead. Brett Bahe (103 pounds) won 5-0, Normandin (112 pounds) 4-0 and Blayze Bahe (119 pounds) won 9-2.

Oakley’s Levi Younkin defeated Deeds 4-3 at 125 pounds to make the team score 9-3. Younkin is ranked No. 2 in Class 1-2-3A.

The Cowboys won the next three matches to increase their lead to 21-3. Zelfer at 130 pounds, Hatfield, at 135 pounds, and Saint at 140 pounds all won their matches by major decision 11-1, 11-0 and 9-1.

At 145 pounds, Shawn Kuhlman of the Plainsmen pinned Schulte to make the score 21-9. Kuhlman is

ranked No. 6 by the association.

Zimmerman defeated his opponent at 152 pounds 13-0, a major decision, to make it 25-9. Oakley won the next two matches, with Jeff Daniels defeating Cook at 160 pounds 12-5 and Kyle Rietcheck defeating freshman Josiah Goodley at 171 by major decision 9-0, earning the Plainsmen seven points. Daniels is ranked No. 4.

With the score 25-16, Goodland forfeited at 189 pounds to make it 25-22 then Oakley forfeited at 215 pounds and heavyweight making the final score 37-22.

Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast the Cowboys’ matches beginning at 1 p.m. today and Saturday. Coverage will switch to KWGB (97.9 FM) on both days between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. depending on round progression.

## Cowgirls fall to Eagles 68-44

The Goodland Cowgirls dropped their fourth straight basketball game Tuesday 68-44 against the Colby Eagles at the Colby Community Building.

Goodland stayed within striking range through most of the first half trailing 14-11 after the first period and 31-26 at the break. Colby scored 34 points in the third period to just seven for the Cowgirls, creating a hole the Goodland girls could not get out of. With the score 65-33, the officials enforced the 30-point rule, running the clock continuously, except for timeouts, for the rest of the game.

Just 13 seconds into the game, senior Jessica Osborn picked up her first foul, sending Colby’s Emily Sloan to the free throw line for two shots. She missed the first but made the second.

The Cowgirls got their only lead of the game when sophomore Justeen Koehler next scored a basket to make the score 2-1.

The Eagles scored the next five points and never trailed again. Koehler was fouled making a basket and the successful free throw made the score 6-5. After that, the Eagles scored four straight points for a 10-5 lead. Next, freshman Dani Bedore scored four straight to get the Cowgirls back to within one at 10-9. However the Eagles kept the advantage, leading 14-11 after one period.

After an exchange of baskets to open the second period, Colby scored six straight points to take a 22-13 lead. The Cowgirls kept fighting back and a layup by Osborn in the period’s final seconds got them back to within five at halftime 31-26. Bedore scored eight of



Freshman Whitney Archer (left) drove the ball down the court as freshman Emily Murray got set to block an opponent Tuesday night against the Lady Eagles of Colby.

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Goodland’s 15 points in the quarter.

The Eagles opened the third period by scoring 13 straight points, then later with the score 46-30 scored 14 straight to take a 30-point lead 60-30. Colby scored five of the next eight points to close the period with the Eagles leading 65-33.

With Colby leading by 32 to start the fourth period, the 30-point rule was put into effect and the clock ran continuously except for one timeout called by Colby. The Eagles emptied their bench to give reserves

some playing time.

Although the Cowgirls outscored Colby 11-3, the Eagles’ lead was too much to overcome. The win improved the Eagles’ overall record to 17-1 as Goodland evened its record at 9-9.

The Cowgirls will be in Hoxie today to face the Lady Indians and face the Lady Eagles of Hugoton on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Both games will tip-off about 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time).

## Cost of city repairs may exceed \$100,000

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overhaul that engine last year. ...

“I am concerned about this as we get closer to summer. We have no idea how long the repairs to Engine 8 will take, and we could be in serious trouble if we were to lose Engine 11. We would not be able to handle the power load for the city if something should happen to our seven-mile transmission line.”

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked what other power plants are doing.

Pickman said several power plants have replaced engines recently at a cost of about \$7 million for the entire plant.

“What about alternatives like wind power?” Daniels asked.

“We have been told that wind power in this area is about 30 percent efficient,” Pickman said. “That means you have a good supply for 30 percent of the time.”

“We are looking at all options. This is vital to us.”

At the airport, Pickman said the city has been told it should pass a height restriction zoning ordinance, which is allowed under Kansas law.

This would restrict the height of

buildings and towers within 10,000 feet of the airport runways. A proposed communications tower might cause problems, he said.

“As to the tower that is being proposed, the first look by the Federal Aviation Administration turned it down, but the project was reviewed again and the permit was allowed,” Pickman said. “We have protested the location, but have not heard a final determination. This would not be a question is we had the zoning ordinance in place.

“The federal people keep saying it is up to the city to protect the air space around the airport, and there are legal means to handle this.

“We need to address it now rather than later. If we do not do this properly, we could be in violation of the federal regulations, and a court could decide we would have to pay to have the object moved or torn down.”

Commissioner Chuck Lutters, acting as mayor in the absence of Rick Billinger, said it would be a good idea to explain to the county commissioners what action the city is considering, since it was a subject at the recent joint meeting.

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10:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Syracuse at Georgetown. (Live) (CC)	10:00 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Duke at Maryland. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Creighton at Kent. (Live) (CC)	10:30 22/56 ESPN PBA Bowling Days Inn Open. From Dallas. (Live) (CC)
10:30 40/38 FX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Rockingham, N.C. (Live)	11:00 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live) (CC)
11:00 4/6 ABC College Basketball Florida State at North Carolina or Louisville at Cincinnati. (Live)	13/7 FOX NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — Subway 400. From North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham, N.C. (Live) (CC)
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	60/89 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana UNAM vs. Chiapas. (En Vivo)
12:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Notre Dame at Connecticut. (Live) (CC)	<b>AFTERNOON</b>
22/56 ESPN College Basketball Dayton at Xavier. (Live) (CC)	12:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Wisconsin at Michigan. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Nebraska at Iowa State. (Live)	54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Texas at Texas Tech. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Manhattan at Wisconsin-Milwaukee. (Live) (CC)	1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Colorado Crush at Chicago Rush. (Live) (CC)
1:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Nissan Open — Third Round. From Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Live) (CC)	1:30 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Nissan Open — Final Round. From Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Live) (CC)
40/38 FX NASCAR Nextel Cup Happy Hour (Live)	2:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Maryland at Duke. (Live) (CC)
2:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Stanford at UCLA. (Live) (CC)	22/56 ESPN NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Live) (CC)
22/56 ESPN College Basketball Illinois at Penn State. (Live) (CC)	3:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Tipoff (Live)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Oklahoma State at Colorado. (Live)	3:30 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Washington at North Carolina State. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball College of Charleston at Western Michigan. (Live) (CC)	4:30 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	5:00 22/56 ESPN NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns. From America West Arena in Phoenix. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Gonzaga at Tulsa. (Live) (CC)	54/57 ESPN2 NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild. From the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
5:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Alabama-Birmingham at Memphis. (Live) (CC)	
5:30 30/55 FXSP NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Miami Heat. From the American Airlines Arena in Miami. (Subject to Blackout)	



Go Cowboys & Cowgirls!

Goodland High School

**Wrestling** Today and Sat., Regionals in Abilene; Fri. and Sat. Feb 27 and 28, State Wrestling in Wichita.

**Basketball** Today, "C", junior varsity and varsity in Hoxie 3:45 p.m., Sat., junior varsity and varsity in Goodland against Hugoton 3 p.m.

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