

Goodland wrestlers win regional

Four Cowboys bring home gold, seven move on to state tournament Friday

The Goodland High School wrestling team won its Class 4A regional tournament Saturday and will send seven wrestlers to the state championships in Wichita on Friday.

"It was a very tough regional," said Coach Randy Bahe. "We knew it would be going into it. I'm very pleased with the team's performance again. I felt they wrestled as well as they possibly could."

Schools competing at this regional in Abilene have won every Class 4A title since 1997, with Abilene winning in 1998, 1999 and 2003; Goodland in 1997 and 2000; Colby in 2001; and Clay Center in 2002.

Four Cowboys earned first place and brought home the gold medal in their weight class:

- Freshman Brett Bahe at 103 pounds
- Senior Blayze Bahe at 119 pounds
- Junior Dexter Deeds at 125 pounds
- Senior Jordan Bedore, heavyweight

"Blayze had an outstanding match in the final, beating the only wrestler he lost to this season," said Coach Bahe. "Jordan is having a great year."

Coach Bahe said Brett Bahe and Deeds also had outstanding matches. He said Deeds' opponent in the final had defeated a wrestler from Abilene in the previous round to whom Deeds lost to earlier in the season.

Junior Chad Normandin placed third at 112 pounds, and juniors Blake Saint (140 pounds) and Brandon Cowan (189 pounds) finished fourth.

Coach Bahe said Normandin had



Junior Blake Saint (top) struggled with Abilene's Brice Dawson in their second-round match at 140 pounds. Dawson won in overtime 10-8, sending Saint to the consolation bracket, where he won his next two matches. He lost in the match for third-place 4-0 to Royal Valley's Steven Goodman, finishing fourth and earning a trip to state.

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an outstanding match — defeating Colby's Travis Powell, who beat him twice during the season — to advance to the third-place match. Bahe said Saint and Cowan wrestled extremely well. He said Cowan had a tough road to qualifying through the consolation bracket after losing his first match, but he stepped up his performance and came through.

Coach Bahe said every Cowboy wrestler won at least one match and scored points for the team.

Senior Corey Schulte (145 pounds) and sophomores Brandon Hatfield (135 pounds) and Mark

Starr (215) pounds each went 2-2 for the tournament and were one match away from qualifying for state. Senior Mike Zimmerman (152 pounds), sophomore Brandon Zelfer (130 pounds) and freshman Jon Cook (160 pounds) all finished 1-2.

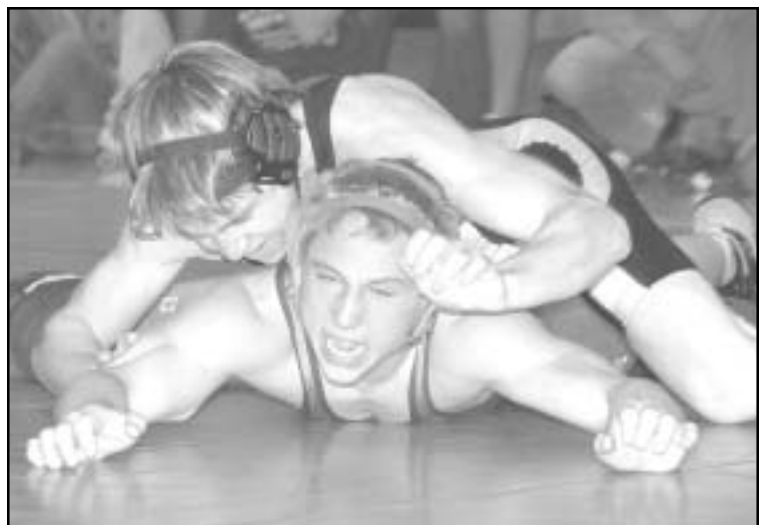
Goodland earned 163 points to take first place, followed by Clay Center with 149. Santa Fe Trail of Carbondale was third with 141 points. The host school, Abilene, finished fourth with 131.

The Colby Eagles were fifth and will send six wrestlers to state. Sophomore Cole Garcia took first

at 130 pounds. Junior Daniel Tribbles placed second at 103 pounds as did sophomore Taylor Finley at 135.

Three Colby wrestlers finished third, seniors Schuyler Sharpe at 152 pounds, Tucker Olsen at 171 pounds and Theo Kleinsorge at 215 pounds.

The Class 4A championship tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the Kansas Coliseum, 1229 E. 85th St. North, Wichita. Action on both days begins at 9 a.m. (Central Time). The championships matches are expected to start about 6:30 p.m. Saturday.



Senior Blayze Bahe (top) won a decision over Abilene's Tanner Dawson for the gold medal at 119 pounds. Dawson was the only wrestler to defeat Bahe so far this season.



Senior Jordan Bedore (top) pinned Daniel Shively of Santa Fe Trail High School in their semi-final heavyweight match. Bedore pinned Royal Valley's William DelToro in the final to earn the gold medal.



Freshman Brett Bahe (top) pinned Abilene's Matt Rein in their semi-final match at 103 pounds. Bahe defeated Colby's Daniel Tribbles 2-0 in the title match.



Junior Chad Normandin (top) had the advantage but was later pinned by Lorenzo Mundy of Santa Fe Trail in their quarterfinal match at 112 pounds. Mundy went on to win the gold. Normandin won both his matches in the consolation bracket to finish third and earn a trip to state.



Junior Brandon Cowan (top) pinned Jarod Shiley of Hayden High School of Topeka in their second-round match in the consolation bracket at 189 pounds. After losing in the first round, Cowan won two straight matches before losing in the third-place match to finish fourth and advance to the state meet.

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School calendar for Feb. 25 - March 2

Wednesday - "Gold Day"; Spelling Bee in the high school auditorium 1 p.m.; Sophomores take on-line State Math Assessment Test parts 1 and 2 in the library during math class.

Thursday - "Black Day"; Seminar - DECA and FCS; City/county recreation in the high school gym 7:30 p.m.; 1A Regional basketball at fieldhouse; Sophomores take on-line State Math Assessment Test parts 3 and 4 in the library during math class; seventh grade basketball League Tournament in St. Francis 2 p.m.; eighth grade basketball League Tournament in Colby 2 p.m.

Friday - "Gold Day"; State wrestling in Wichita; 1A Regional basketball at fieldhouse; Sophomores take on-line State Math Assessment Test parts 3 and 4 in the library during math class.

Saturday - State wrestling in Wichita; 1A Regional basketball at fieldhouse.

Sunday - Colby Community College Orchestra in the high school auditorium noon to 5 p.m.

Monday - First day of practice for Spring Sports; Sub-State Basketball Week.

Tuesday - "Gold Day"; Seminar - Stuco; 1 p.m.; GAC in high school gym 7:30 p.m.; Central Spring pictures 8 a.m.

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