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Cowboys battle for state title in Wichita

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Goodland High could win its second Class 4A state championship of the school year at the state wrestling tournament starting today at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita.

Seven Cowboys wrestlers, their coaches and supporters left Thursday morning. The first round started at 9 a.m. today.

Freshman Brett Bahe, ranked No. 2 at 103 pounds by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association, was to face Dustin Bowen of Rose Hill High School in the first round. Bahe is 29-2 for the season; Bowen is 22-11. Andale's Blake Fisher, last year's state runner-up, is ranked No. 1 and is also 29-2. Fisher is in the other side of the bracket, setting up a possible No. 1 versus No. 2 final.

Cowboys Junior Chad Normandin, 18-16 for the season, wrestles Zach Davis of Basehor-Linwood in the first round at 112 pounds. Andale's Issac Wall, ranked No. 1 by the association, is 28-3 and was third last year at 103 pounds. He could face Normandin in the second round.

Senior Blayze Bahe, ranked No. 3 at 119 pounds, will face Robert Lopez of Chapman in the first round. Bahe is 31-1 and Lopez is 11-13. Bahe placed fourth last year. Top-ranked Ross Devoe of Columbus High School, the defending state champion at 103 pounds, is 25-1. He and Bahe could meet in the semifinals.

Goodland Junior Dexter Deeds, ranked No. 2 at 125 pounds, is 21-9 for the season. He faces Tanner Stuckey of Scott City in the first round. Deeds was the state runner-up last year at 112 pounds. Abilene's Luke Geske, who is 28-6, is the top-ranked wrestler by the association and was last year's state runner-up. Deeds and Geske could meet in the title match.

Junior Blake Saint will take on Clay Page of Osawatomie in the first round at 140 pounds. Saint is 25-13 for the season and Page 17-2. Jeremy Hill of Rose Hill is ranked No. 1 by the association. He is the



Wrestlers, coaches and cheerleaders got a memorable send-off about 7 a.m. Thursday morning from their families, supporters and the Goodland Ambassadors. The Ambassadors gave each of the travelers a "goodie bag" for the trip to the state cham-

pionships in Wichita. Action was to start at 9 a.m. today in the Kansas Coliseum. Seven Cowboys qualified for the state tournament.

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defending state champion at 135 pounds and is 26-2 this season.

Junior Brandon Cowan, ranked No. 5 at 189 pounds, faces Ryan Seger of Ulysses in the first round. Seger is ranked No. 4 and is 32-9. Cowan is 26-11. Jacob Marrs of Clay Center, the top-ranked wrestler, placed fourth last year at 171 pounds and is 28-2.

Senior Jordan Bedore, the state's top-ranked heavyweight, faces Darrell Kimzey of Prairie View High School in the first round. Bedore is 26-0 and Kimzey 25-12. Tony Lewis of Ulysses, is ranked

No. 2 with a 32-3 record and is in the opposite side of the bracket, setting up a possible final match between two defending state champions. Lewis is the defending state heavyweight champion and Bedore won at 215 the past two years. The last time the two met, Bedore took a 3-1 decision.

Coach Randy Bahe said most of the competition for the state team title will come from the teams the Cowboys faced at the regional tournament. However, he said Columbus is another team that could challenge for the trophy.

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11:00 4/6 ABC College Basketball Regional Coverage — Memphis at Louisville or Wake Forest at Maryland. (Live)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Oklahoma at Oklahoma State. (Live)

AFTERNOON

12:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Texas Tech at Texas. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball East Tennessee State at College of Charleston. (Live) (CC)
12:30 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Connecticut at Villanova. (Live) (CC)
1:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship — Semifinals. From La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Missouri. (Live)
2:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Gymnastics Visa American Cup. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live) (CC)
7/11 CBS College Basketball Notre Dame at UCLA. (Live) (CC)
2:30 22/56 ESPN College Gamenight (Live) (CC)
3:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Cincinnati at Charlotte. (Live) (CC)
4:00 30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Brigham Young at Utah. (Live)
4:30 54/57 ESPN2 Track and Field U.S. Indoor Championships. From Boston. (Live) (CC)
5:00 2/2 PBS High School Wrestling 321A Quarter Finals. (Live)
22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Ohio State at Michigan. (Live) (CC)
10:30 22/56 ESPN PBA Bowling Baby Ruth Real Deal Classic. From O'Fallon, Ill. (Live)

(CC)
11:00 60/89 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana América vs. San Luis. (En Vivo)
11:30 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Purdue at Penn State. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

12:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship — Final. From La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. (Live) (CC)
7/11 CBS College Basketball Oklahoma at Kansas. (Live) (CC)
22/56 ESPN IRL Racing Toyota Indy 300. From Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. (Live) (CC)
1:00 3/9 NBC Arena Football New York Dragons at Arizona Rattlers. From America West Arena in Phoenix. (Live) (CC)
8/8 NBC Arena Football Chicago Rush at Indiana Firebirds. From Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Kansas State at Texas. (Live)
2:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Kentucky at LSU. (Live) (CC)
22/56 ESPN NHL Hockey Regional Coverage — Los Angeles Kings at Anaheim Mighty Ducks or Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders. (Live) (CC)
3:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Tipoff (Live)
3:30 30/55 FXSP College Basketball North Carolina at North Carolina State. (Live)
4:00 54/57 ESPN2 Track and Field U.S. Indoor Championships. From Boston. (Live) (CC)
4:40 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
5:00 54/57 ESPN2 NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
5:30 22/56 ESPN NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Philadelphia 76ers. From the

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