

Cowboy wrestlers take third at state

The Goodland High School wrestling team placed third at the Class 4A state tournament in Wichita this weekend, with three Cowboys bringing home gold medals. Seniors Blayze Bahe and Jordan Bedore and junior Dexter Deeds won their weight classes by taking four straight matches.

At 119 pounds, Bahe quickly won his first two matches, pinning Robert Lopez of Chapman in 33 seconds, then pinning Jake Dozier of Pratt in 48 seconds. In the semifinal match, Bahe bested Columbus' Ross Devoe in a 4-3 decision. Bahe faced Tanner Dawson of Abilene in the finals pinning him 47 seconds into the second period. Deeds won his first match at 125 pounds by pinning Scott City's Tanner Stucky in 59 seconds. In the quarterfinals, Deeds pinned Aaron Ellis of Columbus with just 25 seconds left in the third period. Deeds won a 4-2 decision over Judd Schroeder of Andale in their semifinal match, then defeated Joey Ortiz of Ulysses 5-4 in the championship.

In the first round of the heavy-weight competition, Bedore pinned Prairie View's Darrell Limzey with just a second left in the first period. Next Bedore pinned Steve Stewart of Andale in 54 seconds. In the semifinals, Bedore won a 7-2 decision over Tad Greer of El Dorado to set up the much-anticipated final against Ulysses' Tony Lewis.

Bedore took a 2-0 lead in the first period with a takedown, but Lewis scored on an escape to make it 2-1, which is how the first period ended. Bedore had the top position in the second period, but could not make much progress. The referee called a stalemate with 40 seconds left. Starting again from the down position, Lewis scored a reversal with 15 seconds left and held a 3-2 lead after two periods.

Bedore started the third period in the down position and 30 seconds later escaped to tie the score at 3. Twenty-two seconds later, he scored on a takedown to make it 5-3.

Bedore scored three points with a near fall to increase his lead to 8-3. Lewis fought back and scored on a reversal late in the match to make the final score 8-5.

This was the fourth time the two wrestlers met this season, with Bedore winning them all. Bedore was the only one to defeat Lewis this season.

Freshman Brett Bahe finished fourth at 103 pounds, defeating Dustin Bowen of Rose Hill 7-2 in the first round, then Scott City's Nicholas Keough 12-0 in the quarterfinals. Bahe lost a 3-0 decision to Chet Mercer of Columbus in their semifinal match.

In the consolation bracket, Brett defeated Colby's Daniel Tibbles 5-1 to advance to the third-place match. There he lost to Josh Hinman of Parsons 8-5.

Junior Chad Normandin, at 112 pounds, lost his first round match 6-2 to Zach Davis of Basehor-Linwood, then lost in the consolation bracket to Josh Sharp of Fort Scott.

At 140 pounds, junior Blake Saint was pinned by Osawatomie's Clay Page in the first round then lost to Scott City's Rees McKinney by major decision 11-0 in the consolation bracket.

In the first round, at 189 pounds, junior Brandon Cowan lost to Ryan Seger of Ulysses 5-3, then to Lansing's Ryan Civils in the consolation bracket by major decision 14-0.

Scott City won the team title with 109 points, although only one of its wrestlers made it to the title round. The Beavers had 12 wrestlers at the tournament. The state runner-up was Abilene, the defending state champion, with 99.5 points. Goodland earned 93 points.

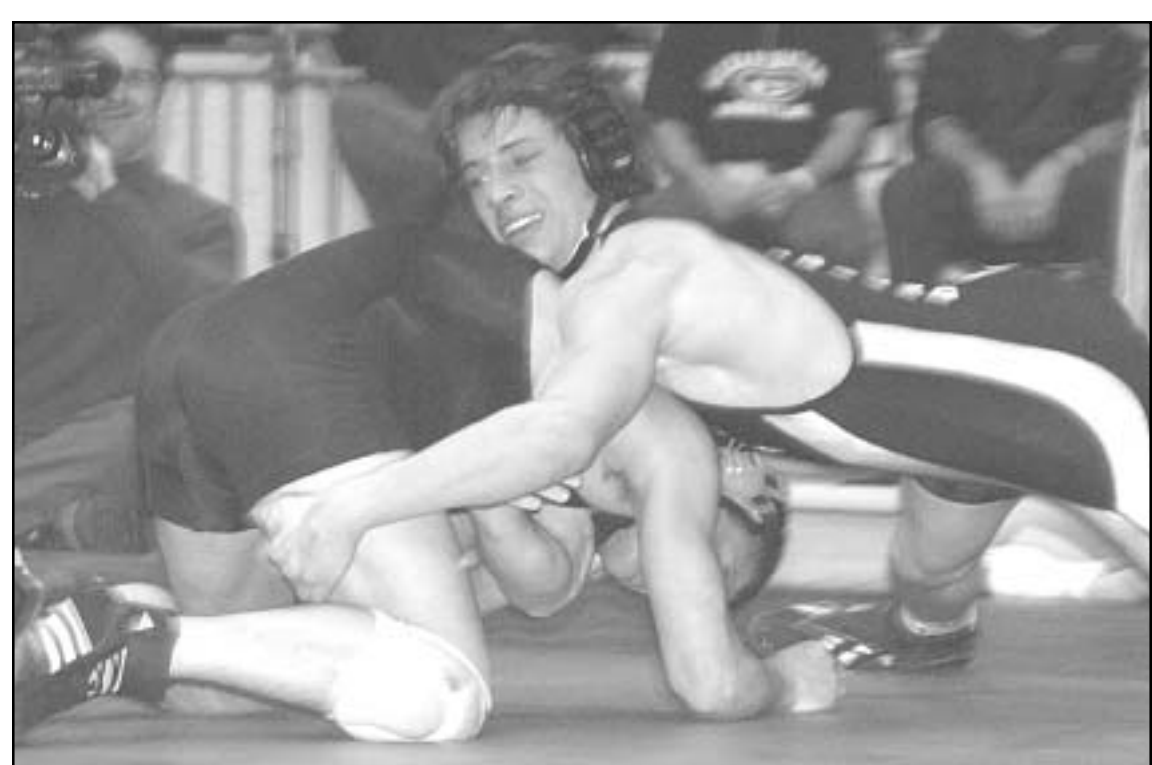
The Colby Eagles were eighth with 70 points. Colby's Cole Garcia placed second at 130 pounds, losing a 2-0 decision to Abilene senior Jake Kriegbaum.

Kriegbaum avenged his only loss of the season, last week at the re-



Senior Blayze Bahe (above, under) got Abilene's Tanner Dawson in position for a pin as the referee kept close watch in the 119-pound Class 4A championship match Saturday in Wichita. Bahe pinned his opponent 47 seconds into the second period to win the gold medal. Junior Dexter Deeds (on top in right photo) got the advantage over Joey Ortiz of Ulysses in their title match at 125 pounds. Deeds won a hard-fought 5-4 decision to become state champion.

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sports shorts

Former Cowgirl moves up to NCAA Division II

Former Cowgirls softball player Cody Pettibone, a junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, in her first season with the Lady Lopers has started the first 11 games at shortstop.

Pettibone, batting .231 for the season, leads the team in home runs with three and is second in runs scored with eight.

With the Colby Community College Lady Trojans the past two seasons, she was a second team West Division All-Conference pick last season and a honorable mention in 2001.

The Lopers are 6-5 for the season and 5-1 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference after sweeping all four games from the Colorado School of Mines this weekend. Nebraska-Kearney was picked No. 1

in the conference preseason poll.

Pettibone, a 2001 graduate of Goodland High School, is the daughter of Greg and Sally Pettibone of Kanorado. As a Cowgirl, she earned letters in volleyball, basketball and track and field.

The Lopers travel to Hays next week for a doubleheader March 10 against the Lady Tigers of Fort Hays State. The Tigers are 3-3 for the season.

Youth basketball in Colby this month, Goodland in April

Two Mid-America Youth Basketball tournaments are coming up.

Colby will be the host of a tournament March 20-21 for third through eighth-grade boys and girls teams. Deadline for registration is Friday. For information, call (785) 462-3736.

Goodland will have a tournament April 3-4 for third- through 12th-grade boys and girls teams. The deadline is Friday, March 19. For information, call (785) 890-7242.

Teams in either tournament are guaranteed three games. Mid-America Youth Basketball started in 1993 with 68 teams, growing to 4,000 teams last year. It now offers more than 200 tournaments a year in more than 20 states.

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School calendar for March 3 - March 9

Wednesday - "Black Day"; Baseball meeting in the high school cafe 6:30 p.m.; city/county recreation in the fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m.; West spring pictures 8 a.m.; Elementary Bank Day; PDC meeting 3:45 p.m.; substate basketball.

Thursday - "Gold Day"; Seminar - FCCLA; NEAG, ITV room 6 a.m.; GAC in high school gym 7:30 p.m.; Girls Sub-State basketball at Ulysses; North spring pictures 8 a.m.

Friday - "Black Day"; Boys Sub-State basketball at Ulysses.

Saturday - Sub-State basketball at Ulysses; Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference.

Sunday - Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference.

Monday - Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference; State Assessments; track rules meeting in Oakley at 6:30 p.m.; Board of Education meeting at Administration Building 7 p.m.

Tuesday - "Black Day"; Seminar - Girls Athletic Association and G-Club; Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference. State Assessments; junior high Scholar's Bowl at Oberlin 3 p.m.; West Site Council meeting 4 p.m.

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