

Three Cowgirls make all-league

Three Cowgirls basketball players received all-league honors from the Northwest Kansas League for their performance this winter.

Dani Bedore was the only freshman among the 11 players named to the All-League team. Bedore was the Cowgirls' leading scorer, finishing the season with 345 points, more than 16 points per game. She was also led in rebounds with 116.

Senior Jessica Osborn and freshman Whitney Archer both received honorable mentions for the all-league team. Osborn was fourth on the Cowgirls' scoring list with 142 points. She led the team with 90 assists and 50 steals. Osborn scored 12 points for the "Light Jerseys" at the Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Classic on Sunday.

Archer was second on the Goodland team in scoring with 249 points. She was the Cowgirls' best free throw shooter, for those with 40 or more attempts for the season, hitting 33 of 44 for 75 percent. Archer also was second in blocked shots (14) and steals (40).

The Cowgirls finished their season 9-21, losing in the first round of the Class 4A substate tournament to

Hugoton 53-48 on March 1.

The Lady Indians of Hoxie High School had three players on the all-league team, while Colby and Oakley both had two. Atwood, Quinter and Decatur Community High School in Oberlin each had one.

Hoxie finished its season 24-2 and third in the Class 2A state championship tournament. Oakley ended its season 19-5, losing in the quarterfinals of the Class 3A state tournament.

The Lady Eagles of Colby were 23-3 for the season and finished fourth at the state Class 4A tournament. Senior Ivy Ramsey and junior Emily Sloan made this season's all-league team, and senior Amanda Seemann was an honorable mention.

Freshman Dani Bedore (No. 25) scored two of her 12 points in the Cowgirls' final game of the season March 1 against Hugoton. She was the only freshman to make the Northwest Kansas League All-League team.

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Five Colby players on all-conference, all-region teams

Five Colby Community College basketball players, three women and two men, made the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Division all-conference teams.

All five Trojans also made the all-region team for Region VI of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Jelena Spiric, a sophomore from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was named the conference West Division Most Valuable Player.

Spiric was a first-team selection on both the all-conference and all-region teams. She averaged over 15 points, five rebounds and three assists per game this season, scoring a career-high 32 points scored against Allen County on March 3.

Sophomore Louise McLean, from Warramboul, Australia, also was a first-team pick for the all-conference and all region teams. McLean averaged over 14 points per game for the season, scoring her career high 30 points against Cloud County Community College on Feb. 7 in Colby. She averaged six rebounds and seven assists this season. As a freshman, McLean was a first-team all-conference and a second team all-region pick.

Sophomore center Bojana Samardziska, also from Belgrade, was a second team pick for both the all-conference and all-region teams. She led the Lady Trojans in scoring and rebounds, averaging over 17 points and nine grabs per game. Samardziska scored her career high 27 points March 8 against Dodge City Community College in the

semifinals of the regional tournament in Salina. She was a second team all-conference pick and an all-region honorable mention last year.

All three Lady Trojans, along with teammate Ivana Drmanac, have committed to play for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers next season.

The Colby women finished 29-4 in 2003-2004, the best season in the team's history.

Sophomore forward E.J. Drayton, from Charlotte, N.C., earned first team honors for both all-conference and all-region for the second straight year. Drayton averaged 17 points and seven rebounds per game this season and scored a career high 30 points against Casper College Nov. 28 at the T-Bird Classic in Casper, Wyo.

Drayton was the West Division's Freshman of the Year last season and leaves Colby as the second leading scorer in the team's history with 1,114 points. He will return home next season to play for the 49ers of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Trojan center Justin Williams was named to the second team for both all-conference and all-region. Williams, a sophomore from Chicago, averaged nearly 14 points per game. He also averaged 4 blocked shots and nine rebounds this season. He was a third team all-conference selection last year.

Williams, who holds the school career record of 269 blocked shots, will play for the University of Wyoming Cowboys next season.

Goodland wrestlers win medals at four area youth tournaments

The Goodland Wrestling Club had kids at four youth tournaments, three in Kansas and one in Colorado, on March 6.

Most of the wrestlers competed at the Scott City tournament, where six boys from Goodland earned gold medals.

Kelbey Smith took first place at 43 pounds in the 6-year-old and under category. In the 10 and under group, Seth Miller at 67 pounds and Laine Herl at 110 pounds both won their weight class.

In the 14 and under category A.J. Stephens (125 pounds), Josiah Goodley (160 pounds) and heavy-weight Danny Hachmeister all earned first place.

Second-place finishers at Scott City were Colton Cooper (64 pounds), Brook Bahe (67 pounds) and Garrett Taylor (73 pounds) in the 8 and under group. Teather Dautel (88 pounds), Joel Osburn (110 pounds) and Ryan Taylor (115 pounds) finished second in the 12 and under category.

At 14 and under, five Goodland wrestlers finished second in their weight class: Jordan Albers (105

pounds), Brett Schields (135 pounds), Nick Smith (165 pounds), Bob Doxon (205 pounds) and Casey House (heavyweight).

Jed Gray (52 pounds), Ian Bonnell (88 pounds) and Taylen Smith (105 pounds) each placed third in the 8 and under competition. Kade Sheldon (76 pounds), Tim Roeder (92 pounds) and Keegan Smith (110 pounds) were third at 12 and under.

At 14 and under, third-place finishers were Bryan Gray at 90 pounds, Michael Ledesma at 105 pounds, Ben Davis at 110 pounds, Jake Kling at 120 pounds and T.J. Hawkins at 165 pounds.

Fourth place finishers in Scott City were Erik Roeder at 96 pounds (12 and under) and Aaron Deeds at 125 pounds (14 and under).

Other Goodland wrestlers competing there were Josh David at 49 pounds (6 and under), Andrew Hachmeister at 55 pounds (8 and under) and Jason Cowan at 90 pounds (10 and under). Chance Davis at 96 pounds, Nathan Deeds at 105 pounds and Paul Starr at 115 pounds each competed in the 12 and under competition. Andrew Miller

wrestled at 115 pounds for 14 and under, and Justin Holloway at 125 pounds for 16 and under.

Eight Goodland wrestlers traveled to Burlington for a tournament.

In the 6 and under category, Simon Basset won at 40 pounds and Jordan Raby was fourth at 37 pounds.

Tyler Fisher earned the gold medal by winning at 120 pounds in the 10 and under category.

In the 8 and under competition, Kolt Trachsel placed second at 64 pounds, Alex Nelson third at 67 pounds and Tyler Raby fourth at 58 pounds. Drew Sherlock competed at 73 pounds and Cody Hooker at 76 pounds.

At a tournament in Hutchinson, Aaron Avelar at 43 pounds (8 and under) and Austin Avelar at 55 pounds (10 and under) both finished second.

Competing at the Wichita Classic were Kerek Mason at 110 pounds (14 and under), and Brandon Zelfer at 125 pounds and Jon Cook at 160 pounds in the 16 and under category.

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Former Coyote headed to Sweet 16

Weskan's Todd Okeson, a senior guard for the University of Nevada, scored 19 points in the Wolf Pack's 91-72 win over Gonzaga University in Seattle on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Division I basketball championships.

Okeson, a 2000 graduate of Weskan High School, connected on seven of 14 shots from the field, including three of six from behind the three-point line. He was 2 for 2 at the free throw line, led Nevada with seven assists and grabbed four rebounds.

Okeson is one of only two players to start all 33 games for the Wolf Pack this season. He is averaging over 11 points per game and leads the team in assists and steals. He scored 14 points in the Wolf Pack's 72-66 victory over Michigan State University in the first round Thursday.

Nevada, now 25-8 overall, advances to the "Sweet 16" on Friday in St. Louis where the team faces the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech. The winner moves on to the regional finals Sunday, possibly facing the University of Kansas. The four regional winners go on to the "Final Four" April 3-5 in San Antonio, Texas.

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Bowladium Lanes over B & B Electric 3-1

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Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - No school; spring break.
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Sunday - McLean's basketball tournament, all day at all three gyms.

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