



Blayze Bahe

Cowboy wrestler takes fifth at national prep tournament

Goodland senior Jordan Bedore placed fifth in the heavyweight class at the National High School Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Cleveland.

In his first match, Bedore pinned Dan Jacoby of New Jersey with 15 seconds left in the first period. In the next round, Bedore won 7-3 over Keith Simmons of Florida.

In the quarterfinals of the championship bracket, Bedore defeated Koel Davia of Ohio 2-1. The match was tied at 1 after overtime and went into a 30-second tie breaker during which either the up man maintains his advantage or the down man es-

capies to earn the win.

In his semifinal match, Bedore lost a 9-7 overtime decision to Tony Johnson of Ohio, the eventual national champion.

In the consolation bracket, Bedore won a 3-2 decision over Leon Herrington of Florida. In the quarterfinals, he pinned Ian McMurray of Oklahoma at 1 minute 11 seconds into the first period.

In the semifinals, Kyle Massey of Minnesota pinned Bedore with 15 seconds left in the second period. Massey went on to win the consolation bracket for third place. Bedore then defeated Marcus

Moore of California 3-2 for fifth.

Senior Blayze Bahe competed at the national tournament at 119-pounds. He defeated Drew Minock of Michigan 8-3 in the first round, then in the next round pinned Matthew Shoffner of North Carolina at a minute 27 seconds into second period.

In the quarterfinals of the championship bracket, Bahe was pinned by Billy Exline of California with three seconds left in the second period.

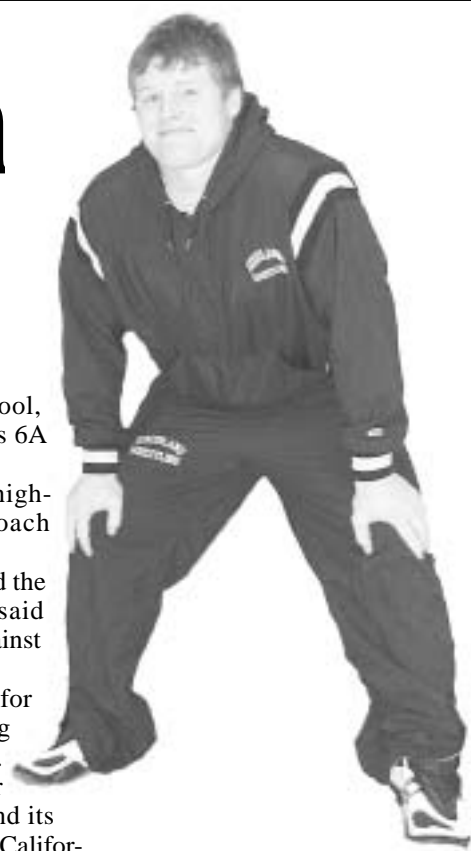
Bahe lost a 9-4 decision to Cody Garcia of Kansas in his only match in the consolation bracket. Garcia,

of Hutchinson High School, was this year's state Class 6A champion at 125 pounds.

"It was a very tough, high-quality tournament," Coach Randy Bahe said.

Bahe, who accompanied the wrestlers to Cleveland, said Bedore did a great job against tough opponents.

Kansas finished in a tie for 19th with Colorado among the 49 states represented. Ohio won the team title for the third year in a row, and its eighth overall, followed by California and Michigan.



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Cowgirls lose two in season opener

The Goodland High School softball team opened its season on the road Monday with a pair of losses to Liberal High School, 10-6 and 5-4.

In the first game, the teams were tied at 6 going into the sixth inning. However, Liberal scored four runs in the bottom of the inning, then held Goodland scoreless in the top of the seventh for the win.

Senior Deanna Thompson and junior Melissa Swager each got three hits out of four trips to the plate to lead the Cowgirls. Swager hit two doubles and scored a run. Thompson also hit a double and scored two runs. Both players drove in two runs.

Sophomore Chelsea Gray and freshman Whitney Archer both went two of four at the plate, each scoring a run. Senior Tomi Windell went one of four, scored a run and got one of only two walks given up by the Lady Redskins. Freshman Lindsay Schields went one of three

hitting a double. Seniors Cortney Schields and Jennifer Mentzer both drove in a run.

The Cowgirls took a 1-0 lead in the first inning of the second, but the Redskins scored four runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead, which they kept for the rest of the game.

Windell led the Cowgirls, going three of four at the plate with a triple and scoring a run. Lauren Gray went two of three and drove in a run. Both Chelsea Gray and Archer went two of four, each scoring a run. One of Archer's hits was a double.

Junior Aubrea Winter and Mentzer both went one of three with Winter scoring a run. Swager did not record a hit but drove in two runs on a sacrifice.

The Cowgirls were to play at Colby on Thursday afternoon. They face the Lady Buffaloes of Garden City High School at Centennial Park at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

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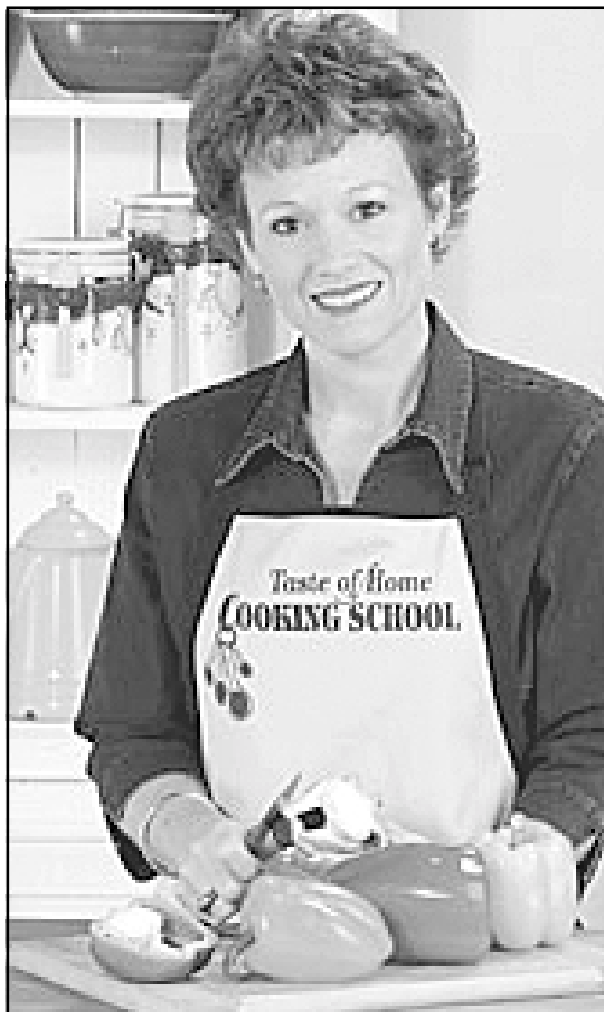
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