

Goodland wrestlers win Burlington tournament

The Goodland Cowboys walked off with the Burlington wrestling tournament Saturday, taking seven individual gold medals and scoring 101 points more than the runner-up.

Winning their weight classes were freshman Jordan Albers at 103 pounds, sophomore Brett Bahe at 112, freshman A.J. Stephens at 125, senior Dexter Deeds at 135, junior Brandon Hatfield at 152, sophomore Jon Cook at 160 and junior Mark Starr at 215.

Earning silver medals for second place were junior Brandon Zelfer at 119 pounds, sophomore Brett Shields at 140, senior Blake Saint at 145 and senior Brandon Cowan at 189.

Freshman Allan Normandin took second at 103 pounds wrestling as an individual, not part of the team.

Normandin was one of five junior varsity wrestlers allowed to move up to the varsity bracket for the tournament. The others were freshman Michael Ledesma at 119 pounds, sophomore Kerek Mason at 125, sophomore Josiah Goodley at 160 and senior Juan Velasco at 215. Mason and Goodley finished 1-2 and Ledesma and Velasco 0-2.

Freshman Bobby Doxon placed fourth at heavyweight. Freshman

Aaron Deeds finished 1-2 at 130 pounds, as did senior Bret Jarmin at 171.

Goodland's point total was 236. The host team Burlington Cougars were second with 135.

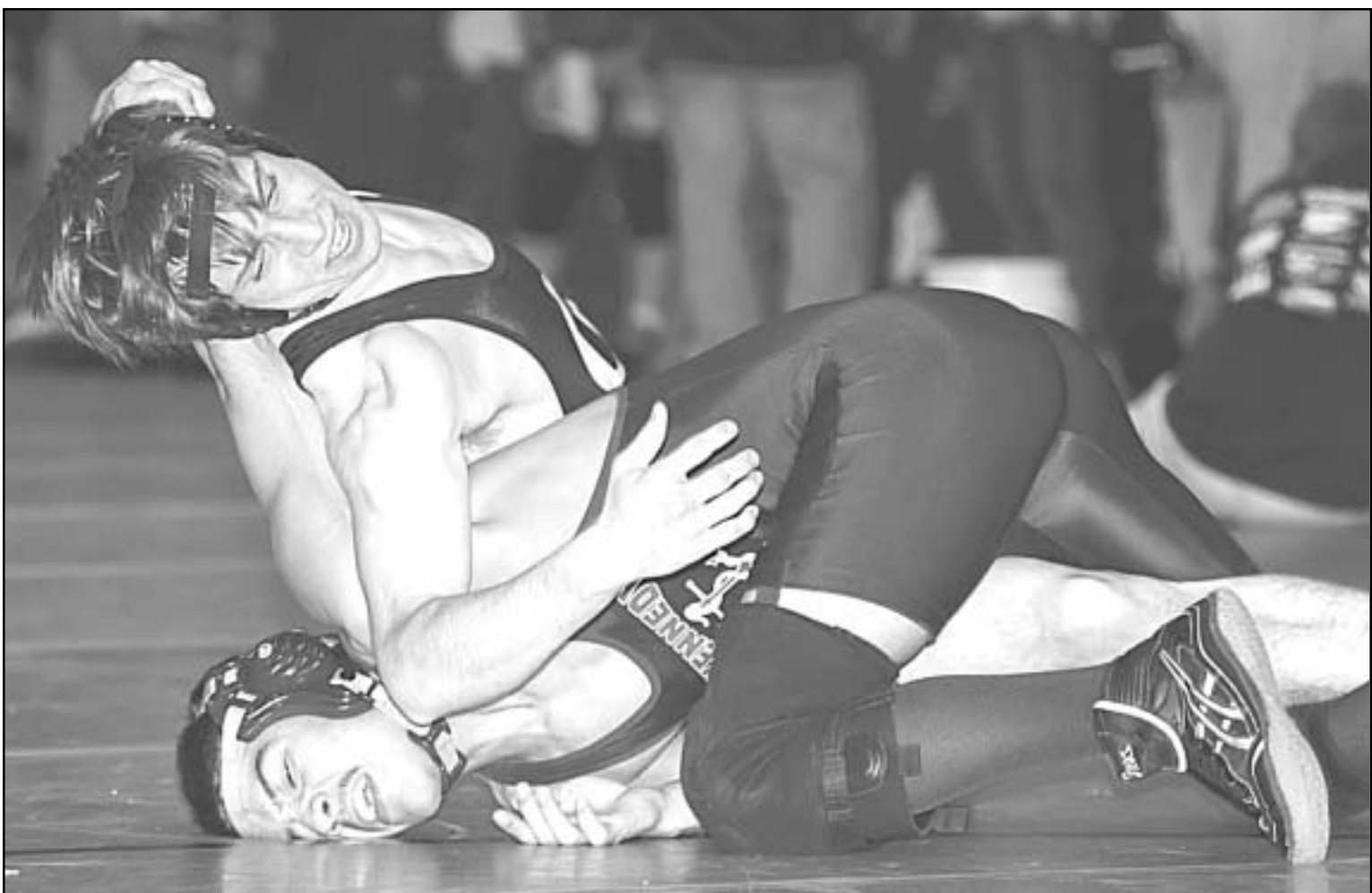
In junior varsity action, freshman Ren Scherling finished 2-0 at 160 pounds and sophomore Shane MacDonald finished 2-1 at 125. Freshmen Andrew Miller at 125, Jeremy Montoya at 145 and Nick Smith at 171, along with junior Lance Siruta at 160, all finished 1-1. Freshman Levi Coon at 112 and Jonathan McClung at 135 went 0-2, as did sophomore Brandon Douglass at 130.

The Cowboys varsity and junior varsity at Max Jones Fieldhouse at 8 a.m. Saturday for the annual Holiday Classic.

A dual meet with Atwood originally scheduled for Dec. 9 has been changed to a double-dual meet in Colby on Thursday, Jan 20.

Senior Dexter Deeds (on top) dominated James Sandoval of Denver's John F. Kennedy High in their semifinal match Saturday, pinning him with 10 seconds left in the first period.

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Cowboys first, Cowgirls second at Topside Tip-Off tournament

By Greg Stover

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The Goodland Cowboys won the 16th annual Topside Tip-Off with a thrilling 44-42 win Saturday over the Norton Blue Jays, with senior Lane Winter scoring the winning points with nine seconds left on the clock.

Norton tied the score at 42 with about 30 seconds left, and Goodland called a timeout. The Cowboys then drove down court, where Winter was fouled while trying to shoot and went to the free throw line. He sank the first one to make the score 43-42, and Norton called a timeout to discuss strategy.

When the teams returned to the court, Winter sank the second free throw and Goodland coach Jon McLean called a 30-second timeout. After that, the Blue Jays in-bounded the ball and were able to drive down the court but missed two shots that would have tied the score, leaving the Cowboys with a hard-fought 44-42 win.

This was the Cowboys' fifth Topside Tip-Off win, but their first since 1997. They also won in 1992, 1993 and 1995. Last year, the Cowboys finished fourth. They have a 5-

0 start for the season.

Also on Saturday, Ottawa beat McCook 70-57 for third place, Burlington beat Weskan 70-52 for fifth and Wray defeated Holyoke 56-54 for seventh.

The Cowgirls took second place, losing 56-46 to the Lady Cyclones of Ottawa in the championship game. Goodland had a 12-9 lead early in the second period but then Ottawa scored 15 straight points. After that, the Cowgirls never got closer than four points.

This was the Lady Cyclones' second Topside title. They won their first in 2001, beating the Cowgirls by the same score. Goodland was the runner-up in 2002 and 2003. The Cowgirls, now 4-1 for the season, have won the title six times, the last in 2002. Last year they finished third.

The Lady Blue Jays beat McCook 56-28 for third place, Holyoke beat Wray 51-36 for fifth and Burlington defeated Weskan 68-44 for seventh.

Goodland senior Derrick Raymer and junior Jase Herl were picked for the boys' all-tournament team. Norton's Ryan Maddy and Heath Vincent also made the team, as did Nat David and Cole Smith of the

Burlington Cougars.

Others honored were Nate Reinick of the Wray Eagles, Ottawa's Addison Miller, Jeremy Young of the McCook Bison and Nolan Cox of the Weskan Coyotes.

This was the second straight year on the all-tournament team for Raymer and Maddy.

Cowgirls Junior Justeen Koehler and sophomore Dani Bedore made the girls' all-tournament squad. Norton's Chelsea Cox and Whitney Newell made the team, as did Jenna Akey of Wray, Kia Kassman of Holyoke, Jillian Bryant of McCook and Aleja Cuellar of Burlington.

Two Lady Cyclones, Kelsie Studley and Megan Ramsey, were named to the all-tournament team. This was the second straight year for Ramsey.

Evan Murray of Holyoke and Breanna Hilgeman of Weskan won the boys and girls Long Distance Shoot-Out. The Burlington boys won the team free throw award, hitting on 46 of 67 shots for 68 percent. Ottawa hit on 53 of 86 for 61 percent to take the girls title.

Ottawa's cheerleaders won the tournament's spirit award for the second straight year.



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