

Sophomore Brett Bahe (above) won a 12-8 decision over Trevor Richard of St. Francis to win the gold medal at 112 pounds at the Northwest Kansas League tournament held on Saturday in Atwood. Sophomore Jon Cook (right photo), wrestling at 160 pounds, won a 10-3 decision over Russell Rogers

of St. Francis in the tournament's first round then went on to win a 14-12 overtime decision over Terry Urban of Oberlin in the championship match.

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# Wrestlers win Northwest Kansas League title

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The Goodland High School wrestling team won the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Atwood on Saturday with two Cowboys winning gold medals and four earning silver.

Goodland had an exceptional first round where 13 of 14 wrestlers moved on to the semifinals in their respective weight class and six of them advancing to the finals.

"I was real pleased with the team's effort," said Coach Randy Bahe.

Sophomore Brett Bahe won the title at 112 pounds by defeating Trevor Richard of St. Francis 12-8 in the championship match. Richard led 5-4 after the first period. He increased his lead to 7-4 with a reversal to start the second period after which Bahe scored on a reversal of his own and a pair of near pins to make it 12-7. Richard scored on an escape to make it 12-8 going into the third period.

In the third, with Bahe starting in the down position, neither wrestler could make progress. Twice during the period the referee called a stalemate and restarted the action however neither wrestler could score

and the score remained 12-8 at the end.

In the first round Bahe pinned Kevin Moss of Hoxie at 1 minute 35 seconds into the first period then defeated Gage Reichert of Oberlin 11-1 in the semifinal.

Sophomore Jon Cook won the gold at 160 pounds defeating Terry Urban of Oberlin 14-12 in overtime in the title match. Urban led 6-3 after the first period, then scored on a reversal with about 20 seconds left in the second to increase his lead to 8-3 going into the third.

Starting in the down position in the third period, Cook scored first on a reversal as both wrestlers picked up the scoring pace. When the buzzer sounded Urban led 12-11 but after a conference between the coaches and officials it was determined the score was really tied at 12. Cook scored a takedown 19 seconds into the overtime period to win the match 14-12.

Cook defeated Russell Rogers of St. Francis 10-3 in the first round then won his semifinal match when Colby's Mitchell Tuma had to default 46 seconds into the first period due to injury.

At 103 pounds, senior Chad Normandin first pinned Oberlin's Aaron Helm 31 seconds into the first period then won a 14-0 major decision over Tanner Popp of Hoxie in their semifinal match to advance to the title match.

There Normandin faced Colby's Daniel Tibbles who placed fifth at last year's state Class 4A tournament. After a scoreless first period, Normandin started the second in the up position. However, Tibbles scored on an escape then on a takedown to take a 3-0 lead into the third. Starting in the down position Normandin scored on a reversal with about 20 seconds left to make the final score 3-2.

In the first round at 135 pounds senior Dexter Deeds pinned Devin Rohweder of St. Francis in the second period then won a 2-1 decision over Cale Farber of Hoxie in the semifinals.

In the title match Deeds faced Levi Younkin of Oakley who is the defending state champion at 125 pounds for Class 3-2-1A and was 21-0 going into the tournament. Younkin scored a takedown followed by an escape by Deeds to make the score 2-1 after the first period. Starting the second in the down position Deeds scored another escape to tie the match at 2 going into the third. There Younkin, who started in the down position, scored on an escape of his own to win the match 3-2.

At 189 pounds, senior Brandon Cowan pinned Quinter's Peter Work 44 seconds into the first period of their first round match then pinned Bret Marietta of Oberlin with 58 seconds left in the second period in the semifinals.

Cowan suffered an ankle injury earlier this season and only recently returned to action. Coach Bahe decided it was better to default the title match to Oakley's Kyle Rietcheck rather than risk further harm.

After receiving a first-round bye at 215 pounds, junior Mark Starr won a 9-0 decision over Jake Padgett of Oberlin in the semifinals to advance to the title match against Hoxie's Tim Erwin.

In the first period of the championship match, Starr scored two points on a takedown with Erwin scoring a point on an escape. With Starr starting in the up position, neither wrestler could make progress on the other and the score remained 2-1 going into the third period.

This time, with Starr starting in the down position, again neither wrestler could make progress however Erwin was awarded a point for stalling tying the match at 2 and forcing overtime. Erwin scored a takedown 37 seconds into the extra period for the 4-2 win.

Sophomore Kerek Mason won a 7-0 decision over Oakley's Caleb Baalman for third place at 119 pounds. In the first round, Mason pinned Baalman 50 seconds into the first period then lost a 7-4 decision to Colby's Hunter Olsen. In the consolation bracket Mason received a second-round bye to set up his rematch with Baalman.

At 125 pounds, freshman A.J. Stephens won an 8-1 decision over Travis Powell of Colby in the first round then lost an 11-3 decision to Dylan Loyd of St. Francis in the semifinals. In the second round of the consolation bracket Stephens pinned D.J. Rietcheck of Oakley in the second period then won his rematch with Powell by an 8-0 decision to earn third place.

Freshman Aaron Deeds earned a bronze medal for third place at 130 pounds by pinning Andrew Vrbas of Atwood with 41 seconds left in the third period. Deeds pinned Grant

Kuhle of Oakley in the first period of their first-round match then lost a 6-4 decision to Gavin Smull of St. Francis. Deeds next pinned Cass Baalman of Hoxie to advance to the third-place match.

Sophomore Brett Schields won an 11-1 decision over Bowe Neuen-schwander for third-place at 140 pounds. Schields received a first-round bye but lost a 3-2 decision to Kelly Younkin of Oakley in the semifinals. In the second round of the consolation bracket he won a 9-2 decision over David Urban of Oberlin to move on to the match against Neuen-schwander.

Junior Brandon Hatfield, and freshman heavyweight Robert Doxon both went 2-2 for the tournament placing fourth. Senior Blake Saint went 1-1 at 145 pounds and senior Brett Jarmin went 0-2 at 171 pounds.

Goodland scored 182 points with St. Francis finishing second with 134. Oakley was third followed by, in order, Colby, Hoxie, Decatur Community of Oberlin, Rawlins County of Atwood and Quinter.

Senior Derek Ross of St. Francis was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. Ross won the gold at 171 pounds and improved to 26-1 for the season.

The next action for both the Cowboys varsity and junior varsity is on Friday in St. Francis in a dual meet against the Indians. Max Jones Fieldhouse will be the venue of a junior varsity tournament on Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

## Cowboys defeat Oberlin Red Devils

The Cowboys wrestling team defeated the Red Devils of Decatur Community High School 48-19 on Friday in Oberlin winning 10 of 14 matches.

Goodland won the first six matches and built up a 30-0 lead before forfeiting at 140 pounds.

At 103 pounds, senior Chad Normandin won a 18-3 technical fall over Aaron Helm. Next sophomore Brett Bahe won a 7-0 decision over Gage Reichert at 112 pounds.

Sophomore Kerek Mason pinned Breck Simonsson 47 seconds into the first period at 119 pounds. Freshman A.J. Stephens kept the Cowboys streak going at 125 pounds by pinning David Barth with three seconds left in the first period.

At 130 pounds, freshman Aaron Deeds won his match with a first period fall pinning Kane Ware at 1 minute 36 seconds. Senior Dexter Deeds, Aaron's older brother, won at 135 pounds with an 11-1 major decision over Jon Richards.

The forfeit at 140 pounds made the score 30-6 after which senior Blake Saint won a 6-0 decision over Oberlin's Denton Bailey at 145 pounds to make it 33-6.

Next, at 152 pounds, junior Brandon Hatfield lost an 11-3 major decision to Scott Miller to make the team score 33-10. At 160 pounds,

Goodland sophomore Jon Cook won a close 8-7 decision over Terry Urban to make it 36-10.

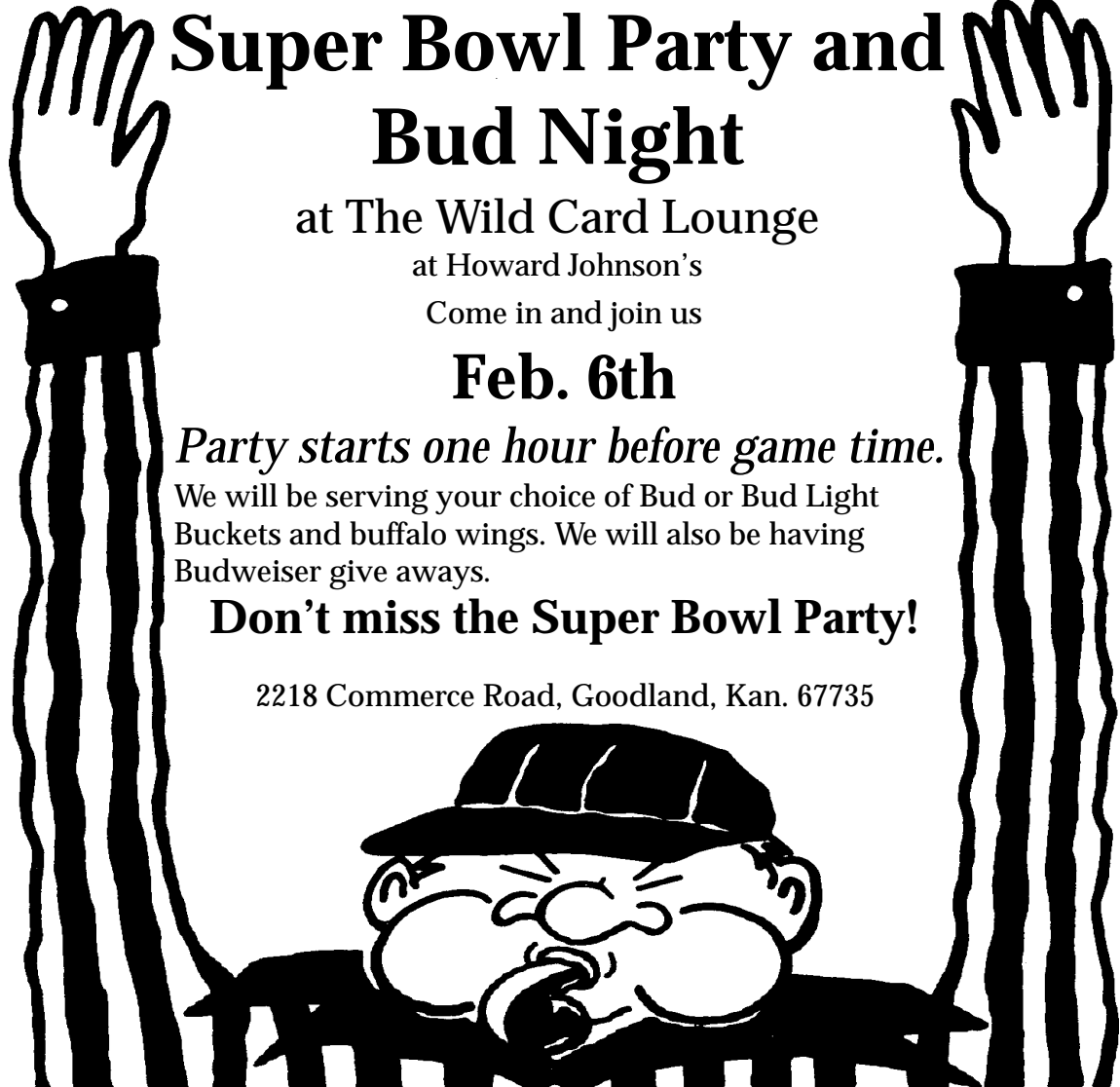
Oberlin's Gannon Reichert pinned senior Bret Jarmin 1 minute into the first period of their match at 171 pounds making the score 36-16.

The Cowboys won the next two matches, both by fall in the first period, with senior Brandon Cowan pinning Bret Marietta at 189 pounds and junior Mark Starr pinning Jake Padgett at 215 pounds.

Oberlin's heavyweight Brock Euhus won an 11-4 decision over

freshman Robert Doxon earning three points for the Red Devils and making the final team score 48-19.

Several of these matchups were repeated during the course of the Northwest Kansas League tournament held in Atwood the next day. See article above.



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**Thursday** - Junior high basketball Tribune, 3 p.m.; High school Academic Bowl.

**Friday** - High school basketball at Brewster against Sharon Springs, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

**Monday** - Western Kansas Liberty League Instrumental Clinic at Golden Plains, 10 a.m.; concert at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday** - High school basketball at Brewster against Healy, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

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