

Goodland host for swim meet



Swimmers waited for their turn in the pool at the Goodland Swim Meet at Steever Water Park on Saturday.

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Goodland wrestler helps team

T.J. Hawkins scores at national meet held in Kansas City

Goodland's T.J. Hawkins helped the Kansa Warriors to a fifth-place finish in Greco-Roman wrestling at the Cadet National Dual Championships held June 24-27 in Kansas City.

Hawkins, wrestling at 189 pounds, finished the tournament 2-7 overall. He will be a sophomore at Goodland High School.

The Warriors beat out the Minnesota Sith 41-26 for fifth place, winning 11 of 17 matches. The Sith won an earlier meeting between the two teams, 44-23.

The Warriors finished the tournament 6-3; the team's other losses were to the Missouri Bulls, the tournament's runner-up, and Team Michigan, which placed fourth.

In other preliminary round action, the Warriors defeated teams from California, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and one of two from Pennsylvania.

The other Pennsylvania team, the Looney Russian Bears, won the tournament.

At the Kansas State Freestyle/Greco-Roman Championships held June 4 in Junction City, in the Cadet Division, Hawkins placed first in Greco-Roman wrestling and second in freestyle.

Big 12's opening games more wimpy than brave

Last July, I did a comparison of Big 12 Conference football teams to see which ones were being brave in their opening games and which ones were being wimpy and, thanks to Kansas State University, I felt compelled to do it again.

Last year, I said the Big 12 were 6-6 in brave-versus-wimpy opening games, which I felt was not so impressive for one of the so-called elite conferences in college football. After some study, I decided the Big 12 was a bit worse this season, with just five "brave" opening games versus seven wimpy ones.

In 2004, K-State opened up against Western Kentucky, a NCAA Division I-AA team that finished 9-4 and made the playoffs. I thought that was a dangerous but wimpy choice.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, the Wildcats will open against the Golden Panthers of Florida International, a first-year Division I-A team that went 3-7 as a I-AA school in 2004. From here, it looks like K-State is taking on a weaker opponent while claiming it is playing all I-A teams in 2005 which is true but deceiving.

This game will be little more than a scrimmage that counts in the standings, and thus I say the Wildcats are being wimpy again. They'll win their opener, but it won't help them much a week later at Marshall or the following week against North Texas.

I said the Jayhawks of Kansas were brave last season when they opened up against Tulsa, but they



greg stover

• greg's gripes

might have the talent to pull off an upset. So, I call this one brave.

The other three brave openers are Texas A&M taking on Clemson, Colorado and Colorado State, and Baylor versus Southern Methodist. The Big 12 could lose

all three games. On the wimpy side, both Iowa State and Oklahoma State open against I-AA opponents while Missouri takes on Arkansas State, 3-8 last year. Texas, rated by some to be a preseason Top 5 team, opens against Louisiana-Lafayette.

All the Big 12 teams open on Sept. 3 except Texas Tech, which begins its season a week later against (are you ready?) Florida International. A wimpy game for the Wildcats and even wimpier for the Red Raiders.

There you have it. In my opinion the Big 12 is getting worse instead of better in coming up with schedules that will get its teams into the Top 10. I'm not a fan of the Colorado Buffaloes, but I think they have the toughest non-conference schedule in the Big 12 with Oklahoma second and Texas a distant third.

Feel free to disagree. The Oklahoma Sooners had a near-perfect season in 2004 and should do well again this season. Most teams would be a wimpy choice for Oklahoma to open the season with but the Sooners are taking on Texas Christian, a team that

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Young golfer shoots par for first; 29 play in event at Sugar Hills

Goodland's Gage Ihrig shot an even-par 36 on the back nine holes Thursday at the Sugar Hills Junior Club Championship to win the 8-9 year old boys competition.

Twenty-nine young golfers competed in seven categories, four boys and three girls.

All played on the back nine at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Tanner Jones shot a 51 to place second in the 8-9 boys bracket.

Gannon Ihrig, Gage's twin, was third at 57. D.J. Glassman finished fourth with a 63, Thatcher Jones fifth at 66 and Joe Diaz sixth with a 75.

Natasha Hillman won the 12-13 girls gold medal with a round of 60. Amber Douglas was second with a 62 and Chelsie Gausman third with 66. Katlyn Topliff finished fourth with 69, her twin Kirsten was fifth with 73 and Alexis Bateman sixth with 85.

Brock Wilkens won the 12-13 boys competition with a 56, followed by Nathan Deeds with a 58 and David Murry with a 61.

Devon Garrett was fourth with a 62. Bryan Guyer shot a 77 to finish fifth with Kaylor Rietcheck just one stroke behind. Both Blaine Sapp and J.P. McCool shot an 83.

Joel Linin finished first among 10-11 boys, shooting a 47. Tyler Jones was second with a 49. Cy Paxton shot an 80 for third place and Jordan McCombs was fourth with an 89.

Eryn Topliff shot a 53 to win the 14-15 girls competition with Heidi Yonkey finishing second at 70.

Nathan Linin shot a two-over-par 38 to win the 16-17 boys bracket. Ryan Gausman finished second with a 47.

Shaina Sapp won the gold medal for 8-9 girls, shooting a 102.

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