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Cowboys in action

Junior Brett Schields (right in left photo) won a 16-12 decision over Norton's Luke Pfannenstie at 152 pounds during the championship rounds of the Holiday Classic on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Earlier against Norton, sophomore A.J. Stephens (right in above photo) won a 12-3 decision over Jon Harding at 135 pounds. Both Schields and Stephens finished the tournament 8-0. Sophomore Michael Ledesma (above at right) won a 10-1 major decision over Logan Stoss of Buhler High on Friday in the opening round. Photos by Dennis Saint The Goodland Star-News



Wrestlers finish second at Holiday Classic

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland High School wrestling team finished second at the Holiday Classic this weekend at Max Jones Fieldhouse, with two Cowboys undefeated in the twoday dual tournament and another earning a medal for the fastest fall.

"I thought the team wrestled well throughout the tournament," said Coach Randy Bahe. "I was really pleased with the way we wrestled against Garden City, Norton and Scott City."

Sophomore A.J. Stephens won all eight of his matches, six at 135 pounds and two at 140. Junior Brett Schields won all his at 152 pounds. Junior Brett Bahe, wrestling at 119 pounds, got the fasted fall of the from Buhler in nine seconds.

pools of seven teams for the dual- Schields, at 152 pounds, pinned his sion at 171 pounds to make it 32-21. format tournament. Each team took head-to-head matchup during the first eight rounds, five on Friday and three Saturday morning. Championship and placement rounds were Saturday afternoon. The Buffaloes of Garden City High won the championship plaque, defeating all eight teams they faced. Norton Community High School finished third going 6-2, and Scott City was fourth. Goodland went 7-1, with that one loss coming in the third round to Garden City. The dual's outcome came down to the final match after sophomore T.J. Hawkins pinned his opponent in the 215-pound match to cut Garden City's lead to one point at 32-31. In the heavyweight match, Goodland sophomore Robert Doxon faced Buffalo senior Rafe Schaefer. The two wrestlers grappled to a scoreless tie in the first period but Doxon scored on a

a 4-3 lead going into the third.

Doxon started the period in the top position but was called on a violation for locking his hands, resulting in a point for Schaefer which restarted, Schaefer scored on an escape to take a 5-4 lead. Neither wrestler could score in the final minute, and Schaefer won the match and Garden City won the den City. The Buffaloes started out dual 35-31.

Day One-Pool Action

Goodland faced Skyview High of Thornton, Colo., in the opening round on Friday, winning 11 of 14 matches to defeat the Wolverines Buffaloes won the next two 57-15. Five Cowboys won their matches by fall to go ahead 28-10. matches by fall.

tournament, pinning an opponent first period were juniors Brett Bahe, other first-period pin by Cook to get at 119 pounds; Jon Cook, 160; and Goodland within seven at 28-21. The field was divided into two Josiah Goodley, 189. Junior Brett

takedown late in the second to earn Buhler High and won 58-15. Again, Goodland took 11 of 14 matches, with seven wins coming by firstperiod falls and another in the second.

The Cowboys won the first six tied the match at 4. After the action matches of the dual, including Bahe's nine-second fall. Cook also recorded a fast victory, pinning his opponent in 40 seconds.

Next came the dual against Garstrong, winning four of the first five matches to build up a 16-4 lead. Sophomore A.J. Stephens scored a first-period fall at 135 pounds to make the team score 16-10, but the Next, Schields won his match by

Pinning their opponents in the technical fall 17-2, followed by an-

Garden City won by major deci-

Schaefer to decide the outcome.

In the fourth round, Goodland's last of the day, the Cowboys faced the Tigers of Ulysses. Sophomore Allen Normandin got things going for the home team at 103 pounds with a first-period pin over his opponent to give Goodland a 6-0 lead to start the dual.

After Ulysses won the match at 112 pound by decision, the Cowboys won the next five to take a commanding 36-3 lead. The Tigers won at 145 pounds, then Goodland won five of the last six matches to win the dual 61-15.

Day Two-Pool Action

In their first mat action on Saturday, the Cowboys faced the Hoxie Indians, who had defeated Goodland 40-36 in a dual meet on Dec. 2. However, it was the Cowboys who came out on top this time .42-31.

man 19 seconds into the second pe- That was matched by Goodley's Goodland took on the Ringnecks of Next Goodland picked up six points on every other team in its pool in a riod. Doxon won his match by fall major decision at 189 pounds. Hill City. The Ringnecks won the when Goodley's opponent at 189 with 15 seconds left in the match. Hawkins' victory at 215 made the opening match, but the Cowboys pounds had to default in the second In the second round, the Cow- score 32-31, leaving the heavy- took the next three to go ahead 14- period due to an injury. Goodley boys took on the Crusaders of weight match between Doxon and 6. Hill City won a decision at 130 was leading 2-0 at the time.

pounds to make it 14-9, after which Goodland won the next nine matches, four by forfeit, to win 68-9.

Championship, **Placement** Rounds

Goodland's first opponent Saturday afternoon was Norton Community High School, which finished first in Pool B.

The Blue Jays forfeited the first two matches, but won the next three to take a 15-12 lead. Stephens won the next match by major decision to put the Cowboys out front 16-15, then Norton won the next two by fall to go ahead again 27-16.

Schields next won a tough 16-12 decision at 152 pounds to make it 27-19. The Blue Jays responded with a 8-5 decision at 160 to go back up by 11 at 30-19. After the momentum switched, over to the Cowboys.

Baumfalk won a major decision In the final round of pool action, at 171 pounds to make it 30-23.

Trailing only by a point at 30-29, Hawkins and Doxon came through for the Cowboys with both getting first-period falls to make the final score 41-30 and give Norton its only loss of the tournament.

In Goodland's final competition of the Classic, the Cowboys took on the Beavers of Scott City, winning the first four matches and 10 of 14 overall to win 56-20.

Four Cowboys recorded first-period falls against Scott City: Baumfalk, Goodley, Hawkins and Bahe, who moved up a class to 125 pounds in this dual.

Senior Clay Madden of Norton, wrestling at 119 pounds, was named the outstanding wrestler of the tournament in the lower weight classes and his teammate, senior Lance Roe, 160 pounds, earned the honor for the upper classes.





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