

# Cowboys finish fourth at league

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The Goodland High School wrestling team finished fourth at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament held Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Colby Eagles won the league title scoring 170 points with four of their wrestlers winning their brackets and four others finishing second. The Red Devils from Dectaur Community High of Oberlin was second with 161.5 points and the Indians from St. Francis were third with 134.5.

Goodland scored 117.5. Hoxie finished fifth with 96.5 points, Oakley sixth with 76 and Rawlins County High of Atwood seventh with 41.5. Quinter scored two points.

The Cowboys had three wrestlers advance to the tournament finals with junior Brett Bahe winning at 119 pounds with a 13-1 major decision over Gage Reichert of Decatur Community High in Oberlin.

Bahe took a 4-1 lead in the first period increasing it to 7-1 in the second. Starting the third in the bottom position, Bahe scored on an escape then got a takedown and picked up three points for a near pin a short time later.

Bahe won a 5-0 decision over Reichert the day before during a dual meet between the Cowboys and the Red Devils also at Max Jones.

Sophomore Jordan Albers placed second at 103 pounds losing a 5-4 decision to Brent Luedke of Colby in the title match. Albers led 4-2 after the first period. Luedke, starting in the bottom position, scored on an escape for the only points in the second period and trailed 4-3 going into the third.

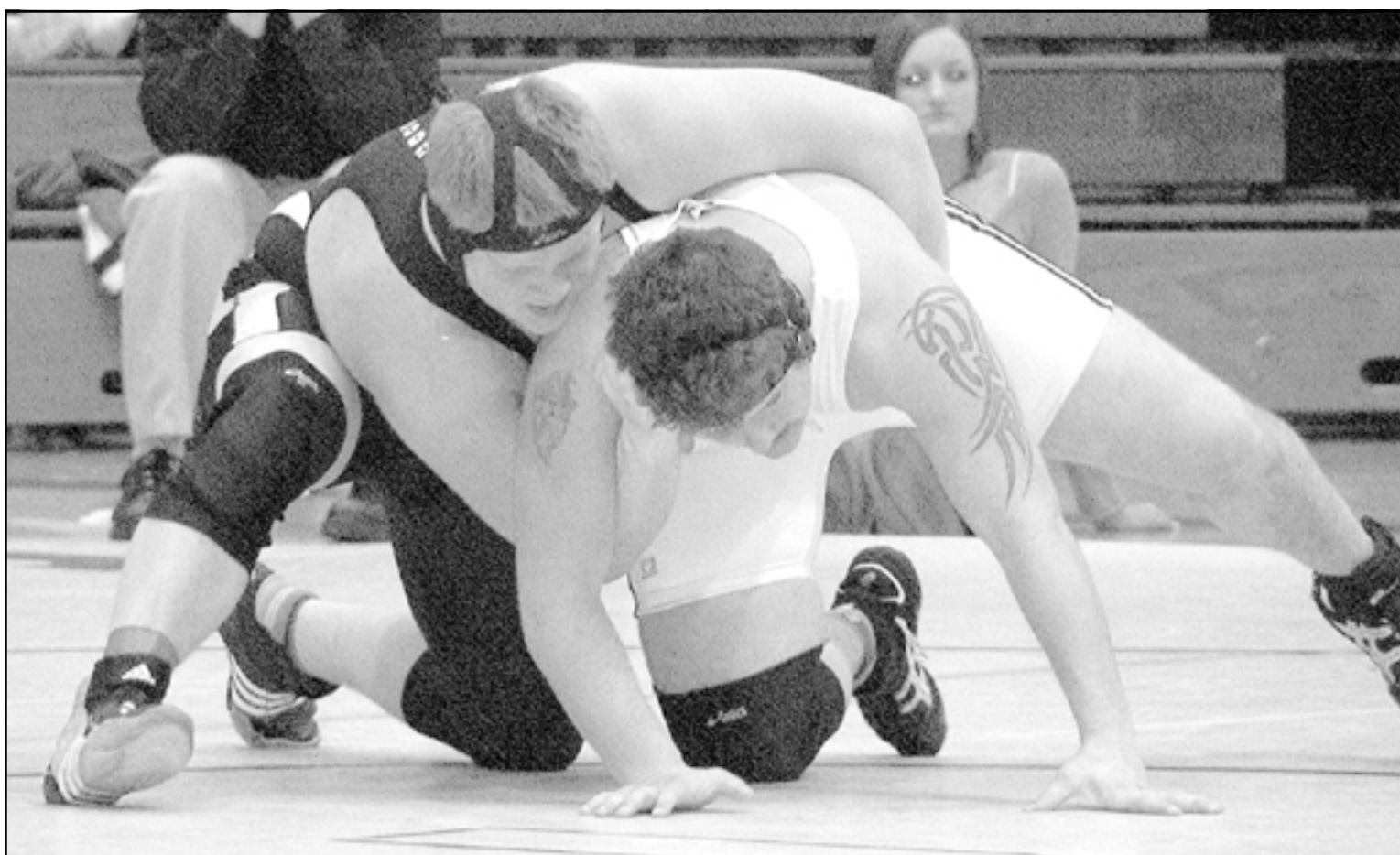
The wrestlers started the final period in the neutral position. Neither scored for the first 90 seconds, however Luedke scored a takedown and went on to win a 5-4 decision.

Junior Josiah Goodley faced Oakley's Kyle Rietcheck in championship match at 189 pounds. After a scoreless first minute, Rietcheck scored a takedown and led 2-0 going into the second period.

Starting in the bottom position, Rietcheck scored on a reverse in the second and led 4-0 after two. Starting the third in the neutral position, neither wrestler scored for the first 60 seconds. Rietcheck got a takedown which was followed by an escape by Goodley. Rietcheck then got another takedown and went on to win an 8-1 decision.

Four Cowboys placed third in the tournament and two others finished fourth.

Senior Brandon Zelfer won an 11-5 decision over Everett Urban of Oberlin to place third at 130 pounds. Senior Brandon Hatfield won a 9-1 major decision over Hoxie's Clayton Rall for third at 160 pounds.



Sophomore Bob Doxon (left) won a 9-1 major decision over Colby's Taylor Brown to place third in the heavyweight bracket of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament Saturday at Max Jones

Fieldhouse. Nine Goodland wrestlers placed among the top four in their weight class.

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Senior Chris Baumfalk needed two overtime periods to defeat David Obermeyer of Hoxie 2-1 for third place at 171 pounds. The two wrestled to a scoreless tie in the first period. Baumfalk scored an escape after starting the second from the bottom position which was what Obermeyer did in the third for a 1-all tie.

From the neutral position in the first overtime period neither wrestler could score leading to another extra 60 seconds. Starting in the

bottom position, Baumfalk scored his second escape of the match for the win.

In the third-place match at heavyweight, sophomore Bob Doxon led Colby's Taylor Brown 2-0 after one period and 7-0 after two going on to win a 9-1 major decision.

Freshman Kade Sheldon finished fourth at 103 pounds as did sophomore T.J. Hawkins at 215. Other Cowboys competing Saturday were freshmen Keegan Smith, at 125 pounds, and sophomore Toby

Hurst, at 145.

Goodland was open at 135, 140 and 152 pounds.

In addition to Luedke, the three other Colby winners were Bryan Brewer, at 103 pounds; Cole Garcia, at 140; and Taylor Finley at 145.

Dylan Loyd of St. Francis won at 135 pounds as did his teammate heavyweight Brennon Wilger. Two wrestlers from Oberlin won their classes, Scott Miller at 160 pounds and Terry Urban at 171.

The Hoxie Indians also had two champions, Tyler Baker at 130 and Michael Schamberger at 152.

Matt Migchelbrink of Rawlins County won at 125 pounds and Aaron Racette of Oakley won at 215.

The Cowboys hit the mat again at 5:30 p.m. Friday when the Indians of St. Francis return to Max Jones for a dual meet.

The varsity ends its regular season on Friday, Feb. 10, with a dual against the Eagles in Colby.

# Goodland grapplers defeat Oberlin Red Devils

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The Goodland High School wrestling team defeated Decatur Community High of Oberlin in a dual meet Friday 35-30 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowboys won eight of 14 matches winning three of them by fall, two in the final second of the first period. Goodland was open at 140 pounds.

Freshman Kade Sheldon was pinned late in the second period of

his 103-pound match against Oberlin's Aaron Helm giving the Red Devils a 6-0 lead.

Sophomore Jordan Albers tied the dual up at 6-all when got a first-period fall against Andrew Richards in the final second at 112 pounds. Albers was leading 4-0 in the match.

At 119 pounds, junior Brett Bahe took a 2-0 lead in the first period against Gage Reichert increasing it to 5-0 in the second. Neither wrestler scored in the third and Bahe won

by decision putting the Cowboys ahead 9-6.

Freshman Keegan Smith pinned Oberlin's Kane Ware with just one second left in the first period of their match at 125 pounds. The win by fall increased Goodland's lead to 15-6.

Junior Kerek Mason made four straight for Goodland, at 130 pounds, with a 10-0 major decision over Everett Urban. Mason led 5-0 after the first period and 10-0 after the second. Neither wrestler scored

in the third. Goodland now led 19-6.

Senior Brandon Zelfer made the team score 23-6 with a major decision over Breck Simonsson at 135 pounds. Zelfer led 5-0 after one period and 10-1 after two. Simonsson outscored Zelfer 5-4 in the third to make the match's final score 14-6. Goodland forfeited at 140 pounds which made the team score 23-12.

The Red Devils earned six more points when Oberlin's Jonathan Richards pinned sophomore Toby Hurst late in the first period of their match at 145 pounds to make it 23-18.

At 152 pounds, junior Brett Schields took a 4-0 lead over Denton Bailey in the first period. After a scoreless second period, Bailey scored on a reverse in the first minute of the third but Schields

hung on for the 4-2 decision earning three points for the Cowboys.

The Red Devils won the next two matches with Scott Miller winning a 5-2 decision over senior Brandon Hatfield and Terry Urban getting a first-round fall over senior Chris Baumfalk. The nine points Oberlin earned put the Red Devils in front 27-26.

Junior Josiah Goodley put the Cowboys back into the lead with a second period fall over Bret Marietta. Leading 2-0, Goodley started the second period in the top position pinning Marietta 54 seconds later. The Cowboys now led 32-27.

Sophomore T.J. Hawkins sealed the win for Goodland with an 11-8 decision over Regan Badsky at 215 pounds making the team score 35-27. Hawkins led 9-2 after the first

period and still led 9-2 after the second. Hawkins held off a late rally by Badsky to win by three.

In the heavyweight match, Oberlin's Brock Euhus took a 5-0 lead over sophomore Bob Doxon in the first period increasing it to 7-0 after the second. Both wrestlers scored two points in the third with Euhus winning the 9-2 decision and making the final team score 35-30.

In junior varsity matches Friday, freshman Fernando Martinez won a 14-5 major decision over Oberlin's Drew Martin at 171 pounds. Freshmen Brad Geist and Vance Johnson both lost their matches at 135 and 160, respectively.

The Cowboys and the Red Devils returned to Max Jones Fieldhouse Saturday to face each other along with the rest of the Northwest Kansas League for its annual tournament.

# Nine wrestle in Norton tourney

Nine members of Goodland's wrestling club traveled to a tournament in Norton on Jan. 21 with seven of them placing in the top four within their class.

Brook Bahe won at 90 pounds in the 10-year-old and under competition. Finishing second in the same age group were Jed Gray at 79 pounds and Ian Bonsall at 110. Connor Gray competed at 84 pounds.

In the 8-and-under competition, Josh David placed second at 58 pounds and Gabriel Ledesma was second at 110. Coy Johnson finished fourth at 64 pounds.

At 6-and-under, Chase Johnson

finished third at 43 pounds. Dusty Johnson competed at 52 pounds.

That same day, two members of the club got to compete at the Cliff Keen Tulsa Nationals in Oklahoma.

Austin Avelar, at 73 pounds, and Laine Herl, at 135, both wrestled in the tournament's 12-and-under competition but did not place in the top four.

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**School calendar for Feb. 1 - Feb. 7**

**Wednesday** - "Gold Day"; Elementary Bank Day; FCCLA Star events at Oakley; PDC meeting at Central School, 3:45 p.m.; City/county recreation, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday** - "Black day"; Junior High basketball at Hoxie, 3:30 p.m.; junior high wrestling Triangular in St. Francis, 3:30 p.m.; Regional Scholar's Bowl; junior varsity basketball in Colby, 5 p.m.  
**Friday** - "Gold Day"; Basketball in St. Francis, 3:45 p.m.; wrestling in Goodland against St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday** - Regional Piano Festival; junior varsity wrestling in Goodland, 8 a.m.; boys "C" basketball at Greeley County High School.  
**Monday** - National Honor Society Induction, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday** - "Gold Day"; Junior High basketball in Burlington, 4 p.m.; junior high wrestling in Cheyenne Wells, 2 p.m.; high school basketball in Goodland against Lakin, 3:45 p.m.; Second grade music program in high school auditorium, 7 p.m.

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