

Kansas Kids go on to state

Fifteen members of the Goodland Wrestling Club qualified for the Kansas Kids state championships this weekend at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka.

Action starts at 7 a.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday in Landon Arena. The tournament continues Sunday again beginning at 7.

The 15 earned a trip east by placing among the top four in their brackets at the district tournament Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Three Goodland wrestlers won gold medals:

- Laine Herl at 130 pounds in the 12-and-under age group.
- Keegan Smith at 130 pounds, 14-and-under.
- Brett Schields at 160 pounds, 16-and-under.

All three also won at the subdistrict tournament March 11 in Phillipsburg.

Finishing second last Saturday and earning silver medals were:

- Aaron Avelar, 52 pounds, 10-and-under.
- Brook Bahe, 90 pounds, 10-and-under.
- Austin Avelar, 68 pounds, 12-and-under.
- Ryan Taylor, 155 pounds, 14-and-under.
- Bobby Doxon, 245 pounds, 16-and-under.

and-under. Bahe, Austin Avelar, Taylor and Doxon placed first at the subdistrict meet with Aaron Avelar finishing second.

Placing third at district:

- Kolt Trachsel, 76 pounds, 8-and-under.
- Gabriel Ledesma, 110 pounds, 8-and-under.
- Taylen Smith, 150 pounds, 10-and-under.

Trachsel and Ledesma finished second at the subdistrict, and Smith was third.

Finishing fourth:

- Coy Johnson, 64 pounds, 8-and-under.
- Colton Cooper, 79 pounds, 10-and-under.
- Ian Bonsall, 110 pounds, 10 and under.
- Vance Johnson, 165 pounds 14-and-under.

Coy Johnson, Bonsall and Vance Johnson placed third at the subdistrict in Phillipsburg with Cooper finishing fourth.

Fourteen other Goodland youths wrestled in the district tournament with three finishing fifth and seven finishing sixth.

- Placing fifth:
- Thatcher Jones, 95 pounds 8-and-under.



Brook Bahe (on top) and Colton Cooper worked on their moves against each other at practice Wednesday in preparation for this weekend's Kansas Kids state wrestling tournament at the Expocentre in Topeka. Photo by Anne Hamilton/The Goodland Star-News

- Kade Sheldon, 100 pounds 14-and-under.
- and Fernando Martinez, 165 pounds 16 and under.

Sixth-place finishers in the 10-and-under category were Cy

Paxton, at 64 pounds, and John Peden at 85 pounds. At 12-and-under, they were Seth Miller at 88 pounds and Tyler Fisher at 158.

Tim Roeder finished sixth at 125 pounds at 14-and-under. Placing

sixth at 16-and-under were Toby Hurst, 155 pounds, and Josiah Goodley, 185 pounds.

Paxton and Goodley won their brackets at the subdistrict tournament with Jones, Sheldon and

Roeder finishing second.

Dawson Ensign, Josh David and John Salinas competed in the 8-and-under category last Saturday, and

Edwardo Martinez wrestled at 14-and-under.

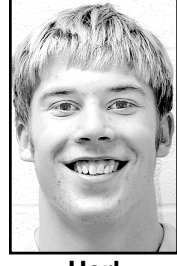
Cowboys honored by Northwest Kansas League

Four Goodland Cowboys were among the 19 basketball players earning all-league honors this season from the Northwest Kansas League.

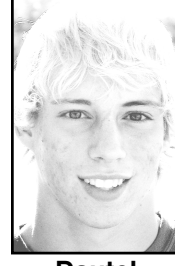
Senior Jase Herl made the all-league team for the second straight year. He was one of only two juniors on last year's all-league team. (The other was Tyler Reed of Quinter, who also made the team this year.)

Receiving honorable mention this season were Cowboy senior Wyatt Dautel and juniors Nick Angelos and Mikey Doll.

"I'm happy for our guys who made the all-league team," said



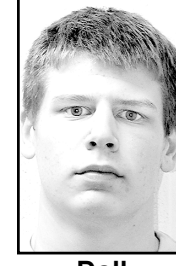
Herl



Dautel



Angelos



Doll

Cowboys coach Jon McLean. "I thought it showed the depth of our team and that different guys were making contributions on different nights. Jase was by far one of the best players in the league, and Mikey, Nick and Wyatt all made

solid contributions during the season."

Herl was the Cowboys' leading scorer this season with 342 points, averaging over 15 per game. He also led the team in rebounds with 226, in assists with 136 and in steals

with 61. Herl was the only Cowboy to start all 22 games.

Herl scored a game-high 24 points last Sunday in the 13th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic, leading the Light Jerseys to a 109-97 win.

McLean said Herl has committed to play basketball for Dodge City Community College next season. The Conquistadors finished their season 23-10 overall and 11-5 in the West Division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

Dautel was second on Goodland's scoring list with 240 points,

averaging nearly 11 per game, and led the team in baskets from three-point range with 37. He started 20 of 22 games grabbing 54 rebounds and had 24 steals.

Angelos grabbed 132 boards this season, finishing second in rebounds for the Cowboys. He was fourth in scoring with 207 points and led the team in blocked shots with 12.

Doll scored 209 points, almost half of them from three-points range. He was the team's second-best thief with 29 steals and grabbed 55 rebounds.

Four seniors and four juniors join Herl and Reed on the all-league

team.

The seniors are Mykel Rodriguez and Paul Kuhlman of Oakley, Andy Imman of Decatur Community High in Oberlin and Jeff Reiner of Rawlins County in Atwood.

Rodriguez and Reiner received all-league honorable mention last year.

The juniors are Joel McAtee of St. Francis, Jake Moss of Hoxie, Trent Blackwell of Quinter and Trey Barnett of Colby.

Reed and Rodriguez also played for the Light Jerseys in last weekend's All-Star Classic in Colby.

Colby loses to Odessa

The Colby Community College women's basketball team lost to Odessa College (Texas) 64-62 in overtime Wednesday in the championship quarterfinals of the national tournament in Salina.

The Lady Trojans trailed Odessa 32-25 at halftime but fought back to tie the game at 58 by the end of the second half. The Lady Wranglers outscored Colby 6-4 with a last-second steal to win 64-62 and advance to the semifinals.

The Trojans moved into the consolation bracket and was to have faced Trinity Valley Community College (Texas) on Thursday.

Sophomore Suzana Sormaz led Colby against Odessa with 18 points, followed by freshman

Jamie Schroeder with 15. Sophomore Rita Kollo added 14 points and sophomore Ivana Mijalcevic had 10.

The Lady Trojans advanced to the quarterfinals by beating Salt Lake Community College (Utah) Tuesday 106-83. Six Colby players scored in double figures, led by sophomore Sormaz with 28 points, including 24 on three-point shots.

Kollo scored 22, Schroeder 17 and Mijalcevic 14. Sophomore Shareka Purnell had 11 points and sophomore Val Jackson 10. Sophomore Ivy Ramsey, a 2004 graduate of Colby High, scored four.

If the Trojans won on Thursday, they will play again at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday at the Bicentennial Center.

Team will open season with Cougars

The Goodland High School baseball team opens its season Tuesday in Burlington with a doubleheader against the Cougars.

Coach Steve Jimenez, in his second season, has all but two players back from last year's team which went 5-15 and finished the regional runnerup.

"We have four returning seniors and six seniors total that will hopefully provide us with some experience and leadership," Jimenez said. "Our defense and ability to manufacture runs on offense will again be our strength."

"We'll have to improve our hitting and find some pitching depth if we want to move up to the next level as a program."

The four returning seniors are Brandon Zelfer, Derek Fenner, Wyatt Dautel and Brett Lalicker. Seniors playing their first season for

the Cowboys are Jase Herl and Brandon Hatfield.

Two juniors and six sophomores also return from last season's roster. The juniors are Tyler Hillmer and Andrew Pettibone and Taylor Frazier. Returning sophomores are Tanner Smith, Forrest Trachsel, Jake Kling, Preston Dautel, Josh Duke and Tom Terry.

This will be junior Taylor Frazier's first season on the diamond for the Cowboys. Freshman joining the team are Rory Kling, Brandon Rome, T.J. Freeman, Ren Scherling, Tanner O'Harah and Brad Geist.

"Our difficult schedule will challenge us every time we take the field," said Coach Jimenez. "If we can maintain our confidence throughout, I believe it will prepare us well for the post season."

"We only lost two players from

last season, Brock Lohr and Jake Alander, but they left big shoes to fill. We have many guys who have the ability to do that, and they'll need to reach their potential as baseball players for us to be successful."

First pitch Tuesday will be around 3 p.m. (Mountain Time). Last year the Cowboys opened their season with an 8-4 home win over

the Cougars.

"Burlington should be improved from last year," said Jimenez. "They will have played six games already, so that will be an added challenge."

They also have some young guys coming up in their program that will help them be much more competitive than last season."

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