

Five Cowboy wrestlers undefeated in classic

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The Cowboys had five undefeated wrestlers, one tied for Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament and the team finished third at the Holiday Classic Tournament Saturday at home.

Brett Schields tied with Nathan Broeckelman of Norton for the Outstanding Wrestler title on Saturday. Schields was undefeated at 171 pounds, winning five matches, along with Goodland's A.J. Stephens at 140, Ryan Taylor at 160, Josiah Goodley at 189 and T.J. Hawkins at 215.

Goodland had the most undefeated wrestlers, followed by Norton and Garden City, who each had four. Goodland lost to Garden City in the dual to determine first and third places. Norton was second.

The rest of the 12 teams in order were Oakley, Scott City, Buhler, Pratt, Dodge City, Ulysses, Hugoton, Quinter and Wichita County.

The Cowboys have five wrestlers ranked statewide by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

The Cowboys' five state-ranked wrestlers are Stephens ranked sixth at 140, Schields ranked third at 171, Goodley second at 189, Hawkins fifth at 215 and Bob Doxon fourth at 275.

In Pool A at the Holiday Classic, Goodland beat Dodge City, Hugoton and Scott City and then lost to Norton in the dual for first or third.

"It was a very successful tournament with a lot of great competition," said Coach Joseph Sramek. "I felt all the Goodland wrestlers gave a great effort. In a Dual, it is really hard to overcome two open weight when the other teams have a full

roster."

He said the team's success was a team effort. Besides the five undefeated wrestlers, Sramek said, Goodland had three who only lost one match. Two freshmen, Paul Starr and Lorenzo Delgado, wrestled varsity, the coach said, and they did really well for not having much varsity experience.

The tournament was a positive experience for all the wrestlers, Sramek said, and they are improving each week. The state rankings are more for the fans, he said, and are nice because they create interest for the sport, but wrestlers can't get too caught up in it; they are predictions, and the wrestlers need to continue to work and improve every day.

The Cowboys beat Dodge City 58-12. In the dual, Kade Sheldon beat Carlos Chairez by fall at 103, 112 was open for both, Goodland forfeited 119, Kerek Mason beat Jacob Bruton by fall at 125, Delgado lost to Addison Winger by fall at 130, Bryan Gray beat Hunter Edwards 10-6 at 135, Stephens beat Justin Blundell by fall at 140, Starr received a forfeit at 145, Aaron Deeds beat William Bonner 6-3 at 152, Taylor beat Ryan Kirby 13-3 at 160, Schields beat David Bonner by fall at 171, Goodley beat Christian Garcia by fall at 189, Hawkins beat Tony Rich by fall at 215 and Bob Doxon beat Mason Pooler by fall at 275.

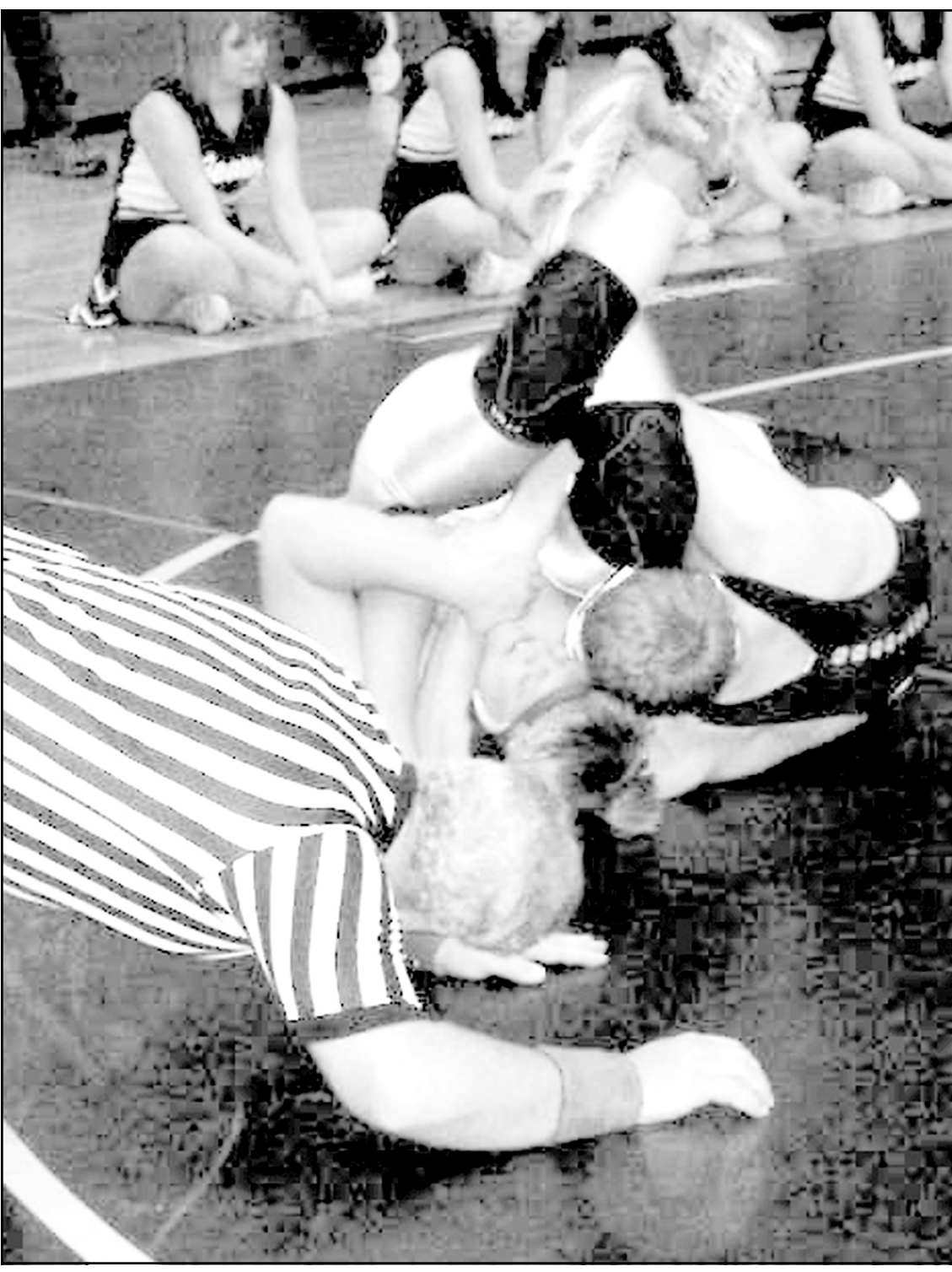
Goodland beat Hugoton 42-24. Sheldon beat Derek Schnittker 6-3, 112 was open, Goodland forfeited 119, Mason lost to Rafael Ortiz by fall, Delgado lost to Jeff Stan by fall, Gray lost to Omar Reyes 9-2, Stephens beat Tyler Sisseck by fall, Starr lost to Gage Soderlund 5-0, Deeds beat Joel Livengood 7-0, Taylor and Schields received for-

feits, Goodley beat Kolter Komlofske by fall, Hawkins beat Matthew Hall by fall and Doxon beat Mario Mejia by fall.

Goodland beat Scott City 54-24. In that dual, Sheldon beat K.C. Kaugh by fall at 103, Goodland forfeited 112 and 119, Mason beat Jesus Contreras by fall at 125, Delgado received a forfeit at 130, Gray beat Alex Bruner 4-2 at 135, Stephens beat Dustin Warta 11-10 at 140, Starr lost to Nick Kough by fall at 145, Deeds lost to Chaston Hoeme by fall at 152, Taylor received a forfeit at 160, Schields beat Logan Numrich by fall at 171, Goodley beat Cole Pearson by fall at 189 and Hawkins and Doxon both received forfeits.

In the dual for first or third in the pool, Goodland lost to Norton 39-30. Sheldon beat Connor Pfannenstiel 9-3, Goodland forfeited 112 and 119, Mason lost to Zach Bainter by fall, Delgado lost to Broeckelman by fall, Gray lost to Kent Mann by fall, Stephens beat Aaron Husted 6-0, Starr lost to Todd Bolt by fall, Deeds beat Jeff Soderlund 10-6, Taylor beat Brock Lauer 10-4, Schields beat Matt Stanley by fall, Goodley beat Robert Derauf by fall, Hawkins received a forfeit and Doxon lost to Alex Thomas 14-7.

In the dual for first or third in the tournament, Garden City edged out Goodland 39-34. Sheldon lost to Josh Arellano by fall, Goodland forfeited 112 and 119, Mason lost to Kyle Blackburn 7-3, Delgado lost to Michael Arellano by fall, Gray lost to Eric Servin by fall, Stephens beat Daniel Gonzales 8-7, Starr lost by fall to Moses Padilla, Deeds beat Michael Garrison 10-1, Taylor beat Aaron Martinez 10-6, Schields beat Cameron Rapp by fall, Goodley beat Jare Banner by fall, Hawkins



Josiah Goodley wrestled Cole Pearson of Scott City, pinning him, in the Holiday Classic Saturday. Goodley was one of Goodland's five undefeated wrestlers for the tournament.
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beat Martin Juarez by fall and Doxon received a forfeit.

The Cowboys' next competition will be after the Christmas break. They face Colby on Eagle turf at

5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, and will compete in the Liberal Wrestling Tournament at noon Friday, Jan. 5, and at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.

"Since we have more time,"

Sramek said, "we will be able focus more on technique and prepare for the Colby Dual and Liberal tournament."

Goodland graduate scores for Lady Hawks basketball team

Former Goodland Cowgirl Justeen Koehler, in her first college basketball season, scored two points for Quincy University on Friday as the Lady Hawks beat in-state rival the University of Illinois at Springfield 92-55.

Koehler has played in four of Quincy's first eight games, scoring six points and grabbing seven rebounds.

She scored her first four points on Nov. 21 in a home game against the University of Saint Francis (Ill.) which the Hawks won 95-74.

Koehler, who graduated from Goodland High last May, led the Cowgirls in scoring as a senior, averaging over 14 points per game. She made the All-Northwest Kansas League team in both her junior and senior seasons.

Quincy is now 4-4 for the year. The Hawks will be back in action today in St. Petersburg, Fla., taking on Eckerd College. The team will stay in Florida Wednesday to play the University of Tampa.



Koehler

Ex-Cowgirl runs in nationals for Colby cross country team

Goodland graduate Tiffany Thomas, a freshman at Colby Community College, had a good year on the Trojans' cross country team.

The team placed 16th at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships on Saturday, Nov. 4, in El Paso. Thomas posted her best time of the year, running as the team's fourth runner and placing 129th. To win a place in the championships, the

team finished fifth in the Region VI on Monday, Oct. 23, at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

Thomas ran her first mile in 6:52, two in 15:05, three in 22:43 and finished in 23:42 at the Region VI meet.

At the championships, Thomas had her best time at 22:40.

Her best two-mile time was 14:26, 4k 18:16 and 5k 22:40.

"Tiffany ran really well this season," said Jeff Becker, cross country and track coach. "She had a few problems in the middle of the season with anemia ... which held her back a little. She still came back strong and ran her best race of the year at the NJCAA meet."

During the year, she finished in the top 10 at the Barton County and Colby meets. She was sixth all time at Colby Community College in the 4k.



Thomas

Young Mustangs take league

The undefeated seventh-grade Grant Junior High Mustangs won the Northwest Kansas League basketball tournament Thursday in St. Francis.

The team finished with a 10-0 record, beating Colby, 39-38, to win the championship.

The Mustangs defeated St. Francis 37-16 in the first round last Monday.

Thursday, the second and third rounds were held in St. Francis. The Mustangs beat Quinter 39-35, and then edged Colby 39-38.

The eighth-grade Mustangs finished fourth in the league tournament held at Colby on Thursday.

The Mustangs won their first round at Oberlin on Monday, 34-33.

The second and third rounds were held in Colby, and the Mustangs lost to Colby, 48-17, and to Quinter, 50-43.

The eighth-grade finished with a 4-6 record.

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School calendar for December 20 through 26

- Wednesday:** Gold Day
- Thursday:** Black Day, JH Band & Vocal Concert in HS Auditorium 7 p.m.
- Friday:** Gold Day
- Saturday:** KSHSA Holiday Non-Practice Dates - Dec. 23 to Dec. 27
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