

# Goodland sending eight to state

## Colby takes team title by a point

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The Goodland Cowboys grabbed eight spots in the state wrestling tournament, which starts Friday at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita, but lost the team title at regional Colby by a single point.

“It was a very difficult tourney,” said Cowboy wrestling coach Randy Bahe. “I was extremely happy and satisfied. The entire team wrestled exceptionally well.”

The Cowboys were edged out of the team title by Colby, 168.5 to 167.5 Defending Class 4A state champion Clay Center, ranked first in the state, finished third with 141.

“All 14 team members made points for the team,” Bahe said, “and all 14 were still in after the first round was over Friday night. I don’t recall that ever happening.”

“I was very pleased with the entire team effort.”

Leading the Cowboys was Jordan Bedore at 215 pounds, who had three straight first-period pins, the quickest coming just 37 seconds into the championship match against Derek Rupp of Ulysses.

Also winning a regional championship was Taylor Brack at 160 pounds. Brack wrestled three tough opponents to take the title. Dexter Deeds at 112 pounds took second.

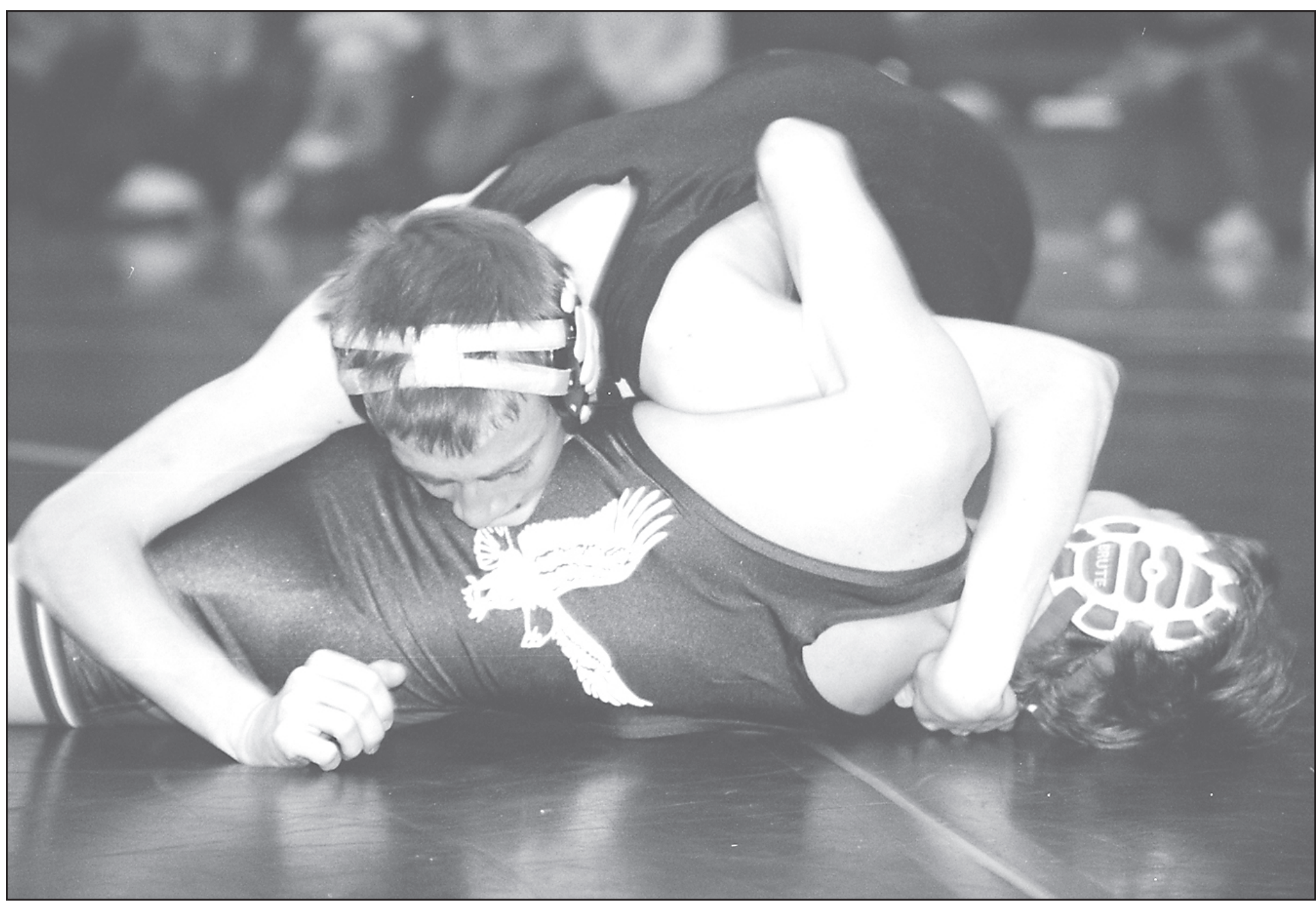
Blayze Bahe in the 119-pound division, Dustin Klinge at 140 and Landon West at 189 took third. Chad Normandin and Mathias Goodley finished fourth All qualified for state.

At 103 pounds, **Normandin** had a first round bye, then lost to Nick Sprague of Concordia 7-4. In the consolation rounds, Normandin pinned Kurt Hershey of Hugoton, then lost again to Sprague, this time by fall in the second period.

**Deeds**, at 112 pounds, also had a bye in the first round, then pinned Chaparral’s Matt Fodenrecht in the second period. Deeds then beat Logan Dreiling of Scott City 9-3 before being pinned by Levi Eddie of Ulysses.

In the 119 pound division, **Bahe** had a bye, then won a major decision over Kyle Taylor of Concordia, 14-2, before losing 4-2 to Joey Ortiz of Ulysses. Bahe then pinned Jonny Hermes of Andale and Jake Dozier of Pratt to take third.

At 125, **Brock Whitmore** lost to John Wark of Colby in the first round, then beat Jack Eck of Andale 6-5 before losing by fall to Tanner



Cowboy Chad Normandin had Kurt Hershey of Hugoton in a tough spot Saturday during the consolation semi-finals of the Class 4A regional wrestling tournament at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Normandin pinned Hershey in the second period of the match, and finished fourth in the tournament to qualify for state.

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Gross of Larned.

At 130 pounds, **Goodley** had a bye, then beat Brenden Lund of Clay Center 7-2 before being pinned by Jesse Tibbles of Colby. Goodley pinned Joey Kinder of Concordia in the consolation, then lost 4-2 to Brian Zey of Abilene.

After a first round bye **Kyle Schulte**, at 135 pounds, lost to Ronald Prater of Pratt 9-5. In the wrestle-back, Schulte pinned James Gerstberger of Ulysses before being pinned by Rees McKinney of Scott City.

At 140 pounds, **Klinge** pinned Aaron Schaller of Larned, then lost in overtime 2-1 to Brice Eisenhour of Scott City. In the consolation rounds, Klinge pinned his next four opponents, Justin Scheer of Andale, Daniel Zimmerman of Chaparral, Keenan Cole of Abilene, then nailed down third in a rematch with Eisenhour, pinning him in the second period

At 145 pounds, **Korey Schulte** had a first round bye, then lost to Eric Luedke of Colby. Schulte then

lost by fall to Nolan Numrich of Scott City.

After a bye in the first round at 152 pounds, **Mike Zimmerman** lost 9-2 to Chase Frank of Scott City. He then beat Nathan Ediger of Chaparral before losing a major decision to Bobby Krause of Nickerson.

**Brack**, after a bye in the first round at 160, had to wrestle all nine rounds in his next three matches to take the title. He beat Anthony Hopkins of Larned 9-3, Chris Sutton-Kearn of Concordia 5-4, and Nick Speer of Scott City 8-3.

At 171 pounds, **Brandon Linden** lost by fall to Tucker Olson of Colby, then was pinned by Travis Hays of Haven. He then pinned Nick Scheer of Andale before losing by fall again to Olson of Colby.

At 189 pounds, **West** pinned Ty Hoover of Chaparral, then beat Ryan Crist of Scott City before losing by fall to Jacob Strait of Concordia. West then beat Zach Towns of Haven 9-5, and took third with a 6-3 win over Theo Kleinsorge of Colby.

**Bedore**, at 215, had three first-round pins to take first. He pinned

Bruce Affolter of Clay Center, Josh Brown of Concordia, and Derek Rupp of Ulysses.

In the heavyweight bracket, **Andy Phillips** pinned Bryce Miller of Nickerson before losing to Tony Lewis of Ulysses 7-2. Phillips then lost to Travis Weller of Scott City.

Normandin scored 15 1/2 team points for the Cowboys; Deeds 18, Bahe 17, Whitmore 2, Goodley 11, Kyle Schulte 3, Klinge 22, Korey Schulte 3, Zimmerman 2, Brack 20, West 14, Bedore 26, and Phillips 7.

Concordia was fourth in the tournament at 139 points; Abilene fifth

with 135; Scott City 132; Ulysses 115; Pratt 99; Andale 43; Chaparral 23; Nickerson 20; Larned 19; Hugoton 16.5 and Haven 13.

Coach Bahe said he wanted to thank the entire community for putting on a successful tournament.

“And a big thanks to Greg Craig and Steve Raymer for such a well-run tournament,” he said. “I especially want to thank the Cowboys fans. There was a good crowd which helped pump up the boy’s enthusiasm to get us on a roll. We’re looking forward to having that support at state.”

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