

Wrestling club travels to state

Thirty-four members of the Goodland Wrestling Club competed at the district tournament Saturday in Cimarron. Half of them qualified to compete at state Saturday in Topeka.

Champions at Cimarron were Michael Ledesma, 135 pounds, 16-and-under, and Bobby Doxon, 245, 16-and-under. Finishing second were Austin Hernandez, 70, and Luke Avila, 76, both 8-and-under, and Aaron Avelar, 58, John Peden, 95, and Ian Bonsall, 120, all 10-and-under.

In third were Tanner Gastineau, Debbie Martin of the Goodland Ambassadors Club handed out goody bags to members of the Kansas Kids Wrestling Club who will go to Topeka on Saturday to compete at the state level. There will be 17 wrestlers going to compete.

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Drury Lady Panthers lose in Division II quarterfinals

By Scott Puryear
Drury Sports Information
Southern Connecticut State University scored the first seven points of the second half to build a 14-point lead and went on to defeat the Drury Lady Panthers 74-54 in the NCAA Division II national quarterfinals in Kearney, Neb., on Wednesday afternoon.

Southern Connecticut (32-2) will move on to face UC-San Diego in the national semifinals on Thursday. Drury finished 25-9.

The Lady Panthers held a 10-4 lead early on, but the Owls regrouped. They came back to lead

34-27 at halftime — boosted by four points in the final 22 seconds of the half — and opened the second half with a 7-0 run to build a commanding 41-27 advantage with 17:16 left.

Drury never got the deficit below double-figures from there, as the Lady Panthers struggled from the field over the final 20 minutes (8 of 24, 33 percent).

"We obviously are very disappointed in our play today," Drury coach Nyla Milleson — a former Goodland graduate — said. "But first I think you've got to give Southern Connecticut some credit for that. They're a very good defen-

sive team. But we're disappointed with our play because we're better than we showed today."

Milleson (Wilson) was the 1980 valedictorian and a member of the state champion basketball team at Goodland. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and education and received a masters in education and administration with honors (magna cum laude) from the university in 1989.

Southern Connecticut coach Joe Frager said his Owls, in the Elite Eight for the first time since 1983, never felt comfortable until the end

despite owning a lead that grew to 23 points at one point.

"Give a lot of credit to Drury ... they had a tremendous season and are extremely well coached," Frager said.

"I think the first five or six minutes of the game we were real tight ... I knew we had butterflies, but I didn't know how long they were going to last.

"I think at no time did we as a coaching staff relax. Becky Flippin and Molly Carter are so quick ... they can score in bunches."

Sophomore forward Lauren Gregory was the only Lady Panther to

reach double-figures, finishing with 13 points.

Molly Carter and Greta Wiersch had nine each, and Becky Flippin finished with seven points as Drury hit just 40 percent from the field (19 of 47) while the Owls made 53 percent (31 of 59), including 59 percent in the second half (16 of 27) as their mostly zone defense continued to frustrate the Lady Panthers.

Many of those points came on put-backs as the Owls registered 14 offensive rebounds, and overall, claimed a 35-22 advantage on the boards over the smaller Lady Panthers.

"Rebounding has been an achilles heel for us all year long, and it was once again," Milleson said.

Milleson, reflecting on a season that started 1-3 for the Lady Panthers and featured a lineup with just one senior (Katie Ekedahl) and six freshmen in the mix, said "We're not going to let this overshadow what a tremendous season this has been for a great group of young ladies."

Added Milleson: "Getting back in the gym and working hard won't be an issue with this group. We've got a lot of hungry kids."

Five Goodland High seniors to play in All-Star game in Colby

Two Cowboys and three Cowgirls will play in Colby on Sunday, April 1, at the Colby Community Building in the 2007 Northwest Kansas All-Star game. The girls game will be at 4 p.m. and the boys at 6 p.m. mountain daylight time.

The teams are made up of the best players from the high school basketball players in the northwest Kansas area.



Girl's
Light Team - Whitney Archer, Goodland; Lauren Fortin, Oberlin; Cierra Bergman, St. Johns-Beloit; Lauren Robinson, Scott City; Ashley Simon, Leoti; Megan Cavanee, Tribune; Nikki Welsh, Sharon Springs; Lauren Eck, Beloit; Katie Spresser, Golden Plains; Tricia Dorthorst, Oberlin;

Boys
The boys have not been divided into teams yet.

Stephanie Brown (injured), Beloit; coach Steve Rapiet; assistant coach Lou Berning.

Dark Team - Kaylee Billinger, Goodland; Emily Murray, Goodland; Jannica Schultz, Osborne; Addie Bayse, Hays; Lindsey Schamburg, Beloit; Avery Schultz, Brewster; Callie Baalman, Oakley; Kristin Waldschmidt, Ellis; Megan Dennis, Oakley; Ashley Barnes, Colby; coach Willie Schaffer; assistant coach Stephanie Schaffer.

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Mikey Doll, Goodland; Nick Angelos, Goodland; Tyler Knobbe, Sharon Springs; Tane Brown, Hill City; Joel McAtee, St. Francis; A. J. McAtee, St. Francis; Brett Critenden, Tribune; Alan Bruggeman, Golden Plains; Brett Spresser, Golden Plains; Michael Selby, Hays; Kameron Parker, Hays; Trey Barnett, Colby; Corey Kincaid, Wheatland; Trevor Siebert, Colby; Jake Moss, Hoxie; Marty Lager, Grinnell.

Baseball season opens Tuesday

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
The Cowboys baseball team opens their third season facing Burlington at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Memorial Park.

Devlin Mull, elementary physical education teacher, is in his first year as coach, said Thursday he is not sure how the team will do.

"This is my first year of coaching," Mull said. "I am not sure how we are going to do until we play a game or two to find out what we have."

"I know we lost a lot of seniors last year."

Mull said there are 17 players out for the team this year including two seniors.

"Our two seniors, Tyler Hillmer at shortstop and Andrew Pettibone who pitches and plays first base, have shown a lot of leadership," Mull said.

The Cowboys finished last season with a 7-14 record.

Mull said juniors Tanner Smith, Preston Dautel, Forrest Trachsel and Josh Doke will be important starters. Smith will play catcher, Dautel will play second base and Trachsel will play left field. Mull said Doke is something of a utility player.

"Doke will play a little first base, second base and outfield," Mull said. "He will do anything to play."

Sophomores Rory Kling and Brandon Rome are two players Mull thinks can really contribute.

Kling will play third base and he is expecting big things out of him, and Mull thinks Rome is one of the most talented players on the team and hopes he comes along.

"They all seem to love baseball," Mull said, "and it has been a lot of fun."

Looking ahead Mull said he thinks pitching might be a problem.

"It always comes down to pitching," he said. "We are not real deep, but we have four or five who will go out and throw. Pettibone is probably our best and Dautel and Hillmer would be our number two and three."

Mull said he is not sure what to expect from Burlington, but he said the kids are saying they have a lot of returning players and a tough pitcher.

The Cowboys will play two games against Burlington in the opener on Tuesday, and travel to Garden City on Friday for a double header beginning at 3 p.m.

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'07 Cowboy Baseball Schedule

Mar 27 against Burlington	3:00pm
Mar 30 @ Garden City	3:00 pm
Apr 5 @ Colby	3:00 pm
Apr 10 @ Ulysses	3:00 pm
Apr 20 w/Liberal	3:00 pm
Apr 23 against Scott City	3:00 pm
Apr 26 @ Holcomb	2:30 pm
May 1 against Colby	3:00 pm
May 3-5 @ Hays	3:00 pm

Western Diamond Classic Tournament
May 14 - 18 Regional Baseball
May 25 & 26 State Baseball

REQUEST FOR BIDS

USD 352 is seeking bids for the demolition of the structure known as Cobblestone Floral at 508 East 12th in Goodland.

The successful bidder must obtain a performance bond in the amount of the bid, and must provide proof of liability insurance and workers compensation insurance within ten days of being notified as the successful bidder. The building materials and/or salvage thereof will become the property of the successful bidder with the requirement that the bidder will dispose of the material in a lawful manner, and will hold USD 352 harmless from any liability related to its disposition.

USD 352 will request that all debris be removed from the property including cement foundations and/or footings. The excavation needed must be properly filled in and leveled with dirt. The successful bidder must complete the work by August 1, 2007. Inspection will be done by Kenny Studer, Maintenance Supervisor, before payment is made.

For further information, please call Shelley P. Angelos, Superintendent of Schools. Sealed bids may be submitted to Patricia Juhl, Board Clerk, before 1 p.m. on April 9, 2007. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.