

Cowboys lose dual, third at tournament

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The Cowboys faced the No. 2 team in the state in Class 4A twice, in a dual Thursday and a tournament over the weekend, and came up behind the Colby Eagles both times despite wrestling well.

One problem for the team giving Colby three matches. With junior Kade Sheldon out sick, Goodland had an extra open spot in the line-up Thursday against Colby, forcing three forfeits. Even though Goodland won more matches, Colby won the dual at the Max Jones Fieldhouse 40-24.

The Cowboys only had one pin, compared to Colby's three, so only got six points for pins compared to Colby's 18. Colby had no forfeits, so Goodland got no points for forfeits, compared to Colby's 18. Six wins by decision brought only three points each, giving Goodland 18, compared to Colby's four points for a major decision.

The Cowboys had Sheldon back for the Liberal tournament and finished third out of 12 teams, behind Colby and Liberal.

"Honestly, I was really pleased with how we wrestled against Colby," said Coach Joseph Sramek. "The score does not tell how well we really wrestled against the No. 2-rated team in the state in class 4A.

"We won seven matches out of the 14 weights, and if you take out the open weights, we won seven matches out of 11. Colby has 12 ranked wrestlers in the state, and we beat five of them in our seven matches. I was really pleased with our performances against Colby."

Against Colby, the Cowboys forfeited to freshman Taylor Moeder at 103 pounds, senior Cody Wark at 112 and senior Hunter Olsen at 135.

Earning wins for Goodland were freshman Nathan Deeds, 6-4 over sophomore Bob Schroeder at 130, senior A.J. Stephens 9-2 over junior Heath Stephens at 140, junior Keegan Smith 3-0 over junior Garrett Zwegardt at 145, senior Aaron Deeds 3-2 over sophomore Ethan Stichel at 152, junior Ryan Taylor 4-2 in overtime over junior Breck Arnberger at 160, junior Fernando Martinez 3-1 over junior Treat Bugbee at 189 and senior Bob Doxon, who pinned senior Taylor Brown at 285.

For Colby, sophomore Nathan Reed won by major decision 14-0 over freshman Seth Miller at 119, senior Bryan Brewer pinned freshman Kayler Rietcheck at 125, junior Tanner Kriss pinned junior Vance Johnson at 171 and senior Nick Kriss pinned senior Ren Scherling at 215.

In junior varsity matches, sophomore Paul Starr pinned freshman

Jon Griffin at 171, and junior Tanner Oharra pinned senior Kyle Cox at 215. Senior Martin Stadelmann was pinned by freshman Dryden Baumfalk at 130, sophomore Lorenzo Delgado was pinned by sophomore Torey Taylor at 140, junior T.J. Freeman was pinned by junior Luke Schroeder at 145 and sophomore Hector Sarinana was pinned by sophomore Kalen Rasmussen at 152.

At Liberal, Goodland earned 183 points for third place. Colby was first with 270 and Liberal second with 206.5. Kapaun/Mount Carmel was fourth with 146.5, followed by Pratt with 127.5, Robertson, N.M., with 107, Hays High with 78.5, Hugoton with 76, Tascosa, Texas, with 75, Holcomb with 55, Ulysses with 53 and Vernon with nine.

"We took third as a team behind good Colby and Liberal teams," Sramek said. "I felt overall we had a good performance considering the layoff for Christmas break. We had 10 place out of 12 wrestlers, but the two wrestlers who did not place wrestled very well at the tournament."

Miller went 2-2 and Scherling 3-2 for the weekend but did not place.

Goodland had four champions, brothers Aaron and Nathan Deeds, at 152 and 130, Stephens at 140 and Doxon at 285.

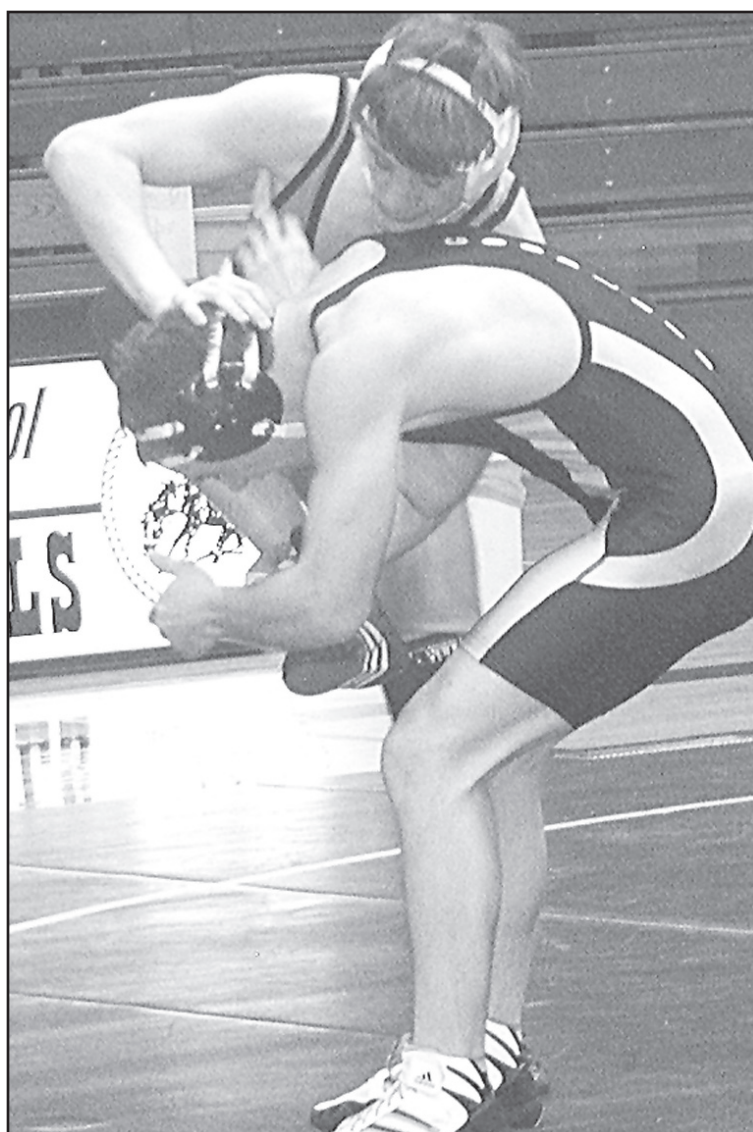
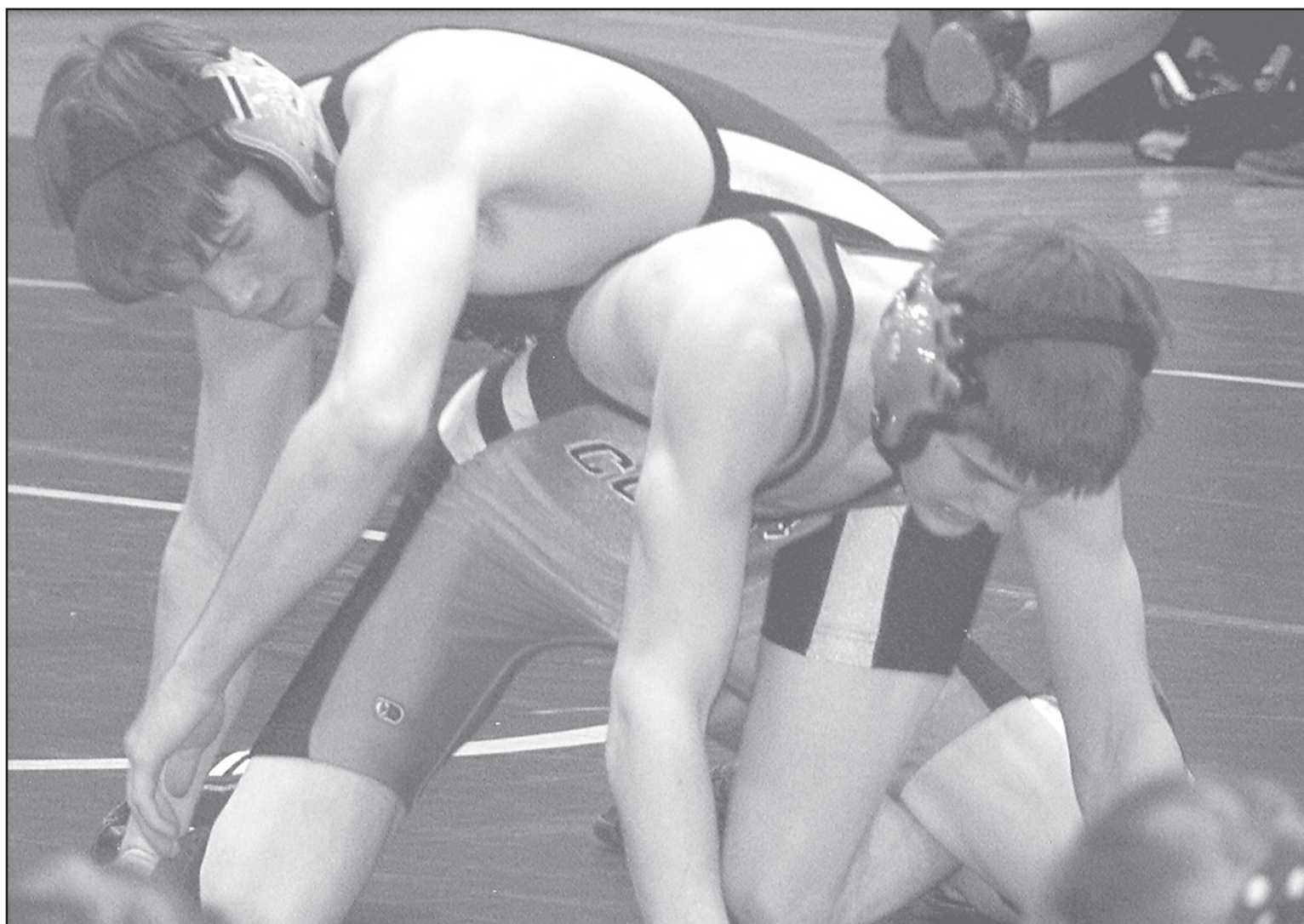
Martinez took third at 189, and three Cowboys finished fourth, Smith at 145, Taylor at 160 and Johnson at 171. Delgado was fifth at 135, and Sheldon was sixth at 112.

The junior varsity competed in the WaKeeney tournament Saturday, coached by Steve Evert. He said they did outstanding job, considering it was their first tournament of the year, the coach said.

Goodland had eight wrestlers in the tournament. Reitcheck went 2-2 and placed third 125, Stadelmann went 1-2 and took fourth at 130, T.J. Freeman went 0-2 and did not place at 145, Savanna Short went 1-2 to place fourth at 145, Bryan Gray went 2-1 and placed third at 152, Sarinana went 1-2 but did not place at 152, Starr went 2-1 and took third at 171 and Oharra went 2-1 and took second at 215.

"I think overall this was good weekend for the entire team for the first weekend back from Christmas break," Sramek said. "We will continue to work hard to become in better shape, also continue correct the little mistakes in our technique that is the difference in close matches"

The varsity Cowboys go to the Oberlin Invitational Tournament at 9 a.m. Mountain Time Saturday, while the junior varsity squad goes to Hays for the Junior Prairie Classic at 8:30 a.m.



Freshman Nathan Deeds (top) won 6-4 over Colby sophomore Bob Schroeder at 130 pounds in the dual Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Senior A.J. Stephens (above) won 9-2 over junior Heath Stephens at 140. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland graduates hit court for Trojans, Lady Trojans

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New Year's Day gave everyone a chance to start anew, and the Colby College men's and women's basketball teams got a chance to wipe the slate as they began Jayhawk Community College Conference play Wednesday against Garden City at home.

The Trojan men and Lady Trojans did just that, beating Garden City in their first games after the holiday break. The men won 85-70 and the women 70-51. Both teams have Goodland High graduates, the Lady Trojans with Whitney Archer and the Trojans Mikey Doll.

The first two months of the season were a struggle for the Colby teams, especially for the men, who came back from the break at 3-10, in the cellar of the Western Division.

The Lady Trojans won two of their last three games before the break, but at 5-9, were a distant sixth in the West.

Despite the combined 8-19 record, some bright spots emerged during the first half of the season.

For the Lady Trojans, it was the play of Archer and Sandra Sormaz, the only two players scoring in double-figures. Archer is averaging 10.4 points per game while Sormaz is third in the division at 15. She was second in the West in three-pointers made with 34, an efficient 42 percent from behind the arc.

The men boast the leading scorer in the division in freshman guard Mike Boyd, who is averaging 21.8 points per game. Down low, 6-9 center Koance Davis has emerged

as a force in the middle, averaging 17 points per game. Boyd, Davis and point guard Andrew Engel, at 13.2 points per game, have given the Trojans a formidable trio of scorers.

In the Lady Trojans' game against Garden City, both teams came out sluggish in the first half.

The Trojans managed a 29-22 lead at the break despite shooting 11 for 33 (33.3 percent). Garden, though, shot even worse, connecting on just 10 of 36 (27.8 percent).

Colby came out and shot the ball much better in the second half, but Garden wouldn't go away and managed to trim the deficit to 39-33 with 13 minutes left.

From there, though, it was all Colby. The Lady Trojans went on a 12-0 run and expanded their lead to 51-33 with just under 10 minutes left.

Garden City stopped the bleeding with a basket to bring the score to 51-35, but the Lady Trojans went another run of 14-2 to claim their biggest lead of 65-37 after a Nikki Welsh basket. Welsh nearly had a double-double, finishing with 10 points and nine rebounds.

She was one of four Trojan starters in double-figures, led by Sormaz with 18 points on 7 for 17 shooting. Sormaz, along with Archer, who finished with 14 points, each sank three triples.

The Lady Trojans finished 9-25 (36.0 percent) from behind the arc and shot 43 percent in the second half to finish the game with a respectable 38.6 percent overall.

The teams were to play at Pratt on Saturday and will be at Dodge City on Wednesday.

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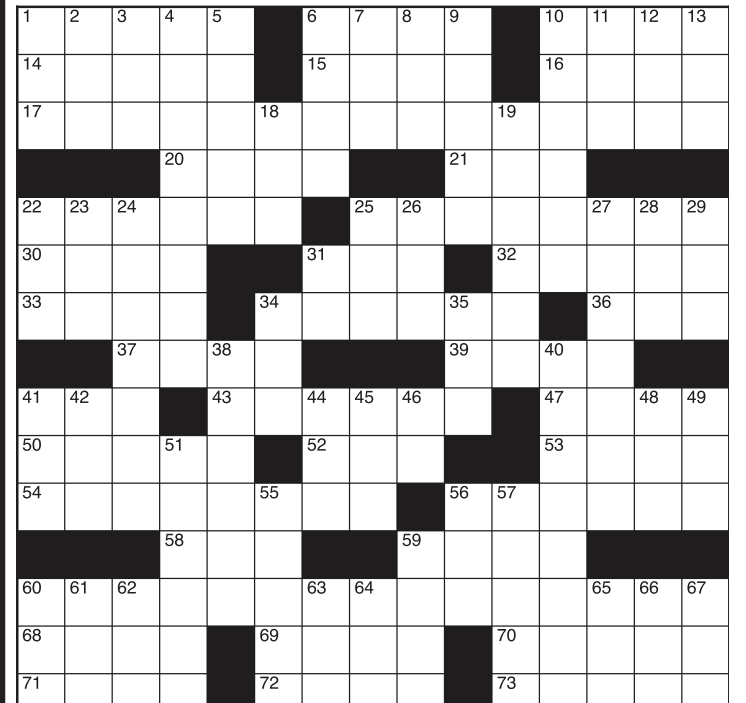
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 - Basics
 - The top point
 - Force used in pushing
 - Surprise attack killer
 - Cambodian monetary unit
 - London radio station
 - Dry plaster fresco
 - Did go
 - Look up to
 - Physicist Georg Simon ____
 - Anacronym for speed
 - Optical Storage and Retrieval
 - Direct something at an object
 - Popular bagel seed topping
 - Matchstick games
 - Hans ____: German biochemist
 - Wrapped package (abbr.)
 - Japanese socks
 - Attacked
 - Special animal lineages
 - Equal, prefix
 - Groom ____: wedding attendants
 - 1966 J. Goldman play
 - Swiss river
 - Large burrowing rodent of S. Am.
 - Classic film director Frank
 - Dutch colonist
 - Ooze
 - Perceived sound
- CLUES DOWN**
- Manuscripts (abbr.)
 - ____e Taylor from Mayberry
 - Bobby ____, NHL champ
 - No show losses
 - Bosnian ethnic group
 - Without (French)
 - Corpuscle count (abbr.)
 - 4th Caliph of Islam
 - Exams
 - Glide by
 - Calendar month (abbr.)
 - Much ____ About Nothing
 - Adult male
 - Behave in a certain manner
 - Diagonals
 - Engineering company
 - Go quickly
 - Rechristens
 - Defensive nuclear weapon
 - __ fi (slang)
 - Slags
 - I (German)
 - __ de plume
 - "10" star initials
 - Mimic
 - Eggs of female fish
 - St. Francis of ____
 - Insect head appendages
 - Alias
 - Tax collector
 - One point east of due south
 - Determine the sum of
 - Millilitre
 - Megabaud (abbr.)
 - Female sibling
 - Utensil to remove water from a boat
 - Coils
 - Yuppie status car
 - The German state
 - Finger click
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