

Wrestlers placed sixth at Hays tournament

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Goodland High placed sixth out of 21 teams at the Hays Senior Prairie Classic Wrestling Tournament on Friday and Saturday and had eight junior varsity wrestlers compete at the Rawlins County Tournament on Saturday in Atwood.

The Cowboys faced tough competition in Hays, said Coach Joseph Sramek, and had three wrestlers out with injuries who would have scored a lot of points: Ryan Taylor at 160 pounds, Vance Johnson at 171 and Fernando Martinez at 189.

"The Hays tournament was probably the toughest tournament we have competed in so far this season," the coach said. "There were a lot of very goods kids at all weights."

Goodland came in sixth with 109.5 points. Phillipsburg won with 180.5, followed by Shawnee Heights of Topeka with 162.5, Oakley 158, Dodge City 134.5 and Campus of Wichita 130.5. Hoisington was seventh with 107, followed by Spring Hill with 98, McPherson 95.5, St. Francis 82, Wichita Independent 81, Ellis 68.5, Russell 56, Ellsworth 54.5, Thomas More Prep of Hays 47.5, Buhler 46, Ulysses 45.5, Hays High 33, Salina Central 27.5, Larned 13 and Trego/WaKeency 10.

Five Cowboys snared medals, with one championship:

• Goodland senior Aaron Deeds led the Cowboys, taking the cham-

pionship at 152 pounds. He beat Clint Taylor of More 6-4 in the finals.

• Senior Bob Doxon took second at heavyweight after being pinned by Atticus Disney of Shawnee Heights in the finals.

• Senior A.J. Stephens took third at 140, beating Brian Noller of Russell 13-3 in the finals.

• Junior Keegan Smith took third at 145, beating Derek Soucie of Wichita Independent 8-3 in the finals.

• Freshman Nathan Deeds was fourth at 130 after being pinned by Levi Schneider at Ellsworth.

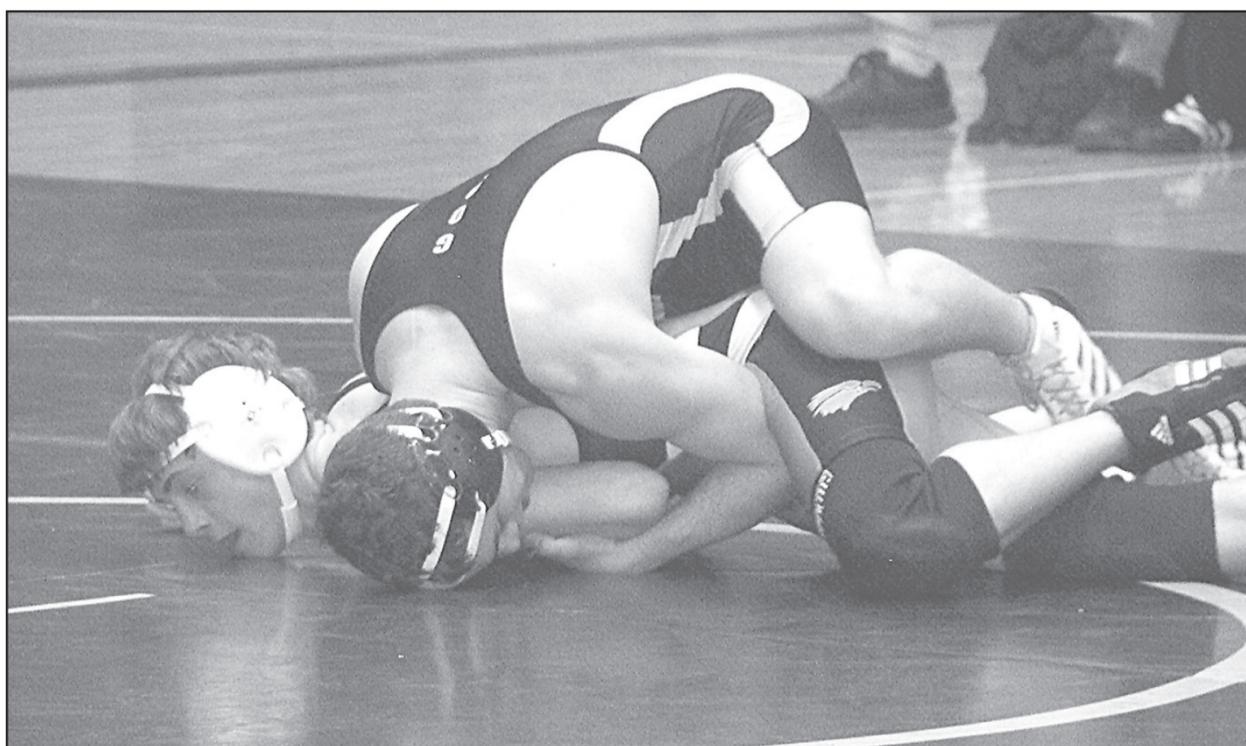
Those who did not place were junior Kade Sheldon, 1-2 at 112; freshman Seth Miller, 1-2 at 119; sophomore Lorenzo Delgado, 0-2 at 135; and senior Ren Scherling, 1-2 at 189.

"Overall, I felt the wrestlers competed well and we just came up short on a few close matches," Sramek said.

Goodland had eight junior-varsity wrestlers at Rawlins County, which drew three junior varsity and eight varsity teams. Four Cowboys got medals.

Sophomore Paul Starr went 3-1 and took third at 171, junior Tanner Oharra went 3-1 and took third at 215, Jay Cotter went 3-1 and placed third at heavyweight and junior Bryan Gray went 3-2 for fourth at 152.

Those who didn't place were



Cowboys senior A.J. Stephens won his match 9-2 over Colby Eagles junior Heath Stephens at 140 during the team dual on Jan. 3 at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Colby won the dual 40-24.

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freshman Kayler Reitcheck, 2-2 at 125; junior T.J. Freeman, 0-2 at 145; sophomore Savannah Short, 0-2 at 145; and sophomore Hector

Sarinanana, 0-2 at 152. Goodland will dual a good Oberlin team Friday at the Max Jones Field House, Sramek said, starting

at 5:30 p.m. The team will wrestle at the league tournament Saturday in Colby, starting at 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) at the community

building. "Hopefully, we will have every-one healthy and able to compete this upcoming week," he said.



Cowgirls junior Courtney Sheldon pushed the ball up the court against the Norton Lady Jays at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday. The Cowgirls lost 45-30. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Cowgirls start well, lose to Norton, 45-30

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland Cowgirls played two good quarters against the Norton Lady Jays on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, but in between Norton built a lead to win 45-30.

The Cowgirls fell behind early in the first quarter, but battled back to tie the score at 9-9 at the end of the quarter. In the second quarter the Lady Jays went on an 11 point run to lead 20-11 before the Cowgirls broke the scoring drought with a basket by junior Shelbi Hall on a pass from senior Sammie Raymer. The half ended with the Lady Jays leading 22-13 as they outscored the Cowgirls 13-4 in the quarter.

The third quarter started with a short run by Norton to push the lead into double figures at 26-13. The Cowgirls found themselves down 36-21 at the end of the quarter. The Cowgirls were outscored 14-8 in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Cowgirls tried to cut into the Lady Jays lead, but the two teams traded baskets with each team scoring 9 points to give Norton a 45-30 win.

Cowgirls Coach Don Smith said he felt the girls had two categories that were OK against Norton and those were the 70 percent of the free throws (7 of 10) and that the Cowgirls out rebounded Norton 27 to 21.

"Rebounds was a bright spot last night," Smith said. "We have been working on that because we have not out rebounded our opponents very often."

"Our floor game was not real

sharp with the turnovers we had — some forced and some just our fault. At times we were totally out of sync and our timing was not there. We did not move the ball crisply and were out of place.

"You have to give Norton credit for their defense as they kept us out of our game."

Smith said he felt pretty good in the first quarter with the girls coming back to tie it at 9-9, but then things did not go as well in the second when Norton had a run to outscore the Cowgirls 13-4.

Smith said with the strong players from Norton — Hayli Bozarth and Laura Lee Baird — he tried a special defense to shut them down, and for the most part he felt it did a good job with Bozarth being held to 6 points and Baird had 17.

"We shut Baird and Bozarth down," Smith said, "but some of the other players stepped up and made shots."

"What we did was somewhat successful, but it might have helped if we had been better on our offense."

"We have to look at the positives with the rebounding and felt we did a much better job than when we faced them in the Topside Tip-off in December. Norton had to do good things to beat us last night."

In the first game in December Norton defeated the Cowgirls 62-36.

Smith said a couple of the girls are fighting sickness, and he hopes it hold off.

"We seem to be having it hit the school now," he said. "I am not sure what we will have by Friday. With out numbers it opens the door for

someone else to play, but it makes it harder on our junior varsity."

"It is hard to get through a season without some injuries or sickness."

The Cowgirls are in Oberlin tonight to play the Lady Red Devils in a Northwest Kansas League game. Smith said the Oberlin team is similar to the Cowgirls with both teams having about the same number of girls graduate last year.

Oberlin beat Hoxie, 68-56, but Smith was surprised at the score against Quinter, which Oberlin lost 44-32.

"They (Oberlin) do things well at times and other times have trouble," Smith said. "We really need a win to give us some momentum."

Raymer led the Cowgirls scoring with 11 points on 1 three-point basket, 3 field goals and was 2 of 3 on free throws. Freshman Ashley Archer was in double figures with 10 on 4 field goals and was 2 for 2 on free throws. Hall had 7 on 2 field goals and was 3 of 5 on free throws. Freshman Jade Herl had 1 field goal for her 2 points.

Raymer led the team in rebounds with 8, Archer had 7, Herl had 4, junior Whitney Schields had 3 as did Hall and junior Courtney Sheldon had 2.

Goodland hit 17 percent of their three-point shots (1 of 6), 36 percent from the floor (10 of 28) and 70 percent of their free throws (7 of 10).

Norton hit 37.5 percent from three-point range (6 of 16), 45 percent from the floor (13 of 19) and 14 percent of their free throws (1 of 7).

bowling results

Monday Night Scratch Classic League
Jan. 21, 2008

Weber Kennels over Adronics, 17-3
Bowladium Lanes over SunOpta, 16-4
Steve's Body Shop over Floyd's Refrig. & AC 15-5
RMR over The Rookies 11-9
J&L Deliveries over Ftzigibbon's, Inc. 14-6

High Individual Game: Tim Pacello, 232
High Individual Series: Darren Hickson, 815
High Team Game: Steve's Body Shop, 625
High Team Series: Steve's Body Shop, 2,156

League Standings:
Sixth week, second round

Steve's Body Shop	112-48
Bowladium Lanes	104-56
Weber Kennels	95.5-44.5
SunOpta	94.5-65.5
J&L Deliveries	92.5-67.5
Ftzigibbon's, Ind.	90.5-69.5
Floyd's Refrig. & AC	74-66
Adronics	42.5-117.5
The Rookies	41.5-118.5
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