

Cowboys just miss second at league

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Goodland finished third at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament Saturday at Colby, just half a point behind second-place Oakley. The Cowboys had 11 placers, including two champions, one second-place, two third and six fourth.

Senior A.J. Stephens was champion at 140, and senior Bob Doxon was the heavyweight champion. Junior Keegan Smith was second at 145, junior Kade Sheldon third at 112 and junior Fernando Martinez third at 189.

Placing fourth were freshman Seth Miller at 103, freshman Nathan Deeds at 130, sophomore Lorenzo Delgado at 135, senior Aaron Deeds at 152, sophomore Paul Starr at 171 as a member of Team X made up of junior varsity wrestlers filling spots in the brackets, and senior Ren Scherling at 215. Those wrestling for Team X did not count toward any team scores.

Cowboys who didn't place were sophomore Jay Cotter, wrestling at heavyweight for X, freshman Kayler Rietcheck at 125, junior Tanner Oharra at 215 for X and junior Vance Johnson at 171.

Colby won with 230 points, Oakley had 117.5 and Goodland 117. St. Francis was fourth with 108, Oberlin fifth with 74, Rawlins County sixth with 65, Hoxie seventh with 53 and Quinter last with zero.

- Stephens beat Luke Schroeder, a Colby wrestler on X, in a 10-4 decision, then beat Brad Halbleib of Oakley 7-0 and Everett Urban of Oberlin 2-0 for the championship. He has a 32-1 record.
- Doxon pinned Dalton Garcia, a



Senior A.J. Stephens beat Luke Schroeder of Colby 10-4 in the first round of the Northwest Kansas League tournament Saturday in Colby. Stephens also beat Brad Halbleib of Oakley and Everett Urban of Oberlin to take the championship at 140 pounds.

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Colby junior varsity wrestler on X, in a minute, 23 seconds, then pinned Shelby Wright of Rawlins County in a minute, 50 seconds, and pinned Taylor Brown of Colby in 2:15 for the championship. He has a 29-1 season record.

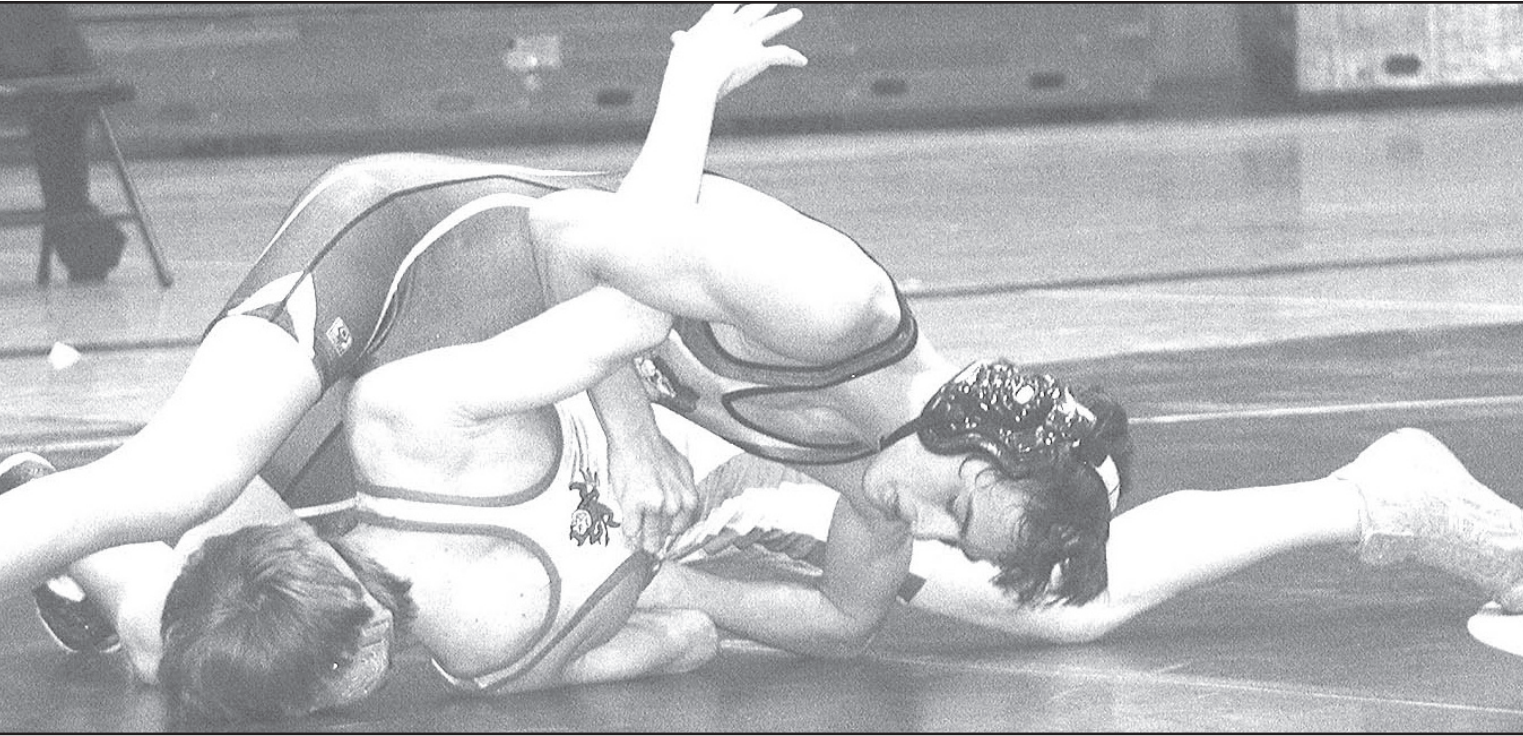
- Smith pinned Clayton Schamberger of Hoxie in 2 minutes, 57

seconds, then beat Garrett Zweygardt of Colby 6-0 but lost to Gage Reichert of Oberlin 1-0 for second. He has a 23-10 record.

- Sheldon had a bye in the first round, then lost by major decision, 13-1, to Cody Sherlock of St. Francis. In the consolation bracket, Sheldon beat Garth Griffith of Rawlins

County 7-0 and Andrew Peterson of Oakley 5-1 for third. He's 22-9.

- Martinez pinned Danny Baker of Hoxie, then lost to Treat Bugbee of Colby 5-4. In the consolation bracket, Martinez beat Jared Marcuson of Oberlin 11-6 and David Guthmiller of St. Francis 7-3 for third. He's 23-6.



Junior Kade Sheldon pinned Oberlin's Nolan Peters Friday, tying the score the first of three times in Goodland's 42-22 victory in the

dual at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Cowboys win seesaw dual with Oberlin

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The Cowboys were back and forth with the Oberlin Red Devils for the lead at Friday's dual at Max Jones Fieldhouse but took a firm lead toward the end, winning 42-22.

"The Oberlin dual went really well," said Coach Joseph Sramek. "Some of our younger wrestlers really stepped up to help us win. Also, having Fernando (Martinez) and Vance (Johnson) back gave some extra help winning. I was really pleased with our performance."

Jacob Helm of Oberlin won by forfeit at 103 pounds, putting the Red Devils up 6-0. Junior Kade Sheldon pinned freshman Nolan Peters at 112 to tie it for the Cowboys.

Freshman Seth Miller pinned sophomore Cody Kane at 119 to

put Goodland up 12-6. Oberlin's Andrew Richards, a junior, pinned freshman Kayler Rietcheck at 125 to tie it up.

Freshman Nathan Deeds got a 4-0 win over sophomore Wiley Farr at 130 to put Goodland ahead 15-12, but Oberlin's Dalton Paul got an 11-6 win over sophomore Lorenzo Delgado to tie it.

Senior A.J. Stephens beat junior Everett Urban 6-5 at 140 to put Goodland back in the lead. But Oberlin senior Gage Reichert got a 2-0 win over junior Keegan Smith at 145 to tie the score.

Goodland senior Aaron Deeds pinned senior Ace Manning at 152 to put the Cowboys up 24-18. Both teams were open at 160, with Goodland junior Ryan Taylor out with an ankle injury. Sramek said he hopes

a team-high 23.

The Bulldogs bounced back in the second quarter to outscore Weskan 16-11 and trailed 34-27 at the half.

The Coyotes found their strokes after the half, especially Eric Young, who scored 11 of his game-high 27 points in the third quarter, as Weskan boosted its lead to 56-43.

Taylor will be back this week.

Oberlin junior Nathan Simonson got a major decision 8-0 over junior Vance Johnson at 171 to make the score 24-22.

Pins in the next three matches gave the Cowboys a solid victory. Junior Fernando Martinez pinned senior Jared Marcuson at 189, senior Ren Scherling pinned freshman Jacob Larue at 215 and senior Bob Doxon

pinned senior Colt Diederich at 285.

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- Miller lost by major decision, 12-0, to Nathan Reed of Colby. In the consolation bracket, Miller pinned Cody Kane of Oberlin and beat Brett Carroll of Rawlins County 10-4. He was pinned by Darris Keller of St. Francis, finishing fourth. He's 10-22.
- Scherling pinned Mark Green of Rawlins County in 25.3 seconds in the first round but then lost to Aaron Racette of Oakley by technical fall, 17-1. In the consolation round, Scherling beat Talon Jones of St. Francis 16-9 but lost to Cody Pope of Hoxie 9-4, finishing fourth. He's 19-16.
- Aaron Deeds had a bye in the first round then lost by major decision, 14-0, to Kalen Rasmussen, a Colby wrestler for X. In the consolation round, he beat Ace Manning of Oberlin by major decision, 11-0 but lost by default to Ethan Stickle of Colby for fourth. He's 29-2.
- Nathan Deeds pinned Michael Halbleib of Oakley but then lost by technical fall, 18-2, to Brent Luedke of Colby. In the consolation bracket, he beat Davis Taylor of Hoxie 6-0 but lost 6-1 to Josh Carpenter of Colby for fourth. He is 22-12.
- Delgado lost by major decision, 9-1, to Gavin Smull of St. Francis. In the consolation bracket, he had a bye, then beat Alex Bebb of Rawlins County 4-0 but lost 7-2 to Kevin Moss of Hoxie for fourth. He is 4-22.
- Johnson lost 11-7 to Adam Guthmiller of St. Francis in the opening round. In the consolation bracket, he lost 5-0 to Nathan Simonson of Oberlin. He is 11-15.
- Starr lost 8-2 to Quinn Aumiller of Hoxie in the opening round of the same bracket. In the consolation

bracket, he pinned Dale Schultz of Quinter and won by major decision, 15-7, over Adam Guthmiller of St. Francis. He was pinned by Ethan Jirak of Oakley for fourth. He is 18-8.

- Rietcheck was pinned by Steven Samuelson of Oakley in the first round. In the consolation bracket, he lost to Trevor Popp of Hoxie 10-4. He is 5-25.
- Cotter lost 7-3 to Taylor Brown of Colby, who went on to lose to Doxon. Cotter then lost 9-3 to Dillon Seimans of Hoxie. Cotter's record is 8-3.
- Oharra wrestled Cox of Oakley for a spot on the bracket and was pinned. His season record is 10-3.

Taylor has a season record of 20-4. Goodland's other junior varsity wrestlers are junior T.J. Freeman, 0-9 at 145; junior Bryan Gray, 8-9 at 145; sophomore Eduardo Martinez, 4-1 at 160; sophomore Hector Sarinanana, 1-7 at 152; sophomore Savannah Short, 1-7 at 145; and senior Martin Stadelmann, 1-6 at 130. The team's season record for varsity and junior varsity combined is 300-198 with team points of 758.4 for and 308 against.

Goodland has two tough duals coming up, said Coach Joseph Sramek, one at 5:30 p.m. tonight at home against St. Francis and the other 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Oakley. Regional wrestling will be the following Friday. The junior varsity squad will compete at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Stratton, Colo., and at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Bill Voss Novice Tournament in Colby.

"Hopefully over the next two weeks before regional we can get everyone healthy," Sramek said.

Lady Bulldogs lose 44-36

The Brewster Lady Bulldogs lost a hard-fought game to the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament runner-up Weskan Lady Coyotes 44-36 last Friday in Brewster.

The game was tied at 12-12 after the end of the first quarter. Weskan outscored Brewster 10-5 in the second quarter to take a 22-17 lead into the half.

Nichelle Erskine scored 10 of her team-high 16 points in the third

quarter which saw the Bulldogs cut the deficit to 31-30.

The fourth quarter was all Weskan's, though, as they outscored Brewster 13-6 to pull away with the win.

Brewster finished just 9-16 at the free throw line, while Weskan was a much more efficient 7-10.

Abbie Allen finished with seven points. Melissa Baird had six. Melissa Crumrine scored five and Baylee Westover added two.

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