

## Wrestling a friend



Evan Peter and Javier Marin, both of Goodland, ended up having to wrestle each other in the 76-pound division of the 8-and-under class at the Kansas Kids subdistrict tournament Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Peter pinned Marin.

Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

# Liberty League selects all-league basketball teams

Western Kansas Liberty League coaches named four Brewster High starters to their first team all-league basketball teams, along with four from Wallace County High in Sharon Springs, five from Weskan High, and two from Cheylin High in Bird City.

Weskan had three on the honorable mention list, while Brewster had two and Wallace County one in the Class 1A league, comprising the smallest schools in northwest Kansas.

**Girls team:** Brewster seniors Abbie Allen and Melissa Baird and sophomore Nichelle Erskine; Cheylin (Bird City) junior Tia Sager; Wallace County sophomore Kenzi Knobbe; and for Weskan, coached by Andy Scheopner of

Goodland, juniors Danica Cox and Cassondra Welsh and sophomore Payton Walker.

Golden Plains (Rexford) senior Brittany Ritter; Greeley County (Tribune) sophomore Kelli Crittenden and junior Megan Shafer; Triplains (Winona) sophomore Kara Gfeller; and Wheatland/Grinnell seniors Trish Tholen and Meagan Weaver and junior Tessa Weaver.

Honorable mention went to senior Kassie Weinland of Wallace County, junior Raney Okeson and senior Breanna Hilgemann of Weskan, sophomore Madison Moser of Greeley County and sophomore Kathleen Frise of Healy.

**Boys team:** Brewster senior Michael Collett; Cheylin senior

Lincoln Prochop; Wallace County sophomore Tate Andrews and seniors Taylor Elder and Jeff Hennick; and Weskan seniors Drew Frasier and Jesse Welsh.

Golden Plains (Rexford) junior Tate Bruggeman and senior Dan Rogers; Greeley County (Tribune) juniors Chip Schneider and Jacob Young and senior Kaman Schneider; Triplains (Winona) senior Taylor Barrett; and Wheatland/Grinnell junior Chase Waldman and senior Wade Wolf.

Receiving honorable mention were seniors Jance McKee and Corey Siruta of Brewster, senior Alex Wilson of Greeley County, senior Eric Young of Weskan and junior Reese LaToush of Healy.

## Teams named for All-Star game

The 15th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Basketball Classic will be Saturday at the Colby Community Building, featuring the 20 best boys and girls players from northwest Kansas as chosen by a team of coaches.

Seniors from Brewster, Weskan, Sharon Springs, St. Francis and Colby made the team this year, among others.

The girls will tip off at 4 p.m. (Mountain Time), with the boys game to follow about 6 p.m.

Colby Community College Lady Trojans head coach Tom Stephens said he makes a list of all the senior girls from northwest Kansas each year, then has a different group of high school coaches choose the top 20 girls.

Stephens then invites those girls to play in the game and asks two high school girls coaches to lead them. Coaches for the girls this year will be Randall Rath of Oakley and Bryan Weatherman of Lucas-Lurray.

This year, he said, coaches from Rexford, Norton, Hoxie, Oakley, Sylvan Grove and Palco recommended the girls All-Stars, who are divided into two teams.

One team will include Rachelle Belisle, Palco; Tracy Mans, Osborne; Lissa Mazanec and Aubrette Stephens of Colby; Erica Palmer, Lucas-Lurray; Kylie Stoppel, Wilson; Jenna Vonada, Sylvan Grove; Megan Weaver, Wheatland; Kimber Weiser, Oakley; and Aubrey Frederking, Plainville.

The other has Abbie Allen of Brewster; Paige Stephens and Tasha Wagoner of Colby; Emily Carne, Sylvan Grove; Demi French, Osborne; Michaela Gasper, Lakeside; Corinna Hoyt, Hoxie; Danielle Pfeifer, Ellis; Brea Teeter, Oakley; and Trisha Tholen, Wilson.

The All-Star boys were selected in the same manner, with coaches from Rexford, Norton, Hoxie, Oakley, Sylvan Grove and Palco choosing the players.

One team will include Eric Young and Drew Frazier, Weskan; Wade Wolf and Seth Bixenman, Wheatland; Michael Collett, Brewster; Ethan

# March Madness Bracketology 101

By Jim Merriott

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It must be March, and it must be spring break because it snowed again this year.

The madness of the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men's basketball tournament brackets will be floating through the air just as clouds float in the sky.

The U.S. Basketball Writers Association, an organization I have belonged to in the past has put together its final 16 college teams in a sectional mock draft.

The 65-team tournament is divided into four brackets, the South, West, East and Midwest regions.

The 64th and 65th teams start the tournament as the last two teams picked, each team has the opportunity to play their team into the tournament when it starts a day later.

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The basketball writers have come up with their choice of the final 16 teams.

**South West East Midwest**

1) Memphis 1) UCLA 1) Duke 1) Kansas  
2) Stanford 2) Georgetown 2) Tennessee 2) North Carolina  
3) Pittsburgh 3) Texas 3) Xavier 3) Wisconsin  
4) Butler 4) Michigan State 4) Arizona 4) Washington State

At the NCAA headquarters on the 15th floor of the Westin Hotel in Lenexa, NCAA officials, chosen committee members and 20 U.S. Basketball Association writers labor for 12 hours to pick the actual 65-team field for the tournament.

Fans from all over the nation second-guess the committee's selections, announced Sunday evening.

The opening round will be the "play-in" game in Dayton, Ohio, on Tuesday. The first and second rounds begin Thursday and Friday.

Regionals will begin at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif.; the Pepsi Center, Denver; the Quest Center in Omaha; the Verizon Center, Washington; BJCC Arena, Birmingham, Ala.; Altel Arena in Little Rock, Ark.; the RBC Center, Raleigh, N.C.; St. Petersburg Times Forum, Tampa, Fla. They continue Saturday and Sunday.

Regional finals begin Thursday, March 27, and extend to Sunday, March 30.

The East Regional will be at Bobcats Arena in Charlotte, N.C.; the West Regional at the US Airways Center in Phoenix; the Midwest Regional at Ford Field in Detroit; and the South Regional at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

As the madness begins, see if your favorite teams match up to the the committee's selections. Remember, fans its for your entertainment anyway.

## bowling results

**Monday Night  
Scratch Classic League**  
March 3, 2008  
Fitzgibbon's, Inc. over RMR, 14-6  
Adronics over The Rookies, 15-5  
Steve's Body Shop over SunOpta, 13.5-6.5  
Floyd's Refrig. & AC over Weber Kennels, 15-5  
Bowladium Lanes over J&L Deliveries, 13-7  
High Individual Game: Skip David, 247  
High Individual Series: Skip David, 867  
High Team Game: Bowladium Lanes, 585

High Team Series: Bowladium Lanes, 2,176  
**League Standings:**  
Fourth week, third round  
Steve's Body Shop 55-25  
Bowladium Lanes 53-27  
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 49.5-30.5  
J&L Deliveries 47.5-32.5  
SunOpta 45.5-34.5  
Fitzgibbon's, Inc. 43.5-36.5  
Weber Kennels 40.5-39.5  
Adronics 27-53  
The Rookies 22-58  
RMR 16.5-63.5  
**Monday Night**

**Scratch Classic League**  
March 10, 2008  
SunOpta tied Floyd's Refrig. & AC, 10-10  
J&L Deliveries over Weber Kennels, 15-5  
Fitzgibbon's Inc. over The Rookies, 13-7  
Bowladium Lanes over RMR, 15-5  
Steve's Body Shop over Adronics, 14-6  
High Individual Game: Tim Pacello, 253  
High Individual Series: Jeff Stevens, 864

High Team Game: J&L Deliveries, 597  
High Team Series: J&L Deliveries, 2,170  
**League Standings:**  
Fifth week, third round  
Steve's Body Shop 69-31  
Bowladium Lanes 68-32  
J&L Deliveries 62.5-37.5  
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 59.5-40.5  
Fitzgibbon's, Inc. 56.5-43.5  
SunOpta 55.5-44.5  
Weber Kennels 45.5-54.5  
Adronics 33-67  
The Rookies 29-71  
RMR 21.5-78.5

Showing through March 27  
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## School calendar for March 18 to March 24

**Today:** Black Day.

**Wednesday:** Gold Day. 4 to 8 p.m., parent/teacher conferences. North Site Council.

**Thursday:** No school. 8 a.m. to noon, parent/teacher conferences. 9 p.m., MORP Dance in high school gym.

**Friday:** No school. Teacher professional day. American Field Service state roundup. Kansas Kids Sub-District

Wrestling Tournament.

**Monday:** No school. 7 p.m., board of education meeting. Spring Break.

**Tuesday:** No school. 3 and 5:30 p.m.m, varsity and junior varsity baseball at Burlington. Spring Break.

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