

Cowboys face Colby

Wrestling fans are in for some exciting action on Thursday when the Colby Eagles visit Max Jones Fieldhouse for a dual meet against the Cowboys.

The first match gets under way around 5:30 p.m.

“I think its going to a real tight, interesting dual,” said Goodland coach Randy Bahe. “We’re excited and looking forward to it.”

The Cowboys are 8-2 in duals for the season. The team opened with 40-36 loss to Hoxie on Dec. 2, then a week later defeated Rawlins County High in Atwood. Goodland went 7-1, finishing second, at its own Holiday Classic. Each team competed in eight duals over two days, and the Cowboys got their revenge against the Hoxie Indians, beating them 42-31.

Goodland competed in two other tournaments last month, finishing third at the St. Francis Invitational on Dec. 3 and winning the Ray Rhodes Classic in Burlington on Dec. 10.

Colby won the tournament in St. Francis with four of its wrestlers placing first in their weights.

The Eagles come to Goodland with a 9-1 dual record. Colby defeated Burlington 56-21 on Dec. 2 to open its season, then defeated St. Francis 50-22 six days later.

Colby held its own dual-format tournament Dec. 9-10, placing second at 6-1. The Eagles’ only loss that weekend was to Goddard High, 46-21. Goddard won the tournament 7-0.

Colby High ended 2005 with a 61-6 win over Oakley on Dec. 15.

The Eagles have five wrestlers who qualified for the state championships last year. Senior Cole Garcia won the state Class 4A title at 140 pounds. He moved up to 145

Wrestling schedule

Fri., Dec 2
Sat., Dec 3
Fri., Dec. 9
Sat., Dec 10
Fri.- Sat., Dec. 16-17
Thurs., Jan. 5
Fri.- Sat., Jan. 6-7
Fri.- Sat., Jan. 13-14
Fri.- Sat., Jan. 20-21
Sat., Jan. 28
Fri., Feb. 3
Fri., Feb 10
Fri.-Sat., Feb 17-18
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 24-25

at Hoxie
at St. Francis Invitational
at Rawlins County
at Ray Rhodes Classic
Holiday Classic
Colby
at Southwest Classic
at Basehor-Linwood Tournament
at Hays Senior Prairie Classic
Northwest Kansas League Tournament
St. Francis
at Oakley
at Regional Meet
at State Meet

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Third
Win
First
Second
5:30 p.m.

pounds this year and is undefeated so far.

Junior Taylor Finley was the state runner-up at 145 last season and like Garcia also moved up a weight class, to 152 pounds. Other returning state qualifiers are Brent Luedke at 112 pounds, Hunter Olson at 125 and Kyle Withington at 160. Luedke and Olson won their classes at the St. Francis Invitational.

Bryan Brewer also earned the gold medal in St. Francis at 103 pounds.

Coach Bahe said he was pleased with the way the Cowboys have been wrestling, especially during the two weeks before the holiday break. Injury wise, except for a few minor “dings,” he said. everybody is ready to go on Thursday.

Junior Brett Schields, wrestling at 152 pounds, is undefeated for the season, winning the gold medal at both the St. Francis Invitational and the Ray Rhodes Classic. Bahe said both Schields and sophomore A.J. Stephens have been really outstanding. Both went undefeated at the Holiday Classic.

Stephens won the gold medal at 135 pounds at the Ray Rhodes Classic and was named the tournament’s outstanding wrestler. He also has some wins at 140 pounds this season.

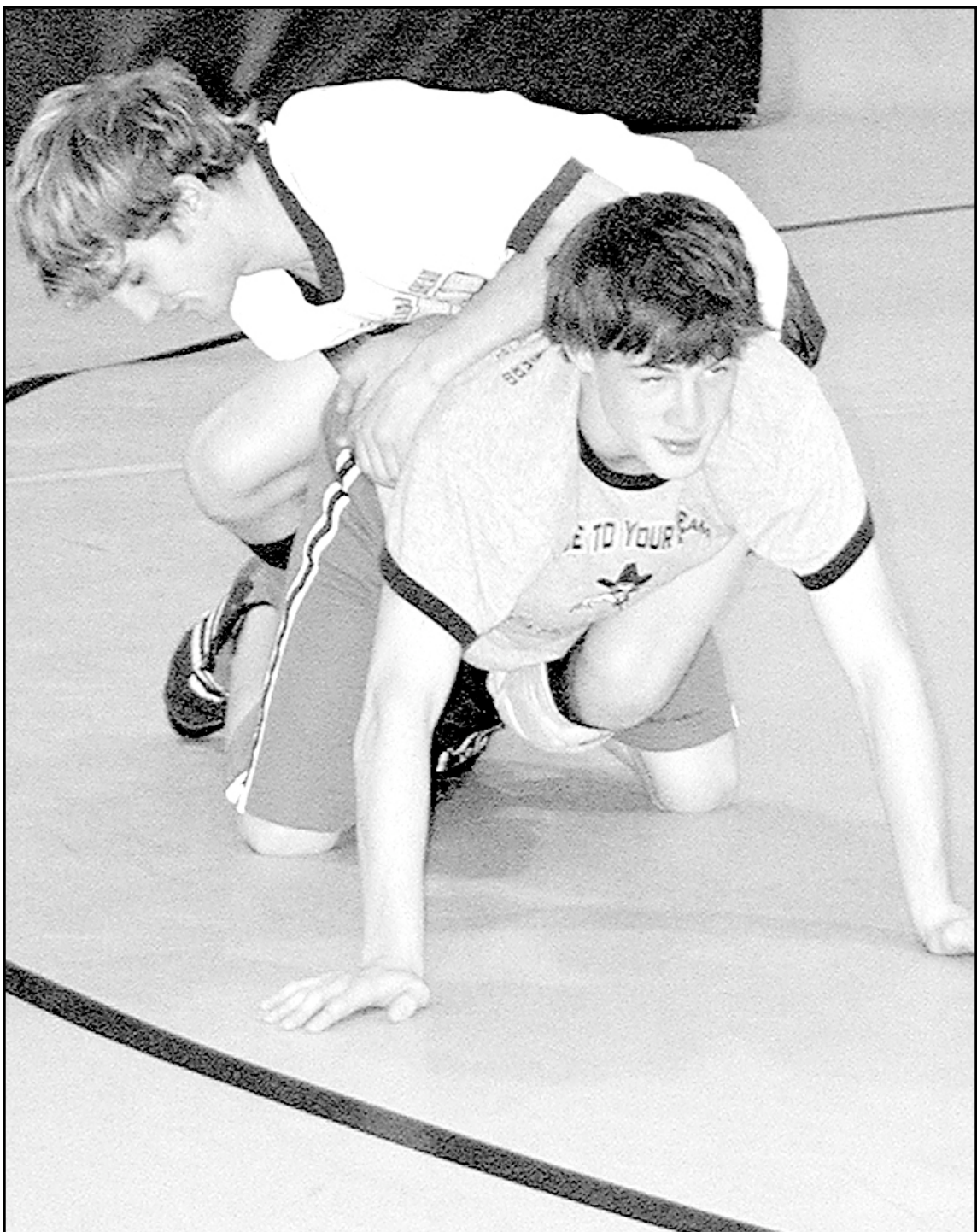
Four Cowboys and three Eagles are among the top five in their weight class in the latest Class 4A rankings by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

Junior Brett Bahe is ranked No. 1 at 119 pounds. Junior Jon Cook is No. 2 at 160. Junior Josiah Goodley, at 189 pounds, and sophomore heavyweight Robert Doxon are both ranked No. 4.

Ranked Colby wrestlers are Garcia, No. 1 at 145 pounds; Brewer, No. 3 at 103; and Finley, No. 4 at 152.

“I hope a lot of Goodland fans come out and support us on Thursday,” Bahe said. “It really helps the wrestlers out when there’s a big crowd there cheering them on.”

The Cowboys will have very little time to rest after the dual, as they head to Liberal on Friday for two days of action at the 24th annual Southwest Classic.



Senior Brandon Zelfer (top) practiced a takedown move on sophomore Jordan Albers during the Cowboys’ practice Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The team faces three straight days on the mat starting Thursday with a home dual against Colby followed by the Southwest Classic in Liberal on Friday and Saturday.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Battle plans



Cowgirls coach Don Smith (right) explained to some of his players what he wants done during a five-on-five drill at Monday’s practice at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Goodland travels to Johnson City today to face the Trojans of Stanton County High, then plays host to Colby on Friday. Andrew Melia of Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast both the girls and boys live from Johnson City starting around 5:10 p.m. (Mountain Time).

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Freshman plays football

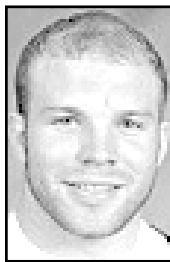
Jeff Horinek, a freshman line-backer at Colorado State University, completed his first season of college football on Dec. 22 in San Diego, when the Rams lost to the U.S. Naval Academy 51-30 in the inaugural Poinsetta Bowl

Horinek, a 2004 graduate of Atwood High School, redshirted his first year at Colorado State, then played in all 12 games for the Rams this season. He finished with 61

tackles and a fumble recovery against Navy.

Jeff, the son of Bernie and Marilyn Horinek of Atwood, was a first-team All-Northwest Kansas League pick as a running back, line-backer, place-kicker and punter his senior season with the Atwood Buffaloes.

A three-sport letter winner in high school, Horinek was the state Class 3-2-1A



Horinek

wrestling champion at 215 pounds his junior and senior years. He set the Class 1A discus record at the 2004 state championships with a throw of 186 feet 4 inches. He also won the state title in the shot put at the same meet.

Colorado State, a member of the Mountain West Conference, finished its season 6-6 while Navy ended up 7-5. The Midshipmen are one of just four NCAA Division I-A independent football teams.

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Shear Dimensions over
The Bud Liters 3-1
Odd Couples over
D,G & M Clan 4-0
Phillips Bros. over Fun Lovers 4-0
4-Stars over
Guzzlin’ Socializers 3-1

Women’s high scratch game:
Brenda Chatfield 220

Women’s high scratch series:
Brenda Chatfield 548

Men’s high scratch game:
Melvin Musil 218

Men’s high scratch series:
Melvin Musil 611

Team high scratch game:
Shear Dimensions 694

Team high scratch series:
Shear Dimensions 1,996

Top Three Teams:
No. 1 Guzzlin’ Socializers
No. 2 Phillips Brothers
No. 3 Shear Dimensions

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4-Stars tied D,G & M Clan 2-2
Phillips Bros. over
The Bud Liters 4-0
Guzzlin’ Socializers over
KansasLand Tire 4-0
Shear Dimensions over
Family Affair 3-1

Women’s high scratch game:
Marulyn Snethan 193

Women’s high scratch series:
Julie Samulson 512

Men’s high scratch game:
Travis Gillihan 213

Men’s high scratch series:
Travis Gillihan 581

Team high scratch game:
Guzzlin’ Socializers 688

Team high scratch series:
Guzzlin’ Socializers 1,901

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