# Veteran puts Colorado ahead in Stanley Cup

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) -Ray Bourque told his teammates he to lose once Bourque became the oldwould score the winning goal in Game est player to score a goal in the finals.

3 of the Stanley Cup finals. Then, he made that prediction come

With the game tied 1-1 after two periods, the question of who would put Colorado on top was asked in the Avalanche locker room. The 40-year-old

Bourque said he would be the one and he needed only 31 seconds of the third period to be right, even though it was just a stab in the dark.

"You make the call and hope you get lucky," Bourque said after the Avalanche beat the New Jersey Devils 3-1 Thursday night. "What have you got to

My sister in Inman went into the

hospital on Saturday, and I had to preach in Great Bend Sunday morning,

also got a pretty good sunburn on Sat-

urday, but the weather wasn't as hot as

I also learned that I can't run across

either of our 4x100 teams can run

hospital and doing much better now, so

things worked out all the way around.

the athletes was tremendous. Kids

gave all they had and some broke down

That's a part of sports and athletics,

learning about winning and losing.

And learning to do both gracefully.

Competitive outlets should be outlets

for excellence, both physically and

An athlete with a winner's attitude

will do everything within the rules to

win. But, they will not cheat, nor will

they gloat when they win or make ex-

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and cried after finishing second.

The intensity and focus of some of

Wichita can be in late may.

around the track!

There was nothing for the Avalanche

The biggest win of his career came in a building where the Colorado franchise hadn't won since 1993 when the team was located in Ouebec.

Now the Avalanche have a 2-1 series lead, and Bourque is only two wins away from

the Stanley Cup title that's eluded him for the first 22 seasons of his career.

"I know we're two games away and we're one step closer but we've got a lot of work left," he said.

"We've got to go out and go after them like we did tonight. If we do that, I think we're giving ourselves a

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As I watched our kids, I think they

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they did it with a lot of class.

Lori Haberer showed off a 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix the Jaycees will be giving away at the Thomas County Fair Races on Aug. 4. The car will be on display this weekend at the Thomas County Speedway races Sunday night. See other information on page 3.

### Day-by-day

## McGwire in line-up

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Mark McGwire was in the St. Louis Cardinals' lineup Wednesday, a night after striking out as a pinch-hitter.

McGwire was activated Monday from the disabled list and homered later in the day in his first start since

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, quoting trainer Barry Weinberg, reported Wednesday that McGwire would be playing every other day for the first 10

Before Wednesday's game, manager Tony La Russa said that wasn't neces-

"I saw in the paper where his schedule is laid out," La Russa said. "I think that's a big mistake because I don't think that's the way we're going to do

"As long as people understand that's written in pencil," La Russa said.

McGwire batted second for the first time in his career on Monday and was again in the No. 2 slot Wednesday, giving him the the potential for more atbats. La Russa wasn't sure how long it would continue for McGwire, who was 4-for-25 (.160) going into the game.

"He looked good the other day, but that's one game," La Russa.

## Denverinks second QB

DENVER (AP) — The Denver tions. Broncos signed free agent quarterback Steve Beuerlein to a multiyear contract Wednesday as a backup to Brian

The terms weren't disclosed by the team and Tom Condon, Beuerlein's agent, was unavailable Wednesday.

36-year-old are learning those lessons. They were Beuerlein has played 14 seasons in the Green Bay's Brett Favre (141) and Incompetitive and sportsmanlike at the NFL. He started all 16 games for the dianapolis' Peyton Manning (48). Carolina Panthers last season, com-Overall, it wasn't a good day simply pleting 324 of 533 passes for 3,730 earned him his first career passing title. because our kids did well, but because

He rushed for 106 yards on 44 carries and scored once. In 1992, Beuerlein was the backup to Troy Aikman as Dallas won the Super

Bowl.

He has 44 consecutive starts, the third-longest active streak among NFL quarterbacks, behind

Beuerlein's 4,436 yards in 1999 yards, 19 touchdowns and 18 intercep- edging out Kurt Warner of St. Louis.



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#### Eagle track showed a lot of class at state meet The state track meet in Wichita was however, usually adjust very well.

a lot of fun. It was hectic, but it was fun. Jay Kelley Not only did I get to see friends and family, I got to see some very good ath-Weekend Warrior letes, including a couple of new school

so the schedule was a little crowded. I cuses when they lose.

The winners attitude is more than simply following the rules of a particular game. It is following a set of ethics that include dignity, honesty and integrity toward opponents and teammates. the infield at Cessna Stadium as fast as

The life lessons taught by sports may be the reason the apostle Paul often described the Christian life as a race. By the way, my sister is out of the

Sometimes we forget, athletics aren't really the important thing. Everyone gets older and slower. Those

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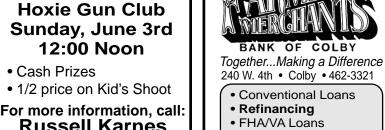
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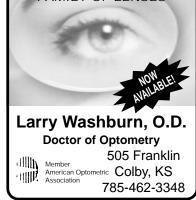
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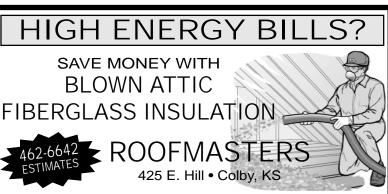
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