

Cardinals sliding after 11 consecutive wins

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After winning 11 straight games to climb back into the NL Central race, the St. Louis Cardinals are sliding again. Ryan Klesko homered and reached 100 RBIs for the first time in his career, and rookie Brian Lawrence allowed four hits in 8 2-3 innings as the San Diego Padres beat the Cardinals 5-2 Tuesday night. The Padres ended an 11-game losing streak against St. Louis and handed the Cardinals their third straight loss and sixth in eight games. San Diego beat the Cardinals for the first time since Aug. 5, 1999, after going 0-9 against them last year. The Cardinals, who had closed

within two games of the Central lead, are six games behind first-place Houston after a three-error performance. Jim Edmonds, waved home by third base coach Jose Oquendo on Craig Paquette's RBI double, was an easy out at the plate to end the game. "I just think we looked sluggish compared to them," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "They're the ones that got in at 3 o'clock in the morning and we had a day off." Darryl Kile (13-9) allowed four runs on seven hits in five innings in his shortest outing since going five innings in his first start of the season April 2 at Colorado. He was 3-1 with a 1.22 ERA in his other five August starts and was 3-0 against the Padres last year



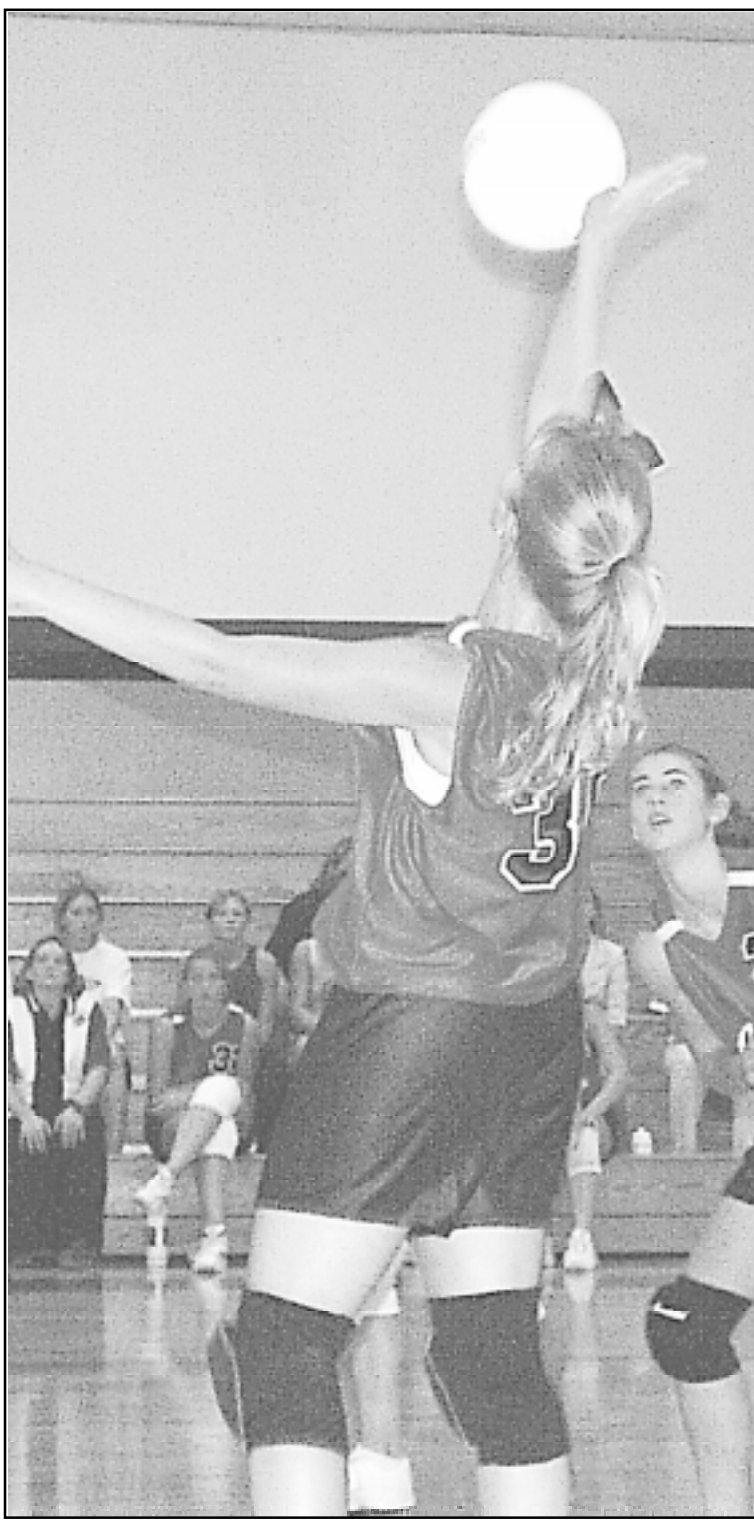
Veteran fullback gone for season, maybe career

DENVER (AP) — Fullback Howard Griffith was placed on injured reserve Tuesday and will miss the 2001 season after the Denver Broncos decided they could no longer wait to see if he recovers from a neck injury. Griffith, the lead blocker for five 1,000-yard rushers in his career, has not practiced since experiencing pain and numbness in his left arm during the first week of training camp.

Tests revealed a pinched nerve exiting the spinal column near Griffith's neck, and doctors said, with treatment, the problem could be alleviated within eight weeks. Retirement also is an option. "I don't think he knows at this time," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "He'll probably just sit back and make a decision when he feels it's right for him to make one."



Winning form



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Golden Plains High School's Kelsey Spreser returned a volley from St. Francis on Tuesday night in Rexford. The Lady Bulldogs downed St. Francis 16-14, 15-13 and went on to beat Hoxie 15-4, 15-13 in varsity action. Coach Sheri Jacobs said, "We didn't serve well, but we played good defense and the girls played well as a team." Jacobs also said fan support had a lot to do with the wins. "It means a lot to the girls." The Lady Bulldogs are off until Tuesday, when they travel to Tribune for matches with Greeley County and Triplains, starting at 4 p.m.

Sugar Hills to be site of charity golf tourney

By **PATTY DECKER**
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The Alcohol Drug Abuse Council, serving the nine northwest Kansas counties, has planned its first-ever golf tournament to raise money toward helping individuals and their families with drug and alcohol abuse problems. The golf tournament, *Drive for Sobriety*, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland, said Pat Willoughby, president of the council's board and coordinator of the tournament.

"We planned the tournament in Goodland," she said, "not only because we work in all nine northwest Kansas counties, but also because we have a larger clientele in the Goodland area." The event is a four-person scramble and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each flight, she said. The cost is \$60 per person and includes golf cart and lunch. Registration is at 8 a.m. and tee-off time is at 9 a.m. (MDT). Willoughby, who has been on the council board for more than 11 years, said she is excited about this fundraising event and is looking forward to a successful turnout. Along with fundraising events, other income sources for the council ranges from client fees and a portion of the county alcohol tax to county mill levy, and membership fees. The state's Social Rehabilitation Services/Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services pays the council a contracted amount for services through the managed care organization for those eligible for state funding. "However, we are often over our managed care cap, and we will not refuse services to anyone,"

Willoughby said. "Without fundraising events like this golf tournament, it would be difficult to maintain the many programs we offer," she said. Since its beginning in October of 1973, the council has expanded or continued services to include evaluations, referrals, counseling, care groups, educational programs, therapy, and a re-integration facility located in Colby. Nationally, she said, there are between 13 and 16 million people who need treatment for alcoholism and other drugs in any given year, but only three million receive care. For registration and information about the upcoming golf tournament, call Willoughby at (785) 462-3556 or the council office at (785) 462-3556.

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Sports Briefs

U.S. Open begins
NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Sampras beat Julien Boutter 6-4, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8) at the first round of the U.S. Open. There was brief drama in Jennifer Capriati's night match when a grease fire at a concession stand sent smoke billowing through an upper-deck stadium entrance. Capriati, seeded second, remained focused on tennis and beat Amanda Hopmans 6-2, 6-1. No. 4 Venus Williams began her title defense by beating Lenka Dlhopolcova 6-2, 6-3. French Open runner-up Kim Clijsters had little trouble with a recent thigh injury while defeating Pavlina Nola 6-1, 6-1. American Chanda Rubin, sapped by the 85-degree sunshine, vomited on court midway through the third set, but continued and beat Jana Kandarr 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. On the men's side, 18-year-old American Andy Roddick won one game with four shots — all aces — in his center court debut and beat Slava Dosedel 6-4, 6-1, 6-2. Roddick's next opponent will be

countryman Jack Brasington, who edged Gianluca Pozzi 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 7-6 (6). Other winners included No. 4 Lleyton Hewitt, No. 5 Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 13 Roger Federer, who ended Sampras' reign at Wimbledon this year. No. 8 Sebastien Grosjean, a two-time Grand Slam semifinalist this year, was upset by Mariano Zabaleta 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. **Officials to miss opening day**
NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is about to learn what happens when its oft-criticized officials are not on the field. With the breakdown of talks in Dallas between the league and the NFL Referees Association, replacement officials will work exhibition games, the first labor stoppage among officials in NFL history. The lockout will begin Thursday night. Most of the replacements will be from NFL Europe or the Arena League, and league supervisory officials, all former field officials.

Local Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 30
Colby High School varsity and junior varsity cross country at Goodland at 5 p.m..
Varsity tennis at Hays at 3 p.m.; junior varsity tennis at Scott City at 3 p.m.
Varsity and junior varsity golf at Trego at 3 p.m.
Varsity, junior varsity and "c" volleyball at home vs. Burlington, 4:30 p.m.
C-team football at McCook at 4:30 p.m.
7/8th football vs. Goodland at Dennen Field at 4:30 p.m.
7/8th volleyball vs. Goodland at 4:30 p.m.

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Jay Nichol points out some of the finer points of his race car to Reno Fikan, a resident at Lantern Park Manor. In his younger years, Reno and his wife raced stock cars, so when he heard the engine "rev up", Reno grinned from ear to ear! Lantern Park Manor has worked hard at granting wishes for its residents. This young gentleman "wished" to see this car he heard (sponsored in part by John Fikan Farms) and in the future he will attend a race at the Thomas County Speedway!

Fall & Winter BOWLING LEAGUES are forming NOW!!!

OPENINGS:
Men's Mon. (7:15) & Thurs. (8:30 p.m.)
Ladies Wed. (8:15 p.m.) & Fri. (7:00 p.m.)
Couples Sun. (7:00 p.m.) every other week

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