

Runners on the corners



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The Rockies had runners on first and third against the Yankees Wednesday night in Bambino league baseball action at the Colby Recreation Complex. Minutes after this photo was taken, play was

canceled and kids and adults both scrambled for their vehicles as severe weather swept into the area. The Bambino league plays double-headers on Wednesday nights at the complex.

Baseball

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	24	.647	—
New York	45	26	.634	1/2
Baltimore	33	36	.478	11 1/2
Toronto	28	40	.412	16
Tampa Bay	24	45	.348	20 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	31	.563	—
Chicago	35	36	.493	5
Cleveland	34	37	.479	6
Kansas City	25	43	.368	13 1/2
Detroit	25	44	.362	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	43	27	.614	—
Anaheim	39	29	.574	3
Oakland	39	31	.557	4
Texas	28	41	.406	14 1/2

Tuesday's Games
 Oakland 4, Pittsburgh 2
 Florida 4, Cleveland 0
 Montreal 5, Kansas City 4
 Chicago White Sox 6, Philadelphia 3, 12 innings
 Minnesota 6, N.Y. Mets 1
 Seattle 8, Cincinnati 1
 Detroit 6, Atlanta 0
 Chicago Cubs 4, Texas 3
 St. Louis 7, Anaheim 2
 N.Y. Yankees 10, Colorado 5
 Boston 4, San Diego 2
 Arizona 6, Baltimore 3
 Toronto 2, Los Angeles 1
 Tampa Bay 8, San Francisco 3<

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	42	29	.592	—
Montreal	37	33	.529	4 1/2
Florida	36	34	.514	5 1/2
New York	35	35	.500	6 1/2
Philadelphia	30	38	.441	10 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	29	.580	—
Cincinnati	38	31	.551	2
Pittsburgh	32	38	.457	8 1/2
Houston	30	40	.429	10 1/2
Chicago	29	40	.420	11
Milwaukee	26	45	.366	15
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	43	27	.614	—
Los Angeles	42	28	.600	1
San Francisco	39	30	.565	3 1/2
Colorado	33	38	.465	10 1/2
San Diego	31	40	.437	12 1/2

Colby's Sweet Thunder to host softball tourney

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Colby's Sweet Thunder will host the 2002 Colby Invitational Fast Pitch softball tournament this weekend at the Colby Recreational Complex.

The 10&under, 12&under, and 14&under teams will play Saturday

and Sunday. Following is a list of pools for each age group:

14&under

Pool A: Colby Sweet Thunder, Burlington Girls, Goodland Big Stix.

Pool B: Hays Storm, Hill City Heat, Garden City Dusters.

12&under

Pool A: Colby Sweet Thunder, McCook Untouchables, NRC Thunder, Garden City Dusters, Goodland Diamond Dusters.

Pool B: Larned Renegades, Hill City Heat, Dodge City Magic, Great Bend Quicksilver Blue, Colby Rec Team.

10&under

Colby Sweet Thunder, McCook Li'l Untouchables 'A', McCook Li'l Untouchables 'B'.

All pools will begin play on Saturday at 9 a.m.

14&under will play on Field 4, 12&under on Fields 2 and 3, and 10&under on Field 5.

Cardinals pay tribute to legendary announcer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As they began paying tribute to broadcaster Jack Buck, the St. Louis Cardinals won their fifth straight game, beating the Anaheim Angels 6-2 on Placido Polanco's two home runs Wednesday night.

The Cardinals extended their NL Central lead to two games over the Reds a day after the death of Buck, who was honored in a pregame ceremony and whose closed casket will be at home plate for a visitation on Thurs-

day. The team carved the initials "JFB" in the grass just beyond the center-field wall and again behind second base. And the bronze bust of Buck at the microphone outside Busch Stadium became a shrine crammed with homemade cards, baseball hats, toy animals, balloons, old framed photographs of the longtime announcer and even a transistor radio tuned to KMOX—the Cardinals' flagship station.

Polanco tied his career best with four RBIs with his first multihomer game in the majors.

Polanco entered the game with 11 career homers in 1,434 at-bats, and only one in 213 at-bats this year. Polanco homered off Aaron Sele (6-4) with one out in the first to tie it at 1, hit a three-run homer in the fifth for a 6-1 lead and had an infield hit in the seventh.

Albert Pujols also homered for the

Cardinals, hitting a two-run shot in the fourth.

Scott Spiezio homered, doubled and singled for the Angels, who have lost four in a row for the first time since April 20-23.

Matt Morris (10-4) allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings in his 100th career start. He's 3-0 with a 1.56 ERA in his last three starts after going 1-2 with a 6.14 ERA in the previous four outings.

Martina Navratilova's return is over after two matches

EASTBOURNE, England (AP) — Martina Navratilova's short-lived return to singles is over.

The 45-year-old Navratilova lost 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 to third-seeded Daniela Hantuchova — a player 26 years younger — at the Eastbourne grasscourt championships.

On Tuesday, playing her first, four singles match in eight years, Navratilova beat Tatiana Panova 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, becoming the oldest woman to win a WTA match.

Top-seeded Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia lost 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 to Daja Bedanova of the Czech Republic.

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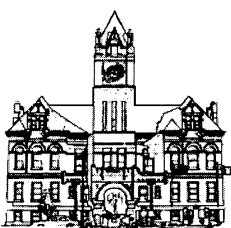
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