

Colby K-18, Legion, host McCook

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Colby's American Legion baseball team is 11-3 on the season and faces McCook tonight at Young Memorial Field at the Colby Recreation Complex.

Game time is set for 8 p.m.

Earlier this season Colby beat McCook in McCook 10-2.

After tonight, Colby has three dates left on the schedule before playing in the zone tournament July 18-21.

July 9, Colby hosts Norton; July 12, Colby travels to Ellis, and on July 15, Colby plays Norton in Norton, making up a game that was canceled earlier.

The Legion zone tourney will feature double-elimination play at Scott City, against teams from: Scott City, Goodland, Gove County, Ulysses, Bucklin, and St. Francis.

Colby K-18 team also plays McCook tonight, with that game getting underway at 5:30 at Young Memorial Field.

Colby is 20-10 on the year, and lost to McCook last month in McCook, 9-5.



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Colby K-18 first baseman Dusty Quenzer waits for action during a recent game. Colby plays McCook tonight at Young Memorial Field.

Colby hosts St. Francis Wednesday, and travels to Hays Sunday before hosting the Sub-Regional tournament Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13.

Ostertag doing fine after kidney transplant

DALLAS (AP) — Amy Hall, who last week received a kidney transplant from her brother, Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag, was released from Baylor University Medical Center on Monday.

Doctors said after the operation on

Thursday that Hall, 26, could expect to be released Monday or Tuesday. Ostertag was released Sunday.

Hall, who has been battling diabetes since she was 7, needed a new kidney after both of hers shut down in March. Her older brother was a perfect donor.

She'll be on anti-rejection medication the rest of her life, but should be able to resume full, normal activity within six weeks, doctors said.

Ostertag, 29, who played at Kansas, is expected to return to full strength in time for training camp.

Former Bronco sentenced to halfway house

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Former Denver Broncos safety Mike Harden was sentenced Monday to 6 years in a halfway house for defrauding and stealing from women he knew.

Harden, who played for Denver from 1980-88, appeared Monday in Jefferson County District Court for sentencing on two theft charges. Kate Braniff, a spokeswoman with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, said in a statement.

He pleaded guilty in May to two charges of felony theft in exchange for prosecutors dropping 17 other theft-related counts.

He was also ordered to have no contact with the victims or their families.

Harden stole about \$64,500 in money, forged checks and several credit card accounts opened in his name or the names of approximately 15 people. The crimes took place between January 2000 and May 2001.

Harden was a starter during most of his nine seasons with the Broncos, but was released before the start of the 1989 season. Denver's fifth-round draft choice in 1980 after playing at Michigan, he intercepted 33 passes while playing in 128 games for the Broncos.

Harden played both cornerback and free safety for the Broncos, and later played as strong safety with the Raiders.

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Rockies blow late lead, lose to Giants

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DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies know better than any team how easy it is to lose a late lead at Coors Field. That doesn't make it any easier when it happens to them.

Colorado was ahead by a run entering the ninth. Then Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer off Rockies closer Jose Jimenez in an 8-6 victory for the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

It was the first time in 35 games Colorado lost when leading after eight innings and the third blown save in 24 chances for Jimenez.

"I'll put my money on him anytime in the ninth," Colorado's Todd Helton said. "This is just a tough place to pitch and an even tougher place to close out a ball game. It's definitely a disappointing loss."

Kent had three hits to continue his hot streak since moving from cleanup to third in the lineup five days ago. He is 13-for-24 with 15 RBIs and three homers since the change. The Giants

have won three of five with Kent batting third.

"Maybe you can swing yourself into excellence," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "Maybe it's his time. His concentration is great. His focus is good. He is picking his pitch more and not missing it."

Colorado, which scored two runs in the ninth to beat Seattle 4-3 Sunday night, has lost six of seven since winning five straight.

The Rockies also lost for the first time in four games at home against San Francisco this season.

"We had it set up the way we wanted, but it didn't go the way we wanted," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "You never know when you're going to win here until you've won anyway, but I had a feeling we'd need a little more thump. We didn't get it."

Colorado's Larry Walker had a three-run homer in the fifth inning, his 18th of the season and seventh in 12 games.

David Bell had a solo homer just in-

side the left foul pole in the fifth, and Damon Minor had one in the sixth that hit the right foul pole.

Bell also had a run-scoring double and scored three runs as the Giants won for just the second time in seven games against Colorado this season.

"The Rockies have played well against us all year," Bell said. "We've had a tough time here and it was a big game to win."

Reggie Sanders had a two-run triple in the first inning after stranding six runners in the Giants' 7-0 loss to Oakland on Sunday night.

Felix Rodriguez (3-4) didn't allow a hit in one inning to pick up the victory. Robb Nen worked a perfect ninth to earn his 22nd save.

Colorado starter Shawn Chacon allowed five runs on seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. He hasn't won in five starts since coming off the disabled list June 5.

San Francisco starter Kirk Rueter allowed six runs — four earned — on eight hits in six innings.

Chiefs sign 7th-round pick to three-year deal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs have agreed to terms with linebacker Maurice Rodriguez, the team's seventh-round pick in the 2002 NFL draft.

The three-year deal, announced Monday, leaves defensive tackle Ryan Sims — the Chiefs' first-round pick —

as the only draft choice yet to agree to terms.

The 6-foot-1, 237-pound Rodriguez appeared in 33 games, starting 14, at Fresno State. His senior season was his best, with 101 tackles and three sacks.



Terms of his deal with the Chiefs were not announced.

To make room for Rodriguez, the Chiefs released punter Adam Wulfeck, who had joined the team as a rookie free agent.

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