

Throwing out a runner



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Left fielder Jordan Burris provided back-up as shortstop Jonathan Porter threw an Oberlin runner out at first during the K-18 sub-regional tournament Sunday in Colby. Oakley defeated Oberlin 13-3 to advance

to the final game of the tourney, where they lost to Colby 10-6. As runner-up at the sub-regional tournament, Oakley advances to the regional tourney this weekend in Ellis.

Irabu to stay in hospital for blood clots in lung

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Texas Rangers closer Hideki Irabu will stay in the hospital for treatment to the small blood clots in his lungs rather than fly home to Texas on Tuesday night as originally planned, the team said.

"They just don't think it's wise, so soon after his episode, to put him on a plane," Rangers spokesman Rich Rice said.

"He's not in any danger, they just don't want him to have a recurrence in the air, where nothing can be done," Rice said. He said it is unclear when Irabu will be released, but that he is "progressing fine, from what we're told."

Irabu was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by assistant trainer Ray Ramirez

about 3 a.m. CDT Monday after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath. He was given medication and blood thinners to dissolve the clots and was scheduled for additional tests to determine where the clots formed.

The team originally said Irabu would fly back to Texas after Tuesday night's game against the Kansas City Royals.

Rice said Ramirez, assistant general manager Dan O'Brien, and pitching coach Orel Hershiser have visited Irabu.

Irabu led the Rangers with 16 saves and had a 3-8 record with a 5.74 ERA in 38 games. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to Saturday.

Wildcat golfer birdies his way into record books

WICHITA (AP) — Kansas State's A.J. Elgert broke the Kansas Amateur qualifying record with a 7-under-par 64 Tuesday in the opening round of the Kansas Amateur Golf Championship at Tallgrass Country Club.

Elgert made seven consecutive birdies to close out the round. In doing so, he broke the previous qualifying record of 65 shared by Casey Harbour at Milburn Country Club in 1999 and by Len Johnsen, Jr., last year at Mission Hills Country Club.

"I've been working really hard on my short game, which paid off big on this course," Elgert said. "It gave me a chance to go low today. I stayed aggressive and kept trying to make birdies."

Hutchinson's Jesse Schulte, Wichita State golfer Jason Novascone and Bryan Norton of Prairie Village are tied for second, two strokes back at 5-under 66. Schulte is the reigning Kansas Junior Amateur champion, while Norton was the 1980 Kansas Amateur champion.

Kansas State's Bryan Milberger, Kurt Childs of Belleville and Sean Robertson of Salina, all shot 1-under 70 to finish the day in third place. Defending champion Matthew Williams of Holton shot 4-over 75, while last year's runner-up Travis Engle shot a 2-over 73 in the opening round.

Stroke-play qualifying concludes Wednesday with the low 64 qualifiers advancing to match play Thursday.

Royals need eleven innings to beat the Rangers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Struggling all year to keep his average above .200, Brent Mayne knows he's had trouble coming through with men on base.

True to form, he stranded six runners in his first three at-bats. But with the bases empty, an altogether different story.

Leading off the bottom of the 11th, Mayne hit the first pitch from Texas reliever Juan Alvarez for a home run that gave the Kansas City Royals a 6-5 victory over the Rangers on Tuesday night. It was Mayne's first homer since July 8 of last year.

"I'm not a home run hitter," said the Royals catcher, who is now hitting .207. "I can't remember my last home run."

"I was just looking to put the ball in play hard," he said. "I wasn't really thinking about anything to be honest with you. I was frustrated a little about leaving so many base runners on base early."

Mayne was out on a pop foul with the bases loaded in the second, then lined out with a runner on first in the fourth

and struck out with two aboard in the sixth.

"I've really struggled with runners in scoring position," he said. "It's been a real trying time. When I do strike the ball hard, it is generally right at somebody. Maybe this will turn it around a little bit."

The win was the Royals' fifth in a row, their best streak of the season, raising their record to 38-54.

The Rangers were within one out of a 5-4 victory.

Luis Alicea reached on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the ninth, just beating the throw to first from shortstop Alex Rodriguez. He then scored the tying run on Carlos Beltran's triple to the left-field corner off reliever Danny Kolb, who was activated from the disabled list before the game.

"I put it right where I needed to," Kolb said of his 2-2 pitch to Beltran. "It was a fastball away and he just reached out and got a good piece of the bat on it."

The Rangers are without closer Hideki Irabu, who remains hospitalized in Kansas City for treatment of

blood clots in the lungs.

Kris Wilson (2-0), the fourth Kansas City pitcher, got the victory — his second in two games.

The Rangers took a 2-0 lead when Juan Gonzalez and Palmeiro led off the second with doubles off Darrell May, and Gabe Kapler added an RBI single with two out.

The Royals went ahead 3-2 in their half of the inning. Chan Ho Park walked Aaron Guiel with the bases loaded and Luis Alicea hit a two-out, two-run double. Park pitched seven

strong innings, holding the Royals to three runs on nine hits.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 23rd homer and Herbert Perry his 12th as Texas set a club record with home runs in 19 straight games.

Perry's two-run homer came in the third off May. Palmeiro led off the eighth against Brad Voyles with the 470th homer of his career.

He also doubled and now has 1,016 extra-base hits, moving him past Mike Schmidt for 20th place on the career list.

Contraction issue sparks lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball's contraction plan sparked another lawsuit, with former minority partners of the Expos accusing commissioner Bud Selig with mail fraud and wire fraud.

In a 45-page federal complaint filed in Miami under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the 14 minority owners

accused Selig and former Expos owner Jeffrey Loria of conspiring for more than two years to eliminate Montreal.

They asked that the Expos, one of the teams threatened in baseball's contraction plan, be placed in trust and said that if baseball officials try to move or fold the team, they would seek an injunction.

Conflicts over Williams' remains continue as will is made public

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — The family feud over Ted Williams' body deepened when his will showed he wanted to be cremated, while the executor of his estate said the slugger later decided to be frozen.

In the will that was filed and made public, Williams said he wanted his ashes "sprinkled at sea off the coast of

Florida where the water is very deep."

He also specified that he didn't want a funeral or memorial service.

But after he wrote his will on Dec. 20, 1996, the Hall of Famer expressed a desire to have his body frozen, according to the executor, Albert Cassidy.

Research foundation benefiting from donations in broadcaster's name

ST. LOUIS (AP) — More than 600 donations from around the country, totaling \$48,500, have been made in Jack Buck's name to a foundation researching Parkinson's disease since Buck died last month, officials at Barnes-Jewish Hospital said Tuesday. The legendary St. Louis Cardinals

broadcaster died June 18 after a long battle with several afflictions, including lung cancer and Parkinson's. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to Dr. Joel Perlmutter's Parkinson's disease research at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine.

Basketball star arraigned and released

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson was arraigned on charges he stormed into a cousin's apartment with a gun and threatened two men while looking for his wife, whom he had earlier thrown out of the house naked.

He was released on \$10,000 bond after 11 hours in custody.

No plea was entered for the 76ers' star guard, although Iverson's lawyer told the court his client would plead innocent.

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