

Getting ready for the season



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press
Members of the Colby High School football team worked out at camp recently, in preparation for two-day practices that start on Monday, Aug. 19.

Sosa sets RBI record at Coors Field

DENVER (AP)—After hitting four homers and driving in 14 runs in just two games at Coors Field over the weekend, Sammy Sosa was asked what his numbers might be if he played 81 games a season in the hitter-friendly park.

“I don’t know,” Sosa said following the Cubs’ 12-9 win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday. “I belong to Chicago.”

For now, anyway. Sosa said he will consider moving on if he has to endure another losing season with the Cubs in 2003. The Rockies would just as soon Sosa moves on — and out of the National League.

Sosa hit a grand slam and drove in five runs in Sunday’s win.

Coupled with his nine RBIs on a trio of three-run homers Saturday night, he set an NL record for RBIs in consecutive games with 14.

“A lot of Sammy over the weekend,” Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said, shaking his head.

In the three-game series, Sosa went 8-for-12.

Sosa’s grand slam came off Justin Speier in the seventh inning.

Off the field, Sosa has sounded off about his frustration playing for a losing franchise and his intention not to fly on the team’s charter plane, which

he contends is unsafe.

Sosa planned to charter his own private plane for the trip to Chicago on Sunday night, as he did for the trip from San Francisco to Denver on Thursday night.

He wouldn’t confirm those plans after the game, however.

Corey Patterson hit two homers and drove in three runs. Fred McGriff hit a two-run homer and also had three RBIs.

Sosa’s grand slam, the seventh of his career, increased his major league-leading total to 39.

The slam, a 435-foot shot to center, gave the Cubs an 11-3 lead.

Kansas wide receiver has to leave team due to dehydration problems

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Harrison Hill, a senior wide receiver at Kansas, has left the team after continuing to suffer from dehydration, coach Mark Mangino said Sunday.

“He has not been able to keep fluids in his body,” Mangino said. “He has fought through it, but at this point in time he can’t get over the hump.”

Hill, who had been granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA after breaking his shoulder blade in four places during the Jayhawks’ second game of 2001, leaves the school with 108 career receptions for 1,535 yards and seven touchdowns.

A starter in 34 of his 36 games at Kansas, Hill led the team and was fifth

in the Big 12 with 47 catches for 591 yards in 2000. The Wichita native needed just 26 catches to take the school’s career lead in receptions.

“I have dealt with heat and dehydration problems since high school,” Hill said. “The doctors have tried everything they can to help me get over the problem, but it keeps getting worse.”

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Seventh-grade football team to hold meeting

There will be a meeting Tuesday night Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. for all seventh-grade boys interested in playing football this year. The meeting will be at the Colby Middle School cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Coach John Miles at 462-3055.

Finley, Cardinals shut out Mets, 9-0

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Scott Rolen enjoyed his first curtain call at Busch Stadium.

Rolen hit his first home run with St. Louis and a two-run triple, leading Chuck Finley and the Cardinals over the New York Mets 9-0 Sunday night.

“The fans waited six games to have a chance to cheer about something, and it was great that I finally did something,” Rolen said.

Rolen, who entered in a 2-for-32 slump, homered in his 42nd at-bat since arriving in a trade with Philadelphia on July 29.

He finished with three hits, two walks and three RBIs.

Rolen knew he needed a double for the cycle when he came to the plate in

the seventh, but the Mets walked him intentionally.

“I was pretty nervous thinking about it,” he said.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa was glad to see his offense get rolling.

“What a show, that’s the offense that we’re capable of,” La Russa said. “We beat one of the best pitchers in the league and we had the kind of day where everybody was creating opportunities. It was important that Scott had a huge day for us.”

La Russa was glad Rolen had a big game in front of the home crowd.

“I think it helps for the fans to see in person what he’s capable of doing,” La Russa said. “It’s an everyday business, and he’ll have to do it again tomorrow

night.”

Mets manager Bobby Valentine was impressed by Rolen.

“He was a sleeping giant, he had been quiet and hadn’t really done anything since he got there. He broke out in a big way tonight,” Valentine said.

Finley (3-2) held the Mets to five hits in seven innings.

“Finley was tough. He really used his forkball, and that was the equalizer tonight,” Mets first baseman Mo Vaughn said.

The Cardinals won for just the fourth time in 11 games to maintain a two-game lead over Cincinnati in the NL Central.

The Mets fell one game below .500, losing two of three at St. Louis.

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