

ready to run



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Keagan Lopez took a lead off of first base as Andrew Taylor stayed glued on the bag in case his pitcher tried to pick off Lopez during a Bambino League game between the orange and green team on Wednesday at the Colby Recreation Complex.

Rockies relief pitcher waiting to return to game

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies begin the second half of the season Thursday night with a four-game road trip to San Diego.

When they'll have setup man Manny Corpas remains to be seen. A Rockies spokesman says no clear plan has been laid out.

Corpas went on the 15-day disabled list June 20 with bone spurs in his right elbow. He was eligible for reinstatement July 3.

Manager Jim Tracy wasn't available for comment on the status of Corpas, who was 1-3 with a save and a 5.40 ERA at the time he was injured.

"I'm ready, but I don't know if they will bring me back tomorrow or today," Corpas said. "It's up to the trainer and manager."

Corpas completed his rehab assignment Sunday

for Triple-A Colorado Springs. He made a scoreless one-inning appearance Saturday and came out of the game without pain.

"The elbow is fine, and I threw pretty good in Triple A," Corpas said. "My slider was good, my sinker was good, and my fastball was better now."

Prior to his injury, Corpas served as the setup man for closer Huston Street. The role has been filled by Joel Peralta.

"They haven't told me my role yet," Corpas said. "My friend Peralta has done the job in the eighth innings."

Corpas did not throw at an optional workout Wednesday attended by a handful of players.

The Rockies are 47-41 at the All-Star Break. They were 37-51 after 88 games last year.

Tennis Coach to hold family night

Colby High School boys tennis coach Matt Ludwick will hold a family tennis night at Fike Park from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday.

He said anyone can attend.

"It will be four hours of fun for families and their

children," said Ludwick.

He said he will help people learn to play, and he will even bring the tennis balls. He said everyone bring bring drinks due to the hot weather.

For information, call Ludwick at (785) 269-7069.

Colby sweeps McCook, gets ready for tournament

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The Colby American Legion baseball team seems to have hit its stride at just the right time.

The boys swept McCook in convincing fashion on Wednesday, increasing their winning streak to eight with the zone tournament just around the corner.

Colby whipped McCook 16-2 in game one and 15-6 in game two.

Brent Arnberger hammered a two-run home run in each game. The whole team swung the bat well, getting 15 hits in each contest.

"When we're hitting the ball," said Coach Jeff Krzycki. "It helps so many things. We have been working a little extra on our hitting — getting back to the fundamentals."

Brandon Rasmussen started as pitcher in game one, giving up two runs in five innings.

Arnberger went 3 for 4 in the first game and Chaz Winger went 3 for 3. Cade Carter and Eric Blanton both had two hits.

Garrett Rogers started the second game for Colby and pitched all seven innings.

Every player on Colby's team scored in that game. Kevin Lang and Arnberger both went 3 for 5

and Preston Krzycki went 3 for 4. Stephen Dinkel also had two hits.

Krzycki said he thinks the tough schedule his team has faced, which has included playing against AAA ballclubs in tournaments, will give them an edge in the zone tournament.

"A lot of teams haven't played as hard a schedule as we have," said Krzycki. "We are so prepared for this tournament. It gives us a big advantage."

The team will play Russell in its first round game at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the fairground baseball field in Ellis.

Kansas golf legend leads open

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP) — Ben Curtis, who won the British Open on his first try in 2003, has posted a 5-under 65 to tie Tom Watson for the first-round lead.

Curtis overcame a couple of bogeys at Turnberry with an eagle at

the par-5 seventh and birdies on four of his last six holes Thursday. He finished with a routine two-putt par at No. 18, walking off tied with the 59-year-old Watson.

The sunny, calm conditions are making it easy to attack the his-

toric course, and the players are taking advantage. Denmark's Soren Hansen is also at 5 under with four holes still to play.

Twenty-five players are already in the clubhouse with below-par scores.

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