

Leave it on the mound



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Brady Holzmeister pitched in a K-18 baseball game June 16 against Quinter at the Colby Recreation Fields. The K-18 team's next games are 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Colby Recreation Fields against WaKeeney and 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Oakley.

Dodgers file for bankruptcy, will get money for daily operations

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in a Delaware court Monday, blaming the refusal of Major League Baseball to approve a multibillion-dollar TV deal that owner Frank McCourt was counting on to keep the troubled team afloat.

The Chapter 11 financing permits the Dodgers to use \$150 million for daily operations and buys time for the team to seek a media deal, the team said in a news release.

"There will be no disruption to the Dodgers day-to-day business, the baseball team, or to the Dodger fans," the statement said.

Bankruptcy protection will provide the Dodgers with a process to address its immediate financing requirements and obtain the capital necessary to ensure the baseball franchise's long-term financial stability, the team said.

McCourt said the Dodgers have

tried for almost a year to get Selig to approve the Fox transaction. The deal would have provided him with \$385 million up front and was vital to a binding settlement reached between him and his ex-wife and former Dodger CEO Jamie McCourt last week. McCourt now faces the potential of missing a June 30 team payroll without the TV funds and that could lead to a MLB takeover.

The McCourts have been embroiled in a contentious divorce where their lavish spending habits were detailed in court documents. The former couple took out more than \$100 million in loans from Dodger-related businesses, records show.

In April, MLB took the extraordinary step of assuming control of the troubled franchise. Former Texas Rangers President Tom Schieffer was appointed to monitor the team on behalf of Selig, who said he took the action because he was concerned about the team's finances and how the Dodgers are being run.

McCourt has maintained he met the criteria set forth by baseball officials in order for the TV contract to be approved and would amend the conditions if need be. The Dodgers' current TV deal with Fox expires in 2013.

The divorce settlement, now voided because of Selig's decision, called for a one-day "characterization" trial Aug. 4 to determine if title to the Dodgers is in Frank McCourt's name or if the team should be considered community property and sold. Sacks said the trial may be shelved and Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon could decide how to handle the former couple's assets at a later date.

Gordon ruled in December that a postnuptial marital agreement that gave Frank McCourt sole ownership of the Dodgers was invalid. That cleared the way for Jamie McCourt, who served as the team's CEO and was fired by her ex-husband two years ago, to seek half the team under California's community property law.

Royals' player reaches 13-game hitting streak

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Randy Wells was still on the mound at the start of the seventh inning for the Chicago Cubs, even after it appeared he wouldn't make it through the first.

Alex Gordon extended his hitting streak to 13 games with an RBI double in Kansas City's four-run first inning and Luke Hochevar won again under the sun as the Royals beat Chicago 6-3 on Sunday.

The six runs were the most the Royals have scored since June 14 when they won 7-4 at Oakland. The Royals banged out 13 hits, with every starter having at least one except Mike Moustakas.

"When you get a lead like that, you can't let them inch back in," Hochevar said. "That's what I was trying to do, keep them back in that corner and not let them try to wiggle their way out. It was really big for our offense to come in and pick me up early and put six on the board."

The Royals started with their first six batters reaching in the first. Cabrera led off with a bunt single and stopped at second on Eric Hosmer's single. Billy Butler delivered an RBI single. Gordon's double scored Hosmer before Jeff Francoeur, who had three hits, added a run-scoring single.

"The only really bad pitch was to Butler. I left that one up," Wells said. "The others, they went down and got them. It was good hitters making good adjustments. I didn't make the adjustment. I really feel like I let the team down."

After Moustakas walked, Matt Treanor's sacrifice fly scored Gordon.

"We wanted to come out and set the tone like we did," Gordon said. "To get four runs, especially for Hoch, he can go out and relax. He pitched a good game."

Lake Atwood Day begins with annual race

The 31st annual Lake Atwood County Challenge Race will be held next Monday, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The men will run four times around the lake for a distance of 8 kilometers (5 miles) and the women will run twice around the lake for a distance of 4 kilometers (2.5 miles).

Every finisher scores points for his or her county, but the number of points a runner receives depends on their age and how fast they run the race. In nearly every race, the team having the most participants won the competition.

There are no awards and no entry fees. Runners take part for the honor of his or her county. All the runners need to do is show up.

County residence is not a requirement. Participants can bring an out-of-county friend to the race and have that friend run for their county.

The County Challenge Race is the first event of the annual Lake Atwood Day celebration, hosted by the Atwood Rotary Club.

There are a number of other events occurring after the race: a sand volleyball tournament, a kid bike race, blue train rides for kids, horseshoes, and a demonstration of Rotary ShelterBox, which is a package containing a large tent and other necessary supplies used where disaster has struck. In the evening, there is a talent program and fireworks. If it happens to rain, there will also be some canoe races. Vendors will be selling food throughout the day as well.

Goodland holds youth meet for grades pre-K to high school

Goodland will host a youth track and field meet at the Goodland High School track and field facility on July 16. The track is a seven-lane rubberized track. All jumping events have rubberized approaches, shot put and discus are cement, and javelin will be thrown on grass.

The entry fee is \$10 per athlete before July 13 and \$15 the day of the meet. Registration begins at 9 a.m. the day of the meet, field events begin at 10:30 a.m. and running events begin at noon. A concession stand with full meal service will be available.

Medals will be given for the first three places in all divisions. Ribbons will be awarded for fourth through sixth places in each group. Any athlete not awarded a medal or ribbon will receive a participation ribbon upon request.

There are six groups divided up by grades. Age groups are 2010-2011 grade level. Girls and boys division are separate in all groups.

Bantam: Pre-K-K: May compete in 3 events.
Events: 50-meter dash, 100-me-

ter dash, standing long jump and tennis ball throw.

Group 1: 1st and 2nd Grades: May compete in 3 events.

Events: 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, long jump and softball throw.

Group 2: 3rd and 4th Grades: May compete in 4 events if one of the events is a relay.

Events: 100-meter Dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 1600-meter run, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, turbo javelin, 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay.

Group 3: 5th and 6th Grades: May compete in 4 events if one of the events is a relay.

Events: 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 1600-meter run, 100-meter hurdles (33"), long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, turbo javelin, 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay.

Group 4: 7th and 8th Grades:

May compete in 4 events.

Events: 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 1600-meter run, 3200-meter run, 100-meter hurdles (33"), 200-meter hurdles (30"), shot put, discus, javelin (600g), high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay.

Group 5: High School Grades: May compete in 4 events.

Events: 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 1600-meter run, 3200-meter run, Girls: 100-meter hurdles (33"), Boys: 110-meter hurdles (39"), 300-meter hurdles (girls: 30", boys: 36"), shot put, discus, javelin (girls: 600g, boys: 800g), high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay and 4x800 relay.

For more information, contact Shelley Brown at (785) 899-4701 or Kent Teeter at (785) 650-9633. You can mail your registration form to Kent Teeter at 1113 Harrison, Goodland, KS, 67735. Make checks payable to GYTC.

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