

Legion boys win three in Goodland

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The Colby American Legion baseball team competed in the 14th Annual Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament on Saturday and Sunday in Goodland, winning three of its four games.

Colby started the tournament Saturday by playing a double-header. The boys' first opponent was the home team, Goodland, and they won 6-1.

Colby had 7 hits total with Luke Cox and Braden Sager slamming back-to-back home runs in the fifth inning. The team had 2 other hits that inning to score a total of 4 runs. Earlier, one run was scored in each of the second and third innings.

Defensively, the boys shut down Goodland until the sixth inning when it scored its only run of the game. On the mound for Colby was Cox and he had 12 strikeouts and allowed 4 hits and 1 walk.

The boys' next game was

against Burlington, and they lost 5-1. Colby had a hard time getting its offense started throughout the game, getting just 3 hits total and scoring 1 run in the sixth.

On defense, Sager pitched for Colby, striking out 8 and allowing 8 hits and 1 walk. Burlington took a large lead in the fifth when it scored 4 runs off of 4 hits.

Colby's final two games of the tournament were on Sunday against Alma and Russell. The boys dominated Alma first with a score of 15-4.

Colby scored multiple times in each of the five innings with a total of 9 hits. The team brought in 4 runs in the first, 3 in the second, including a home run by Sager, 3 runs in the third, 2 in the fourth and 3 in the fifth.

On the mound for Colby was Jake Thompson, who had 6 strikeouts and allowed 4 hits and 4 walks.

Colby's last game was finished after three innings as the boys walked all over Russell with a score of 19-3.



Braden Sager tried to tag Goodland's Mike Pettibone Saturday during a Legion baseball game for the 14th Annual Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament in Goodland. Colby won the game 6-1 and won two other games in the tourney against Alma and Russell.

Every player got on base for Colby in the game and the boys had 9 hits total. They scored 11

runs in the first inning, 5 in the second and 3 in the third. Todd Kane hit a home run in the first and Cox

had a home run in the second. Defensively, Zack Stones threw 2 strikeouts and allowed 2 hits and

1 walk to keep Russell from making the game close.

Ex-Penn State assistant convicted of sex abuse

By Genaro C. Armas and Mark Scoloro
Associated Press

BELLEFONTE, Pa. — Jerry Sandusky was convicted Friday of sexually assaulting 10 boys over 15 years, a swift and emphatic end to a case that shattered Penn State University's Happy Valley image and brought down Hall of Fame football coach Joe Paterno.

Sandusky, a 68-year-old retired defensive coach who was once Paterno's heir apparent, was found guilty of 45 of 48 counts and is almost certain to spend the rest of his life in prison.

The jury of seven women and five men, including nine with ties to Penn State, deliberated more than 20 hours over two days.

Sandusky showed little emotion as the verdict was read. Judge John Cleland revoked his bail and ordered him taken to the county jail to await sentencing in about three months.

Sandusky half-waved toward his family in the courtroom as the sheriff led him away. Outside, he calmly walked to a sheriff's car with his hands cuffed in front of him.

The accuser known in court papers as Victim 6 broke down in tears upon hearing the verdicts, and a prosecutor embraced him

and said, "Did I ever lie to you?"

The man, now 25, testified that Sandusky called himself the "tickle monster" in a shower assault. He declined to comment to a reporter afterward, but his mother said: "Nobody wins. We've all lost."

Almost immediately after the judge adjourned the case, loud cheers could be heard from a couple hundred people gathered outside the courthouse as word quickly spread that Sandusky had been convicted. The crowd included victim's advocates and local residents with their children.

As Sandusky was placed in the cruiser to be taken to jail, someone yelled at him to "rot in hell." Others hurled insults and he shook his head no in response.

Lead defense attorney Joe Amendola was interrupted by cheers from the crowd on courthouse steps when he said, "The sentence that Jerry will receive will be a life sentence."

Eight young men testified in a central Pennsylvania courtroom about a range of abuse, from kissing and massages to groping, oral sex and anal rape. For two other alleged victims, prosecutors relied on testimony from a university janitor and then-graduate assistant Mike McQueary, whose account of a sexual encounter between

Sandusky and a boy of about 10 ultimately led to Paterno's firing and the university president's ouster.

Sandusky did not take the stand in his own defense, which Amendola said was a last-minute strategy change.

Defense attorney Karl Rominger said it was "a tough case" with a lot of charges and that an appeal was certain. He said the defense team "didn't exactly have a lot of time to prepare."

Amendola praised the prosecution, the judge and the jury and added: "Jerry indicated he was disappointed with the verdict, but obviously he has to live with it." He said he would appeal.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly thanked the accusers who testified, calling them "brave men."

She said she hoped the verdict "helps these victims heal ... and helps other victims of abuse to come forward."

Sandusky repeatedly denied the allegations, and his defense suggested that his accusers had a financial motive to make up stories, years after the fact. His attorney also painted Sandusky as the victim of overzealous police investigators who coached the alleged victims into giving accusatory statements.

Rockies miss many chances in 4-2 loss at Texas Rangers

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Colorado Rockies had plenty of chances against the powerful Texas Rangers.

However, the Rockies didn't score until a ninth inning that included a baserunning blunder in a 4-2 loss Sunday night.

Colorado had runners on in every inning and loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth against Joe Nathan. The Texas closer was working in a non-save situation after not giving up any runs in 16 appearances since May 13.

Marco Scutaro had an RBI single, and Carlos Gonzalez hit a long fly that left fielder Josh Hamilton caught in the gap on the warning track. The sacrifice fly cut the deficit in half.

"He showed the clutch part of him when he got that base hit against Nathan," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said of Scutaro.

But then Scutaro made a huge mistake.

With Jason Giambi batting, and Michael Cuddyer waiting to pinch-hit, a ball ricocheted away from catcher Mike Napoli. Scutaro got caught in a rundown but slid into second base under the tag and was signaled safe. But he inexplicably popped off the base and was tagged out by shortstop

Elvis Andrus. Giambi then struck out to end the game.

"For some reason I just bounced. I don't know if Andrus pushed me or I hit the bag and bounced back. I don't know," Scutaro said. "I'm not sure why I bounced back the way I did."

All Tracy saw was the umpire signal safe, and Scutaro going back toward first base.

"I don't know why he did that," the manager said.

Alex White (2-6) lost his third straight decision for the Rockies, who were 2-13 against the American League. The righty allowed four runs and six hits on 78 pitches over 2 2-3 innings.

Rangers left-hander Matt Harrison worked five scoreless innings and matched the American League lead with his 10th victory. His outing was cut short because of tightness in his lower back that caused soreness in his left hip.

"It was no big deal," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He will make his next start. There's no assumption."

When Harrison (10-3) got to the dugout after the fifth, he huddled with Washington, pitching coach Mike Maddux and a trainer. He pleaded to keep pitching, telling them he was fine.

"I ended up telling them what

was going on and they decided to be cautious with it," Harrison said.

Leonys Martin had his first three RBIs in the majors on a pair of two-out hits. The Cuban defector who signed with the Rangers last year had an RBI double in the second and a two-run triple an inning later.

Texas finished a majors-best 14-4 in interleague play, winning all six of its series against National League teams.

Robbie Ross, Tanner Schepers and Mike Adams each pitched a scoreless inning for the Rangers before Nathan took over.

Colorado, which ended its longest road trip of the season 3-6, had runners on in each of its five innings against Harrison. The Rockies also had someone reach against each reliever.

Wilin Rosario had an inning-ending grounder after the Rockies had two singles in the first, then they left the bases loaded in the second when Scutaro grounded out. Harrison benefited from three double plays while facing the minimum nine batters over his last three innings.

Harrison gave up five singles and threw 49 of his 74 pitches for strikes. He struck out three, walked two and hit a batter.

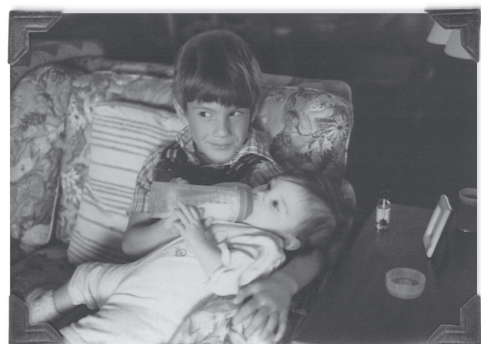
Youth ball games canceled

Due to the heat, the Colby Recreation Department has decided to cancel all youth games tonight through Thursday, said Recreation Director Stacy Lee.

"I will look at the game schedules and decide what games will be played next week for Bambino Boys and Rookie Girls," Lee said, "as tournaments will

be starting for Rookie Boys and Bambino Girls. I will notify all coaches about schedules later this week. Safety first!"

Lee said the men's softball league will play its games Thursday evening, however, and the fundamentals clinic set for tomorrow morning will still be held.



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