

Winter places sixth in javelin at state meet

By Tom Betz
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Competition began this morning at the combined state track meet in Wichita with the 4A schools getting the field events started in the morning and some of the track preliminary events. Cowboy Sean Winter finished sixth in the javelin competition, and was also to compete in the discus. Cowboy Nick Rubio was fourth in his heat in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.31 seconds. He will be in the finals because his was the best fourth place time of the heats. Rubio will also be competing in the 200 meter dash preliminary's later today. Cowgirl Rachel Hagerman finished

second in her heat and qualified for the state finals in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.5 seconds. The finals will be held on Saturday. Cowgirl Julia Darnauer was fourth in her heat of the 400 meter dash, and with the best fourth place time of 61.33 she will be in the state finals on Saturday. Cowboy Luke Stone was competing in the 400 meter dash. At presstime the Cowboys 4x100 relay team of Rubio, Matt Schields, Mickey Steiner and Winter had run in their heat, and their fourth place time of 44.12 was not fast enough to make the finals. Also waiting for their turn is the



Winter



Hagerman



Rubio



Darnauer

Cowboys 4x400 relay team of Nick Rubio, Steiner, Stone and Kris Rubio. Cowgirls Sasha Lohr is to compete in the 3200 meter run and Jayci Stone was to compete in the pole vault. Cowgirl relay teams in the 4x400

(Danielle Hellerud, Lacey Brenner, Cody Pettibone and Darnauer), and the 4x800 (Kendra Billinger, Ashley Hallagin, Erinn Hardy and Jill Sowers) are to compete in the preliminaries later today.

Sosa breaks homer slump to beat Rockies, 6-5

DENVER (AP) — There's been a Slammin' Sammy sighting. Sammy Sosa emerged from a 1-for-15 slump with two home runs, ending an 11-game drought and leading the Chicago Cubs to a come-from-behind 6-5 victory Thursday over the Colorado Rockies.

Sosa, who had not homered since May 10, hit a solo shot in the seventh for his 350th career home run. He put the Cubs ahead with a two-run homer, his 15th, off Mike DeJean (0-1) in the eighth. "I was hitting the ball hard in Chicago, and the wind was killing me and

there's nothing much you can do about it," Sosa said. "But the way that I've been doing this year, I've been taking my walk, taking my base hit. I just want to pick it up again and hopefully I can continue it all year long." Sosa went 45 at-bats between home runs before becoming the 57th player

in major league history to reach the 350 mark. He also has 40 multihomer games. "It has been a long time in between home runs," Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "When you aren't trying to hit home runs, you are taking good swings. Sammy had better swings today."

Avalanche shooting forces seventh game against Stars

DENVER (AP) — Frustrated by outshooting the Dallas Stars 110-56 in the previous three games but having won only once, the Colorado Avalanche were desperate for a break.

Chris Drury provided it. Attempting to redirect Ray Bourque's waist-high shot with his stick, Drury instead deflected the puck off his knee for the game-winner with 3:51 left in third period in

Colorado's 2-1 victory Thursday night. The Avalanche, staving off elimination, tied the best-of-seven Western Conference finals at 3-3, with a decisive Game 7 set for Saturday night in Dallas.

Ray Bourque assisted on Drury's goal and scored Colorado's other goal. The Avalanche broke a 1-1 tie when Bourque took a long shot from along the left boards that sailed high toward the net. Drury, stationed in the slot, redirected it past goalie Ed Belfour. "Ray made an unbelievable shot to get it through," Drury said. "Initially I felt something. I think it might have hit my stick a little bit. It hit square on my knee and went right in. "With all the shots we've been throwing at them, it's certainly nice to get one like that, off the knee. I'll definitely take it."

Colorado coach Bob Hartley said his team "finally got a lucky break. This could be the start of something." Patrick Roy had 26 saves, extending his NHL record for career playoff victories to 121. Belfour made 19 saves.

Broncos sign guard

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Broncos on Thursday signed free agent guard and former team member David Diaz-Infante to their active roster. The Broncos acquired the 6-foot-3, 298-pound Diaz-Infante as a free agent in 1995 after he had spent nine seasons in various football organizations, including the World League and the Canadian Football League. He spent his first year with the Broncos on their practice squad and saw his first playing time in 1996 when he filled in for an injured Mark Schlereth. He started two games, and his start at Minnesota at age 33 is believed to have made him the oldest first-time starter in NFL history.

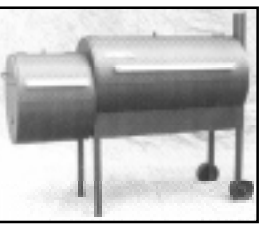

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	32	14	.696	—
Montreal	25	19	.568	6
New York	25	22	.532	7 1/2
Florida	22	26	.458	11
Philadelphia	16	29	.356	15 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	28	18	.609	—
Cincinnati	26	20	.565	2
Milwaukee	20	27	.425	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	19	26	.422	8 1/2
Chicago	18	30	.375	11
Houston	17	29	.370	11
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	30	16	.652	—
Los Angeles	25	19	.568	4
Colorado	23	21	.523	6
San Francisco	21	23	.477	8
San Diego	19	27	.413	11
Thursday's Games				
St. Louis 7, Florida 6				
Atlanta 7, Milwaukee 3				
Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 5				
San Francisco 4, Montreal 1				
Houston 10, Philadelphia 6				
Arizona 7, Pittsburgh 5				
Only games scheduled				
Today's Games				
Florida (Sanchez 4-3) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-1), 5:35 p.m.				
Atlanta (Glavine 7-1) at Houston (Lima 1-7), 6:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Hampton 5-4) at St. Louis (Hentgen 4-4), 6:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-4) at Colorado (Yoshii 1-5), 7:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Snyder 0-0) at Arizona (R.Johnson 7-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Iraabu 2-3) at San Diego (Hitchcock 1-6), 8:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Byrd 1-3) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 3-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-5) at San Francisco (Gardner 2-2), 8:35 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Atlanta (Burkett 3-2) at Houston (Reynolds 5-0), 11:15 a.m.				
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 2-3) at Colorado (Karl 1-2), 2:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-1) at San Francisco (Ortiz 3-5), 2:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Bere 3-3) at Arizona (Reynoso 2-4), 2:35 p.m.				
Florida (Penny 3-6) at Cincinnati (Bell 3-3), 5:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at St. Louis (An.Benes 4-2), 6:10 p.m.				
Montreal (Vazquez 5-1) at San Diego (Clement 5-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Person 4-2) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Florida at Cincinnati, 11:15 a.m.				
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 12:10 p.m.				

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American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	26	17	.605	—
New York	26	17	.605	—
Toronto	25	24	.510	4
Baltimore	20	25	.444	7
Tampa Bay	15	30	.333	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	26	20	.565	—
Cleveland	24	19	.558	1/2
Kansas City	23	23	.500	3
Minnesota	20	28	.417	7
Detroit	16	27	.372	8 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	25	21	.543	—
Anaheim	25	22	.532	1/2
Seattle	23	21	.523	1
Oakland	24	24	.500	2
Thursday's Games				
Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1				
Cleveland 4, Detroit 1				
Baltimore 5, Seattle 1				
Toronto 11, Boston 6				
Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 3				
Texas 5, Kansas City 3				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Chicago White Sox 0				
Today's Games				
Toronto (Castillo 1-4) at Detroit (Mlicki 2-				

5), 5:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Mulder 2-1) at Baltimore (Erickson 1-1), 5:05 p.m.				
Boston (R.Martinez 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Sele 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Trachsel 3-3), 5:15 p.m.				
Anaheim (Etherton 0-0) at Kansas City (Fussell 3-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Texas (Oliver 1-2) at Minnesota (Milton 3-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Finley 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Eldred 4-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Boston (Rose 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-4), 11:05 a.m.				
Seattle (Tomko 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-2), 2:15 p.m.				
Toronto (Munro 1-0) at Detroit (Nomo 2-3), 3:05 p.m.				
Texas (Clark 3-2) at Minnesota (Mays 1-6), 5:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Wright 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 3-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Hudson 5-2) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-2), 5:05 p.m.				
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Great fielding helps Rangers beat Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Even Scarborough Green thought his catch was the play of the game. Brian Johnson, the victim, didn't disagree. In one of the finest plays seen in Kauffman Stadium this season, Green — on a dead run — made a back-to-the-infield catch of Johnson's drive to deep center Thursday night. Instead of getting two runs with a double or triple and going ahead 4-2, the Royals got just one run on a sacrifice fly and led 3-2. Then the Rangers scored three in the seventh for a 5-3 victory. "I thought for sure I had it over his head," Johnson, the Royals catcher said. "The next time he came up, I asked him why couldn't he just let that one go. I said no one would blame you for not getting to that one." Green was a last-minute replacement in center for Ruben Mateo. "It was a ball over my head," he said "I was playing shallow as I usually do. I picked a spot on the wall where I thought it was going to be, and there it was." Rafael Palmeiro drove in three runs, including a solo homer in the second that tied him with Rocky Colavito for 45th in baseball history with 374. "It just means I've been around for a long time," Palmeiro said. The 13-year veteran also had a tiebreaking, two-run single off Jose Santiago (2-4) in the seventh. "It really doesn't mean anything to me except that I'm passing guys whose names are known," Palmeiro said. "I've been off and on all season, I've been hot and cold. And now it seems to be coming." Ivan Rodriguez was 3-for-5, raising his average to .381 and moving ahead of Anaheim's Darin Erstad for the AL lead. While Palmeiro took a "so-what" approach to his milestone homer, the Royals were all impressed. "Palmeiro hit a pitcher's pitch, down and away," Kansas City manager Tony Muser said. "He's quite a hitter. Very compact. Never seems to get off stride. When you can pull a pitch that's down and away over the left-field fence, that's something." Esteban Loaiza (3-2) went 6-2-3 innings for the victory, giving up three runs on 10 hits, with a walk and five strikeouts. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 12th save. He has recorded saves in nine straight appearances, breaking the Rangers record set by Mike Henneman in 1996. "If I sit here and gloat about setting a record, and then I go out and blow tomorrow's game, what does it mean?" Wetteland said. "We're not concerned with anything except winning tomorrow." The Royals, who broke the Rangers' seven-game winning streak the night before, shut them out for 13 straight innings before Palmeiro homered in the second. David Segui then homered on Mac Suzuki's next pitch — the first time this season the Rangers hit consecutive homers.

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