

Local girls win at regionals

Goodland beats Colby in a double header

The Diamond Dusters, the Goodland girls fast pitch 14 and under team, won at the regional tournament, and now go on to play in the state qualifier in two weeks at Emporia.

The tournament was Saturday and Sunday. There were 18 teams in the tournament, and The Diamond Dusters played five games to win.

On Saturday they played Russell and won 4-2.

On Sunday they played Colby losing 9-7 in extra innings. In the bottom of the last inning the Dusters

were winning 7-1 and allowed 8 runs in the extra innings.

After the loss against Colby, they were moved to the looser bracket and had to play Russell again. They won that game 13-3, and went on to play Colby again.

They won two back to back games against Colby. The first game they won 14-6 in five innings, and 9-4 in the second game to take the championship.

Leaders were Shanae Calkins who went 9 for 15 on Sunday. She had 7 runs batted in one home run and one triple. Shields was 1 for 3 in the first game. She had 3 runs batted in, and 1 home run.

Defensively, Jessica Osborne picked off two at first base in the first game, and threw out three at second in the final game.

Pitchers Adrienne Garcia pitched in

four of the games. She won the Russell game, lost to Colby, one the first of the double headers against Colby, and saved the second double header to take the championship.

Garcia pitched 19 innings in 110 degree heat, and struck out 11 batters.

The team goes on to play Colby 6 p.m. Tuesday at home. They play Yuma at 6 p.m. on Thursday here.

Team members are Jennifer Mentzer, Yvette Acosta, Kristi Boyce, Lauren Gray, who was selected as most valuable player by the coaches, Adrienne Garcia, selected as the most valuable player by her teammates, Shanae Calkins, Jocelyn Lucas, Tomi Windell, Jessica Osborne, Courtney Shields, Gami Cloyd, and Lyndsay Price.

Sosa finally gets home-run title

ATLANTA (AP) — Sammy Sosa finally has a home-run title.

Just not THAT home-run title.

Sosa, edged by Mark McGwire the last two years for the single-season record and major league lead, ended Ken Griffey Jr.'s two-year reign as Home Run Derby champion, hitting the longest, loudest and largest number of shots at Turner Field on Monday night.

The Chicago Cubs star, at the center of what he described "as a hurricane happening to me the last month," beat Griffey 9-2 in the finals and hit 26 overall, 14 more than any other player.

He got the fans standing and shouting with a pair of 508-foot shots—one to the 755 Club in the left-field upper deck and one that came to rest atop the second green batter's backdrop in straightaway center, below the scoreboard.

"I came here to put on a show. I didn't necessarily come here to get the win, but I guess I got the win," Sosa said.

Sosa, at the center of what he said has been "a hurricane happening to me the last month," was angry the Cubs wouldn't extend his contract, set to expire after next season, and asked them to trade him.

After talks with the New York Yankees fell through, Sosa's agents told the Cubs on Sunday that he doesn't want to be traded, and would use his rights as a veteran to block any deal.

"I don't want to talk about a contract right now because I want to wait until the year's over and relax," Sosa said. "Whatever happens from there, happens. I would love to stay in Chicago. This is the city I want to stay with. But if it doesn't work out, you know, if I have to go, I don't have a choice."



Sammy Sosa

With injuries to Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and Manny Ramirez, there wasn't nearly the drama of last year, when Griffey won, but McGwire conquered the Green Monster at Fenway Park, with hundreds of fans filling Lansdowne Street to catch the balls.

Before Monday's competition, scalpers were dumping tickets with \$50 face value for \$10 each.

"Mark McGwire is one of the guys everybody is looking at," Sosa said. "Because he was nothere today, I came here to represent him."

What started off as a listless, humid night sparked up immediately when Sosa started swinging. No other player totaled more than 12.

"Sammy made it look easy," said Griffey, who has won the derby three times overall. "When people in the first couple of rows of the upper deck are looking up, that's power. I didn't hear oohs and aahs for my wallscrapers. I heard them for Sammy's upper-deck

shots."

Sosa, who lost out to McGwire 70-66 for the home-record record two years ago and 65-63 for last year's title, made flashbulbs sparkle and fireworks explode in the night.

In the semifinals, Sosa beat Boston's Carl Everett 11-6 and Griffey topped Toronto's Carlos Delgado 2-1.

Griffey and Sosa tied 2-2 in the first round of the finals, which was split into two rounds with each player allowed five non-homer swings each.

Sosa, practicing his swing in the runway between rounds, then went ahead with a 429-foot homer to left, took a pitch, and connected on four straight swings—hard, long shots of 476, 488, 477 and 443 feet. He added two more, at 460 feet and 508, while fans in the crowd of 50,118 stood clapping, chanting his name and bowing, much like the Wrigley Field bleacher bums pay homage to him back home in Chicago.

After Sosa finished, he high-fived Griffey and both players hugged.

Sosa thanked his pitcher, Chino Cadahia, the Atlanta Braves' minor league field coordinator.

"He used to be my manager when I was in the minor leagues in Texas (Gastonia in 1987). He knows where I like the ball," Sosa said. "He was throwing me some cookies today. I have to thank him for that."

Griffey, who won titles in 1994 at Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium, 1998 at Denver's Coors Field and last year, then failed to homer in five straight swings.

Last year, Sosa bombed out at Fenway, hitting just one home run.

"I came here the last three years and I didn't do anything," he said. "I came here today with a different plan."

speedway results

July 8 Bomber				
Heat #1				
1. 54S Earl Shannon- Atwood	2. 3J Alex West- Goodland	3. 9 Kurt Osban- Colby	4. 13 Lynn Cloyd- Sharon Springs	5. 317 JR Wolfrum- Goodland
Heat #2				
1. 8 Frank Perez- Lamar, Colo.	2. 43 Jared Smads- Goodland	3. 99 Wheat Lippelman- Colby	4. 60S Eric Smith- Goodland	5. 00 Tim Smith- Colby
Cash Dash: 8 Frank Perez- Lamar, Colo.				
Main:				
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6. 60S Eric Smith- Goodland	7. 99 Wheat Lippelman- Colby	8. 9 Kurt Osban- Holly, Colo.	9. 00 Tim Wilson- Colby	10. 31 Alex West- Goodland
Stock				
Heat:				
1. 41 Ron Hill- Sharon Springs	2. 6T Randy Tipton- Weskan			

2. 42J John Fabrizius- Benkelman, Neb.	3. 2 Jeff Walters- Colommerece City, Colo.
5. 8 Ryan Wark- Colby	4. 21 John Icke- Brewster
7. 38KB Murphy- Sharon Springs	6. 32 Matt Fabrizius- Wakeeney
9. 31 Wayne Houston- Aurora, Colo.	8. 17 Gerold Denis- Weskan
11. 21 John Icke- Brewster	10. 35B Gary Bagby- Denver, Colo.
Cruiser Heat	
1. 01X Albert Spies/Butch Smith- Goodland	2. 13 Ryan Shaw/Oura Garrett- Oakley
3. 11 Marshall Hoppe/Virgil Baumfalk- Goodland	4. 12 Brad Colompton/SColott Miller- Arapahoe, Colo.
5. 72N Monty McClure- Shawn Nelson- Goodland	6. 2T Tim & Allen Sneathen- Goodland
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baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press				
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	52	36	.591	—
New York	48	38	.558	3
Florida	45	43	.511	7
Montreal	42	42	.500	8
Philadelphia	39	47	.453	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	51	36	.586	—
Cincinnati	43	44	.494	8
Pittsburgh	38	48	.442	12 1/2
Milwaukee	37	51	.420	14 1/2
Chicago	35	51	.407	15 1/2
Houston	30	57	.345	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	51	37	.580	—
San Francisco	46	39	.541	3 1/2
Colorado	45	40	.529	4 1/2
Los Angeles	44	42	.512	6
San Diego	38	49	.437	12 1/2
Sunday's Games				
Boston 7, Atlanta 2				
Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 3				
Baltimore 5, Philadelphia 4				
Minnesota 3, Pittsburgh 2				
Toronto 13, Montreal 3				
Milwaukee 10, Detroit 2				
St. Louis 8, San Francisco 7				
Chicago Cubs 9, Chicago White Sox 6				
Houston 9, Kansas City 6				
Arizona 4, Oakland 2				
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 0				
Florida 10, Tampa Bay 9				
Anaheim 10, Colorado 4				
N.Y. Mets 2, N.Y. Yankees 0				
San Diego 4, Texas 3				
Monday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Tuesday's Game				
All-Star Game at Atlanta, 8:35 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
No games scheduled				

Anaheim 10, Colorado 4	
N.Y. Mets 2, N.Y. Yankees 0	
San Diego 4, Texas 3	
Thursday's Games	
Seattle at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.	
Houston at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 5:05 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Toronto, 5:05 p.m.	
Florida at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets at Boston, 5:05 p.m.	
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 5:15 p.m.	
Atlanta at Baltimore, 5:35 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Kansas City, 6:05 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.	
St. Louis at Chicago White Sox, 6:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.	
Texas at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.	
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.	
Oakland at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.	

Critics say racing should stop

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire International Speedway is investigating its second death in as many months, and one critic said Monday that NASCAR should consider suspending races there.

Driver Kenny Irwin died Friday on Turn 3 while practicing for Sunday's New England 300. Driver Adam Petty died in a similar accident at almost the same spot while practicing on the 1.058-mile track May 12.

"There's obviously something wrong with that corner," Lauren Fix, a racing driver and director of a performance driving school at the Watkins Glen track in Watkins Glen, N.Y., said in a telephone interview Monday.

The track's owner, some drivers and a top NASCAR official disagree, noting the deaths were the first in NASCAR-sanctioned events at the speedway since it opened in 1990.

Kevin Triplett, NASCAR's director of operations, called the deaths a

"tragic coincidence."

"When you look at the number of years we've run there, and you look at the number of laps and miles we've put on that race track ... it's not really fair to look at the track as an issue," Triplett said, also by telephone.

But Fix said she was surprised racing wasn't suspended after Petty's death.

"I'm hoping now that NASCAR will send some people up there and determine whether it should be sanctioned until something is done," she said.

"Do you still want people racing there until we know what's going on?" Irwin's crash has prompted a NASCAR investigation, but Triplett said what caused the crash may not be known for months—if ever.

Some in the racing community want NASCAR to look at the track's design and at its lack of foam safety barriers.

Irwin, 30, crashed into a concrete wall and was pronounced dead at the scene.

He died of a crushed skull, the medical examiner said Monday. He had hit his brakes, suggesting to other drivers that his throttle was stuck open.

Critics say the track's tight corners and low banking make it tough for drivers to handle such situations.

Owner Bob Bahre told The Boston Globe there is nothing wrong with the speedway, however.

"The track is fine," he said. "It was good for 10 years and you have trouble one year. I think that should be the answer."

Sunflower Contest

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