

Volleyball player looks to Olympics

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Goodland High School's Alisha McKee is one step closer on the ladder to becoming an Olympic volleyball player.

After a trip to Salt Lake City to participate in a volleyball camp and tournament with other students from all over the United States — held in conjunction with the Olympic trials — the freshman says that the Olympics is something she might want to pursue.

"I think it would be very interesting in the future," she said. She said being selected for the camp is a step toward competing in the Olympics some day. Participants practiced for three days and then competed against each other in a three-day tournament.

"One day, we practiced 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.," said McKee, "then had lunch

and went back and practiced 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in a gym that wasn't air conditioned. It was very challenging."

McKee said her team, made up of 14-and-under girls from all over the U.S., finished fourth.

"I learned a lot," she said. "It was really exciting. Our coaches were all Olympian volleyball players."

She said the 14-and-under girls were divided into Red, White and Blue teams, and practiced with older girls from the Ohio Valley Team, the Intermountain Volleyball Club and two other teams.

"I hope to try out again next year and be selected," said McKee.

Anyone can try out for the camp, she said, but girls are selected by scoring on a skills test, which includes how high participants are able to spike the ball, or vertical height, upper body strength and basic volleyball skills.

There are 10 tryouts a year, McKee said, and some groups as large as 500 are narrowed down to only one participant.

The camp is sponsored by the United States Volleyball Association in Colorado Springs. A two-year rotation is set up, she said, with the girls who were selected this year automatically getting to try out next year. After the second year, girls rotate off and new girls are

added.

The Junior Nationals team in the 18-and-under age group, which participated in the camp this year, was preparing to go to Cuba. One of the girls on the team was could do a 10-foot, 7-inch vertical, said McKee, who's best vertical is 9 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

If she can keep up, the next step for McKee would be the Junior National team, then the Olympic trials.

Royals' player injured but no bones broken

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — X-rays taken Monday showed that Kansas City first baseman Mike Sweeney did not suffer any broken bones when hit in the hand by a pitch during the weekend, the Royals said.

Spokesman Jim Lachimia said Sweeney had a bruise on his right hand, and it wasn't known yet whether he'd

be able to play Tuesday against the Yankees in New York.

Sweeney was injured Sunday when a ball hit his hand as he dropped his bat to try to deflect a pitch from Tampa Bay's Esteban Yan.

Sweeney, a member of this year's AL All-Star team, is batting .342 with 16 home runs and 90 RBIs.

Wet and wild ball game



Joel Linin, 7, kicked a beach ball Monday around the front lawn of the Goodland Public Library during the library's second Water Day this summer. The event was devised to give kids something to do after the city closed the swimming pool for construction of a new one. The second Water Day marked the end of the library's summer reading program, and staff gave awards and prizes to young readers.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Rockies crushed by Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field, losing 0-2

CHICAGO (AP) — What have the Chicago Cubs been doing while Andy MacPhail has been busy restocking the team with four deals in two weeks?

They've been playing like they don't need any help.

Since they fell 18 games under .500 just before the All-Star break, the Cubs

have won 16 of 20.

"When you get 15 games under, you'll see some teams go the other way. But now we've come together," manager Don Baylor said after Monday night's 2-0 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

First baseman Mark Grace drove in

both runs, one with his 10th homer.

"A lot of people have been talking about next year," Grace said. "But everybody in here is talking about this year. How can you not?"

Kevin Tapani (7-8) ran his career record against the Rockies to 6-0, allowing just four hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Felix Heredia, Steve Rain and Rick Aguilera completed the shutout.

"I've been around long enough to know that there are stretches where you look a whole lot worse than you are and stretches where you play better than what you are," Tapani said.

"We're in a stretch where we're

playing really good, and we want to ride it as far as we can.

"We said, 'Let's see how many series we can win and get back to a respectable season.'"

The Rockies, who have lost 21 of 26 games, have been shut out eight times this season — all on the road — and

twice in their last four games.

"I've never seen an offensive club like this go through a spell like this," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said. "We've been struggling for a while, and it's happened to us at a very difficult time. It would be different if we had guys who couldn't swing the bats."

Broncos fullback looks at assistant coaching job after early retirement

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Faced with the prospect of surgery to repair a bulging disc near his neck, Denver Broncos fullback Anthony Lynn decided to retire Monday.

Lynn, 31, had been leaning toward retirement and told Broncos coach Mike Shanahan of his decision as the Broncos began their second full week of training camp.

"Anytime you have a problem with

(pinched) nerves and you have some numbness that's been going on for a while, he's making the right decision," Shanahan said.

Signed as a free agent out of Texas Tech eight years ago, Lynn blossomed into one of Denver's top special teams players but had been dogged by a pinched nerve near his neck.

The injury, commonly referred to as a "stinger," caused him to miss five

practices and recurred when he returned last Thursday.

"Anthony's one of those guys that's a blue-collar worker," running back Terrell Davis said. "He's an underdog,

just like myself and he represents what our team represents. You don't have to a first-round draft pick to make this team. He brought his character inside the huddle. He was a leader. To lose

him, we're going to lose a lot."

The Broncos may not lose Lynn entirely. Shanahan said there is a possibility Lynn could join the team as an assistant coach.

"I'd sure like a guy like Anthony on our staff," Shanahan said. "It'll be a growing experience, but if he is interested in coaching, we can find something for him to do, that's for sure."

Chiefs show promise in practice game against Vikings

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs finally got the

chance to hit someone else Monday and they liked it. A lot.

The Chiefs went up against the Minnesota Vikings in a pair of practices Monday in front of 6,500 mostly Vikings fans.

But they weren't fazed in the least by Randy Moss, Cris Carter and company. "It was awesome," linebacker Ron George said. "You get excited to play against an opponent, and when it's somebody as good as the Vikings you can't help but rise to the occasion."

The Chiefs did just that, harassing Vikings quarterbacks Duane Culpepper and Bubba Brister all day long while showing glimpses of a promising running game and blocking a punt.

Jerome Woods knocked away one pass, while Marcus Patton batted a

ball down and stuffed a run up the middle.

Eric Hicks had a sure sack of Brister before pulling up in the non-tackling drill.

"They had a great red-zone passing drill, they looked exceptional," Cunningham said. "Then in the 2-minute drill we shut them down."

Cunningham said he was most impressed by his two newest defensive backs, second-round pick William Barteel and third-round choice Greg Wesley.

"They're turning out to be the kind of players I thought they were," the coach said. "They're very explosive. I saw both of them make several plays today."

K-State player dies while driving

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Anthony Bates, a junior defensive tackle at Kansas State, died Monday after suffering a medical condition while driving near campus, the university announced.

Bates was driving southbound near campus just before noon when his pickup crossed into the northbound lane and struck a car, then continued on

and struck two parked cars before coming to a stop, police said.

Bates, 20, was taken to a hospital, where he died in the afternoon. No other medical information was available, Kansas State sports information director Dick Dull said Monday night.

Bates' death came on the same day newcomers reported to preseason camp for the Wildcats.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	40	.619	—
New York	59	45	.567	5 1/2
Florida	51	54	.486	14
Montreal	47	55	.461	16 1/2
Philadelphia	46	58	.442	18 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	58	47	.552	—
Cincinnati	54	51	.514	4
Chicago	49	55	.471	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	45	58	.437	12
Milwaukee	44	62	.415	14 1/2
Houston	39	66	.371	19

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	57	46	.553	—
Arizona	58	47	.552	—
Los Angeles	55	49	.529	2 1/2
Colorado	50	54	.481	7 1/2
San Diego	47	58	.448	11

Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 2				
Atlanta 6, Houston 3				
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2				
Cincinnati 7, Montreal 4				
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 2				
Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 1				
San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 8				
Florida 4, Arizona 3				

Monday's Games				
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain				
St. Louis 4, Montreal 0				

Houston 4, Florida 2				
Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Mets 0				
Chicago Cubs 2, Colorado 0				
San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings				
San Diego 4, Philadelphia 1				
Only games scheduled				

Tuesday's Games				
Colorado (Astacio 8-7 or Rose 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garibay 2-3), 12:20 p.m.				
St. Louis (Ankiel 7-6) at Montreal (Downs 4-3 or Moore 0-0), 5:05 p.m.				
Houston (Erickson 10-4) at Florida (Smith 1-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Perez 4-5 and Valdes 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 3-5 and Arroyo 2-3), 2:30 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Parris 5-13) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 10-7), 5:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Estes 10-3) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-5), 6:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Millwood 6-8) at Arizona (Reynoso 7-7), 8:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Person 5-3) at San Diego (Eaton 2-2), 8:05 p.m.				

Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati (Dessens 5-0) vs. N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-4), 10:10 a.m.				
Los Angeles (Dreifort 7-7) at Pittsburgh (Silva 7-4), 11:35 a.m.				
San Francisco (Hernandez 10-7) at Milwaukee (Wright 6-4), 12:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Rose 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 0-3), 12:20 p.m.				
St. Louis (Hentgen 9-8) at Montreal (Johnson 5-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Houston (Miller 1-3) at Florida (Cornelius 3-5), 5:05 p.m.				

3-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Maddux 12-5) at Arizona (Schilling 7-6), 8:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Daal 2-11) at San Diego (Clement 9-10), 8:05 p.m.				

American League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	56	44	.560	—
Boston	54	48	.529	3
Toronto	55	52	.514	4 1/2
Baltimore	46	58	.442	12
Tampa Bay	44	59	.427	13 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	64	41	.610	—
Cleveland	52	50	.510	10 1/2
Detroit	48	56	.462	15 1/2
Kansas City	47	57	.452	16 1/2
Minnesota	48	60	.444	17 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	61	44	.581	—
Oakland	58	47	.552	3
Anaheim	57	50	.533	5
Texas	50	53	.485	10


Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 4				
Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 6				
Baltimore 10, Cleveland 7				
Oakland 5, Boston 2				
Seattle 10, Toronto 6				
Detroit 8, Texas 7				
Chicago White Sox 11, Anaheim 7, 10 innings				

Monday's Games				
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 5				
Oakland 6, Toronto 1				
Anaheim 5, Detroit 4				
Boston 8, Seattle 5				
Only games scheduled				

Tuesday's Games				
Toronto (Loaiza 6-7) at Oakland (Zito 1-0), 1:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Reichert 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 5-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Colon 9-8) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-4), 5:15 p.m.				
Minnesota (Redman 9-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-10), 5:35 p.m.				

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-4) at Texas (Glynn 2-1), 6:35 p.m.				
Boston (Wakefield 6-5) at Seattle (Halama 9-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Sparks 0-2) at Anaheim (Cooper 4-5), 8:05 p.m.				

Wednesday's Games				
Kansas City (Stein 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-0), 10:05 a.m.				
Minnesota (Radke 7-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-7), 1:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Carpenter 7-10) at Oakland (Mulder 6-7), 1:35 p.m.				
Detroit (Moehler 6-7) at Anaheim (Hill 5-6), 2:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Burba 10-4) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-6), 5:15 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-2) at Texas (Helling 12-7), 6:35 p.m.				
Boston (P.Martinez 12-3) at Seattle (Garcia 3-1), 8:05 p.m.				



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