Taking down the other team



The Goodland Cowboys' Tyler Henderson ran after a Phillipsburg Panther Friday to stop him from scoring. The Cowboys won the Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News game.

Rockies find another MVP in the making

DENVER (AP) — With one MVP on the mend, the Colorado Rockies found another in the making.

In only his third season, Todd Helton established himself as one of baseball's best in 2000, putting up numbers not seen in Colorado since teammate Larry Walker was named NL MVP three years ago.

Helton, who reached the .400 mark as late as Aug. 21, hit .372 to capture majors with 147 RBIs to go with a career-best 42 homers.

His 216 hits, 59 doubles, .698 slugging percentage and .463 on-base percentage were all NL highs on a team that finished 82-80 — a 10-game improvement from its last-place performance in 1999.

While Helton took pride in winning promote himself as an MVP candidate, MVP in four seasons.

saying it was out of his control.

"I expect a lot out of myself, but I'm not going to sit here and say that I expected to have the season that I did," Helton said. "It's been enjoyable, but it's been stressful, too."

Helton's spirited run at .400 prompted a surge of national interest, and he later admitted being distracted by the attention. He still was the driving force behind an offense that set his first NL batting title, and he led the team records for runs (968), hits (1,664) and batting average (.294).

"He brings no ego," Colorado third baseman Jeff Cirillo said. "He's very confident and determined to be successful and it rubs off on guys. To me, that's the way a baseball player and a role model should be."

Had the Rockies been playoff contenders, Helton would be a favorite to the title and RBI crown, he refused to join Walker as Colorado's second

sports **Cowgirls take Oakley tournament**

Team defends No. 1 ranking

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News The Goodland Cowgirls Volleyball team successfully defended their No. 1 ranking in Class 4A when they traveled to Oakley Saturday, winning all of their matches in the five-team tournament

The Cowgirls walked away the champion, although they had to fight for it. The girls didn't play with quite the same confidence as they had at their previous game, said coach Jerry McKee, a home quad where they walked away with three match wins without losing a single game.

In Saturday's tournament, the Cow-

girls lost one game in the second match against Wheatland, though they ended up winning the match.

"We played a little sluggish this time," said Coach McKee. Goodland's record is now 24-0 after facing Grinnell, Wheatland, Colby and Oakley teams at the tournament. The

Cowgirls remain ranked No. 1 in Class 4A schools across the state. The Cowgirls started off strong in

their first match against Grinnell, taking the first game 15-7 and the second game with an even stronger 15-4.

Goodland struggled as it came time to face Wheatland, but pulled it off in the end. The girls came out strong in the first game with a 15-2 win, but then slipped a little in the second game, losing their advantage to a 8-15 loss. They managed to pull it together in the third game, with a 15-3 win.

The Cowgirls squeaked past the

game.

In their final match, the team managed to come back, squaring off with Oakley. They kept the ball on their side of the court in the first game, which they took 15-0, and they kept things strong in the second game with a 15-2 win.

"All of the girls played equally well," said McKee.

In the junior varsity tournament, the girls managed to walk away with a hard-fought win. In their first game against Grinnell, the Cowgirls had to fight for their win. They walked away from the first game with a 15-8 win, but slumped in the second game for a loss of 4-15. The girls pulled back up in the teams will travel to Atwood this afterthird game for a win of 15-3 to take the match.

In Goodland's match against Wheatland, the girls kept playing Colby team with a 15-10 win in the first strong. In the first game, they took a

game and a 15-9 win in the second win of 15-10 and another win of 15-7 in the second game.

The girls gathered their strength for the match against Colby, taking both games by a strong margin. In the first game, the girls got a 15-1 win. They faltered a little in the second game, but still managed to pull away with a 15-8 win.

The Cowgirls had to fight for the tournament championship title in the final match against Oakley.

The match started with a game loss of 7-15 for the Cowgirls, but then the team took the final two games by a small margin with a 15-10 and a 15-11 win.

All three of the Cowgirls volleyball noon to play in a tri-match against Oberlin and Atwood at 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, the junior varsity and Csquad girls will travel to Hays to play in a tournament starting at 8 a.m.

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Thursday, Oct. 12

Saturday, Oct. 14

6:18 p.m.

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6 p.m

(FOX)

Sunday, Oct. 15

Monday, Oct. 16

6:18 p.m., if necessary

post season baseball schedule

By The Associated Press Postseason Baseball

Division Series American League

Chicago vs. Seattle

- Tuesday, Oct. 3 Seattle (Garcia 9-5) at Chicago (Parque 13-
- 6), 2:07 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Oct. 4
- Seattle (Abbott 9-7) at Chicago (Sirotka 15-
- 10), 11:07 a.m. (ESPN)
- Friday, Oct. 6 Chicago (Baldwin 14-7) at Seattle (Sele 17-
- 10), 2:07 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Oct. 7
- hicago at Seattle, 2:18 p.m. (FOX), if necessary
- Sunday, Oct. 8
- Seattle at Chicago, 2:07 p.m. (ESPN) or 6 p.m. (FOX), if necessary (6 p.m. if Giants-
- Mets and Athletics-Yankees are over) Oakland vs. New York

Tuesday, Oct. 3

- New York (Clemens 13-8) at Oakland (Heredia 15-11), 6:08 p.m. (NBC)
- Wednesday, Oct. 4
- New York (Pettitte 19-9) at Oakland (Appier 15-11), 6:18 p.m. (FOX)
- Friday, Oct. 6
- akland (Hudson 20-6) at New York (Hernandez 12-13), 6:08 p.m. (NBC) Saturday, Oct. 7
- Oakland at New York, 5:38 p.m. (NBC) or
- 11:07 a.m (ESPN), if necessary (becomes day game if series is 2-0 after two
- games)
- Sunday, Oct. 8 New York at Oakland, 6 p.m. (FOX), if nec-

essary National League San Francisco vs. New York

Wednesday, Oct. 4

(ESPN)

Thursday, Oct. 5

Saturday, Oct. 7

Sunday, Oct. 8

New York (Hampton 15-10) at San Francisco (Hernandez 17-11), 2:07 p.m.

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San Francisco (Ortiz 13-12) at New York

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p.m. (FOX) or 5:38 p.m. (NBC) (becomes

night game if Athletics-Yankees is 2-0

after two games; becomes 2:18 p.m. if Athletics-Yankees 1-1 after two games

and White Sox-Mariners is a sweep)

San Francisco at New York, 2:07 p.m.

(ESPN) or 6 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

becomes night game if Athletics-Yan-

Monday, Oct. 9

- Atlanta at St. Louis, 2:07 p.m. (ESPN) or 6:18 p.m. (FOX), if necessary (becomes night game if Giants-Mets is over)
 - League Championship Series American League

(NBC

Tuesday, Oct. 10 Oakland-New York winner at Chicago OR Seattle at Oakland-New York winner 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Oakland-New York winner at Chicago OR Seattle at Oakland-New York winner. 2:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

Chicago at Oakland-New York winner OR Oakland-New York winner at Seattle,

6:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14

- Chicago at Oakland-New York winner OR Oakland-New York winner at Seattle 6:15 p.m
- Sunday, Oct. 15
- Chicago at Oakland-New York winner OR Oakland-New York winner at Seattle,
- 2:15 p.m., if necessary Tuesday, Oct. 17
- Oakland-New York winner at Chicago OR
- Seattle at Oakland-New York winner, 6:15 p.m., if necessary
- St. Louis (Stephenson 16-9, An. Benes 12-Wednesday, Oct. 18 9 or Hentgen 15-12) at Atlanta (Ashby 12-
 - Oakland-New York winner at Chicago OR Seattle at Oakland-New York winner,
 - 6:15 p.m., if necessary National League

(FOX)

- Wednesday, Oct. 11
- 6:18 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 St. Louis-Atlanta winner at San Francisco OR New York at Atlanta-St. Louis winner 2:18 p.m., if necessary Thursday, Oct. 19

. Louis-Atlanta winner at San Francisco OR New York at Atlanta-St. Louis winner 6:18 p.m., if necessary

World Series

Saturday, Oct. 21 National League at American League, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 22 NL at AL, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 AL at NL, 6:18 p.m Wednesday, Oct. 25 AL at NL, 6:18 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26

- St. Louis-Atlanta winner at San Francisco OR New York at Atlanta-St. Louis winner.

AL at NL, 6:18 p.m., if necessary Saturday, Oct. 28 NL at AL, 6 p.m., if necessary Sunday, Oct. 29 NL at AL, 6 p.m., if necessary





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9), 2:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Oct. 7

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