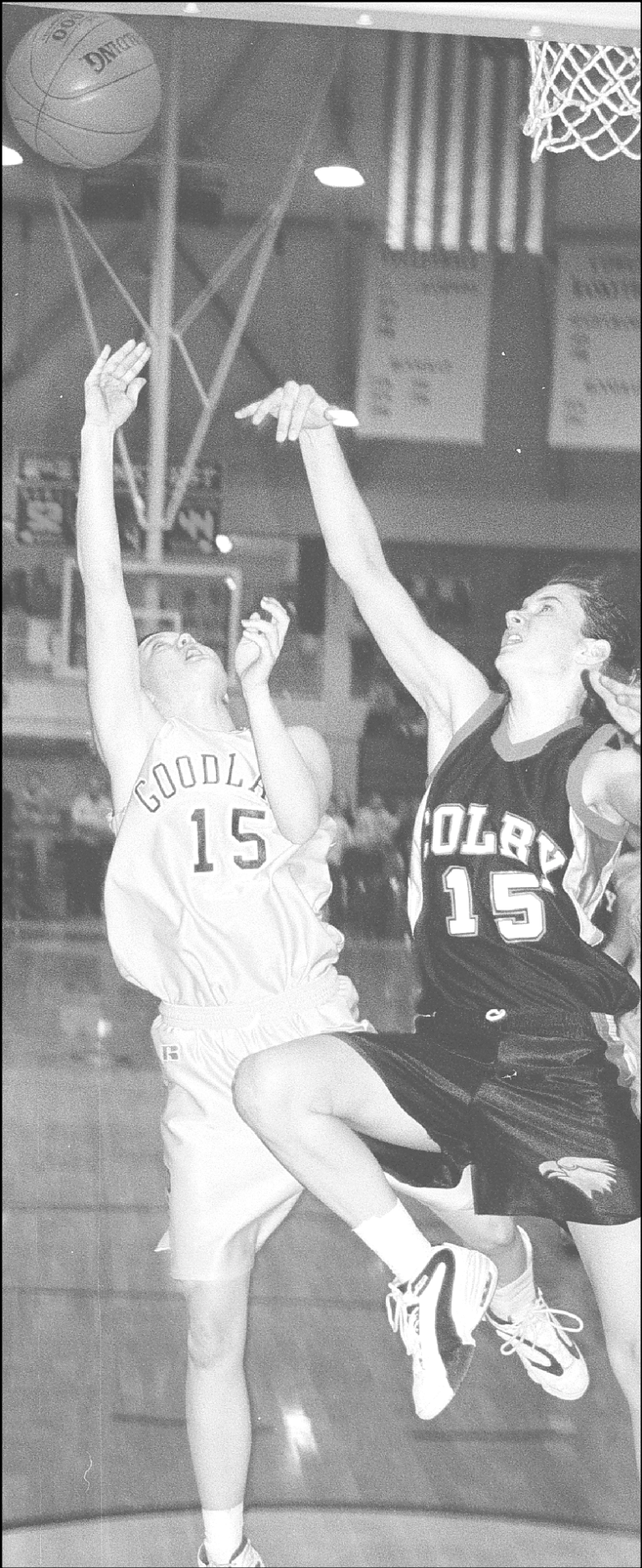


Good luck Cowgirls



The Goodland Cowgirls showed determination in defeating Larned and Colby in the Class 4A sub-state tournament to advance to the Class 4A state tournament in Salina which begins with the boys play today. The Cowgirls (16-6) will face Ottawa (20-3) in the first round at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday at Salina's Bicentennial Center. In today's first round action the Colby Eagles (17-5) will face Sumner Academy of Kansas City (17-6) at 6:15 p.m. tonight at Salina's Bicentennial Center.

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Colorado Avalanche falls to Thrashers

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Thrashers did a good job on defense against the Colorado Avalanche until two unlikely heroes stepped in and ruined their work.

Rookie Ville Nieminen scored twice, and Nolan Pratt scored his first goal of the season — breaking a tie and leading Colorado to a 4-2 victory Tuesday night over Atlanta.

Pratt, a defenseman who has asked to be traded after being a healthy scratch in 30 games, scored with 6:37 to play.

Nieminen scored his second goal of the game 26 seconds later.

Nieminen's two goals gave the rookie 10 for the season.

"I've still got a lot of goals to score," Nieminen said. "Twice he (Peter Forsberg) bashed it from behind (the net) and I was the lucky one to be there. It's nice to play with that guy."

Forsberg had three assists, and twice kept the puck alive in the Thrashers zone, which led to Nieminen's goals.

"He goes to the net really hard," Forsberg said. "He's always there. He's improved a lot, and I think he's going to be a good player."

Colorado backup goalie David Aebischer stopped 22 shots to improve to 9-5-3. The Avalanche have lost just once in eight games.

Hnat Domenichelli and Ray Ferraro scored for Atlanta.

Denver Nuggets lose to Suns

DENVER (AP) — Over the past two seasons, the Denver Nuggets have had minimal success against the Phoenix Suns. Without their top two players, the Nuggets had little chance Tuesday night.

Shawn Marion, playing for the first time in 10 days, scored 22 points on 10-of-12 shooting as the Suns beat depleted Denver 93-82.

Tom Gugliotta added 25 points and Jason Kidd had 8 points, 8 rebounds

and 10 assists to help the Suns defeat Denver for the seventh straight time since the opening game of the 1999-2000 season. The Nuggets, who have lost four straight and 15 of 19.

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Royals out hit Detroit Tigers, 5-3

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Carlos Beltran has been concentrating on his hitting during spring training since a sore right arm has relegated the outfielder to being a designated hitter.

It shows.

Beltran went 3-for-5 with a solo homer as the Kansas City Royals beat the Detroit Tigers 5-1 Tuesday. He hit a home run in a "B" game on Monday.

"I've been working on hitting line drives and today it felt really good," said Beltran, who also scored three runs and stole a base. "It always feels good to have a day like this."

Kansas City manager Tony Muser was impressed that Beltran homered in the ninth after singling in the first and third.

"He had a great day," Muser said. "When he finished it off with a home run, it means he was focused and concentrating all the way through the ballgame."

Beltran said he has been throwing regularly and recently increased the distance of his throws to 150 feet.

"I'm not going to hurry myself because I want to be ready when the season starts," he said.

The Royals would like Beltran to play as he did in 1999, when he was voted AL Rookie of the Year after batting .294 with 22 homers and 108 RBIs.

Last year, he hit .247 with seven home runs and 44 RBIs in 87 games. A bruised right knee put him on the dis-

abled list in July and he was suspended for nearly three weeks in August for failing to report to the Royals' rehabilitation facility in Florida.

"I really want to work on my consistency so I can have more days like this," Beltran said.

The Tigers have won just one of five games in spring training, a bit of a concern for a team that started slowly the last several seasons.

"I don't like to get beat," Detroit manager Phil Garner said. "I'm disappointed. ... We can win them all down here and I can guarantee nobody will pick us to win the pennant."

Damion Easley scored after doubling in the first, but was stranded after a leadoff single in the sixth.

"It's never good to get used to losing," Easley said. "We need to turn this around so we can get some confidence going and really start believing in ourselves. It's too early to get really concerned, but nobody likes this."

Notes: Kansas City also beat Detroit 7-3 in a "B" game. Greg Zaun, who Detroit traded to the Royals last year, had three RBIs.

Detroit's Steve Sparks gave up a run on three hits and struck out three in three innings. Former Tiger Cecil Fielder visited Detroit's clubhouse before the game. Tony Richardson of the Kansas City Chiefs traveled with the Royals to Lakeland. "I throw better than him and my arm is sore," Beltran joked.

Baylor advances to quarterfinals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The first round of the Big 12 Women's tournament ended Tuesday with No. 24 Baylor advancing to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1997.

The sixth-seeded Bears are scheduled to play No. 13 Iowa State, which is seeded third in the tournament, on Wednesday. Also advancing to the quarterfinals is seventh-seeded Texas to face No. 11 Texas Tech, seeded second; fifth-seeded Missouri will play No. 20 Colorado, seeded fourth; and ninth-seeded Kansas will meet No. 7 Oklahoma, seeded first.

Baylor (21-7, 10-7 Big 12) opened the second half with 12 unanswered points and held Kansas State (12-16, 2-15) to just one field goal in the first 12 minutes of the Bears' 60-44 victory.

Sheila Lambert made a 3-point play with 5:27 left to give the Bears their biggest lead at 54-33.

Danielle Crockrom scored 19 points for Baylor. Kristen Rethman led the Wildcats with 12.

Texas guard Kaira White scored 20 points, 15 in the first half, to lead the Longhorns to a 77-60 win over Nebraska.

Texas (20-11, 8-9) led 39-23 at half-

time. Then when the Longhorns had a 19-point lead, Nebraska (12-18, 4-13) went on a 9-0 run to cut the lead to 11 with 7:28 left in the game.

Texas scored six unanswered points to squelch the Husker rally, and give Nebraska its third straight conference loss.

Shannon Howell led the Huskers with 17 points.

Meanwhile, Missouri (20-8, 11-6) survived a second half Texas A&M rally to win 75-65 — the Tigers' third straight victory. Texas A&M (12-16, 2-15) has lost eleven straight.

Janae Derrick scored with 8:51 left to cap off a 15-3 run that cut a 15-point Tiger lead down to three, 51-48. But Tracy Franklin hit a 3-pointer to ignite a 9-0 Tiger run.

Marlena Williams had 18 points for Missouri and Toccara Williams had 19 for the Aggies.

Kansas (11-16, 5-11) beat Oklahoma State 66-56, after falling behind briefly in the second half before using a 10-0 run to go up by nine with 14:37 left.

Oklahoma State (14-13, 6-10) cut the lead back to four before the Jayhawks answered and stretched the

lead to 15.

Jennifer Jackson scored 19 points for Kansas and Oklahoma State's Kara Faulk had 17 points.

Padres beat Rockies, 10-5

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Third baseman Phil Nevin atoned for two first-inning errors with a two-run double in the fifth as the San Diego Padres beat the Colorado Rockies 10-5 Tuesday night.

The Rockies scored an unearned run in the first when Juan Pierre scored on Nevin's throwing error on a grounder by Todd Helton. Nevin also committed an error on a grounder by Jeff Cirillo.

Nevin, who was 2-for-3, started the eight-run inning with a run-scoring double.

Colorado right-hander Shawn Chacon (0-1) was charged with all eight runs in the inning. Rockies starter Pedro Astacio allowed two runs on three hits and a walk in three

innings.

Padres starter Scott Karl, who pitched for Colorado last year, worked three innings and allowed two runs on four hits and two walks. Rookie right-hander Steve Watkins (1-0) worked one inning and earned the win.

The Padres wore patches reading "SHS" on the right sleeves in tribute to the victims of the shootings at Santana High School in the San Diego suburb of Santee. A Santana graduate, right-hander Joe Davenport, pitched 1 1/3 hitless innings for the Rockies.

Shortstop Chris Gomez, who had season-ending knee surgery on June 26, played four innings in his spring debut.

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