

Cowgirls finish third



Goodland junior Rachael Hagerman, third from the left, pushed forward in the 100-meter hurdles at the state track meet Saturday in Wichita. Hagerman took first place for the Cowgirls, who finished third as a team. Photo by Jay Kelley/Coby Free Press

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For the Goodland Cowgirls, it was a bittersweet state track meet Friday and Saturday at Wichita. The team finished third with 33 points. Rachael Hagerman placed in three events, including a championship in the 100-meter hurdles. Jayci Stone took second in the pole vault, and the 1,600-meter relay team defended their second place finish of a year ago with another second. But the Cowgirls failed to capitalize on their chance to win a state championship. Pratt won the meet with 58 points and Marysville finished second with 46. Hagerman was Goodland's only state champion with her victory in the 100-meter hurdles. She finished third in the 300-meter hurdles and sixth in the 200-meter dash, but failed to place in the long jump. Stone's second-place finish came on her best vault of the season. She was also part of the 1,600-meter relay team

that took second and the 400-meter relay team that failed to place. Cody Pettibone was on the 1,600-meter and 400-meter relay teams. She was in the 100-meter dash but didn't break finals. Lacey Brenner ran the 400-meter dash and the 1,600-meter relay. She was in the high jump but didn't place. The lone Cowboy in the track meet was Luke Stone, who didn't make it out of the preliminary rounds in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.81 and missed the first height in the high jump. This was the first year that Stone had high jumped and he had jumped 6'2 in regionals. Colby's Zach Brown finished first in the 400-meter dash, running a 49.21. The Cowgirls program is in good shape for next season as four state qualifiers return. Hagerman, Brenner, Stone, and Kendra Billinger, who ran in the 3,200-meter relay, all plan to return.

200-meter dash: Hagerman, 26.99.
400-meter dash: Brenner, 1:03.64
High hurdles: Hagerman, 15.4
300-meter hurdles: Hagerman, 46.7
High jump: Brenner, 5'2.
Long jump: Hagerman, 15'.
4x100-meter relay: Ashley Halligan, Julia Darnaur, Pettibone, Stone, 52.27.
4x400-meter relay: Pettibone, Darnaur, Jill Sowers, Brenner, 4:11.85
4x800-meter relay: Billinger, Hallagin, Erinn Hardy, Sowers, 10:28.7.

Finals
200-meter dash: Hagerman, sixth, 26.77.
High hurdles: Hagerman, first, 15.47.
300-meter hurdles: Hagerman, third, 45.93.
Pole Vault: Jayci Stone, second, 10'6.
4x400-meter relay: Pettibone, Stone, Sowers, Brenner, second, 4:05.79.

BOYS
400-meter dash: Stone, 52.81.

Avs quest for Stanley Cup continues tonight

DENVER (AP) — It's back to basic hockey for the New Jersey Devils, who made the mistake of believing their press clippings. Jolted back to reality by the Colorado Avalanche's 5-0 romp in the opening game of the Stanley Cup finals Saturday night, the Devils were a humbled team Sunday as they made adjustments for Game 2. "It's hard when everybody tells you how good you are," goaltender Martin Brodeur said. "We paid the price for it." Devils coach Larry Robinson, still dismayed that his team was "outhustled and outworked" in the opener, said his team was guilty of reading "how good we were and how we were going to walk all over the Avalanche, and we started to believe all of our clippings." "We forgot that games are still won and lost on the ice," Robinson said. "We found out we can't just put our sticks on the ice because we are the defending — so-called defending — champions. We have to play well." It's difficult not to be smug when one

of the strongest compliments came from Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux. Lemiux called the Devils the best team he has ever faced after his Penguins were dispatched in five games in the Eastern Conference finals. If the Devils took Colorado lightly, they know better now. "There's a reason why the Avalanche are here," Robinson said. "In the first game, they beat us to the loose pucks. A lot of times we were caught standing still. They were dumping pucks and chipping them past us with speed, and we weren't in good position." Robinson insists his team must be more physical when the series resumes here Tuesday night. "If you're not scoring goals, you have to do other things well," he said. "That means that guys who don't normally consider themselves physical players still have to be a part of the physical game. They have got (Dan Hinote and Chris Drury, and even Joe Sakic) is out there finishing checks. We have to get the same thing from our

players." Brodeur said the common theme in the locker room Sunday was playing with more intensity. "There are some adjustments we'll need to make," Brodeur said. "We need to go back to the basics, listen to the coach and play the game the way he wants us to play it." Despite their dominance in the series opener, the Avs expect the remaining games to be more difficult. They expect to face a more intense, more focused New Jersey team in Game 2. "We were at the top of our game and, obviously, they didn't play as well as they're going to play the next game," said Sakic, who had two goals and an assist in the opener and who leads all playoff scorers with 11 goals. "We expect a totally different game the next game." Coach Bob Hartley expects his team to have to play even better in the second game. "We don't plan to change many things on our side," Hartley said Sun-

day, the first of consecutive days off for the two teams. "I really like the approach of our players. We are focused. We recognize the situation, the importance of making sure we challenge ourselves to find ways to be better. I think we can play a better game than we did in Game 1." Besides containing Sakic, New Jersey must figure out a way to solve Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy, who extended his shutout streak in the Stanley Cup finals to 213 minutes, 12 seconds — the second-longest streak in finals history. "How do we deal with this? How do we respond?" forward Bobby Holik said of the Devils' worst playoff defeat since a 7-0 loss to Pittsburgh in 1993. "Every (playoff) team finds itself in a situation like this, but good teams make something of this." Scott Stevens, the Devils' best defenseman who was on the ice for three goals, promised that his team "is going to rebound. We were flat. We have to come back with a much better game and I'm sure we will."

Royals lose again in rout; match worst start since '92

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Leading by 11 runs in the ninth inning, Paul Abbott figured it was time for his first complete game. "I'll take that baseball and put it in my living room and say I pitched a complete game," Abbott said Monday after pitching a six-hitter in the Seattle Mariners' 13-3 rout of the Kansas City Royals. John Olerud was 4-for-5 with two RBIs and went 10-for-19 (.526) in the series with five runs scored and four RBIs. Dan Wilson homered and had one of Seattle's six doubles. Seattle, which has baseball's best record at 37-12, has won five straight, its third winning streak of five games or longer this season. The Mariners had never been more than 22 games above .500 before this year. Seattle swept a four-game series at Kansas City for the first time since Sept. 16-19, 1985. With a 5-1 trip, the Mariners improved their road record to 22-5. They start a 12-game homestand, their longest of the season, against Baltimore on Tuesday night. Abbott (3-2), backed by 17 hits, got his first complete game in 59 major league starts — and the Mariners' first since Aaron Sele's six-hit-

ter last Sept. 26 against Texas. Abbott struck out six and walked three. Kansas City dropped to 18-32, matching its poorest record after 50 games (1992). Against New York, Cleveland and Seattle, the Royals are 1-15. Chad Durbin, (3-3), who had won three straight decisions, allowed six runs and eight hits in three-plus innings. Wilson's two-run homer in the second put Seattle ahead, and the Mariners made it 4-0 in the second on Olerud's RBI single and a throwing error by second baseman Luis Alicea trying to double up Mike Cameron following Carlos Guillen's lineout. Alicea, subbing for injured starter Carlos Febles, had two throwing errors in the series and has seven this year. Seattle batted around in the fourth, going ahead 9-0 on Mark McLemore's RBI grounder, Edgar Martinez's RBI double off Jose Santiago, Cameron's two-run double and Guillen's RBI double. Jermaine Dye homered for the Royals in the fourth and Mike Sweeney hit a solo homer in the sixth.

Rockies fall to last place with 11-inning loss to Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paul Lo Duca went 6-for-6 and scored the winning run on Shawn Green's 11th-inning single Monday to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Colorado Rockies 11-10. Lo Duca tied the NL record for hits in an extra-inning game and was one

shy of the league record for any game, set by Wilbert Robertson in 1892 and matched by Rennie Stennett in 1975. Lo Duca singled in the first, third, fifth, eighth and 11th innings and hit a three-run homer in the sixth. His single in the eighth off Juan Acevedo tied it 10-11.

Ron Villone (0-2) walked Tom Goodwin following Lo Duca's leadoff single in the 11th, Marquis Grissom reached on a bunt single to first baseman Todd Helton. In five games since he was moved to the leadoff spot, Lo Duca is 14-for-28 with three homers and eight RBIs. Lo Duca, who has hit safely in all 17 games he has started, became the seventh Dodgers' player with six hits in a game, the first since Willie Davis against the New York Mets on May 24, 1973. Matt Herges (2-4) allowed one hit in two scoreless innings.

Helton tied a career best with five RBIs, including his first major league grand slam. Juan Pierre had three RBIs for the Rockies, who survived a scary three-man collision in the outfield before wasting leads of 8-3 and 10-9. Pedro Astacio, staked to an 8-3 lead, failed in his fourth attempt to reach 100 wins, allowing seven runs and 12 hits in 5 2-3 innings. He gave up the three-run homer by Lo Duca that narrowed the gap to 8-7. Hansen's homer off Gabe White was his first since last Sept. 12 and put the Dodgers ahead 9-8.

Lady Vikings finish second; senior wins gold, silver

By Lester Bolen
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The Triplains Lady Vikings jumped on senior Ashley Latham's back and let her lead them to a second-place finish at the state Class 1A track meet Friday and Saturday at Wichita. Latham won a gold medal in the 300 meter hurdles and finished second in the 100 meter hurdles. "I wanted this so bad," said Latham. "I was really mad about my 100 hurdles. I just wanted to be a state champion." The girls finished second with 32 points, just two behind first place Macksville at 34. Triplains sophomore Preston Mackley was fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.31. Sharon Springs junior Andrew Heyl

won a silver medal with his second place finish in the pole vault. Heyl tied his personal best with a vault of 13'6. Kristen Unruh, a senior from Sharon Springs, finished 10th in pole vault at 8'. Weskan junior Troy Okeson won two medals on Saturday by finishing fourth in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.85 seconds and third in the 300-meter hurdles in 41.46 seconds. He also ran a leg on the Coyotes fifth-place 3,200-meter relay team that finished in 8:26.66. Junior John Welsh, who anchored the relay, finished fifth in the 800-meter run in 2:01.66. Sophomore Alisha Welsh, the lone Weskan girl to qualify for state, finished fifth in the 3,200-meter run in 12:28.21.

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