

Rising Chiefs' star will play in Slice of Life

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The Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation hosts the Slice of Life golf tournament to benefit the Goodland Regional Medical Center and every year numerous celebrities grace the tournament with their presence to aid in the fund raising.
This year the tournament will host former Broncos and Chiefs players such as Rick Upchurch, an National Football League record holder for the Broncos, Greg Boyd, a defensive tackle for the Patriots and Broncos and also a former professional wrestler, and Dave Studdard, a Broncos offensive tackle in the

early 1980's who is considered one of the best athletes ever to play on the Broncos line.
For the first time in the tournament's 12 year history there will be a current player in attendance, Kansas City Chiefs' star defensive end Eric Hicks.
Hicks led the Chiefs last season with a team high 14 sacks, joining the late Derrick Thomas, Neil Smith, and Art Still as the only Chiefs to record 14 or more sacks in a season. He is a rising star in the National Football League and is viewed as one of the best all around ends in the game.
Hicks road to the Chiefs wasn't an easy one though. After attending Maryland University

Hicks was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Chiefs before the 1998 season.
He was the only undrafted free agent to make the team's opening day roster that season and played in one game, registering two tackles. In his second season in the league Hicks started all 16 games for the team and recorded 28 tackles and four sacks. He also scored his only touchdown of his career in 1999, a 44-yard fumble recovery against the Minnesota Vikings.
Hick's third season was his year to shine. After entering into the league as a 261 pound rookie Hicks worked hard in the off-season and bulked up to 285 pounds.

The added weight helped Hicks get to the quarterback and the result was a career high 14 sacks, the most by a Chief since Neil Smith recorded 15 in 1993. Hicks also added 44 tackles despite playing in only 13 games and starting 11.
The 6'6 Hicks is a native of Erie, PA and was signed by Maryland out of high school. Hicks has been praised by the media and the coaches for his ability to not only rush the quarterback but also for his ability to stop the run.
The Slice of Life weekend begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday with a charity auction at the Sugar Hills Country Club. The auction will feature NFL, NASCAR, baseball, hockey, and

golf memorabilia and also includes many autographed items and a trip to a football team training camp. Tickets to the auction can be purchased for \$20 at the Goodland Regional Medical Center, Mr. Jim's His Shop in Goodland, or at Sugar Hills.
The ticket price includes a beverage ticket, food, and the opportunity to bid on items.
On Sunday the golf tournament will start with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.. There will be 138 golfers in attendance and the top 12 teams will receive a cash prize.
In the tournament's 11 year history nearly \$140,000 has been raised on behalf of the hospital.

Royals lose to White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — When the Chicago White Sox acquired Royce Clayton to improve their defense at shortstop, they didn't realize it would take so long for him to get his bat going.
Clayton homered for the first time in nearly a year, and James Baldwin won for the first time in five weeks as the White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 5-3 Tuesday night.
Clayton's three-run homer off Jeff Suppan (3-6) was his first since last July 14, when he was with the Texas Rangers. He went 115 games and 379 at-bats without a home run.
"They say it evens out, and it's got a lot of eveninging out to do," said Clayton, who is hitting .162. "There's only so much skill you can rely on. You have to have some luck, too. Luck's about to turn my way."
With two men on and the White Sox trailing 1-0 in the second, Clayton lined a 2-2 pitch from Suppan over the wall in left, giving Chicago a 3-1 lead.
"It's been quite a drought," Clayton said. "I don't know what happened. The first half of last year, I had 13 and ended up with 14. It's one of those

things, they come in bunches. I know I have enough pop to get it out of the ballpark."
"I got behind (the pitch) and got the ball up, but not where I wanted it," Suppan said. "He got good wood on it and it went."
Clayton got a standing ovation as he rounded the bases and was loudly cheered in subsequent at-bats.
"It's kind of weird," Clayton said. "I've grown used to the boos. But I appreciate it, no doubt. I'm just trying to help out for a pennant race. That's when the best comes out in me."
Baldwin (3-4), winless in his previous seven starts since May 13, allowed three runs, five hits and four walks in 6-2-3 innings.
After Raul Ibanez tied the game at 3 in the fourth with a two-run homer off Baldwin, Clayton came up in the bottom half with another opportunity.
With runners at the corners, he delivered again, hitting a two-out RBI double inside the first-base bag to give the White Sox a 4-3 lead.
"That was a big hit for us," manager Jerry Manuel said.
Clayton was retired in the sixth, but

kept a scoring chance going in the eighth with an infield single.
"The last one, the dribbler I was able to leg out, felt better than the (double)," Clayton said. "That's a sign of things to come. That definitely wasn't happening earlier."
Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his 15th save in 16 tries.
The White Sox have won 11 of 12 games at Comiskey Park and 18 of 24 overall.
Mike Sweeney hit his 15th homer, his second in as many nights for the Royals, who have lost three straight after winning a season-best five in a row.
Notes: White Sox CF Chris Singleton made a nice diving catch of Jermaine Dye's line drive to the gap in the fourth. ... The White Sox recalled C Mark Johnson before the game and started him behind the plate. ... White Sox LF Aaron Rowand made his first career start and got his first major league hit off Tony Cogan in the seventh. ... Sweeney is 11-for-19 (.579) with four homers and eight RBIs against the White Sox this season. ... Clayton's four RBIs are a season high.

Rockies fall in Houston 6-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Roy Oswalt has developed a strategy for pitching in hitter-friendly Enron Park, and perhaps the veterans on the Houston Astros should consider it.
"I try to get them to hit it toward the middle of the park because I know we have a short porch in left," Oswalt said after pitching 6 2-3 strong innings Tuesday night.
Before leaving with a bruised right forearm, Oswalt helped the Astros beat the Colorado Rockies 6-4.
Oswalt (5-1) allowed three runs and three hits, striking out eight. He left in the seventh after being hit by Ben Petrick's line drive. X-rays were negative.
Oswalt has a 1.03 ERA in five games at Enron Park. The remainder of the staff has a combined 5.10 ERA at home.
"I try to make them hit the ball on the ground. I've always been real aggressive and I try to stay aggressive here," Oswalt added.
"I pitch the same on the road, but here the crowd gets behind me and gives me a lift. It's fun to pitch here."
Oswalt earned the respect of Colorado's Todd Walker.
"He was outstanding. He hides the ball well and he throws the ball 93 (mph), and the best part is that 65 mile per hour curve ball," Walker said. "It's his change in velocity that is going to make him and outstanding pitcher."
Billy Wagner, activated from the disabled list earlier in the day, pitched a

perfect ninth, with two strikeouts, for his 14th save in 15 chances.
Wagner was also impressed with Oswalt.
"He pitches like a veteran. I can't tell he's a rookie. I'm a nervous wreck when I'm out there. For him, it seems like just another day at the park," Wagner said.
Lance Berkman drove in two runs and Moises Alou hit his 12th homer of the year for the Astros.
Shawn Chacon (4-4) gave up five runs and seven hits in seven innings. On June 7 against Houston, Chacon struck out 13 in eight innings at Coors Field and lost a 2-1 decision.
"Every time we get something going, something stops us. We can't continue to play like this," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said. "We may need to make a change here and there."
Houston scored first when Alou homered on the first pitch of the second inning.
In the third, Berkman's broken-bat single drove in Craig Biggio from second after Biggio was hit by a pitch and Jeff Bagwell walked. Biggio scored on a passed ball by Petrick before Richard Hidalgo hit an RBI double to make it 4-0.

"The third inning is what killed me," Chacon said. "I hit a guy, then gave up a walk and a bloop single before the double. That double was the story of the game."
After allowing a first-inning single, Oswalt retired 10 straight before Todd Helton hit his 25th homer in the fifth.
Berkman's RBI double made it 5-1 in the bottom half.
The Rockies loaded the bases in the seventh and scored on Petrick's line drive off Oswalt's forearm. Reliever Jay Powell allowed a walk to load the bases again, and Juan Pierre's single drove in Jeff Cirillo to make it 5-3.
Cirillo's RBI single in the eighth closed it to 5-4.
An error by Cirillo gave the Astros an insurance run in the eighth inning.
Notes: Biggio had his 18-game hitting streak snapped. ... Biggio got hit by a pitch for the 12th time this season, second in the NL. He leads active major leaguers with 181 HBPs. ... Colorado's Neifi Perez extended his career-best hitting streak to 17 games, longest on the team this year. ... Helton has an 11-game hitting streak. ... Oswalt is 3-0 with a no-decision in four starts.

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Trainer denied stay of suspension

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The chairman of the California Horse Racing Board denied a request to stay the 60-day suspension of trainer Bob Baffert for a positive drug test on one of his horses 13 months ago.
Baffert's suspension is scheduled to run June 25 to Aug. 23. He trained Point Given to victories in this year's Preakness and Belmont stakes.
The suspension stems from the positive test on Nautical Look after the filly won at Hollywood Park in May 2000. A post-race urine test was positive for morphine, a drug that can't be in a horse's system on race day.

Former KU recruit charged with rape

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Utah Jazz rookie DeShawn Stevenson has been charged with statutory rape for having sex with a 14-year-old girl, a prosecutor said.
Stevenson, a 6-foot-5 guard who went from high school directly to the NBA last year, was charged last week in Fresno Superior Court.
The 20-year-old Stevenson, a Fresno native who went to Washington Union H.S. in nearby Easton, faces up to three years in state prison if convicted.
Stevenson originally signed with Kansas University out of high school but backed out of his commitment to enter the NBA draft.

Cardinals pitcher continues climb

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rick Ankiel's next stop on his climb back from wildness is the St. Louis Cardinals' rookie league affiliate.
After spending about three weeks at the team's extended spring training in Jupiter, Fla., Ankiel was sent to Johnson City, Tenn., on Tuesday, just in time for the season opener.
Ankiel was 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA in six starts for St. Louis, walking 25 in 24 innings.

Warming up....



Kellen Davis, Sharon Springs, warmed up with Bailey Fischer, Sharon Springs, before football camp today. Former Denver Bronco players, Rick Upchurch, Greg Boyd and Wade Manning are leading the camp for Rare Breed camps. Upchurch and Boyd will both be in attendance at this weekend's Slice of Life golf tournament at the Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland.
Photo by Lester Bolen/The Goodland Daily News

Giant's slugger hits 37th

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Barry Bonds hit his 37th home run Tuesday night to tie the record for most homers before the All-Star break.
Bonds' shot on a 2-1 pitch from Adam Eaton in the fifth inning tied the record for homers before the All-Star break set by Reggie Jackson in 1969 and tied by Mark McGwire in 1998.
Bonds hit a high, arcing shot to right-center field that hit off the front of an advertising sign that hangs just above the fence.
Bonds remains on the quickest home run pace in history, hitting his 37th in 70 games. McGwire hit 37 in 81 games in '98, the year he set the single-season record with 70.

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