

Girl pitches and bats

Pitcher plays at nationals

Stevie Bailey, granddaughter of Galen and Mary Carper of Jennings and Waldo and Glenna Jarmin of Goodland, participated in the 16U fastpitch softball national tournament at Rockford, Ill., July 31-Aug. 3.

The daughter of Tim and Ann Bailey of Tulsa, she stands only 5 foot, 6 inches tall, but fans say she has the power and stamina of men twice her age.

With an earned run average of .88, more than 250 strikeouts, 10 shut-outs and only 38 walks in 181 innings pitched, she is a premier pitcher in Oklahoma. She throws in excess of 60 miles an hour, adding a rise ball, drop ball, screw ball, rise screw, and a change-up.

Bailey is not only a threat on the mound, but is batting .398 with only 17 strikeouts in 1,987 times at bat. When she returns, she will take the



Tossing another fast one, pitcher Stevie Bailey shows the form that gets her an earned run average of less than one. She is batting .398.

mound for Union High School in Tulsa, where she will be a freshman.

She was voted to the Honorable Mention All-Conference Team.

Players worn out in slugfest as White Sox win 13-12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Thirty-six hits. Nine doubles. Two triples. Four home runs.

By the time the Chicago White Sox rallied for a 13-12 victory over Kansas City on Wednesday night, everybody probably felt a little punch drunk.

The Royals sent 13 men to the plate and scored seven runs in the first. The White Sox sent 13 men to the plate and scored eight in the sixth.

“It was like a heavyweight fight,” Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said of the 3-hour, 51-minute game. And that’s not counting a 44-minute rain delay.

“We went down for the 2-count,”

Manuel said. “They started to call the fight early, but we got up.”

Ray Durham homered twice, doubled and drove in three runs for the White Sox.

Carlos Beltran had a two-run triple in the Royals’ first, then, with the Royals trailing 13-8, he hit his first career grand slam. He also singled and walked twice, but struck out with the tying run on first in the ninth.

“Everyone was pumped when I hit the grand slam,” Beltran said. “I don’t feel happy about it because we lost the game.”

Beltran, who slipped on the wet out-

field turf and twisted his knee, had a big ice pack on his leg and a somber expression on his face despite his six RBIs coming within one of tying the team record.

“We had a real good inning in the first, and after that we couldn’t score enough runs,” he said. “Chicago was a good offensive team. They can score a lot of runs.”

Carlos Lee and Aaron Rowand combined for six of Chicago’s 18 hits.

“We scored seven. They scored eight,” Kansas City manager Tony Muser said. “We exchanged blows and got beat by a jab.”

Jaguars seek first touchdown as Chiefs stingily protect the endzone

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—The Jacksonville Jaguars are still looking for their first touchdown of the pre-season. Their opponent Thursday night, the Kansas City Chiefs, haven’t given one up.

For the Jaguars, this is as good a time as any to get receiver Jimmy Smith back in the lineup.

Smith will play in his first game since a pair of offseason abdominal surgeries left him in the hospital for 35 days and, in some eyes, threatened his career.

This week, he was back to practicing full-time with the Jaguars. And while he views playing in a game as the next step in his rehabilitation process, he also knows the Jaguars are in dire need of some confidence — and a touchdown — with less than three weeks left before the regular season.

“My main concern is getting the football in the end zone,” Smith said. “It’s true, we’ve had some key guys out, but that’s no excuse for not scoring a touchdown in two games.”

Coach Tom Coughlin says Smith will get significant work, more than just one series.

Naturally, the team is concerned about how Smith will respond to his first big hit. In reality, Smith has taken very few big hits over his nine-year career, and he says that’s not a big concern for him.

“For as many balls as I’ve caught, I haven’t taken a lot of hits,” said Smith, who has only missed one regular-season game. “I’m either out of bounds or in the end zone. I try not to take many hits, and that’s how I want it to continue.”

While Smith’s return is a boost, it falls far short of returning the Jaguars

Broncos’ safety slapped with fine

DENVER (AP) — Eric Brown’s timing appeared to be impeccable.

Just as Antonio Freeman wrapped his hands around the ball, Brown flattened him with an awesome hit that simultaneously drew gasps and shouts of wonderment.

As it turned out, Brown’s timing could not have been much worse.

With the NFL putting increased emphasis on dangerous plays, the Broncos safety was fined one game’s salary Wednesday for his jaw-twisting hit on Freeman during Denver’s preseason game against the Green Bay Packers.

The fine levied by the NFL amounts to \$24,588 — 1-17th of Brown’s base salary.

“I don’t know any other way to hit the guy,” Brown said. “If I put my head down, the injury might have been worse to him and to me. I just don’t know what else I could have done.”

Freeman, Green Bay’s top wide receiver, suffered a concussion and was sidelined for the second half of Monday night’s exhibition game. He’s unlikely to play Saturday against Miami.

Because league rules are clear about helmet-to-helmet hits, Den-

ver coach Mike Shanahan expected Brown to be fined, but he also planned to talk to NFL disciplinarian Gene Washington about the amount.

“In my opinion, there was no intent at all for Eric to hit the guy in the head,” Shanahan said. “He was trying to strip him of the ball, but it doesn’t matter what the intent is. The bottom line is, if you hit somebody in the helmet, you’re going to get fined.”

San Diego Chargers safety Rodney Harrison was fined \$40,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Oakland Raiders tight end Jeremy Bringham last Oct. 29. It marked the seventh time Harrison was disciplined, while Brown is a first-time offender.

Brown’s hit came just before half-time of Green Bay’s 22-7 victory over the Broncos. Freeman was running full speed when he caught a pass from Brett Favre and was sent flying by Brown, whose helmet caused Freeman’s jaw to snap sharply to his left.

As trainers attended to Freeman, Brown was beaming as he celebrated with teammates. The behavior drew a yellow flag from Shanahan.

“I was not thrilled there was a celebration when you knock a guy out,” Shanahan said. “To me, if you’re excited every time you make a tackle, that

means you haven’t been making a lot of tackles. So that’s the way we like to run our organization, in a classy way. Hopefully, we’ll do that from now on.”

Brown said he was celebrating what he thought was a clean hit, and he made a point to check on Freeman as he was taken from the field.

“I heard they kept the camera on me the whole time while the man was down, and they said there was a smile on my face,” Brown said. “I’m thinking it was a clean hit. I was worried about him. I didn’t want the man to be hurt because of me. I went over and talked to him afterwards and he said, ‘Good hit.’”

Under the NFL’s crackdown on helmet-to-helmet hits, there is little room for interpretation of what constitutes a good hit.

Because Freeman was attempting to make a catch, he is considered “defenseless” and therefore off-limits to such contact. Once a player has possession of the ball, he is fair game, although spearing a ball carrier or intentionally hitting him in the head is still illegal.

For his part, an exasperated Brown said he will not change the way he plays.

Met meets manager at store

NEW YORK (AP) — Back in February, before spring training, Desi Relaford ran into his new manager in the parking lot of a Florida grocery store.

“My first run-in with Bobby Valentine, I was scared to death,” the New York Mets infielder recalled. “I stopped and introduced myself. He gave me that Italian slap across the face: ‘How ya doin?’”

Broncos to christen new stadium

DENVER (AP) — When the Denver Broncos christen their new stadium Saturday night, starting defensive tackle Chester McGlockton will have to settle for a seat as a spectator.

McGlockton, one of Denver’s key defensive free-agent additions this off-season, will not play in the team’s preseason game at Invesco Field at Mile High because of a sprained left knee.

League meets; tennis exhibition planned

The Happy Hour Bowling League is holding its preseason meeting at 8 p.m. tonight. The league will bowl every Thursday at 9 p.m. Bowlers may call

Valentine’s trip for food gave him good thoughts about Relaford, one of the few plusses in a bleak Mets’ season. Relaford came through again Wednesday night, hitting a two-run homer that backed a two-hitter started by Kevin Appier and gave New York a 2-1 win over the Colorado Rockies.

“He’s played as well as any guy on the team the first 4 1/2 months,” Valentine said.

Relaford is hitting .311 with a team-high 22 doubles and 23 RBIs in 241 at-bats. He was starting at third base because of an injury to Robin Ventura, and helped the Mets with a pair of nice defensive plays, including a diving stop on Jose Ortiz’s grounder in the eighth.

“I feel this year I’m playing the type of ball I’m capable of playing, being myself and having fun,” Relaford said.

McGlockton was injured Monday night when teammate Trevor Pryce accidentally hit him in the leg on a play that was whistled dead during Denver’s 22-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers. A magnetic resonance imaging test Tuesday showed a sprain of the medial collateral ligament in his left knee. He will be re-evaluated before Denver’s final preseason game on Aug. 31.

“It was great news because Chester was playing extremely well,” Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said during his weekly television show. “When I took a look at that shot, I thought his MCL might have been gone.”

Shanahan said it is doubtful McGlockton will play in the preseason finale, but he is optimistic he can return for the season opener on Sept. 10.

Lynn Abbott at 899-5489 for information.

The Goodland High Cowgirls’ tennis team is having an intra-squad

scrimmage at 5 p.m. Friday at the Steever Park Tennis Courts. Spectators need to bring a bottle of sports drink for admission.

Kansas City led 7-2 after one, with Luis Alicea and Neifi Perez becoming the first Royals in more than a year to get two hits in an inning.

Doug Henry (2-1) relieved Royals rookie Chris George with an 8-5 lead to start the sixth and gave up five hits and seven runs while getting only one out.

“I’m going over it in my mind for the last hour and a half what I would have done differently,” Henry said. “There isn’t anything. I gave up seven runs and I wouldn’t change anything.”

Josh Paul’s run-scoring single got the inning started, Durham had an RBI

double, Lee hit a two-run single and Jose Canseco had an RBI single.

Scott Mullen came out of the bullpen and Paul Konerko hit an RBI double. Canseco scored the seventh run of the inning on Perez’s throwing error and Royce Clayton made it 13-8 with an RBI single.

Kip Wells (9-9) went 2 1-3 innings and gave up four hits and three runs, with one walk and three strikeouts. He left with the bases loaded in the seventh and Bobby Howry came in and gave up Beltran’s slam.

Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his 32nd save.

“We threw a couple of blows and looked like we had the fight,” Manuel said. “Then Beltran, out of nowhere, a wild left hook got Howry. Then we had to dance and dance and jab. Tough game. Lots of fight in both clubs, really. Just not much pitching.”

Notes: The last time a Royals player had more than one hit in an inning was June 1, 2000, when Beltran, Gregg Zaun and Dave McCarty did it in a nine-run sixth against Boston. Royals pitching coach Al Nipper left the club to go to St. Louis to be with his wife, who is expected to deliver twins on Thursday.

to full health. Left tackle Tony Boselli won’t play after twisting his knee earlier this week. Smith’s receiving partner, Keenan McCardell, is out while he recovers from a hernia operation.

The Jaguars had trouble keeping the same 11 offensive guys on the field through training camp, and that is the root of their scoring problem.

“The continuity factor is directly related to how you perform and to how you execute,” Coughlin said. “Until we get a group that can practice together on offense consistently, we’re going to have these kind of things.”

That’s why the Chiefs are anything

but the perfect opponent for Jacksonville.

With new coordinator Greg Robinson calling the defenses, Kansas City has allowed only nine points and 293 yards in two games. Sure, it’s only preseason, but this is hardly the kind of dominance expected from a team that finished 18th in defense last season.

Still, new coach Dick Vermeil wants to see the Chiefs perform against a quarterback the likes of Mark Brunell. So far, the Chiefs have gone against Todd Husak and Sage Rosenfels of the Redskins, and Shane Matthews and Jim Miller of the Bears.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	53	.583	—
Boston	69	56	.552	4
Toronto	60	67	.472	14
Baltimore	53	73	.421	20 1/2
Tampa Bay	46	81	.362	28
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	71	55	.563	—
Minnesota	66	61	.520	5 1/2
Chicago	62	63	.496	8 1/2
Detroit	52	73	.416	18 1/2
Kansas City	51	76	.402	20 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	91	36	.716	—
Oakland	73	54	.575	18
Anaheim	67	60	.528	24
Texas	56	71	.441	35
Wednesday's Games				
Tampa Bay 11, Baltimore 10				
Minnesota 6, Toronto 3				
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 1				
Chicago White Sox 13, Kansas City 12				
Anaheim 4, Boston 2				
Seattle 16, Detroit 1				
Cleveland 5, Oakland 4, 11 innings				
Today's Game				
Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 7-10), 6:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Toronto (Carpenter 7-11) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-8), 5:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-6) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 8-9), 5:15 p.m.				
Boston (Nomo 11-5) at Texas (Myette 2-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Milton 11-5) at Kansas City (Durbin 7-12), 6:05 p.m.				

Cleveland (Colon 10-9) at Seattle (Moyer 14-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Cornejo 1-1) at Oakland (Hudson 14-6), 8:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7) at Anaheim (Washburn 11-6), 8:05 p.m.				
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	56	.552	—
Philadelphia	68	57	.544	1
Florida	60	65	.480	9
New York	58	68	.460	11 1/2
Montreal	54	72	.429	15 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	72	54	.571	—
Chicago	70	56	.556	2
St. Louis	69	57	.548	3
Milwaukee	55	70	.440	16 1/2
Cincinnati	50	76	.397	22
Pittsburgh	46	79	.368	25 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	73	52	.584	—
San Francisco	71	55	.563	2 1/2

Los Angeles	68	58	.540	5 1/2
San Diego	62	63	.496	11
Colorado	53	72	.424	20
Wednesday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 16, Milwaukee 3				
Atlanta 6, San Diego 3				
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 0				
Montreal 7, San Francisco 1				
Florida 8, Los Angeles 6				
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1				
Philadelphia 2, Houston 1				
N.Y. Mets 2, Colorado 1				
Today's Game				
Colorado (Jennings 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-8), 5:10 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
St. Louis (Morris 16-7) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 8-7), 1:20 p.m.				
San Francisco (Rueter 12-8) at N.Y. Mets (Chen 5-6), 5:10 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Park 11-9) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-6), 5:35 p.m.				
Colorado (Neagle 7-6) at Milwaukee (Wright 9-8), 6:05 p.m.				
Arizona (B. Anderson 3-8) at Philadelphia (Daal 11-4), 5:05 p.m.				

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