

# Crowd enjoys scrimmage

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Under a gray sky Thursday, the crowd enjoyed the cool breeze and the Black and Gold Booster Club barbecue as they anticipated the beginning of the annual Soap Scrimmage.

Goodland High School cheerleaders pumped up the spirit while the cross country girls ran from 6-6:30 p.m. By the time the band finished playing the national anthem, the crowd was fired up to welcome the football team onto the field.

The team exhibited their running game until 7 p.m., when the cross country boys took the field to run, after which the football team returned to the field.

Larry White was on hand to watch his grandson Malcom White play and, apparently, to offer advice. He told the

sports reporter to go onto the field to take pictures.

"If you're as hard-headed as most women," he joked, "you won't even need a helmet."

About a dozen elementary school children played their own game on the sidelines, people came and went and all seemed to be having a good time.

The Cowboys varsity will play their first game at home against Hays next week, at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. The freshman team will play St. Francis at home at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, and the junior varsity will play in Colby at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4. Their first home game will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 against Holcomb.

The cross country Cowboys and Cowgirls will host their home meet, the Goodland Invitational, at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Sugar Hills Country Club.



Quarterback Jared Doke turned around to see what was going on Thursday as one of the Goodland High coaches hollered to tell the boys they needed another man on the field. Despite early-season snags, the crowd cheered for their beloved Cowboys Thursday at the annual Soap Scrimmage.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

# Pitcher hits home run

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Jennings threw the ball, hit it and fielded it better than anyone ever has in a major league debut.

The only part he got wrong is he left himself no room for improvement.

Jennings became the first pitcher in modern history to throw a shutout and hit a home run in his first game, leading the Colorado Rockies over the New York Mets 10-0 Thursday night.

"It can't get much better than that," Jennings said. "It will be hard to top that one. ... I'm kind of in awe right now. It probably won't settle in for a few days."

Jennings did it all while pitching a five-hitter, getting three hits and making several neat plays in the field.

The Elias Sports Bureau said Jennings was the first pitcher since 1900 with a shutout and a homer in his first big league game.

Jennings joined Mike Hampton as the only Rockies to throw shutouts this season. Hampton blanked the Mets 6-0 on May 9.



Kami Pinalto (front) and Katie Smith pumped up the crowd during the soap scrimmage.

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# Score not whole story in Chiefs' loss

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — As is the case in many exhibition games, the final score doesn't always tell the whole story.

The Jacksonville Jaguars defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 28-23 on Thursday night, but between receiver Jimmy Smith's dramatic comeback and Alvis Whitted's game-winning touchdown catch, the Chiefs dominated.

Trent Green, who came to Kansas City this offseason with new coach Dick Vermeil, threw for 166 yards and a touchdown as the Chiefs controlled

the first half.

Green hit former Florida State star Snoop Minnis for a 7-yard touchdown early in the second quarter. Later, backup quarterback Todd Collins ran the 2-minute drill like Joe Montana, leading the Chiefs (2-1) on a 65-yard touchdown drive against Jacksonville's first-team defense to close the first half.

Coming off two abdominal operations this summer, Smith saw his first action of the preseason.

He caught five passes for 78 yards. His first catch was the Jaguars' first

touchdown of the preseason, giving them a 7-6 lead.

Kansas City had a 20-7 lead at halftime after outgaining the Jaguars 258-108 and running 46 plays to 17 for Jacksonville (2-1).

Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell was 10-for-15 for 154 yards, but those numbers were padded by a 71-yard touchdown drive against Kansas City's backup defense to open the third quarter and cut Kansas City's lead to 20-14.

After a Chiefs field goal, backup quarterback Jon Quinn hit R. Jay Soward for a pretty 33-yard touch-

down to close the third quarter and pull Jacksonville to 23-21.

Whitted's touchdown was set up by Jaguars safety Marlon McCree, who burst into the backfield and broke up a handoff, causing a fumble. On the next play, Jamie Martin found Whitted on a slant pattern, and the receiver went untouched for a 58-yard touchdown with 6 minutes left.

Protecting the five-point lead, Jacksonville's third-string defense held twice from the 1-yard line with 1:30 left, as Bubby Brister's late drive fell short.

# Royals' finest longing for friends in Oakland

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Trading Johnny Damon and Jermaine Dye to Oakland may eventually cause the Kansas City Royals to lose their finest hitter since George Brett.

Mike Sweeney, in constant contact with his old pals, keeps hearing how much fun they're having playing for a winner. They consistently urge him to leave Kansas City.

And to the worry of Royals' officials, they have his ear.

"I talk to them all the time," said Sweeney. "I'd say it's tugging at my heart."

In their days together, Damon, Sweeney and Dye were the closest of friends, key building blocks in what was supposed to be a championship reclamation project.

Then when economics compelled the small-market Royals to trade Damon and Dye to Oakland, Sweeney made his disappointment clear, joining a legion of fans growing more and more impatient with a team that hasn't appeared in the postseason in 16 years.

"My heart still has the desire to spend my career in Kansas City. But I want to experience what Jermaine and

Johnny are experiencing," Sweeney said. "I want to experience a winning team."

As Sweeney and the Royals languish in the AL Central basement 25 games under .500, Damon and Dye are enjoying a career renaissance, winning 14 of 16 in one recent stretch and seizing first place in the AL wild-card race.

"Both have expressed a desire to have me over there in Oakland with them," Sweeney said. "Right now it's out of my hands."

Sweeney, who set a team record last year with 144 RBIs is signed through

next season. In the eyes of many fans, retaining him is not only vital to the strength of the team, but essential for the credibility of owner David Glass.

Not helping, however, are all those calls going back and forth between Kansas City and Oakland.

"They tell me, 'We don't know what we're going to do next year as far as where we're going to be. But I tell you what, it's an absolute blast to be playing like this where we know we can win every day.'"

# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	75	53	.586	—
Boston	70	56	.556	4
Toronto	61	67	.477	14
Baltimore	54	73	.425	20 1/2
Tampa Bay	46	82	.359	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	72	55	.567	—
Minnesota	66	62	.516	6 1/2
Chicago	63	63	.500	8 1/2
Detroit	52	74	.413	19 1/2
Kansas City	51	77	.398	21 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	92	36	.719	—
Oakland	73	55	.570	19
Anaheim	67	61	.523	25
Texas	56	72	.438	36

Thursday's Games

Toronto 6, Minnesota 2  
Cleveland 9, Oakland 7  
Seattle 5, Detroit 1  
Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 4  
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 2  
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 6  
Boston 7, Anaheim 6

Today'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.

Saturday's Games

Detroit (Sparks 9-7) at Oakland (Zito 9-8), 2:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 16-1) at Anaheim (Valdes 8-7), 2:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Finley 5-6) at Seattle (Garcia 14-5), 2:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Biddle 4-8) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 4-8), 2:15 p.m.

Toronto (Escobar 5-5) at Baltimore (Maduro 2-3), 5:05 p.m.

Boston (F.Castillo 8-7) at Texas (Helling 9-9), 6:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Mays 12-12) at Kansas City (K.Wilson 6-3), 6:05 p.m.

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	70	56	.556	—
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	2
Florida	60	66	.476	10

New York Montreal

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	54	.575	—
Chicago	70	57	.551	3
St. Louis	69	58	.543	4
Milwaukee	56	70	.444	16 1/2
Cincinnati	51	76	.402	22
Pittsburgh	47	79	.373	25 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	73	53	.579	—
San Francisco	72	55	.567	1 1/2
Los Angeles	69	58	.543	4 1/2
San Diego	62	64	.492	11
Colorado	54	72	.429	19

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati 12, St. Louis 2  
Milwaukee 8, Chicago Cubs 1  
Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 1  
San Francisco 10, Montreal 5  
Los Angeles 6, Florida 2  
Houston 2, Philadelphia 1, 11 innings  
Colorado 10, N.Y. Mets 0

Atlanta 3, San Diego 2

Today's Games

St. Louis (Morris 16-7) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 8-7), 1:20 p.m.

San Diego (Jones 8-14) at Florida (Clement 7-8), 5:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Reyes 1-4) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-11), 5:05 p.m.

Houston (Oswalt 10-2) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-14), 5:05 p.m.

Arizona (B.Anderson 3-8) at Philadelphia (Daal 11-4), 5:05 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 (Neugebauer 1-0), 6:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

St. Louis (W.Williams 10-8) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 16-5), 11:15 a.m.

Arizona (Batista 8-7) at Philadelphia (Coggin 4-2), 11:15 a.m.

Houston (Mlicki 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 9-11), 5:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-6) at Atlanta (Marquis 3-4), 5:05 p.m.

Colorado (Thomson 1-5) at Milwaukee (Levrault 5-8), 5:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Reitsma 5-13) at Montreal (Thurman 6-9), 5:05 p.m.

San Diego (Herndon 1-2) at Florida (Sanchez 2-3), 5:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Schmidt 9-7) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 7-11), 5:10 p.m.

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