

Girl throws her way to top

By Sharon Corcoran
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A 10-year-old Goodland girl placed ninth in the shot-put at the national Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Va. Michelle Smith has participated in the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics for three years and qualified for nationals each year, her mother Sondra Smith said, but was not able to go to nationals last year. Four qualifying meets were held beginning with the Area 4 Meet in Holcomb, June 2, Sondra said. Michelle placed first there and at the state meet in Hays June 16, Sondra said, and at the Missouri Valley meet in Manhattan June 30. Placing third at the Region 8 Meet,

in Columbia, Mo., on July 7 qualified her for the national meet, her mother said, where she placed ninth. Athletes participated in 24 sports at the Junior Olympics, Sondra said, with the track events at Norfolk State University on July 31. Michelle, who can participate in the Junior Olympics until she turns 18, works hard, her mother said, and loves it. She started looking at the schedule of qualifying meets in January, Sondra said, and marking them on her calendar. Michelle asked if there were any camps she could go to, her mother said, to learn more. Already planning for the future, Sondra said, Michelle knows she is going to college and plans to have ei-



Michelle Smith threw the shot-put in competition this summer, taking her to ninth place in the nation at the Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Va.
Photo courtesy Sondra Smith

ther an academic or athletic scholarship. Michelle's father, Bobby Smith, is a route salesman for Western Uniform, and her mother is a speech paraprofessional for North Elementary School. Her grandparents, Russell and Maryann Briney of Goodland, made it possible for her to participate in the Olympics, her mother said, by helping

the family to afford the travel and watching her brothers Chris, Nick and Nathaniel while they were gone. Michelle's brothers participated in some of the qualifying tournaments for the Olympics, her mother said, but were not as successful. Michelle will be in the fifth grade at North Elementary School, starting Tuesday.

Broncos win first game at Invesco

DENVER (AP) — They were among the final few players to emerge from the giant, inflatable horse's head as the Denver Broncos took the field for the first time in their glitzy new stadium. Brian Griese and Terrell Davis, together again — but for how long? Since Griese succeeded John Elway as Denver's quarterback in 1999, he and Davis have been in the starting lineup together just eight times, preventing the Broncos from seeing what kind of offensive electricity can be sparked by two talented but injury-prone players. If Saturday night's 31-24 victory over the New Orleans Saints is any indication, the future is bright as the Broncos enter a new era at Invesco Field at Mile High.

Griese threw for 228 yards and three touchdowns in his last significant test before the regular season opens in two weeks, and Davis ran for 34 yards in his first game in nine months. "To be able to leave the game and say, 'I'll live to fight another day,' I did that," Davis said. While Davis gradually works his way back into shape after missing the second half of the 2000 season with a stress fracture in his left leg, Griese shows no sign of having reconstructive shoulder surgery in January. Griese, the NFL's top-rated quarterback last year, threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Ed McCaffrey in the second quarter. The strong throw said much more than words. "My arm has felt great. I continue to answer these questions," Griese said as

he joked with reporters. "Maybe that will answer some of your questions, because obviously my answers don't." Griese and most of Denver's starters are expected to play one or two series in the team's final preseason game Friday against the San Francisco 49ers. Davis will be among the exceptions as he tries to improve his stamina before the Sept. 10 regular-season opener. He came out briefly after carrying the ball five times in seven plays on Denver's opening drive. "My legs were heavy before the game," Davis said. "I tried to stay in the game as long as I could, but I just got a little winded. I think you exert too much energy sometimes. You have to know how to use it. That just comes with playing games." With Davis and the Denver offense

headed in the right direction, the defense had mixed results against the Saints. The Broncos managed to sack New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks twice, but often surrendered extra yards because of missed tackles that proved destructive last season. Two of the Saints' touchdowns came as a result of special teams mistakes. Kevin Kasper muffed a punt at his own 10-yard line, setting up a 6-yard touchdown run by Brooks in the first quarter, and Michael Lewis returned a punt 74 yards for a touchdown early in the third. Lewis' return was the second-worst moment of the night for rookie punter Nick Harris, who is trying to unseat veteran Tom Rouen. Harris later missed a chance to pin New Orleans deep when he shanked a punt 22 yards.

Volleyball team plans scrimmage

By Rachel Miscall
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The Cowgirl volleyball team is holding its annual "Pop Scrimmage" Tuesday evening, asking fans to bring bottles of sports drinks or bottled water to quench athletes' and officials' thirsts through the season. The team would appreciate any type of sports drink or beverage, Coach Jerry McKee said, adding that people can also donate blank video tapes, which the team will use to record games. The scrimmage, starting at 6 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, saves the team money by having parents and fans provide necessary items. Coach McKee said this year's volleyball players will divide into teams to compete against each other. He said it's good practice for the players and the officials, who will be working their first match of the season. Goodland's first real competition won't come until next Tuesday, Sept.

4, when the Cowgirls take on teams from Thomas More Prep in Hays, Garden City and Burlington in a quad match at Max Jones. McKee said that match will be a good test of the new team's skill. McKee urged everyone to check out the scrimmage, even if they don't bring drinks. "We have very few contests in Goodland this year," he said. "This is a good time to come out and see our team, see how we're going to do this year." The Cowgirls will play five matches out of 15 total at home this season, including the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in October. McKee said the tournament rotates around the league. It comes to Goodland only once every eight years. The team is still looking for an assistant coach with experience. Call McKee or Dick Liess, high school athletic director, at (785) 899-5656 if you are interested.

Three-run homer gives Rockies the win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ruben Quevedo seemed to have Larry Walker right where he wanted. One mistake later, he didn't. Quevedo's off-speed pitch turned into a three-run homer by Walker, lifting the Colorado Rockies to a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday. Breaking up a scoreless pitching duel between Mike Hampton (13-10) and Quevedo (3-2), Walker lined his home run just over the right-field fence in the fifth inning

after striking out in his first two at-bats. With the count 2-2, Quevedo tried to fool the Colorado slugger. "It was a changeup away," Quevedo said, "but he swung hard and got it pretty good." Walker's 33rd homer, which came after singles by Juan Pierre and Jose Ortiz, was enough for Hampton. "I didn't think it was out until I saw the umpire call it out," Walker said of the low line drive. "I thought it went off the wall."

Twins hope sweep puts them on track

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If any team knows about streaks, it's the Minnesota Twins. In the first half of the season, they could hardly lose. But in the second half, they've hardly won. Now, after a three-game sweep of the punchless Kansas City Royals, the Twins are hoping they're back on the good side of fortune. "We were down. This game's all about momentum and confidence," said Brad Radke (11-8), who allowed three hits over seven innings in a 7-2 victory Sunday. "Once you start win-

ning a few games here and there and get on a roll, it keeps clicking." The Twins, who were 57-33 and five games ahead of Cleveland in the AL Central right after the All-Star break, had lost 29 of 38 and fallen into second place when they hit town on Friday and caught Kansas City without All-Star first baseman Mike Sweeney. Now the Royals have lost six straight, all at home. "Baseball is a game of streaks," said Radke, who had five strikeouts and didn't walk a batter. "After the

break, we weren't doing so well. We hit well and pitched well this weekend. Hopefully we can get on a good streak now. We've got a couple of tough lineups coming up next weekend, Texas and Anaheim. But I think we're going to do all right." No matter how many games they win, the Twins are unlikely to experience many innings like the fifth. They had four walks, five stolen bases — one short of the team record for an entire game — and scored five runs. "It's a pitcher's dream to get a big lead like that," said Radke.

Teachers ready for classes to begin

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cause confusion for teachers and students during the first few days of class. Because teachers won't have computers in their temporary classrooms, Swager said, the school is going back to recording attendance by hand instead of entering it into the computer, and a hard copy of the daily announcements will be sent out. The school has had to develop new escape plans in case of a crisis. He said teachers will be more lenient on students who are late to class for the first few days, as many students will have classes at the fieldhouse — a couple of blocks east of the high school. Swager said administrators had considered imposing a policy discouraging students from carrying their book bags to class, but decided that would be unfair. Many students put their bags in the aisle between desks, Swager said, causing a safety hazard, and try to carry all of their materials on their backs, instead of storing things in their locker. He said the policy would make stu-

dents leave their bags in their lockers, but that may not be possible now that the remodeling project has blocked access. "Some students don't have lockers," he said. The schools are opening their doors today to let students and parents take a look, and Swager said students and teachers at the high school will gather for an assembly Tuesday morning. He said he will introduce new staff and talk about the remodeling, teachers will perform a skit and the cheerleaders will add some pep. Swager said he'll tell students to stay away from the remodeling work, as contractors will be busy finishing the project. He said plumbers and other contractors will be working from 3 p.m. to midnight to avoid the school day. Other principals say they're dealing with more normal before-school issues. Gregory, the district's school improvement coordinator, said all principals have been working on school improvement plans, which include boosting test scores in reading and writing.

Swager said high school teachers may start setting aside 20 minutes every day dedicated to reading time for students. Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal, said administrators and teachers have gone over previous year's test scores and discussed how to make improvements. "We want to make sure the kids get started on the right track," he said. Gregory said principals are working together to encourage teachers to focus on standards-based instruction, which means they pay more attention to what the state says students should know. Administrators believe that goal — which would mean higher scores on the annual state assessments — can be reached by showing kids, parents and teachers the state standards, encouraging the staff to develop standards-based lesson plans and having mentors for new teachers. By working together, she said, the principals can make sure students are reached. "All schools are working together," Gregory said, "because we know that is one way to affect students' learning."

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	55	.580	—
Boston	71	58	.550	4
Toronto	64	67	.488	12
Baltimore	54	76	.415	21 1/2
Tampa Bay	47	84	.359	29
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	73	57	.562	—
Minnesota	69	62	.527	4 1/2
Chicago	65	64	.504	7 1/2
Detroit	53	76	.411	19 1/2
Kansas City	51	80	.389	22 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	94	37	.718	—
Oakland	75	56	.572	19
Anaheim	69	62	.527	25
Texas	58	73	.443	36

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 7, Anaheim 5
Seattle 3, Cleveland 2, 11 innings
Oakland 6, Detroit 1
Tampa Bay 8, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 9, Baltimore 0
Texas 8, Boston 7, 18 innings
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 1

Sunday's Games
Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 5, Baltimore 1
Oakland 7, Detroit 6
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 2
Cleveland 4, Seattle 3
Anaheim 7, N.Y. Yankees 6, 10 innings
Texas 5, Boston 4

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Boston (Cone 8-2) at Cleveland (Burba 9-8), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 15-7) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-9), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 9-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-11), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 5-8) at Detroit (Lima 4-5), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 3-0) at Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 5-8), 5:15 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 10-8) at Minnesota (Reed 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 11-7) at Kansas City (George 1-4), 6:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	71	58	.550	—

Philadelphia				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	69	60	.535	2
Florida	61	68	.473	10
New York	61	69	.469	10 1/2
Montreal	55	75	.423	16 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	55	.577	—
Chicago	72	58	.554	3
St. Louis	70	60	.539	5
Milwaukee	57	72	.442	17 1/2
Cincinnati	53	77	.408	22
Pittsburgh	48	81	.372	26 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	75	54	.581	—
San Francisco	72	58	.554	3 1/2
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	4 1/2
San Diego	64	65	.496	11
Colorado	56	73	.434	19

Saturday's Games
Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 4
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 7
Pittsburgh 8, Houston 2
Milwaukee 5, Colorado 4
Cincinnati 4, Montreal 2
San Diego 7, Florida 1
N.Y. Mets 3, San Francisco 2, 11 innings

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 9, Los Angeles 2
Houston 3, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 17, Montreal 4
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings
Colorado 3, Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 1
San Diego 10, Florida 0
N.Y. Mets 6, San Francisco 5

Today's Games
Los Angeles (Adams 9-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-7), 11:05 a.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 7-10), 11:10 a.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 6-4) at Florida (Burnett 9-9), 5:05 p.m.
Arizona (Lopez 3-3) at Philadelphia (Person 11-6), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-10) at Milwaukee (Coppinger 0-0), 6:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-9), 5:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 13-11) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-5), 5:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Davis 6-2) at Houston (Miller 13-7), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 14-11) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 9-10), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-10) at Milwaukee (Coppinger 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 3-3) at St. Louis (Kile 13-8), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-12) at Arizona (Johnson 17-6), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 6-8) at Los Angeles (Brown 8-4), 8:10 p.m.

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