

# Cowboys seek win vs. Devils

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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The Goodland Cowboys travel to Oberlin today, seeking their first win of the season for a team much-magnified by injuries.  
The Cowboys have lost five games, so far, but to tough opponents such as Hays, a Class 5A school, and Atwood and St. Francis, both in the top five ranking in the state for Class 2A.  
Oberlin, a Class 3A school, is smaller than Class 4A Goodland. And with only one win, Coach Chris Walters said, the Red Devils are not as strong of a team as the Cowboys' other opponents.  
Plus, the Cowboy offense came to life against Phillipsburg last week, with 428 total offensive yards and five touchdowns, and the coach said he has

been working with the team this week to keep the momentum going.  
"We have had a good week of practice," Walters said. "Our offense showed some bright spots last week — hopefully we can build on that."  
The Cowboys have had seven players sidelined by injuries this season, and most of them will not be playing this week. However, two players, Brandon Nemechek and Kevin Schulte, will be back against Oberlin, Walters said, and that should help.  
He said the team has also worked on defense in practice this week to bounce back from giving up nine touchdowns to Phillipsburg in last week's 64-32 loss.  
"Hopefully our defense is ready," the coach said, "to hold Oberlin back."

# Indian pitcher loses in tune up

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bartolo Colon is hardly barreling into the postseason.  
Colon gave up six runs in the second inning of his final playoff tuneup Thursday as the Kansas City Royals beat the AL Central champion Cleveland Indians 8-4.  
Colon (14-12), who will open the postseason for Cleveland next Tuesday in Seattle, was on a 50-pitch limit but made them last just 1 1/3 innings, allowing six runs, four hits and four walks.  
Chad Durbin (9-16), who snapped a personal seven-game losing streak in his previous start, allowed four runs and nine hits in seven-plus innings.  
"We wanted to beat a team that's going into the playoffs," Durbin said. "We know they're taking their guys out after six innings, but we were beating them 7-2 or 7-3 by that time. It's a good feeling."  
Colon walked Joe Randa, Dee Brown and Mark Quinn leading off the second. With one out, Luis Alicea hit a two-run single and Angel Berroa followed with an RBI single for a 3-0 lead in the Royals' final home game.  
Carlos Beltran hit a two-run double into right, continued to third on right fielder Juan Gonzalez's error and scored the sixth run on Steve Woodard's wild pitch.  
In a scary moment in the fourth inning, Kansas City rookie pitcher Mike MacDougal was hit by Carlos Beltran's flying bat while standing in the dugout.

# Rockies lose to Arizona



PHOENIX (AP) — Everybody is getting into the act as the Arizona Diamondbacks edge closer to the NL West title.  
Reggie Sanders homered against Colorado for the 10th time this season, Craig Counsell extended his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games and Brian Anderson earned his first win since July 22 in Arizona's 5-4 victory on Thursday.  
The Diamondbacks concluded their home schedule with a three-game sweep of Colorado and have won seven of eight. They were 7-2 in the nine-game home stand.  
Arizona remained two games ahead of second-place San Francisco in the NL West. The Giants beat the Astros 10-2 Thursday night.  
The Diamondbacks left after the game for Milwaukee.

# One big swing gives Bonds homerun record

HOUSTON (AP) — Barry Bonds took out all his frustrations on a belt-high fastball and with one big swing, No. 70 went sailing into the upper deck in right field.  
Just when it looked like he had no chance Thursday night, Bonds tied Mark McGwire's home run record — a feat even Big Mac thought might last a lifetime when he did it a mere three years ago.  
Bonds, son of an All-Star and godson of a home run king, has three games left to make history all his own.  
"It was electrifying," he said.  
Given nothing to hit by Houston pitchers throughout the three-game

series, Bonds finally got something he liked when led off the ninth inning. He did not miss, launching a 454-foot shot off rookie Wilfredo Rodriguez.  
"I was happy I made contact. It's hard to just take pitches all the time," he said. "You really don't have an opportunity to swing."  
Bonds immediately raised both arms in the air and began a slow trot around the bases. The record crowd of 43,734 at Enron Field, which had booed when Astros pitchers walked him, rewarded him with a standing ovation.  
The Giants won 10-2, completing a sweep that kept them two games behind Arizona in the NL West race with


only a weekend series left at home against Los Angeles.  
Bonds' teammates poured out to greet him at home plate along with young Nikolai Bonds, whose 37-year-old father hugged him tight at the plate. Bonds then pointed to his wife and daughters behind the third-base dugout as he returned to the bench, smiling and waving his cap.  
"Everybody was telling me just be patient, be patient. I'm glad it's over. I'm glad my family was here. My wife gets to sleep now," Bonds said.  
"I got frustrated when it was 8-1 and they intentionally walked me because it was not a really crucial situation. That's when I got really frustrated," he said.  
Until he homered, Bonds had singled twice in five at-bats and gotten eight walks in the series. He had 19 plate appearances, including 10 walks, and twice was hit by pitches since hitting No. 69 on Saturday.  
It was nowhere close to his longest homerless drought, having gone 63 plate appearances and 14 games without one before the All-Star break.  
As for the man whose record he tied, Bonds said: "I have a lot of respect for Mark McGwire. For me, it is an honor to share this with him. He's a great home run hitter."



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# Bronco faces old team

DENVER (AP) — It took one day and two rounds of golf for Chester McGlockton to close the book on his career in Kansas City.  
Released by the Chiefs while on vacation in February, the veteran defensive tackle saw no reason to tee off on new head coach Dick Vermeil. In fact, he didn't even bother seeking an explanation.  
"If somebody fired you today, are you going to worry about that or are you going to worry about getting the next job the next day?" McGlockton asked Thursday as his new team, the Denver Broncos, prepared for Sunday's game against Kansas City. "I got up and played 36 holes the next day."  
Vermeil, who made sweeping changes after his arrival in Kansas City in January, explained McGlockton's release as a financial move. He would have counted more than \$5 million against the salary cap.  
"When I got here, we were \$31 million over the cap," Vermeil said.  
"When you're starting a new program, sometimes it's better to start out with younger players that don't cost as much. Sometimes a true veteran with many years on him just doesn't fit. It's no negative reflection on him."  
In three seasons with the pre-Vermeil Chiefs, McGlockton started 40 of 41 games and always seemed to play well against the Broncos.  
Denver was among the first teams that called when McGlockton became a free agent Feb. 28, and the two sides agreed to a four-year, \$10 million contract. After six seasons with the Oakland Raiders and three with the Chiefs, he had migrated to another AFC West team.  
"He takes on double teams well, and he's got a good feel for the defense," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.  
"He occupies two guys and when he's one-on-one, he usually makes the play. His job is to free up the linebackers and he does that a lot."

At 334 pounds, McGlockton is the heaviest player on Denver's roster, but he proved to be more than just a space-filler last week when he returned an interception 17 yards against the Baltimore Ravens. He also has nine tackles in three games alongside Pro Bowl tackle Trevor Pryce.  
Sunday would seem to provide McGlockton with added incentive as he pursues perfection, but he insists he has nothing to prove to Vermeil and the Chiefs.

"I've been around too long. Anything goes in this business," he said. "It is a business and you've got to treat it is as such or you'll get your feelings hurt a lot."

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