

Padres beat out Rockies

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Rookie Sean Burroughs was 2-for-3 with a booming home run — his first of the spring — two RBIs and two runs scored to lead the San Diego Padres over a Colorado Rockies split squad 7-4 Monday.

Burroughs, 21, will start at third base this year, forcing All-Star Phil Nevin to shift to first base and All-Star Ryan Klesko to go to right field.

Burroughs is batting .435 (10-for-23) with five runs and seven RBIs.

The left-hander pulled an 0-2 pitch from right-hander Denny Stark well beyond the left-field fence while leading off the second inning.

Burroughs scored again in the third inning as San Diego scored four runs to push the lead to 5-0.

Stark yielded four hits, including an RBI double by former Rockies outfielder Ron Gant, before Burroughs greeted reliever Cam Esslinger with a single up the middle to drive home Gant with the Padres' last run of the inning.

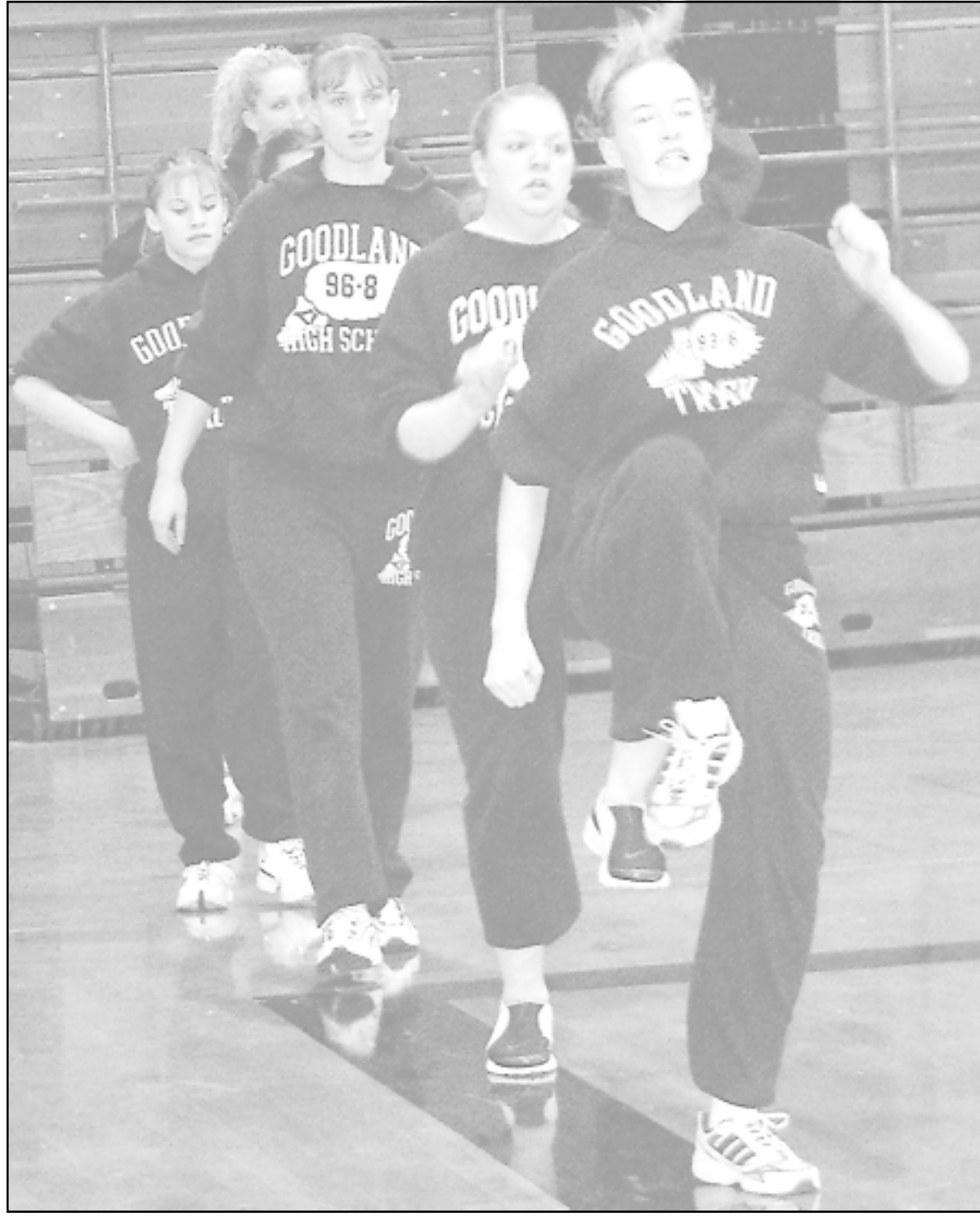
Stark, the loser, allowed four runs, five hits and a walk in 2-3 innings. He struck out one. Winner Brett Tomko pitched three scoreless innings, allowing four hits and a walk while hitting one batter and striking out two.

Colorado closed to 5-4 by scoring twice in the fourth and fifth innings against right-hander Dennis Tankersley.

Juan Pierre had a two-run triple in the fourth, and Greg Norton led off the fifth with a home run to right field.

With two outs in the fifth, Mike Bell singled, stole second base and scored on a single by Tony Eusebio for the Rockies' final run. Norton finished 2-for-3.

Getting in shape



The Goodland High School track team worked out Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Williams' passion spurs him to win

By Steve Brisendine
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — This might be the year that Roy Williams stills his critics' mantra. You know how it goes: "He's a good coach, but ..."

Then again, maybe it isn't No. 2 Kansas' year to win its first national title since 1988.

Either way, Williams said, he isn't worried what other people think. His own drive, what he called his "passion" for a national title, is more than enough to motivate him.

If that passion goes unrequited for another year, he can live with that too.

"I do have passion for it. I'm not hesitant to say that," Williams said Monday, during the conference call of the Big 12's NCAA-bound coaches. "Some of my buddies tell me I set myself up for failure, because it's just so hard to do. Every year, only one coach is going to do it."

"To say that I'm driven, yes, I'm driven to do that," he said. "To say that I'm a maniac, that it's the only way I'm going to judge my worth — that's far from the truth. I've said publicly that I've had 13 great, great years with kids that I've really, truly loved."

That hasn't stopped the questions for Williams, whose Jayhawks are seeded No. 1 in the NCAA's Midwest Regional despite losing the Big 12 tournament championship game 64-55 to No. 3 Oklahoma on Sunday.

"The media, the fans ... keep asking me that question: 'Are you the best coach never to have won it?'" he said.

Williams doesn't have an answer for them.

"I think it's sort of flattering to be considered one of the best coaches in any category, even if it's just a category of two people," he said. "I try not to get too caught up in that."

Kansas' string of NCAA tournament bids dates to 1990, Williams' second season. But after a runner-up finish in 1992 and a Final Four appearance in 1994, the Jayhawks have played in only one regional final, in 1996.

"I think we do a great job, and yet we haven't won a national championship in 13 years," Williams said. "There's some pretty doggone good coaches and coaching staffs that haven't."

Kansas (29-3) went unbeaten through the 16-game Big 12 season and won 18 straight games against conference opponents before Sunday's loss.

Against the Sooners, the Jayhawks made only seven field goals in the first half and shot just 33 percent (19-for-57) from the field. All-Big 12 guard Kirk Hinrich went 0-for-10 from the field and had just four points.

"He will not brush that off," Williams said. "He's a serious-minded kid, and this will just make him more motivated."

Forward Drew Gooden dismissed suggestions that the Jayhawks needed a loss to refocus them.

"A lot of people are trying to say a loss might be good for us — to refuel or rejuvenate us," said Gooden, the Big 12 player of the year. "You can say it if you want, but this team knows what we are capable of doing. We are capable of being a Final Four team and a national championship team, but we just have to put it together and do it."

dart results

Goodland Dart League Feb. 28	
Bad A's tied No Luck 8-8	
Just Us over Can't Get Started 12-4	
Silver Bullets over 3MATA3 10-6	
Fourth round outs: Kevin Delano (2), Louis Yarger, Paul Simons, Duane Hanke, Kim Gonzales, Mark Wear	
Hattricks: Kevin Delano, Ricky Pummer, Mark Wear, Paul Simons, Louis Yarger.	
High Ton: Cassandra Constable	
Most Tons: Kevin Delano (8), Duane Hanke (7), Nikki Quain (5), Mark Wear (5), Melody Abbot (4), Kim Gonzales (4), Patricia Smith (4), Louie Yarger (4).	
Most Wins: Kevin Delano (6), Duane Hanke (4).	
Top woman shooters: Kim Gonzales 17.6; Nikki Quain 16.88; Patricia Smith 16.11.	
Top men shooters: Kevin Delano 22.63; Paul Simons 21.24; Mark Wear 21.23.	
Standings: Just Us 238, 98; Can't Get Started 191, 145; Bad A's 157, 178; Silver Bullets 155, 181; No Luck 154, 182; 3MATA3 106, 224.	

Cowboys 'won some, lost some' close games

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

At Max Jones Fieldhouse, there is a to-do list written in chalk on one of the front doors: make free throws, and win.

That pretty much sums it up for the Cowboy basketball team this year. They shot better from the field than their opponents, scored the exact number of points as the teams they played, 1,356, made more three-pointers, got more rebounds, and had almost double the number of assists, but they finished just 10-12.

Turnovers and free throws were the team's Achilles' heels. They lost the ball 411 times during the season, compared to 341 for the teams they played, and they shot 220-382, about 58 percent, from the free-throw line, opposed to 66 percent

"We had a lot of close games we threw away at the free-throw line and with turnovers," Coach Jon McLean said. "We had a lot of exciting games which came to a couple points. We won some, lost some. It came out pretty even."

McLean said the kids will have to work on their free-throw shooting over the summer.

"I don't know what else we can do," he said. "We practiced a ton, put them in pressure situations in practice. They just wouldn't go in during the games."

Even though turnovers were high, McLean said the team improved over last year, when they averaged 23 per game. This year, the average was about 18.6.

The coach said he was pleased with the progress the team has made, saying they have improved each of the three years he has coached.

Some of the junior varsity players, like Alan Cebula and Jared Doke, will have to step-up and play varsity, he said, to replace outgoing seniors Andrew Melia, Jordan Riebel and Bryan Mai. The team ought to be in pretty

good shape next year, he said.

"We'll have our leading scorer and rebounder, Don (Raymer), back next year," McLean said. "Our success next year will depend on how hard these kids will work in the off-season."

The coach said he was impressed with the number of assists his team made compared to their opponents, 309-154.

"The assists were really great," McLean said, "in the last 12 games we averaged about 15 a game. It was exciting to see all these passes go to the open player for the easy bucket."

Raymer led scoring with 327 points, 14.9 per game. He made 139 of 245 shots, 56.7 percent, and 49 of 101 from the free-throw line, 48.5 percent. He was 0-4 from the three-point line. He grabbed 172 rebounds, and led steals with 37 and had 53 assists.

Melia had 321 points, 14.6 per game. He made 124 of 224 field goals, 55.8 percent including 1 of 2 three-pointers, and 70 of 110 free throws, 63.6 percent. He grabbed 106 rebounds, 16 steals, and 9 assists.

Riebel led three-point shooting, making 46 of 126, 36.5 percent, and scored 191 points, 8.7 per game. He made 65 of 165 shots from the field, 41.7 percent, and made 15-24 free throws, 62.5 percent. He grabbed 57 rebounds and 27 steals and led assists with 74.

Aaron Gittinger scored 191 points,



Don Raymer



Jordan Riebel



Gittinger



Andrew Melia



Bryan Mai

8.7 per game. He shot 18 pf 43 from three-point range, 41.9 percent, and made 72 of 156 field goals, 46.2 percent. He made 29 of 50 free throws, 58 percent, and had 95 rebounds, 27 steals and 73 assists.

Mai scored 113 points, 5.1 per game. He missed his one three-pointer, but shot 46 of 105 from the field, 43.8 percent, and made 21 of 35 free throws, 60 percent. He had 80 rebounds, including 39 offensive, the second most of offensive rebounds behind Raymer. Mai had 21 steals and 24 assists.

Kris Rubio scored 93 points, 4.7 per game. He shot 13 of 38 from three-point range, 34.2 percent. He made 33 of 89 field goals, 37.1 percent, and got 14 of 20 free throws, 70 percent. He had 60 rebounds, 11 steals and 31 assists.

Lance Tedford made 86 points, 3.9 per game. He made 21 of 56 three-pointers, 37.5 percent, 26 of 75 field goals, 34.7 percent, and 13 of 17 free throws, 76.5 percent. He grabbed 32 rebounds, 13 steals and 37 assists.

Kevin Schulte scored 21 points, one per game. He shot 1 for 7 from three-point range, 14.3 percent, 8 for 24 from the field, 33.3 percent, and 13 for 17 free throws, 76.5 percent. He had 17 rebounds, 12 steals and 25 assists.

Jared Doke had 6 points, 0.9 per game. He shot 2-5 from the field, 40 percent, and made 2-5 free throws, 40 percent. He had six rebounds.

Jace Terry had 3 points, 1 per game. He shot 0-2 from three-point range, and made 1-4 from the field, 25 percent. He shot 1-1 from the free throw line, 100 percent.

Bill Linen 4 points, 0.6 per game. He made 1 of 5 field goals, 20 percent, and 2 of 4 free throws, 50 percent, with five rebounds.

Alan Cebula shot one field goal all season, a three-pointer which he missed, and missed two free throws. He had two rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Matt Hall missed three field goals and had two rebounds.

Drew Wilkens missed one field goal and had a rebound.

McLean says next season should be exciting.

"We've got a lot of young players coming up," he said. "We're close to getting over the hump, and we ought to have a great season."

Maybe the Cowboys can mark a couple of things off of their to-do list next year.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Wednesday, March 13 - Friday, March 15
No School - Spring Break
Monday, March 18 - B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19 - Little 8 League Meeting at Grinnell, 2 p.m.; Little 8 Scholars Bowl at Grinnell, 4 p.m.

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Make a Difference RECYCLE Rural Recycler

This is the first of what I hope will be a series of articles about Rural Recycling in Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas.

Those of us who have been associated with voluntary public recycling have been aware that one of the most important things we can do to increase recycling is continuing education of the public about recycling issues and advantages. This point was brought home vividly to me recently when a Lady I work with heard me on the radio talking about the recycling program and then asked me several questions about the program the next day.

Although she had seen the recycling containers around the City for a number of years, she had never known what could be put in the bins to be recycled and what preparations had to be made to the recycled materials. I was kind of surprised at her questions since over the previous 10 years we had written a number of articles and sent out many news releases about the program. It dawned on me that we need to continue to provide that information so that people who had missed it previously might see it this time. Here then is some information about the Southeast and East Central Recycling Association Program.

The SE&EC Recycling Association is a non-profit Corporation made up of the Counties, Cities and Towns that it services. It is operated by a Board of Directors made up of one member from each County in the program. It is a voluntary drop-off program and has been in continuous operation since June 1992.

The SE&EC Recycling Program is currently the largest, in terms of geographical area, in the U.S. We cover just over 40,000 square miles of Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas. We currently operate in 13 Counties in Colorado. They are Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Elbert, El Paso, Huerfano, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Las Animas, Lincoln, Otero, and Prowers. We also service Sherman County Kan. The program has 64 sites at which there are one or more drop-off containers, so if you live in these Counties, you should not be very far from a drop-off site.

The program uses fiberglass containers to collect separated recyclable materials. Each container is labeled with the name of the material that should be put in it. In the Old Newspaper container you can put newspapers, magazines and clean office paper. You should NOT put cardboard, box board (pizza, shoe, etc.), brown paper, bright fluorescent paper, or any waxed or coated papers. Also DO NOT put in phone books or hard cover books of any kind.

In the Die Can Container you can put all sizes of steel and aluminum cans. You do not have to remove the paper labels from the cans, but we ask that you rinse out any food in the container so it does not attract bugs or vermin. You do not have to crush the cans.

In the Clear Glass Container we ask that you put only clear jars or bottles. The steel or plastic caps should be removed, but you do not have to remove the labels from the containers. DO NOT put any other type of glass in the containers. NO window glass, NO drinking glasses or dishes of any kind. Also NO Pyrex type cooking glassware.

In the Brown Glass Container we ask that you only put Brown bottles or jars. PLEASE, NO OTHER COLORS OF GLASS. We sell our brown glass to Coors and if there is just one or two pieces of green, blue or other colors of glass in the load, they will often reject the entire 25 ton load of glass.

Over the last several years this program has averaged 12,000 Cubic Yards or 1,500 Tons of recyclable material each year. That is approximately 750 standard trash trucks per year of material that did not reach a landfill in this region. At a cost of \$15.00 per cubic yard, it would have cost approximately \$180,000 per year to landfill that much material.

If you are currently recycling, Thank You! If you are not recycling, don't you think you should start? It's easy AND it will save your community money.

If you would like additional information you can call Ray at 719-336-5648.

Recycle containers are located:

- East of the City of Goodland shops on Arcade Avenue.
- At Rasure's Lumber at the corner of Seventh Street and Caldwell Avenue.
- At Wal-Mart on the southeast portion of the parking lot.
- In the City of Kanorado.

For further information about the Sherman County and City of Goodland recycling program call 899-4539 (City) 899-4865 (county).

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