

Cowboy golf team sending six to Norton

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A young Cowboy golf team takes to the links Friday as six members travel to Norton for a junior varsity tournament.

"It is a real young team this year," Coach Steve Raymer said, "but I am really encouraged. I know being young they will be here next year. With only 12, all of them are going to be able to play in several tournaments."

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with them," he said. "It gives them a chance to play and encourage them to do their best."

"At least one is just taking up the sport, and it is great to work with them," Raymer said. "They are trying to learn as much as possible and are fun to coach."

Raymer said he will be sending six golfers to Norton, Michael Mangus, David Griffith, Dustin Baker, sophomore; Kevin Schulte, a junior; and Richard Bauman and Derrick Raymer, freshmen.

Coach Raymer said Norton course is "a little nine hole course that is challenging, with trees and water, and is tight. It will be a great challenge to

them to be on a different course than we play on here."

Norton expects 10 teams starting at 8 a.m., Colby, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Almena, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, Stockton and Smith Center.

Tuesday, the Cowboys will host the Goodland Invitational with 15 teams expected beginning at 1 p.m., Colby, Ulysses, Norton, Hoxie, Oberlin, Scott City, Johnson, Sharon Springs, Quinter, Atwood, Oakley, Tribune, Hays, Thomas Moore Prep and Goodland.

"We have a good tournament. People like to play on the Sugar Hills course," Raymer said. "It gives parents a chance to watch their kids play, and then we will have a junior varsity tournament on the 16th. This year all the junior varsity will be playing here, so again parents will have an opportunity to watch."

"I am looking forward to a fun year."

The other members of the team are Shawn Weber, Bill Linin and Josh Topliff, juniors; Preston Lambrecht, Ian Scherling, sophomores; and Brandon Cowan, freshman. John McLean is the assistant coach.

Missouri coach will stay

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — After withdrawing from consideration for Washington's basketball coaching vacancy, Quinn Snyder said he expects to be at Missouri for "a long time."

"This is my home. I love it here," Snyder, who took the Tigers to the NCAA's regional final during his just-ended third season, told reporters Wednesday.

"I can see myself being here a long time," added Snyder, 35, who had announced late Sunday that he planned to remain with the Tigers next season. He is about one year into a five-year contract with Missouri.

Snyder, who hails from Mercer Island, a Seattle suburb, said he listened to Washington's athletic director Barbara Hedges for "very personal reasons."

Hedges had sought and received Missouri's permission to approach Snyder about the vacancy created by Bob Bender's recent firing. Snyder's parents live in Mercer Island and his parents and brothers attended Washington.

"It was a situation I needed to look at, for myself and for my family," Snyder said of the Washington vacancy. "This situation, to me, was unique."

But in pondering his future at Missouri, with most of this year's team returning, Snyder said he concluded "it's tough to leave something you believe in so much."

Snyder said junior forward Kareem Rush would probably make decide his future plans within two weeks. Many consider Rush a likely first-round NBA

draft pick.

Some Missouri fans were unhappy that Snyder told a sports columnist he was making "no promises" about staying at Missouri after a season in which he was harshly criticized during his team's midseason slump.

Sometimes the criticism was valid, he said. "I was frustrated with my team at times this year," Snyder said.

Asked what he would say to fans who question his loyalty to the Tigers, Snyder said, "I can't control if people are upset about that."

"It looks like I'm at Missouri, so that answers that," he said.

Snyder said he was "weary of expectations," including his young team's No. 2 ranking in last year's preseason polls. But with its NCAA tournament run, "this team really did realize its potential."

There were media reports that Snyder's wife, Helen, was unhappy in Columbia. But Snyder said "my wife Helen and I are really ingrained in this community and in this state."

Snyder has guided the Tigers to the NCAA tournament in each of his first three seasons. Since replacing Norm Stewart, Snyder is 62-38. Missouri went 24-12 this season, losing to Oklahoma 81-75 in the West Regional final.

Last year Snyder signed a two-year extension to his original deal with the school, placing him under contract at Missouri through the 2005-2006 season.

His base salary is \$185,000 annually, but the contract includes incentives and other compensation that can push the total to more than \$1 million.

Player makes Avs better

DENVER (AP) — Steven Reinprecht gives the Colorado Avalanche speed, goal-scoring and versatility. He also helps make his teammates better.

Take Chris Drury, who had only one goal in 20 games from Jan. 28 to March 23. Being paired with Reinprecht has helped Drury record two goals and four assists in the last four games.

Reinprecht and Drury were a potent 1-2 punch on Wednesday night, each posting four-point games as the Avalanche beat the Atlanta Thrashers 6-0.

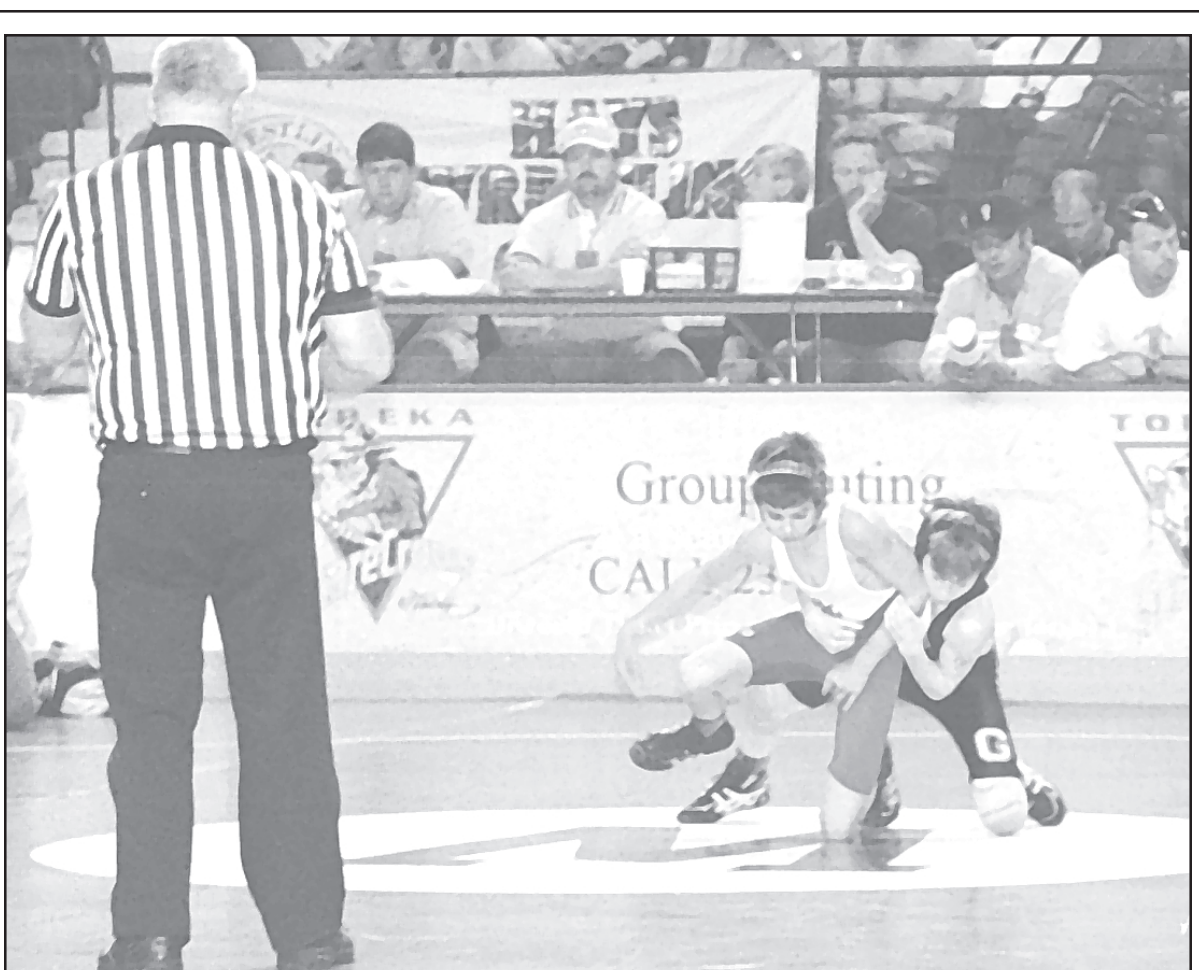
Reinprecht had three goals and an assist, while Drury had one goal and three assists.

Patrick Roy, meanwhile, earned his NHL-leading ninth shutout of the season as the defending Stanley Cup champions avenged a 2-0 loss to the NHL's worst team on March 14. Roy had 24 saves in earning his 61st career shutout.

With five games remaining, Colorado moved three points ahead of San Jose in the race for the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

Atlanta's Frederic Cassivi stopped 32 of 37 shots in the first two periods. Milan Hnilicka replaced Cassivi in the third and had 11 saves.

Colorado's 49 shots matched a season high.



Brett Bahe, who wrestles in the 14 and under/85 pound division, won second place at the Kansas Kids state wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday. Photo by Jeff Mason

Two wrestlers grab first at state tournament

Two Goodland wrestlers came home from Topeka this weekend as champions in their divisions at the Kansas Kids state wrestling tournament, and five others placed.

Dexter Deeds and Blayze Bahe walked away with first-place trophies. Deeds competed in the 14 and

under/105 pound division, and Bahe came out on top in the 16 and under/120 pound class.

Brett Bahe finished second, 14 and under/85 pounds. Fourth place finishers were Dustin Kling in 16 and under/215 pounds, and Jordan Bedore in 16 and under/215.

Taylor Brock got fifth, 16 and under/160; and Laine Herl sixth, 8 and under/88.

Twenty-one Goodland wrestlers qualified for the state tournament by winning fourth place or higher at the district tournament in Goodland, but didn't place in Topeka.

baseball scoreboard

Major League Baseball American League		National League	
Tuesday's Games			
Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 5	Anaheim 7, Cleveland 5	San Francisco 9, Los Angeles 2	Milwaukee 9, Houston 3
Oakland 3, Texas 2	Anaheim 7, Cleveland 5	Montreal 7, Florida 6	Arizona 9, San Diego 0
Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 4	Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 4	Arizona 9, San Diego 0	San Diego 8, Arizona 7
Wednesday's Games			
Toronto at Boston, p.p.d., rain	N.Y. Yankees 1, Baltimore 0	San Francisco 12, Los Angeles 0	Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1, 12 innings	Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1, 12 innings	Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 1	Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 3
Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0	Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0	Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 3	Houston 15, Milwaukee 2
Oakland 9, Texas 6	Oakland 9, Texas 6	Colorado 6, St. Louis 3	San Diego 8, Arizona 7
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 5	Cleveland 6, Anaheim 5	San Francisco 12, Los Angeles 0	San Francisco 12, Los Angeles 0
Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 6	Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 6	Thursday's Games	
Detroit (Lima 5-10) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-12), 12:15 p.m.			
Texas (Davis 11-10) at Oakland (Lidle 13-6), 1:35 p.m.			
Minnesota (Mays 17-13) at Toronto (Halladay 5-3), 2:05 p.m.			
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 17-11) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-10), 5:05 p.m.			
Friday's Games			
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 15-10), 11:05 a.m.			
Cleveland (Baez 5-3) at Detroit (Redman 2-6), 12:05 p.m.			

basketball standings

National Basketball Association EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
New Jersey	48	27	.640	Detroit	45	30	.600		
Boston	43	32	.573	Charlotte	39	35	.527		
Orlando	40	33	.548	Milwaukee	39	35	.527		
Philadelphia	39	35	.527	Indiana	36	37	.493		
Washington	34	41	.453	Toronto	36	38	.486		
Miami	32	42	.432	Atlanta	30	44	.405		
New York	28	45	.384	Cleveland	26	48	.351		
				Chicago	17	57	.230		

Twins shut out Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Eric Milton is a good pitcher everywhere but in Kansas City. He's great there.

Wielding a new, effective changeup, the Minnesota left-hander retired 19 batters in a row after giving up a pair of two-out singles in the first inning Wednesday night, and beat the Royals 1-0.

He's won four in a row in Kansas City and his career record against the Royals stands at 10-2.

"I like pitching here," he said. "I love this stadium."

Milton, who was 15-7 last year, gave up just the two singles through seven innings, striking out two and walking none.

"It's nice to get in a groove like that, especially as cold as it was," said Milton, referring to Kansas City temperatures in the 40s. "From the second inning on, I didn't have to throw from the stretch."

He developed the changeup, a pitch he used to toss only once in a while, during this past spring training.

"I threw some really good changeups. I've never had that pitch, never been able to count on that pitch before," he said.

"Now I have that in my arsenal and tonight it worked great."

For Dan Reichert, it was another frustrating season debut. The right-hander, who lost 1-0 to the Yankees in his first appearance last year, went seven innings and struck out a career-high eight.

Minnesota's Torii Hunter made the play of the night. Milton, after surrendering two-out singles to Carlos Beltran and Mike Sweeney in the first, had retired 17 straight when Sweeney ripped into a fastball and sent it rocketing into dead center.

But Hunter leaped with his back to the wall and snared the ball in the webbing of his glove, robbing Sweeney of a home run.

"Probably the best center fielder in the game," Sweeney said. "Thought it was gone. Even though the air was heavy and the ball wasn't carrying, that was as hard as I can hit a ball."

Bonds hits four homers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barry Bonds made it four homers in two games, hitting a pair of mammoth blasts into the right-field pavilion at Dodger Stadium.

Bonds became the second player to hit two homers in each of his team's first two games, joining Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews, who accomplished the feat in 1958.

Bonds hit a three-run homer off Hideo Nomo in the first inning and later a solo shot off Terry Mulholland.

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