Soccer club game to be held Saturday

The first drop-in game of the you.' Goodland Soccer Club will begin around 4 p.m. on Sunday at the field behind North Elementary School at

Schyler Goodwin, president of the Goodland Development Corp., said a game will be held every Sunday and anyone is welcome to play, no matter what age or experience level.

"It's just for fun," he said. "If you don't know how to play, we'll teach

Goodwin said it's an activity families can do together, as there is no age limit and no dues or membership fees.

People will be able to play at their own pace, he said, adding that soccer is a great cardiovascular workout.

"If you're not in shape," he said, "soccer is the quickest way to get

For information call Goodwin at (785) 899-6200 or 899-2342.

Rockies thunp Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The secret to allowed three runs in his last 16 spring John Thomson's season debut Thursday was simple.

"It's like real estate," the Colorado Rockies right-hander said after working seven strong innings in a 6-1 victory Thursday over the St. Louis Cardinals. "Location, location, location. If you make pitches, you're going to get DILVS OUT.

Thomson allowed a run on seven hits with three strikeouts and no walks, and induced 14 pop-ups. After the first inning, when the Cardinals manufactured a run on Fernando Vina's single and J.D. Drew's sacrifice fly, Thomson didn't allow a runner past second base.

Thomson has been on the comeback trail since undergoing shoulder surgery for a torn labrum after the 1999 season. He gave the Rockies encouragement when he finished 4-2 with a 3.63 ERA over his final 11 starts last year, and

training innings.

The hard times helped Thomson

"When I first got to the big leagues in 1997, I was a lot of times in awe when I was on the mound," Thomson said. "It was a process of getting past that to 'I've got to get these guys out."

Manager Buddy Bell said it's too early to say whether Thomson, who has a 21-35 career record, has arrived.

"He's too young and he's too inexperienced to say he's over the hump,' Bell said. "It takes a long, long time for anybody to get over the hump, and obviously he's got a lot of learning to

Thomson outpitched the Cardinals' second straight comeback bid. Andy Benes, who wasn't used in the final month last year was left off the Cardi-

Norton, watch out!



Rachael Hagerman practiced running the hurdles during Goodland High School track practice Thursday at the high school track. The team competes in Norton today.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Elkington leading BellSouth

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Steve well this season, missing the cut in four Elkington shot an 8-under-par 64 in the opening round of the BellSouth Classic, overcoming a double-bogey to take a one-stroke lead over Phil

Championship, hasn't played all that Sugarloaf.

of eight tournaments.

Mickelson, the 2000 winner, birdied all four of the par 5s.

Dudley Hart, Thomas Bjorn, Jesper Parnevik, Frank Nobilo and Ian Elkington, who won the 1995 PGA Leggatt opened with 66s on the TPC at

Reliever coming back

ST. LOUIS (AP)—After missing an entire season, Kent Mercker is making the most of his second chance.

The Colorado Rockies signed the left-hander to a minor-league free agent contract on Jan. 28 and he made the staff as a reliever. He has delivered so far, working a scoreless inning in each of the last two games.

on Thursday. On Wednesday, he struck out one in a hitless seventh.

"Merk's a great story," manager Buddy Bell said. "Quite frankly, we just signed him because we knew what kind of makeup he had. He's a pro; he's a winner; and he's been through all of

Mercker suffered a cerebral hemorfor Anaheim. He spent 12 days in the hospital, including four days in intensive care for tests and observation.

He was activated on Aug. 12 and pitched that night, going 3 2/3 innings against the New York Yankees.

Signed to a minor-league contract last year with Boston, Mercker failed

to make the team, getting cut on March

28. No one picked him up and he spent

the year playing softball. Now, he's back in the major leagues Mercker, 34, allowed a hit and a walk and pitching for his eighth team — inand struck out two in the eighth inning cluding two seasons with the Cardinals. Mercker, who was part of a Braves combined no-hitter in 1991, has adapted to being a reliever instead

of a starter. "It's perfect for me," he said. "I tried the starting thing for a while and I think I just wasn't a guy who was going to throw 200 innings each year.

"To be honest, the thought of being rhage on May 11, 2000, while pitching able to pitch every night is fun. I like knowing the fact I can pitch again. Mentality-wise, that's what I'm suited

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