Cowgirl StevieLee Raymer took a high pitch for a ball Tuesday when the Goodland softball team played a doubleheader with the Garden City Buffaloes at Centennial Park. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Goodland drops the ball

The Goodland Daily News Errors stung the Cowgirls on Tuesday, when they lost a doubleheader to the Garden City Buffaloes at Centennial Park, 11-7 and 13-0.

The girls committed nine miscues in the first game and eight in the second. "We just made too many errors and

mental mistakes in both games," said Coach Terry Daise. The losses dropped Goodland's

record to 7-3, with all three losses to Garden City. Britney Pettibone threw the first game, allowing 10 hits and six earned

She struck out four batters and walked four. The loss was her first of the season, bringing her pitching

The Class 6A Buffaloes got an early start, running the score to 7-1 in the first inning, and the Cowgirls just never caught up.

At the plate, Pettibone hit two doubles and drew a walk, batting in one runs with two base hits. Colleen Koehler was the only other player to get a hit, using a single to drive in one

Tammy Weeter, Shanae Calkins, Alissa Schields, Tomi Windell and Jesand Osborn pushing in a run each. StevieLee Raymer had four tries to get Pettibone drew a walk.

The second game ended after five innings due to the mercy rule. Out of

earned. The pitching duties were split between Garcia and Schields, the first time this season the Cowgirls have put in a relief pitcher.

Garcia pitched 2 2/3 innings. She allowed three hits and 11 runs, only one run. Adrienne Garcia drove in three of them earned. She struck out three and allowed no walks. Schields relieved her after the second out in the second inning, and allowed five hits and two runs, one earned. She struck

Only four batters got on base. sica Osborn all drew walks. Windell Calkins got a double, and Weeter and Windell got on base with singles.

> The Goodland girls will play host to the Class 5A Hays Indians at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Avalanche not showing drive, says coach

DENVER (AP) — After a disaptain their intensity after a strong first—stopped 20 shots. "We were just flat." pointing loss, Colorado coach Bob Hartley is starting to wonder if the Avalanche really want the second seed in the Western Conference.

"It was very disappointing and we had a lack of intensity," Hartley said after a 2-1 loss to the Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday night.

"If we put out an effort, we would have a chance at winning the hockey game. This time of the season, we are telling the world that we want to finish second overall, but that's not the way that we are working.'

Colorado had a chance to move three points ahead of San Jose after the Sharks lost to Minnesota on Monday

goalie Dan Cloutier with 18 shots in the opening period and led after Rob Blake scored with 6:23 left, but struggled the rest of the way. It was Blake's first goal in 17 games.

Vancouver tied it late in the first period after Greg De Vries had a turnover in the Colorado zone, then took the lead for good when Mattias Ohlund scored with 6:12 left in the second period.

Colorado managed just three shots in the second period and didn't test Cloutier again until late in the game.

"The second period was critical and I can't explain what happened," said night, but the Avalanche couldn't sus- Colorado goalie Patrick Roy, who

The victory kept Vancouver a point Colorado peppered Vancouver behind Phoenix for seventh place in the

Western Conference and two games ahead of eighth-place Edmonton.

The Canucks, 6-0-1 in their last seven games, can clinch a playoff spot with victories over Los Angeles on Thursday and Calgary when they played Saturday.

Vancouver reached 90 points for the third time in franchise history and improved to 11-2-1 in its last 14 games. "This is a very confident team," said

Vancouver's Markus Naslund, who scored his 36th goal of the season after DeVries' turnover.

"We've become the hottest team in the league and with our confidence, we goals and 12 points in that span.

didn't even watch his clutch three-run

"I don't hit enough to watch them,"

Bennett's two-out homer in the sixth

inning gave Colorado the lead for good

in a 10-5 win over Houston on Tues-

day night and snapped the Rockies'

Entering the game as the worst-hit-

ting team in the NL (.225), the Rock-

ies pounded out 13 hits, including three

Afterward, several players of the

four-game losing streak.

breakout game.

the Rockies' catcher said afterward.

Rockies hitting better

DENVER (AP) — There was no two-run homers. Todd Helton broke

showboating, no flipping the bat to out of an early-season slump with three

admire the ball's flight. Gary Bennett hits and two RBIs, and John Thomson

aren't taken back by the better teams in the league. We are playing our best in the bigger games.

Cloutier stopped 30 shots to win for the seventh time (7-2-1) in 10 straight

He turned away seven shots on Colorado's first two power plays before Blake's goal, and was strong down the stretch as the Avalanche increased the offensive pressure.

'We've always said there would come a point where Dan had to win a game for us, and he was the biggest part of the win for us," Vancouver coach Marc Crawford said.

Naslund's goal extended his scoring streak to seven games. He has five

Tight end wants to be Bronco

DENVER (AP) — Free agent discuss Sharpe's status until Thurstight end Shannon Sharpe said Tuesday a deal with the Denver Broncos is imminent and could be completed by Friday.

"That gives me about a 98 to 99 percent chance that I'll be back in blue and orange, and rightfully so," Sharpe told ESPN.

Broncos before heading to Baltimore in 2000.

A fan favorite, Sharpe was the Broncos' go-to receiver for most of his time in Denver. He was part of the has to say. Broncos' Superbowl teams in the 1997-98 seasons.

Sharpe's agent, Marvin Demoff, told the Seattle Times Monday that a deal with Denver was in the works. The agent was scheduled to meet with Broncos coach Mike Shanahan

a spokeswoman that he wouldn't with the Broncos.

The Broncos weren't saying anything about Sharpe, either. "We do not have any announcement because we have not made any signing," Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said Tuesday evening.

Sharpe has also talked to Seattle Sharpe played 10 seasons with the and Oakland since the Ravens released him in February. He has said several of his former teammates and coaches want him back in Denver, but he wants to hear what Shanahan

Supporters will view his rejoining the Broncos as a great move, while detractors may see it as his going home to retire, Sharpe said. "Maybe that's all true," he said.

Sharpe has 692 receptions and 51 touchdowns in his 12-year career. His 71 catches for the Ravens last On Tuesday, Demoff said through season were his most since 1997

baseball scoreboard

	By The Associated Pres								
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East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
New York	7	1	.875	_					
Boston	4	1	.800	1 1/2					
Гатра Вау	3	3	.500	3					
Toronto	2	5	.286	4 1/2					
Baltimore	1	5	.167	5					
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Cleveland	7	1	.875	_					
Minnesota -	5	3	.625	2					
Chicago	3	4	.429	3 1/2					
Kansas City	2	4	.333	4					
Detroit	0	7	.000	6 1/2					
West Division									
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Dakland	6	2	.750	_					
Seattle	5	3	.625	1					
Anaheim	3	4	.429	2 1/2					
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Monday's Games Cleveland 9, Minnesota 5 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, ppd., rain Seattle 5, Anaheim 4

Tuesday's Games Boston 8, Kansas City 4 N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 2 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, ppd., rain Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4 Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2 Oakland 5. Texas 4. 11 innings

Seattle 5. Anaheim 1 Today's Games Chicago White Sox (Garland 0-1) at Detroit (Lima

Kansas City (Byrd 1-0) at Boston (Lowe 1-0), 4:05

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-0) at Toronto (Lyon 0-1), Minnesota (Reed 1-0) at Cleveland (Baez 1-0),

Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-0) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-Oakland (Lidle 0-1) at Texas (Burba 0-0), 6:05

Seattle (Baldwin 1-0) at Anaheim (Sele 0-1), 8:05 Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 1-0) at Toronto (Eyre -1), 10:35 a.m

Oakland (Mulder 2-0) at Texas (Davis 1-0), 1:05

Kansas City (Durbin 0-1) at Boston (F.Castillo 0-Minnesota (Lohse 0-0) at Cleveland (Colon 0-0),

Monday

Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-0) at Baltimore (Erickson 1-0), 5:05 p.m Seattle (Garcia 0-1) at Anaheim (Ortiz 0-0), 8:05

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Los Angeles	4	3	.571	2
Arizona	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Colorado	3	5	.375	3 1/2
San Diego	3	5	.375	3 1/2
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Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 0 Houston 8. Colorado 4 San Diego 8, Arizona 0 Montreal 10. Florida 2 Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1

Tuesday's Games Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 0 Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 4 St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5 Colorado 10, Houston 5 San Diego 5, Arizona 2 Los Angeles 3, San Francisco 0

Today's Games N.Y. Mets (Estes 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-

0), 12:20 p.m. Houston (Mlicki 0-1) at Colorado (Chacon 0-1), 1:05 p.m.

Montreal (Pavano 0-1) at Florida (Penny 1-0), 5:05 p.m. Atlanta (Ennis 0-0) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-

0), 5:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Acevedo 1-0) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells -0), 5:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Rusch 1-0) at St. Louis (Benes 0-1), Arizona (Helling 0-1) at San Diego (Tomko 0-0),

Los Angeles (Perez 0-1) at San Francisco (Jensen 1-0), 8:15 p.m.

lead and coasted to victory, beating the Denver Nuggets 97-86 Tuesday night. The victory comes four days after the Grizzlies beat Houston 99-81 at

Grizzlies walk over Nuggets

home. "It was a good effort for our guys,"

their home fans with blowout victories.

Pyramid, the Grizzlies took an early

For the second straight game at The

Stromile Swift led the Grizzlies with 20 points and nine rebounds in a reserve role. Pau Gasol had 19 points, in the period.

Memphis coach Sidney Lowe said. "We built a big lead and got a chance to use some guys off of the bench."

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The eight rebounds and a career-high seven Memphis Grizzlies are starting to spoil assists. Shane Battier added 13 points, Rodney Buford scored 11 and Jason Williams finished with 10. Swift and Gasol both blocked four

shots as Memphis set a franchise record with 16 blocks in the game.

"We started out playing well, and 0 that's what did it," Buford said.

Juwan Howard scored 18 points,

Voshon Lenard 12 and George McCloud 10 for the Nuggets.

The Grizzlies led 61-49 at the half and maintained their lead in the third quarter, despite scoring only 18 points.

The Nuggets managed just 12 points

said Helton, who has had four straight

"Hopefully, this is a step to build on,"

hits to raise his average from .100 to .222. Helton broke an 0-for-19 slide with a single in his last at-bat on Monday and went 3-for-3 Tuesday.

won his second straight start.

John Thomson (2-0) went six innings, allowing five runs and eight hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. Dennys Reyes, Todd Jones and Jose Jimenez each pitched a perfect inning to close it out.

Shane Reynolds (1-1), who helped team said they hoped it proves to be a his own cause with a two-run double, gave up six runs and eight hits in 52-3 Todd Zeile and Jose Ortiz each had innings.

bowling results Wednesday Morning Coffee League

March 27 Mr. Jim's over McClung's Appliance 3-1

BEMs over WOF 3-1 Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Brady Bunch 3-1

High individual game: Jeannie Pyles-202 High individual series: Jeannie Pyles-528 High team game: Mr. Jim's-530 High team series: Mr. Jim's-1,479

March 3

Lonny's Quality Auto Body over WOF 4-0 Brady Bunch over McClung's Appliance 4-0

High individual game: Maxine Zollinger-194 High individual series: Nancy Kear-516 High team series: Mr. Jim's-1.374

Standings: BEMs 65 1/2, 54 1/2; Lonny's Quality Auto Body 64, 56; McClung's Appliance 62, 58; Brady Bunch 59, 61: WOF 55, 65: Mr. Jim's 54 1/2

Wednesday Night Mixed League April 3

Gamblers over Phantoms 4-0 Guzzlin Socializers over Mueller Grain 3-1 Goodland Sheet Metal over Shear Dimensions 4-

Kickers over Kanorado Coop 4-0 Mudslingers over Kickers 4-0 Blossom Shoppe over D&G Clan 3-1

Women's high game: Mabel Goalden-195 Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-506 Men's high game: Harold Gillihan-222 Men's high series: Harold Gillihan and Phillip Helzer-604

Team high game: Blossom Shoppe-908 Team high series: Kickers-2,489

Standings: Mueller Grain 79 1/2, 48 1/2; Kanor ado Coop 78, 50; Shear Dimensions 75, 53; Gamblers 74, 54; Guzzlin Socializers 71, 57.

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High individual game: Marshall Sirute-263

High individual series: Marshall Sirute-712 High team game: Kanorado COOP-918; High team series: Kanorado COOP-2605; Standings Bowladium Lanes 24, 8; Wheatridge Farms 20, 12; Rasure Lumber 19, 13; Kanorado COOP 19, 13; KMA 19 13

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