rado Avalanche play at home next, they will be in the first two rounds of the

The Dallas Stars are just going

Steven Reinprecht scored with 2:59 left in regulation as Colorado tied Dallas 2-2 on Sunday to secure the second playoff spot in the Western Confer-

Colorado finished in a tie with San Jose at 99 points, but the Avalanche earned the higher seed by winning 45 games to the Sharks' 44. The Avalanche will face Los Angeles Kings, beginning Thursday in Denver.

Dallas, which won the Stanley Cup in 1999, finished its worst season since scoring 66 points in 1995-96.

"I don't feel badly for them," Colorado's Mike Keane, who played on the Stars' cup-winning team. "You feel badly for some players, because I know them pretty well. Still, any time one of the better teams get knocked out, you are happy. You have to play one less dangerous team with a lot of talent."

Colorado had several near-misses in the first two periods, but didn't score until Alex Tanguay circled around the net and beat Marty Turco on a power play 39 seconds into the third.

Brenden Morrow put Dallas up 2-1 with 9:14 left by ducking out of the way from a shot by Sergei Zubov. Morrow nearly got hit in the head on Zubov's high shot from near the blue line, and knocked the puck in past Patrick Roy after throwing his elbow up.

"It was coming on my face, and I moved so it hit me in the elbow and went down," said Morrow, who finished with 17 goals this season. "Ithink I read the 'Official NHL Puck' on the side as it was coming at me, so I got out of the way."

Turco was solid in the net and appeared to have the Avalanche headed toward a third-place finish in the West, but Reinprecht beat him on a breaka-

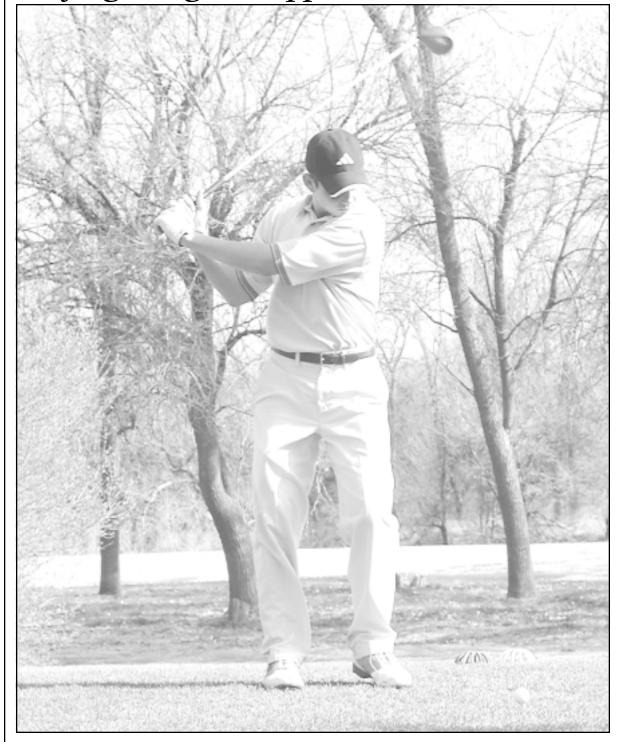
Turco stopped 27 shots.

Roy, who stopped 32 shots, allowed two or fewer goals for the 22nd time in 29 starts. He finished with a career-best nine shutouts and won 33 games, tying Tony Esposito for most consecutive 30-win seasons (7).

Roy also won the Williams H. Jengoals this season (122).

"It is my best year," said Roy, who beat Dallas for the fifth time in six other one was from 44 yards. Hyblalso tackles to lead the defense. games. "Consistency was the key. I was consistent all year from the beginning of the season. It was a good year." yards, including a 49-yard TD to Will for two sacks on the quarterback in the White game Saturday.

Golfing along the Sappa



Goodland golfer Brandon Cowan took a swing Saturday at a tournament in Oberlin. The golf teams play Tuesday, the varsity in Scott City and the junior varsity at home at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

## Sooners getting yardage at practice

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Nate Peoples. Hybl passed for 200 yards and two ing attack gained 132 yards in a Sunday afternoon scrimmage. The scrimmage had originally been

scheduled for Saturday but had to be eight carries to lead all rushers in the postponed because of heavy rains in

nings Trophy for allowing the fewest with receiver Brandon Jones for both fensive line than any time since we've there," he said, "but that's a sign of

One was a 15-yard strike and the had two interceptions.

Of the 63 plays run, 41 were on the touchdowns and the Oklahoma rush- ground for 132 yards. Aside from seven quarterback sacks, the running backs gained 135 yards on 28 attempts. Renaldo Works ran for 34 yards on

"There is no question that we're get-

Hybl was 12-for-18 and connected ting more physical play out of our ofbeen here," said coach Bob Stoops.

Tommie Harris practiced for the first

Cornerback Derrick Strait, safety Brandon Everage and end Dan Cody

"I thought they (the defensive unit) were really solid and made some good stops," Stoops said.

The coach said his team isn't perfect, but it's trying to get there.

"There were a few mistakes here and what our offense is doing, plus we're Linebacker Teddy Lehman had eight missing guys like, Derrick, Brandon and Dan.'

The Sooners have four practices left Brent Rawls was 7-of-15 for 122 time in a week and got past the defense this spring, including the annual Red/

# Oakley track meet to draw hundreds

Grade school and middle school kids offered except the javelin throw and will get a chance to test their speed, endurance and strength at a track meet in Oakley on Saturday.

About 300-400 kids from all over western Kansas are expected to show up at the Oakley Booster Track Meet, said director Jason Robben, a Good-

Garden City, Dodge City," he said, "even some from Hays."

This is the third year Robben has helped put the annual meet together. He said he used to compete in it when he was in school in Goodland. "It helps kids get in shape, partici-

pate in an activity and compete," said Robben, a math teacher and track and cross country coach at Oakley High Registration starts at 8 a.m. and events begin at 9 a.m. The events

said. Pre-registration isn't necessary, said Robben, although it would help. Most track and field events will be blast."

should be over by 5:30 p.m., Robben

pole vault.

"Those aren't something younger kids should probably be doing," Robben said.

Any kid age 14 or under can compete, Robben said, except for those who are on a middle school track team.

"This is for kids who aren't already "We usually get some kids from competing in a school program," he The youngest division is 8 and un-

> der, but Robben said kids as young as 6 have competed in the past. It costs \$6 per person to enter, Robben said, and there is a limit of

three events. To pre-register, mail a student's age, planned events and phone number to Robben at Box 11, Oakley, Kan.

Robben said an organizer will call. A list of other area youth meets can be found at www.aau.org, he said.

67748. If there is a scheduling conflict.

"It should be fun," Robben said. "With this many kids, it should be a

## Astros beat St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Billy Wagner's first save of the season was a big one for the Houston Astros. Wagner worked a scoreless ninth as

the Astros, after leading by four runs in the fifth inning, ended a four-game losing streak and avoided a three-game sweep with a 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday. Wagner had 39 saves in 41 chances

last year, but the 12th game of the season presented him with his first opportunity of this season and he confessed to some anxiety.

"It gets harder when you have to wait longer," Wagner said. "If you get that save out of the way right out of the way right out of the chute, you're OK, but when you have to pitch in a bunch of meaningless games. ...'

This one snapped the five-game winning streak of the Astros' chief rivals in the NL Central, who have taken run in 5 1-3 innings for the Astros. two of three from Houston the last two weekends.

The teams had identical records last year, but the Houston Astros won the division based on head-to-head com-

Wagner had to get by the heart of the Cardinals' order. J.D. Drew reached on an error by shortstop Adam Everett and advanced on a groundout by Albert

Wagner struck out Jim Edmonds, whose two-run homer cut the gap to a run in the seventh, and benefited from a running catch by right fielder Richard Hidalgo on pinch-hitter Placido Polanco's drive to end it.

Manager Jimy Williams said he hadn't been nervous when Hidalgo leaped and then grabbed the ball on the way down.

"No, because if you hold your breath too long, you're going to pass out," Williams said. "You just hope gravity grabs that ball a little bit and it goes in that glove out there and fortunately it did for us.

Shane Reynolds allowed one earned Lance Berkman, Daryle Ward, Geoff Blum and Everett drove in a run apiece.

St. Louis' Eli Marrero was 3-for-3 with two steals and an intentional walk and is batting .567 (17-for-30) with a home run and six RBIs.

#### bowling results

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### Kansas State loses to Aggies COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) Castillo.

- Rusty Meyer and Neal Stephenson hit back-to-back solo home runs in the fourth inning and Texas A&M withstood a three-run rally by Kansas State in the ninth for a 6-5 victory Sunday. The Aggies (28-13, 9-6 Big 12) took

a 3-0 lead in the fourth after the two homers and an RBI single by David Kansas State (19-16, 6-6) loaded the

bases with none out in the sixth, but Aggie reliever Matt Farnum closed the Wildcats down. Texas A&M improved its lead to 4-

oinch hitter Ryan Wardinsky. of the seventh on an RBI single by Nick

0 on Eddie Lang's single that scored

The Wildcats got two runs in the top

Castillo led the Wildcats, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a run.

Kensing picked up his second save.

Sorensen and an RBI double by Osmar two strikeouts and one walk.

CLEVELAND (AP) — When they lied from five runs down in the eighth were informed that the series finale against Kansas City was a wash, several Cleveland Indians fans waiting outside Jacobs Field walked away.

They weren't happy. Neither was their favorite first

"Hey, when you're playing like we are right now," Jim Thome said, "you want to be out there every day.

Rain finally slowed down Cleveland, whose 10-game winning streak was on hold after the finale of their season-opening homestand was put off for a while because of bad weather on

No makeup date was announced. Cleveland (11-1), off to its best start since opening 1966 at 14-1, will have an off day Monday before opening a four-game series in Chicago on Tues-

Thome didn't want the rest. fourth straight game as Cleveland ral- leagues.

Two runs by Texas A&M made it 6-2 in the bottom of the eighth.

The Wildcats got their ninth-inning runs on RBI singles by Castillo, Ryan Baldwin and Pat Maloney.

10 but committed three fielding errors and stranded eight baserunners. Meyer went 2-for-3 for the Aggies, driving in a run and scoring once.

Kansas State outhit the Aggies 12-

Warpinski (2-2) got the victory, allowing no runs on five hits with seven strikeouts and two walks. Logan

Kansas State starter Kevin Melcher (5-2) allowed three runs on six hits with

## Rain holds Indians' streak

inning to beat the Royals 8-7. "It would have been nice to get out there again," he said Sunday. "Especially after the way we won yesterday. You like to get back out there and have some more fun when you're playing like this. This has been a great start."

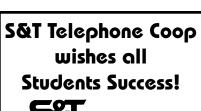
Matt Lawton hit a three-run homer in Cleveland's five-run eighth Saturday, and the Indians won it in the bottom of the ninth on a wild pitch.

The comeback win was the 93rd time the Indians have won in their last at-bat at home since the Jake opened in

The Royals are also off on Monday and will play at Minnesota on Tuesday Manager Tony Muser said Dan

Reichert will be pushed back and start the opener against Twins right-hander Rick Reed.

The Indians currently have the best On Saturday, he homered for the record of any team in the major





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School Large Group Music Contest.

garten Round-up; JH Track Quad at Oakley, 2 p.m.





Monday, April 15 - No School - Teacher Inservice; Boys Golf at Hays, 1

Tuesday, April 16 - 6th Grade Music Program HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.;

Boys JV Tennis at Colby, 12:00; Boys JV Golf in Goodland, 1 p.m.; Boys

Golf at Scott City, 2 p.m.; Track at Scott City, 9 a.m.; JV-V SB with Hays,

Wednesday, April 17 - Technology Comm. Meeting, 3:45 p.m.; High

Thursday, April 18 - High School Large Group Music Contest; Boys JV

Tennis at WaKeeney, 8:30 a.m.; Boys Tennis - Goodland Invitational, 2

Career Development Conference, Salt Lake City, UT; JH Goodland Invita-

tional Track Meet, 9 a.m.; Power Lifting Meeting at MJFH, 8 a.m. - noon.

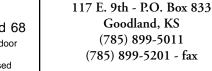
Monday, April 22 - JV-V SB at Ulysses, 2 p.m.; National DECA Career

Development Conference, Salt Lake City, UT; B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.



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