

Goodland girls split with Ulysses

The Cowgirls split a lopsided doubleheader with the Ulysses Tigers in a junior varsity game Monday, winning the first 19-5, and losing the second 21-2.

Both games were ended after five innings under the mercy rule.

In the first, the Cowgirls drew 15 walks and slugged out 14 hits against the smaller Class 3A team, while allowing only five hits and seven walks.

Lauren Gray pitched for the Goodland team and struck out four. She hit two singles and drew a walk in her five at bats.

Jody Armstrong led the team in hitting, getting one double and three base hits.

Tomi Windell hit two doubles and a single, and Aubrea Winter two singles and two walks. Courtney Schields got to first four times, once with a hit, and

three times with walks. Joyce Armstrong hit a single and got two bases on balls, and Crissy Hernandez got a single and a walk. Leslie Knitig was walked twice, and Gami Cloyd four times.

In the second game, the Tigers only had six hits, but got on base 11 times with walks.

Gray relieved Winter on the mound one batter into the second inning, with Winter taking the loss.

Winter struck out one and walked 10, allowing 12 runs, and Gray struck out four and walked one, allowing three earned runs.

Knitig hit a single and drew a walk in two at-bats, and Armstrong, Winter, and Megan Sheldon all hit singles.

The softball teams will play the Class 3A Holcomb Longhorns at 3 p.m. Thursday at Centennial Park.

Tiger throws shutout

By Doug Tucker
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jeff Weaver was drifting off to sleep when it hit him: He would abandon his new, exaggerated bend at the start of his delivery.

The Detroit right-hander pitched his first career shutout Tuesday night, giving up five hits as the Tigers broke a three-game losing skid with a 3-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

"It was something I decided about last night when I was falling asleep," Weaver said.

Weaver (1-3) wouldn't say it was a burst of inspiration — the new delivery was not working out.

"The first four starts weren't going the way I hoped. I just thought I'd try something different and go from there," he said.

Weaver struck out two and walked one in the Tigers' fourth win in 19 games. He had seven complete games in his career, including five last year,

and lost every one.

"This was a new kind of CG (complete game) for me," he said. "I thought I'm just going to be aggressive."

Pitching coach Steve McCatty had an idea Weaver was in for a good night.

"Warming up in the bullpen, his stuff was as good as I've ever seen," McCatty said.

Randall Simon, who always seems to hit well against the Royals, hit a 2-1 pitch off Jeff Suppan (1-3) in the third for his fifth home run.

The shutout was the fourth for the Royals this season, the most in the AL, and the Tigers' first complete-game victory since Steve Sparks beat Kansas City 2-1 last Oct. 6.

Suppan has received just two runs from the Kansas City offense while losing his last three starts.

"I can only pitch as well as I can," Suppan said. "We'll start scoring."

Suppan walked Robert Fick and gave up a single to Wendall Magee before allowing Simon's homer.

Playing a volley



Cowboy Dexter Deeds hit the ball during tennis practice. The Goodland team was supposed to compete Saturday in Scott City, but the even was rained out. The junior varsity played Tuesday in Russell, and the team will play host at the Goodland Invitational tournament Thursday. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Kings can't score against Avalanche

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Kings sent pucks flying high and low, straight ahead and to the side. None of them got by Patrick Roy.

Roy stopped 32 shots and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Los Angeles Kings 1-0 Tuesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"We were throwing everything we could at them," Kings defenseman Aaron Miller said. "We just couldn't get one by."

Beginning with Game 5 Thursday in Denver, where the Avalanche have already won twice, the Kings must win three in a row to clinch the series.

"We could've won all three of the games we've lost. It's not like they took it to us," Los Angeles' Jason Allison said. "We feel confident that we can come back."

Roy remembers holding a 3-1 lead over the Kings in their Western Conference semifinal last year.

"We had a Game 5, and then a Game 6, and then a Game 7," he said. "So it's going to be important for us to be ready for the next game."

A year ago, the Avalanche eventually beat the Kings and later won the Stanley Cup.

Colorado stars Peter Forsberg and Joe Sakic were mostly quiet for the second consecutive game. Forsberg notched his fifth assist and sixth point of the series on the lone goal, but he had one shot in nearly 17 minutes. Sakic had three shots in 22 1/2 minutes.

The Kings put a lot of traffic in front of Roy, but he got help from his defensemen.

"They were laying their bodies down to block shots," Kings coach

Andy Murray said. "A couple times we pump-faked to put them down and we moved the puck to somebody open for the shot, but they didn't shoot right away."

Roy earned his 20th career playoff shutout — which leads the NHL.

"Being a goaltender is a roller-coaster ride," teammate Adam Foote said. "But he's been in this league a long time and he's been in key series and key games."

Kings goaltender Felix Potvin was nearly as good, stopping 24 shots in the tightest defensive game of the series.

"Once we gave up that one goal, you knew there was no place for another error because Patrick was playing well," Potvin said.

Steven Reinprecht, acquired as part of the February 2001 trade that sent Rob Blake from Los Angeles to Colorado, scored the game's lone goal at 5:57 of the second period.

"I've just been throwing the puck toward the net and they've been finding holes," said Reinprecht, whose goal won Game 2 last Saturday.

With Los Angeles defensemen dogging him in front and behind, Reinprecht got off a shot high over Potvin's left shoulder that hit the mesh and came down hard into the net.

"It was one of those perfect shots right in the corner," Potvin said.

The Kings scored three goals in each of the first three games, including a victory Monday in Game 3, but got nothing from their No. 1 line of Ziggy Palffy, Jason Allison and Adam Deadmarsh. The trio accounted for seven goals and nine assists in the first three games.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	12	8	.600	—
New York	11	9	.550	1
Florida	10	10	.500	2
Atlanta	10	11	.476	2 1/2
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	4
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	12	6	.667	—
Cincinnati	11	8	.579	1 1/2
St. Louis	9	11	.450	4
Houston	8	11	.421	4 1/2
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	6
Chicago	6	12	.333	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	13	6	.684	—
Arizona	13	7	.650	1/2
Los Angeles	12	8	.600	1 1/2
San Diego	9	11	.450	4 1/2
Colorado	6	14	.300	7 1/2

Monday's Game
Florida 8, Atlanta 3

Tuesday's Games
Florida 4, Houston 3, 12 innings
Montreal 5, Milwaukee 4
Los Angeles 9, Pittsburgh 6
Philadelphia 8, San Diego 5
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 3
Arizona 5, Atlanta 2
San Francisco 12, Chicago Cubs 4

Today's Games
Arizona (Stottlemire 0-1) at Atlanta (Moss 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 2-0) at Florida (Dempster 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Figueroa 0-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 2-0) at Pittsburgh (D. Williams 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 2-1) at Philadelphia (Person 0-2), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 2-0), 5:10 p.m.

Colorado (Hampton 0-3) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 0-0), 5:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ainsworth 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-2), 6:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 2-0), 10:35 a.m.
San Francisco (L. Hernandez 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 2-0), 12:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 1-0) at Philadelphia (Padilla 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 2-2) at Florida (Burnett 2-2), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 0-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 2-1) at Cincinnati (Hamilton

1-1, 5:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Timlin 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-3), 5:10 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 2-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-0), 5:35 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	5	.706	—
New York	13	8	.619	1
Tampa Bay	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Toronto	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Baltimore	7	12	.368	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	7	.650	—
Minnesota	13	7	.650	—
Cleveland	12	8	.600	1
Kansas City	6	12	.333	6
Detroit	4	15	.211	8 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	17	4	.810	—
Oakland	11	9	.550	5 1/2
Anaheim	6	14	.300	10 1/2
Texas	5	14	.263	11

Monday's Games
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Kansas City 6, Detroit 0
Seattle 16, Anaheim 5

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 7, Boston 5
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 1
Tampa Bay 6, Minnesota 4
Toronto 2, Texas 1
Detroit 3, Kansas City 0
Seattle 1, Anaheim 0
N.Y. Yankees 2, Oakland 1

Today's Games
Detroit (Sparks 1-1) at Kansas City (George 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Oliver 2-0) at Baltimore (Lopez 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 1-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 2-1), 5:15 p.m.
Toronto (Prokopec 1-1) at Texas (Rogers 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-2) at Seattle (Abbott 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (D. Wells 3-0) at Oakland (Hiljus 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-1) at Cleveland (Drese 2-1), 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Sturtz 0-2), 12:15 p.m.
Boston (P. Martinez 3-0) at Baltimore (Maduro 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 1-0) at Texas (Burba 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-0) at Oakland (Zito 0-1), 1:35 p.m.

Rockies drop third straight; own worst NL record

CINCINNATI (AP) — Barry Larkin looked refreshed.

The Cincinnati Reds' shortstop went up the middle to steal a hit with an impressive catch and throw. He singled twice, driving in the tying run. He up-ended a rally with the game's pivotal defensive play in the seventh.

As much as Larkin hates days off, the latest one seemed to be just what he needed.

Larkin returned to the Reds' lineup Tuesday night and made the biggest plays in a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Rockies. He emerged from a 5-for-27 slump with a pair of hits and helped the Reds hold on by throwing out a runner

at third in the seventh inning.

"He had a couple of huge at-bats," manager Bob Boone said. "He made a couple of tremendous plays, and he showed some juice in his arm that I hadn't seen in a while."

Boone left Larkin out of the lineup last Sunday for the final game of a series at Wrigley Field. Larkin has been bothered by pulled muscles in his side.

"He's fine, but he is 37 and it's a long season, so I'm going to give him as many breaks as I can," Boone said.

Larkin used his time off — two days in a row, coupled with the Reds' off-day — to figure out what's wrong with his swing.

"I'm finding something that, hopefully, I'll be able to stick with for a while," Larkin said. "It's a struggle to find some consistency."

The Rockies are struggling even worse than Larkin. They managed only two hits off Randy Johnson and struck out 17 times Sunday in a 7-1 loss to Arizona.

They didn't have many strikeouts against Jimmy Haynes (2-2) and the Reds' bullpen, but got the same result.

Their offense didn't accomplish much as they lost their third in a row, dropping the NL's worst record to 6-14.

"The opportunities just haven't ex-

isted on a consistent basis," manager Buddy Bell said. "These guys are capable of it. You go through stages where you get into a funk. I anticipate this changing."

They've usually had good luck against Haynes. The Rockies went into the game with a collective .362 average against the right-hander, but managed only three hits in six innings. Todd Zeile and Todd Hollandsworth had sacrifice flies in the fourth, putting Colorado ahead 2-1.

Juan Encarnacion homered in the first off Jason Jennings (1-2), and Larkin and Sean Casey had RBI singles in the fifth for a 3-2 lead.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic
April 17

Fitzgibbon's over Sigco 12-8
L&M Steel over Bowladium Lanes 11-9
Basgall Construction over Weber Kennels 14-6

High individual game: Darren Hickson-259
High individual series: Jerry Amthor-863
High team game: ProLine-623
High team series: ProLine-2,286

Standings: Bowladium Lanes 113 1/2, 46 1/2; L&M Steel 87, 73; Fitzgibbon's Inc. 85 1/2, 74 1/2; Sigco 80, 80; Basgall Construction 70 1/2, 89 1/2; ProLine 65, 75; Weber Kennels 62 1/2, 97 1/2; Western Kansas Valley 56, 84

Former Nebraska fullback died Tuesday

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Former Nebraska fullback and College Football Hall of Famer Sam Francis died Tuesday. He was 88.

Francis died in his sleep at his home in Springfield, Mo., the Nebraska Sports Information office said.

Francis was an All-American for the

Cornhuskers in 1936, when he was the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy to Yale's Larry Kelley.

Francis lettered for the Husker football team in 1934, 1935 and 1936 and played professionally in Chicago, Pittsburgh and Brooklyn.

He was inducted into the Nebraska

Football Hall of Fame in 1972 and into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1977.

Francis also excelled in track and placed fourth in the shot put at the 1936 Olympics.

Funeral arrangements were pending Tuesday.



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