

Rockies win three in a row

DENVER (AP) — A three-game winning streak has changed the outlook of the Colorado Rockies.

"You get tired of getting beat up," manager Clint Hurdle said. "Our guys are starting to feel better about themselves."

The Rockies beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-2 on Sunday behind Jason Jennings and Todd Helton to raise their new manager's record to 3-0.

Before Friday night's game, the Rockies, off to the worst start in their history at 6-16, fired Buddy Bell and replaced him with Hurdle, their hitting coach who was expected to bring passion and enthusiasm back into the clubhouse.

It seems to be working.

Jennings pitched seven shutout innings and Helton hit a two-run homer. Jennings (2-2) allowed just four hits, walked three and struck out four. He also hit an RBI double.

In successive games, Rockies starters John Thomson, Shawn Chacon and Jennings have combined to go 3-0 with a 1.37 ERA.

"We pitched well this weekend," Hurdle said. "We got three quality starts. Your momentum is as good as your next starting pitcher's effort, and we got three really good efforts from



Thomson, Chacon and Jennings. They kind of set the table for Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle in the next series.

"Hopefully this can develop a little bit of momentum to carry into the Pittsburgh series."

If there was a negative, it's that the Rockies don't play again until Tuesday.

"I kind of wish we didn't have an off-day," Helton said. "We have some momentum."

Hurdle said Jennings' changeup worked well, and so did his bat.

"He threw strikes and was efficient with his pitches," Hurdle said. "He also swung the bat and drove in a run. It was a big day for the kid."

Philadelphia dropped its fifth straight game and ninth in 10 games. At 8-17, the Phils have a worse record than the Rockies.

"I'm running out of answers," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "I saw something here I thought I'd never see, a team going three games here without hitting a home run. It's hard to believe."

"We can't break a game open right now."

Helton's third homer of the season put Colorado ahead 2-0 in the first.



Junior varsity golfer David Griffith practiced teeing off at Sugar Hills Golf Club. He finished the Scott City tournament with a round of 50 on Thursday. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Two golfers win medals

Two Goodland golfers placed in the Scott City junior varsity tournament Thursday.

Cowboy Dustin Baker took fourth place after winning a playoff, and Josh Topliff came in seventh. Baker finished with 45 strokes over nine holes, and Topliff with 46.

Michael Mangus shot 49, Brandon Cowan 50, David Griffith 50, and Richard Bauman 53.

It was a tournament for individuals, so no team scores were kept. Goodland High School golfers will next hit the links at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Oakley.

Avalanche, Kings go to seventh game

By John Marshall

The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Not again. That's what the Colorado Avalanche are thinking after blowing two chances to close out the Los Angeles Kings for the second year in a row.

"It's kind of a shame," Colorado forward Dan Hinote said Sunday. "Obviously, we've dug ourselves in a hole, but we've been here before and we know what it takes to come out and play our game."

Colorado had a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series, but Los Angeles has won the last two games to force a Game 7 Monday night in Denver.

nearly identical to the Western Conference semifinals last year, when the Kings rallied from a 3-1 deficit before losing to the Avalanche 5-1 in Game 7.

Only 16 of 186 teams have advanced after trailing 3-1, including Los Angeles against Edmonton in 1989, but the Kings have the momentum and are confident after coming so close last year.

"They have a great team, but we felt we could beat them last year, even more so this year," Kings defenseman Mathieu Schneider said.

"Last year, we were trying to slay a giant. This year we feel like we're on equal ground."

This year's series started off with plenty of open ice and even more scoring — 15 goals in the first two games — but it has tightened up considerably over the past three games.

As the teams have become more familiar with each other, the checking has been tighter, the scoring chances fewer and the hits more punishing.

The increased intensity also has led to some frayed nerves.

The Avalanche have repeatedly complained about the rough treatment of Peter Forsberg, saying the Kings have intentionally tried to hurt their star forward after he missed the regular season due to injuries.

The Kings took exception to a hit by Colorado's Brad Larsen on defenseman Andreas Lilja in the final seconds of Game 6, which Los Angeles won 3-1.

Larsen's hit led to a heated exchange between Kings coach Andy Murray and Colorado's Bob Hartley on the bench, and the two traded barbs after the game. Hartley made a reference to Murray being 4-foot-6—he's really 5-10—and Murray questioned Hartley's reputation.

Both coaches had cooled by Sunday, but neither was about to back down.

"He (Hartley) doesn't have to answer to me," Murray said.

Nebraska beats Jayhawks

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Jed Morris' eighth-inning grand slam led Nebraska to a 9-1 win over Kansas in the second game of Sunday's doubleheader.

Earlier, Kansas (17-23, 4-16 Big 12) used 17 hits to win the opener 14-3.

Nebraska (30-15, 14-10) trailed 1-0 entering the bottom of the fifth, before Brandon Eyemann's bases-loaded double gave the Cornhuskers a 2-1 lead.

The Huskers added single runs in the sixth and seventh innings and scored once in the eighth before Morris' grand slam.

Morris also had a solo homer in the sixth and finished 2-for-4 with five

RBIs. Jeff Leise added two RBIs including a solo homer.

Casey Spanish had three hits for the Jayhawks.

Brian Duensing (3-1) allowed five hits and one run in 7 1/3 innings for the win. Jeremy Becker finished the game for his third save.

Jake Wright (2-5) lost after giving up three runs on four hits in six innings.

In the first game, Cole Armstrong had three RBIs for the Jayhawks while Ryan Baty added two RBIs and scored three runs.

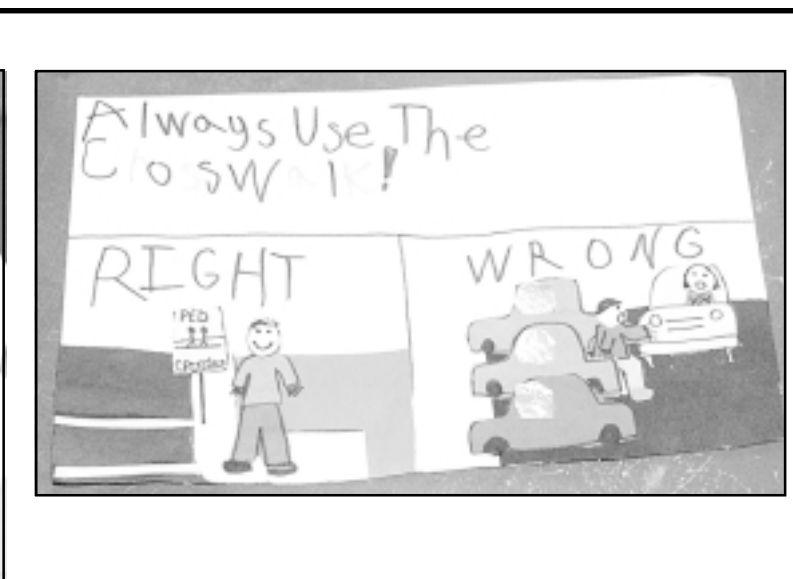
Ryan Klocksien had four hits and scored three runs. Kevin Wheeler, Spanish and Baty each had three hits for the Jayhawks.



Sherman County Farm Bureau and Goodland Ambassadors honored Stetson Johnson, West Elementary School first grader on April 24. Stetson received a \$50 U.S. savings bond, a Farm Bureau plaque and Ambassadors gift for his second place State safety poster titled "Always Use the Crosswalk." The poster demonstrated both the right and wrong methods. Stetson is the son of Ryan and Kara Johnson. His four-year-old sister, Shelby, was also present.

Earlier, Farm Bureau presented county awards and \$50 U.S. savings bonds to the other first place country winners, Alexis Bateman, fourth grade, and Debra Dawdy, fifth grade.

Preventable injury is the leading single killer of Kansas children. More



children die annually from preventable, unintentional injuries than from all childhood diseases combined. This year, one child in four will suffer a preventable injury serious enough to require medical attention. The great tragedy is that most of these injuries can be prevented. Each year, approximately 2,100 Kansas children under age 14 suffer a preventable injury serious enough to require hospitalization.

In an effort to reduce accidents by developing "safety-minded" youth, Kansas Farm Bureau has sponsored a Safety Poster Program for nearly 35 years. Every year more than 30,000 elementary school youth participate statewide. Posters are judged on the county level and the three top posters from each division are submitted for judging on the state level. The participants can pick any topic that interests them.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Montreal	15	10	.600	—
New York	15	10	.600	—
Florida	12	13	.480	3
Atlanta	12	14	.462	3 1/2
Philadelphia	8	17	.320	7
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	15	9	.625	—
Pittsburgh	14	9	.609	1/2
St. Louis	12	13	.480	3 1/2
Houston	11	13	.458	4
Chicago	8	15	.348	6 1/2
Milwaukee	7	18	.280	8 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	16	9	.640	—
Los Angeles	16	9	.640	—
San Francisco	14	10	.583	1 1/2
San Diego	13	12	.520	3
Colorado	9	16	.360	7

Philadelphia (Padilla 2-2) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 4-1), 8:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	15	6	.714	—
New York	16	10	.615	1 1/2
Baltimore	11	13	.458	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	9	13	.409	6 1/2
Toronto	8	15	.348	8
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	15	10	.600	—
Minnesota	14	11	.560	1
Cleveland	13	12	.520	2
Kansas City	7	15	.318	6 1/2
Detroit	7	16	.304	7
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	18	7	.720	—
Oakland	15	10	.600	3
Anaheim	10	14	.417	7 1/2
Texas	9	15	.375	8 1/2

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 8, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 5, Montreal 0
Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Colorado 8, Philadelphia 6
Houston 6, Atlanta 3
San Diego at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Florida 6, Arizona 3

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 2, 1st game
San Diego 7, Pittsburgh 2, 2nd game
Houston 7, Atlanta 1
Arizona 5, Florida 4
Los Angeles 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 1st game
Los Angeles 4, Chicago Cubs 1, 2nd game
N.Y. Mets 9, Milwaukee 6
San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 4
Montreal 5, St. Louis 2
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 2
Today's Game
Philadelphia (Person 0-3) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 2-0) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 3-2) at Houston (Reynolds 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 3-2) at St. Louis (Kile 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 2-2) at Colorado (Neagle 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 2-1) at Arizona (Stottlemire 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 0-0) at Los Angeles (Brown 1-1), 8:10 p.m.

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Goodland All-Star Booster Club
Monday, April 29 - 9-10 Track at Atwood.
Tuesday, April 30 - Boys Tennis at Hoisington, 2:30 p.m.; Boys JV Tennis at Russell, 2 p.m.; Boys Golf at Oakley, 2 p.m.; Track at Oberlin, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1 - PDC Meeting, 3:45; Elementary School Bank Day
Thursday, May 2 - Boys Tennis at Hays, 2 p.m.; Boys Golf at Colby, 2 p.m.; JV-V Softball vs. Pratt at Russell, 3 p.m.; JH Track Quad at Hoxie, 2 p.m.
Friday, May 3 - Track at Colby, 2 p.m.
Saturday, May 4 - Junior/Senior Prom; Boys Tennis at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at Ulysses, 7:30 a.m.; JH Wray Invitational Track Meet, 9 a.m.
Monday, May 6 - 5 - 12 Band Spring Concert High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Scott City, 2 p.m.; Boys Golf at Hays TMP, 8 a.m.

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