

Kids compete in annual track meet



Parker Sieck, a second grader, (above) ran a relay race and Taryn Bedore (right) got ready to pass the baton during the Youth Relay Races on Saturday at the Goodland High School track.
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Budding track stars got to test their legs and grab a little fresh air Saturday during the annual Youth Relay Races.

Kids from kindergarten to sixth grade threw softballs, ran races, and tested how far they could jump at the Goodland High School track.

"It's a fun type of track meet," said Dennis Stone, a track coach at the high school. "We want these kids to be part of an event, but we don't take it too seriously. We have some fun with it."

City-County Recreation has sponsored the event for 12 years, Stone said. Members of the high school track team volunteer to mark the events and spend time with the kids.

"The smaller kids get to hang out with the high schoolers," Stone said. "That's always neat for them."

Proud parents cheered their offspring from the sidelines, yelling advice and encouragement. Lack of experience was not a problem. One kindergarten boy got confused during a relay race. When he got the baton, he turned around and ran in the wrong direction.

The kids seemed to get as much exercise between events as they did during them.

They chased each other around the inside of the track, wrestled in the dirt, used the high jump pad as a kind of trampoline, and generally acted like, well, a bunch of kids.

"High school kids hate to give up their Saturday mornings," Stone said, "especially if they had a meet the night before, but they like doing this. Those little kids just crack them up."

Rather than the traditional discus and shot put, the elementary school kids saw how far they could throw a softball.

The younger kids competed in a standing long jump, while the fifth and sixth graders got to take a running start. Depending on their age, the kids could run a 50, 75, 100, 200 or 400-meter dash. There were also different lengths of relay races.

"I think everyone out on Saturday had a good time," Stone said.



Avalanche split series with win

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — As if the Avalanche's eight goals didn't do enough to undermine Evgeni Nabokov's confidence, Colorado coach Bob Hartley is doing his part as well.

The San Jose Sharks returned to California on Sunday after two tumultuous Western Conference semifinal games in Denver. They emerged with one surprising victory and dozens of questions about their ability to compete with the defending Stanley Cup champions — and the toughness of Nabokov, their talented young goalie.

Game 3 is Monday night at the Shark Tank, where San Jose will attempt to recapture the confidence it gained in a 6-3 Game 1 victory — and then obviously lacked in an 8-2 thrashing on Saturday that snapped San Jose's four-game winning streak and forced coach Darryl Sutter to pull Nabokov in the third period.

Hartley stirred the pot Sunday by suggesting that Sutter might start backup Miikka Kiprusoff in Game 3.

"Darryl has all day to make up his mind," Hartley said. "It will be interesting to see how Nabokov will react if he gets the start. It's always tough for any goalies to come back after a bad performance."

"The last thing that a young goalie wants to have is a bad game, especially in the playoffs where they are going home. It could be an interesting start."

Sutter, among the prickliest coaches in pro sports even under the best circumstances, wouldn't dignify Hartley's postulations with a direct reply.

"I think it's great that their coaching staff is now making some of our decisions," Sutter said. "That takes some work off of me."

Sutter hates to pull his goaltender, but he had no choice after Dan Hinote scored Colorado's eighth goal with 7:49 to play.

The Avalanche beat Nabokov from everywhere on the ice, scoring the game's first five goals and the final three.

Peter Forsberg scored from behind the net, and another puck hit defenseman Scott Hannan in the head before flying behind Nabokov's back.

Nabokov left the Pepsi Center on Saturday without a word, but he was his matter-of-fact self after a morning skate in San Jose.

"I know we'll come out with a better effort tomorrow night," Nabokov said. "We need to make sure that we don't get too excited after a win or too down after a loss. That's the only way you're going to be successful in the playoffs."

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	13	.581	—
Montreal	17	14	.548	1
Florida	16	15	.516	2
Atlanta	16	16	.500	2 1/2
Philadelphia	12	19	.387	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	17	13	.567	—
Pittsburgh	15	14	.517	1 1/2
Houston	14	16	.467	3
St. Louis	14	17	.452	3 1/2
Chicago	11	18	.379	5 1/2
Milwaukee	9	22	.290	8 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	20	11	.645	—
San Francisco	19	11	.633	1/2
Los Angeles	18	13	.581	2
San Diego	17	14	.548	3
Colorado	12	19	.387	8

San Diego (Jones 3-1) at Florida (Dempster 0-3), 5:05 p.m.	Cleveland (Drese 2-3) at Baltimore (Douglass 0-1), 7:05 p.m.			
Houston (Reynolds 2-3) at Philadelphia (Adams 0-3), 5:05 p.m.	Boston (Oliver 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-3), 7:15 p.m.			
San Francisco (Ortiz 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-3), 5:10 p.m.	Detroit (Sparks 2-2) at Minnesota (Reed 3-1), 8:05 p.m.			
Milwaukee (Rusch 1-2) at Cincinnati (Dessens 1-3), 5:10 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-1) at Texas (Burba 2-0), 8:05 p.m.			
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 5-1), 5:35 p.m.	Tuesday's Games			
St. Louis (B.Smith 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-2), 6:05 p.m.	Cleveland (Finley 2-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 2-2), 7:05 p.m.			
Pittsburgh (Villone 2-4) at Arizona (Batista 2-1), 7:35 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-2), 7:15 p.m.			
AMERICAN LEAGUE	Kansas City (Reichert 0-3) at Minnesota (Kinney 1-1), 8:05 p.m.			
East Division	Chicago White Sox (Glover 0-0) at Texas (Bell 2-0), 8:05 p.m.			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	20	7	.741	—
New York	18	14	.563	4 1/2
Baltimore	16	15	.516	6
Tampa Bay	9	20	.310	12
Toronto	9	20	.310	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	20	12	.625	—
Chicago	19	12	.613	1/2
Cleveland	15	16	.484	4 1/2
Detroit	10	19	.345	8 1/2
Kansas City	8	21	.276	10 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	9	.710	—
Oakland	17	14	.548	5
Anaheim	15	15	.500	6 1/2
Texas	13	17	.433	8 1/2

Despite many errors, Shockers beat Bears

WICHITA (AP) — Justin McCarty and Brian Burgamy had three hits each as Wichita State beat Southwest Missouri State 7-5 in an error-filled game on Sunday.

Brian Burgamy made up for one of Wichita State's two errors. Burgamy drove in two runs for the Shockers (36-11, 18-6 Missouri Valley.)

Southwest Missouri State (32-13, 15-9) committed three errors.

Trenton Henderson (4-0) picked up the win with 2-3 innings of relief

work. The Bears scored four runs in the top of the second by scoring off of Wichita State starter Reuben Kerba for a 4-3 lead.

Reliever Derek Eddie (2-1) lasted only 1-3 of an inning in Wichita State's three-run fourth, giving up two runs on two hits.

The Shockers scored three runs in the first and one in the fourth off starter Matt Palmer and led 6-4 after four innings.

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 6, Florida 4
St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2
San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 0
Philadelphia 6, Colorado 5
Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Arizona 6, Montreal 5, 11 innings
San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 0
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 2

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 7, Colorado 4
Florida 7, Milwaukee 4
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 2
Houston 12, N.Y. Mets 1
San Francisco 6, Cincinnati 5, 10 innings
Arizona 5, Montreal 2
San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 3, Los Angeles 0

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-3) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 2-1), 5:10 p.m.
St. Louis (T.Smith 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 3-1) at Arizona (Johnson 6-0), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Colorado (Neagle 3-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 4-2), 5:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Toronto 4, Anaheim 1
Cleveland 3, Texas 0
Seattle 9, N.Y. Yankees 5
Baltimore 10, Kansas City 0
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 5
Minnesota 3, Detroit 2
Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 2

Sunday's Games

Anaheim 8, Toronto 2
Cleveland 9, Texas 2
Seattle 10, N.Y. Yankees 6
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 3, Kansas City 2
Detroit 7, Minnesota 6
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 2

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Wednesday, May 8 - Central Site Council Meeting, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 9 - FCCLA Banquet; Junior High League Track Meet at Atwood, 2 p.m.
Friday, May 10 - Boys Golf NWKL at Atwood, 2 p.m.; Track NWKL at St. Francis, 2 p.m.; North Parent Lunch.
Saturday, May 11 - Boys Tennis at Colby, 7:30 a.m.
Monday, May 13 - Regional Softball; Regional Boys Golf; Regional Boys Tennis; Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

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