

Rockies beat Florida

DENVER (AP) — Greg Norton hadn't hit a grand slam since high school. When he finally connected in his seventh big league season, he nearly forgot what he was supposed to do.

"I almost ran by (teammate Bobby) Estalella at first," Norton said.

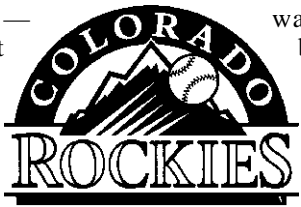
Norton's homer and Denny Stark's six shutout innings sparked the Colorado Rockies to a 7-3 victory over the Florida Marlins on Monday night.

Colorado scored two unearned runs off Brad Penny (3-2), and Norton homered off reliever Gary Knotts in the sixth after Knotts walked three straight batters.

"It was a big hit for him and a big hit for us," said Rockies manager Clint Hurdle, who sent Norton to the plate to pinch-hit for Stark even though Stark could have gone another inning or two.

"We needed to roll the dice and see if we could open it up a little bit," Hurdle said.

Norton, hitting just .182, said he "got a pitch I was able to drive. I put a good swing on it, and it just happened to go out. In that situation, you want to do something. If you hit into a double play there, it's for nothing."



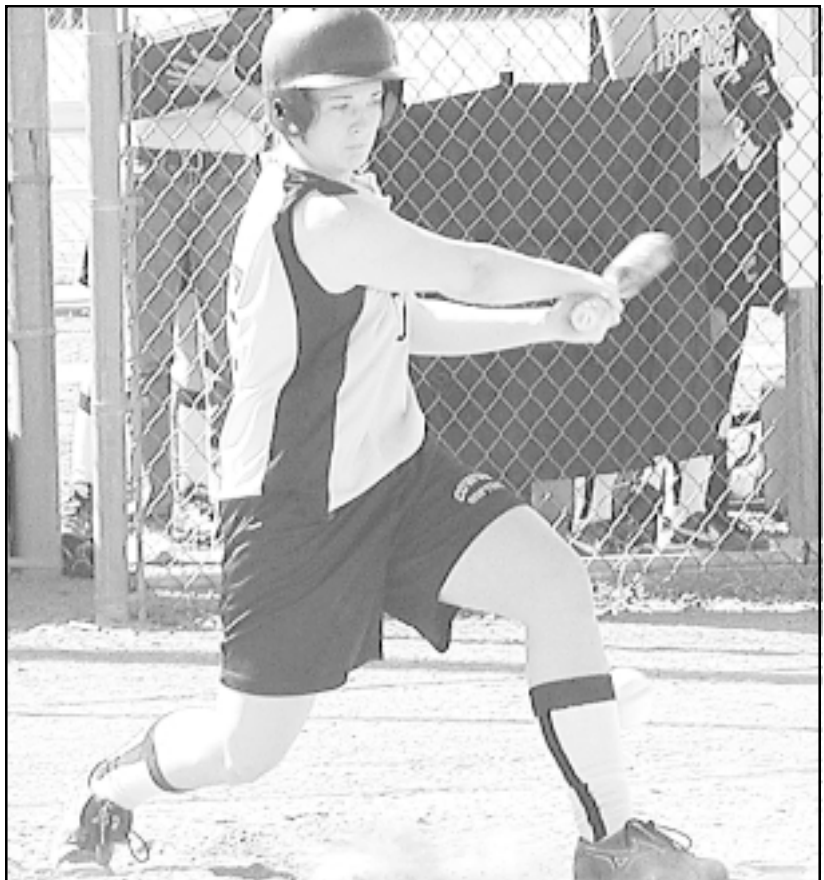
Weiss joins team as assistant

DENVER (AP) — Former Colorado Rockies shortstop Walt Weiss is rejoining the team as a special assistant to general manager Dan O'Dowd.

Weiss will be in uniform when the Rockies are at home, and will work with the Rockies' minor league teams as his personal schedule permits when the Rockies are on the road.

"The game needs people like Walt to remain a part of it once the playing career is over, and he's a perfect fit to be part of our organization," O'Dowd said. "We feel he can contribute in a number of ways."

Cowgirls win one, lose one



Cowgirl StevieLee Raymer tipped a foul ball in a home game. She hit a home run during Goodland's win over Colby on Friday at the regional tournament in Larned.

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Goodland wraps up season at regional tournament

By Doug Stephens
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The Cowgirl softball team faced problems from two sets of Eagles at its regional tournament Monday in Larned, coming back late in the game to beat Colby, only to be eliminated by Hugoton.

Goodland beat the Colby Lady Eagles 4-3 in the first game, scoring four runs late in the game to knock their traditional rivals out of the tournament.

"It was a close, tense game," Coach Terry Daise said. "I think we did pretty well."

The Hugoton Eagles would prove tougher to beat. One bad defensive inning and unlucky hitting led to a 6-1 defeat, Daise said.

"We hit the ball hard," he said, "but right at them. We didn't get any breaks."

The loss ends the Cowgirls' season with a 10-10 record. Goodland started the season strong, with a 7-1 record, then the girls dropped their next six.

"As we went along, the schedule got

tougher," Daise said. "If we had gotten a break here, a break there, we could have won three or four more games. That's what I was looking for."

"I did see improvement, though. That's the important thing."

Goodland's star pitcher, Britany Pettibone, took the mound for both games. She retired 10 Colby batters and walked only one, allowing seven hits and one earned run. She helped herself with a single.

StevieLee Raymer hit a home run and a single, and Tammy Weeter got one RBI with one double and two base hits. Jennifer Mentzer hit two singles and batted in a run. Stephanie Fairbanks hit a triple and a single, and Alissa Schields was walked.

Against Hugoton, Pettibone struck out three and walked two. She allowed six hits and six earned runs. Colleen Koehler brought in the only run, driving in Weeter on one of her two singles. Weeter drew a walk on top of two base hits, Mentzer hit a double and Fairbanks a single.

Senior tracksters have new paths ahead of them

By Doug Stephens
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The Goodland track team has high hopes for the regional meet on Friday and Saturday, but six members are looking a little farther into the future.

Seniors Rachael Hagerman, Sean Greenlee, Hayley Jarmin, Andrew Melia, Bryan Mai and Lacey Brenner are almost through with high school. Their last day of classes is Wednesday, and depending how they do at regionals, this weekend could see the end of their high school sports careers.

All have plans. Some have the future mapped out four or eight years, others no farther than the next year or two. The four with definite plans hope to go on to be a doctor, engineer, businessman, and secretary, but they all agree they enjoyed competing with the track team, and will look back and remember having fun.

She says she liked high school sports because she had a good time and it let her interact with people.

"It gives you something to believe in," she said.

She says she played just about every sport she could in high school, but her favorite was track. Hagerman doesn't know if she will be allowed to play any other sports at the college, but if the swimming coach will let her, she says she is definitely going out for track.

"I love to run," Hagerman said. "I would love to do that next year."

She says she will miss high school a little, but "I am definitely ready for college."



R. Hagerman



Sean Greenlee



Hayley Jarmin



Andrew Melia



Bryan Mai



Lacey Brenner

he wants to go to Fort Hays, major in business, and maybe come back to the family business, KLOE Radio. He said he will try to get on the baseball team and maybe try out for basketball.

Melia says he had a lot of fun playing high school sports.

"I had an awesome time. I loved it," he said, adding that he thinks he got better every year.

"I went from a nothing in basketball to a starter," he said.

Mai, a hurler and relay runner, played football, basketball and track for four years. He wants to go to

Johnson County for two years, he said, and transfer to get an engineering degree to Kansas State University.

He's not sure what he wants to do after that. He doesn't plan to play any college sports, he said, even though he enjoyed it in high school and will miss it a bit.

"I made a lot of friends," he said, "and had a lot of fun."

Brenner, a sprinter and high jumper, plans to go to the University of Kansas and major in biology, and later get into optometry.

She played basketball, volleyball, and track all four years. She says she liked learning about sportsmanship, working with people, and learning, "never to give up."

She says she will miss playing sports, but she is excited about moving on.

Avs beat San Jose during earthquake

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Just like his players, Colorado Avalanche coach Bob Hartley didn't feel the real earthquake that shook San Jose.

"I felt the earthquake when we scored," Hartley said after the Avalanche beat the San Jose Sharks 2-1 in overtime Monday night.

Peter Forsberg's goal 2:47 into the extra period evened the series and sent this Western Conference semifinal back to Denver for a deciding Game 7 on Wednesday night.

With nine minutes left in the third period, an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.2 rattled the Compaq Center. The quake was centered south of San Jose in Gilroy.

The sellout crowd of 17,496 was unruffled, and play continued uninterrupted.

"I didn't feel anything," Colorado forward Milan Hejduk said. "This building is pretty loud and it is shaking anyway."

All coaches may not be back

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discuss personnel, the board decided to put off approving principals' recommendations for rehiring non-certified employees and renewing supplemental contracts for duties such as coaching.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the board may not be able to afford to hire all of the employees and coaches back next year. The board plans to hold a special meeting on Saturday before the graduation ceremony to discuss

money matters. They're hoping the Legislature has passed a tax bill by then.

In other business, the board:

- Approved doubling supplemental pay for Deandra Wirth, district band teacher, because she has been working a lot of extra hours after the board suspended Paul Garrison earlier this year.
- Hired Duane Unger as a high school science teacher and accepted a resignation from Paula Kear, secretary at Central Elementary School.

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Wednesday, May 15 - Final Semester Exams.
Thursday, May 16 - Final Semester Exams.
Friday, May 17 - Final Semester Exams; High School Track Regionals at Hays.
Sunday, May 19 - Baccalaureate, 2 p.m.; High School Graduation, 4 p.m.
Monday, May 20 - Kindergarten Graduation, 9 a.m.; 8th Grade Graduation; Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.; Final Semester Exams

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