

Girls contenders for second place

By Doug Stephens
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When its track teams get back from the state tournament in Wichita this weekend, Goodland High School may be able to add another listing on its first-place and runners-up banners in Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Dennis Stone, one of Goodland's head coaches, said the girls' team would be a long shot to get first at state, but he is hoping for a second place trophy.

"It will be a dogfight for second place," he said. "There are four teams within three points, if you calculate their scores at regionals."

"We'll do the best we can and hope for the best."

He said the boys' team, competing in just three events, isn't in the running for a trophy, but he is hoping for some individual medals.

"The boys that qualified have a good chance of placing," Stone said. "They

didn't just come out of the blue. They've worked hard and have a chance."

Stone said the boys' team is young, and this year has been a learning experience.

"I always tell the kids, the year before the boys won first at state (in 1994), we only sent five kids to state and only won two points."

The Cowgirls will be competing in eight events and the boys in three.

For the girls, Rachael Hagerman will run in the 100-meter dash, high hurdles and intermediate hurdles; Kendra Billinger will compete in the 3,200-meter run; Jayci Stone, pole vault; Andrea Fenner, discus; Alisha McKee, shot put; and Lacey Brenner, high jump.

On the boys' side, Aaron Gittinger will run the 800-meter dash; Bryan Mai, intermediate hurdles; and the team of Anthony Benavides, Sam Smith, Mai and Gittinger will compete in the 4X400-meter relay.

Detroit to counter offense with offense

By John Marshall
The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Detroit coach Scotty Bowman has a simple approach to counteract the high-scoring lines of the Colorado Avalanche: more offense by the Red Wings.

Colorado's top two lines have combined for seven goals and seven assists as the Avalanche split the first two games of the Western Conference finals in Detroit.

But instead of clamping down on defense as the series shifts to Denver on Wednesday night, Bowman wants his top lines to turn up the offensive pressure.

"We have to improve our own attack," Bowman said Tuesday. "That's the best way to do it — try to put a little more pressure on them. They're playing four defensemen for the most part and you would maybe want to try to play a little more on the attack."

To do that, Bowman will have to spur his top players. Brendan Shanahan, Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov combined for 11 goals and 24 assists in the first two rounds against Vancouver and St. Louis. The trio has yet to score against Colorado and has had few good opportunities.

"For us to win any series, we need our best players to be at their best," said Shanahan, who has two assists. "You need production, but you get really worried when you're not getting any chances. You have to do the things that get you the chances."

Colorado's first line of Alex Tanguay, Joe Sakic and Milan Hejduk has combined for 16 goals and 20 assists in 16 games. The second unit of Peter Forsberg, Chris Drury and Steven Reinprecht has 18 goals and 25 assists.

"A good part of those two lines is they work very well together," Colo-

rado coach Bob Hartley said. "It seems that the chemistry is very solid. And with Reinprecht, Drury, and Forsberg, the key factor in the success of that line is that they're three natural centermen. I think they have a good feel for each other because they know what it is to play at center."

Drury has provided some of the biggest goals in the playoffs, including the winner in overtime in Game 2 against Detroit.

"That's something that makes him special," Colorado forward Dan Hinote said.

"It's nothing that you can go and practice. It's nothing that you try to do because you either have that knack to find an opening in a big game or score that big goal when the team needs it or you don't."

"That's what makes him a winner his whole life and that's what makes him a leader."

Drury's goal at 2:17 of overtime Monday night, which gave the Avalanche a 4-3 victory over Detroit and home-ice advantage in the best-of-seven series, was just the latest in what is becoming a long line of clutch performances for the Avalanche center.

Drury showed his ability to play well with high stakes at an early age, leading Trumbull, Conn., over Taiwan in the 1989 Little League World Series. He kept it going at Boston University, where he became a hockey All-American and the national player of the year in 1998.

Drury won the Calder Trophy as the league's best rookie in 1999, but he's been mostly a complementary player to Colorado's stars during four seasons. But once the playoffs begin, Drury takes over.

He hasn't scored more than 24 goals in a season, but has 25 in 75 playoff games.



Friendly races at the track

Carrie Babcock, a Golden West Skills Center resident (above, left) and Susan Colby raced in a 100-meter dash today at the Goodland High School track, while (left) staff member Angela Fricke (left to right) pushed Johnnie Reynolds, resident Chet Hatfield pushed Majorie Cross, and staff member Jennifer Keyser pushed Geneva Mauren in a wheelchair race. Golden West holds a mini-track meet once a year to give residents a chance to get some fresh air, exercise, and have a little fun. Colby is not a resident of the center, but she wanted to get in on the action. Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News



Rockies rally late to beat out San Diego

DENVER (AP) — Playing with a right elbow that probably will require post-season surgery, Larry Walker still is capable of moments of brilliance.

Walker drove in three runs Tuesday night, helping the Colorado Rockies rally for a 7-6 win over the San Diego Padres.

His two-run single in the seventh keyed a three-run inning as Colorado erased a 6-4 deficit. Walker, the NL batting champion three of the last four years, also hit solo homer in the first.

"Big players show up at big times," manager Clint Hurdle said. "He never ceases to amaze you — what he's ca-

pable of coming up with."

Colorado had runners on second and third with one out in the seventh when Padres manager Bruce Bochy brought in left-handed reliever Alan Embree to face the left-handed hitting Walker.

Walker greeted Embree (3-2) with the two-run single to center.

After a passed ball by catcher Tom Lampkin allowed Walker to reach second, Todd Zeile lined a single to center for the winning run.

It capped an emotional 48 hours for Zeile, whose wife, Julianne, gave birth to the couple's third child, son Ian, early Monday.

baseball scoreboard

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 12, Chicago Cubs 1, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Montreal 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 0
Cincinnati 6, Florida 1
Milwaukee 8, Los Angeles 6
St. Louis 3, Houston 1
Colorado 7, San Diego 6
Arizona 9, San Francisco 4
Today's Games
Atlanta at Montreal, 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m.
Florida at Cincinnati, 5:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 6:05 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 4-3) at Colorado (Hamp-ton 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Florida at Cincinnati, 10:35 a.m.
Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 11:05 a.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 11:10 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.

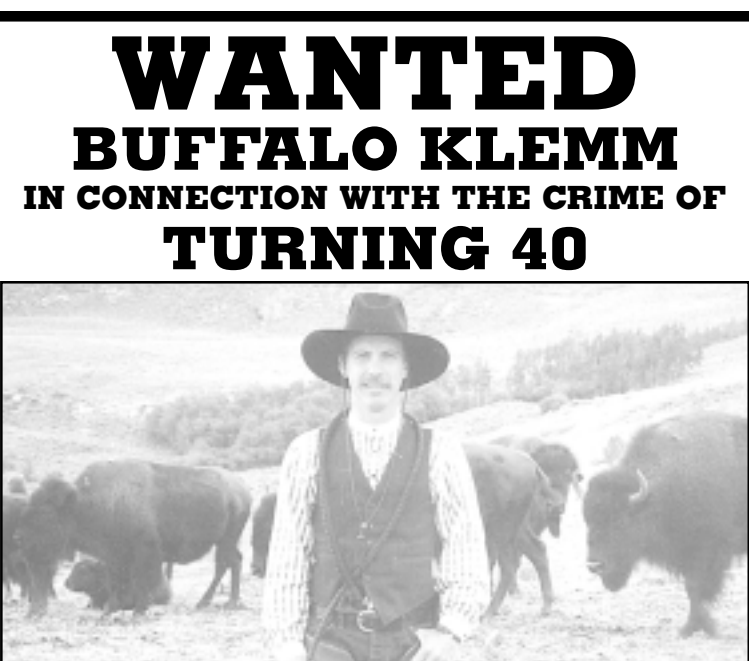
San Diego (Tomko 3-3) at Colorado (Thomson 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Games
Detroit 5, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 3
Minnesota 8, Texas 2
Tampa Bay 1, Seattle 0
Anaheim 5, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 6, Oakland 4, 14 innings
Today's Games
Texas at Minnesota, 11:05 a.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 1:35 a.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 5:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 7-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Baltimore at Oakland, 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Park 1-1) at Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1), 6:05 p.m.

Injured pitcher practicing

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rockies starter Shawn Chacon, on the disabled list with a strained right pectoral muscle, threw for 20 minutes in a bullpen session on Tuesday.

Pitching coach Jim Wright said the session, in which Chacon threw all of his pitches, went well.

Chacon, who went on the DL May 9, is to throw again on Friday.



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basketball playoffs

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National Basketball Association
Conference playoffs finals
(Best-of-7)
Saturday
L.A. Lakers 106, Sacramento 99
Sunday
New Jersey 104, Boston 97
Monday
Sacramento 96, L.A. Lakers 90, series tied 1-1
Tuesday
Boston 93, New Jersey 86, series tied 1-1
Friday
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 25

New Jersey at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 26
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Monday, May 27
New Jersey at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29
Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 31
New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, June 2
Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

New Farm Bill Requires Immediate Analysis

Farm Bill Advisory Meeting

Did you know ...

- The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 changes some options and payments for this year.
- Decisions will have to be made soon regarding base and yield updates.
- You may no longer be structured to receive full payment.
- Sign-ups and decisions will have to be made in 2002 that cannot be changed for the first six years of this bill.

What can you expect from the new farm bill? Nationally recognized FSA expert Wayne Myers will discuss the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act

of 2002, from its impact on American agriculture in the international market to specific action plans for agri-business people. This is a meeting not to be missed.

Cost: \$75 per person
Refreshments will be served.

In Burlington, Colorado
Date: May 29, 2002
Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Burlington High School Auditorium
380 Mike Lounge Dr.
Call (719) 346-7343 or (800) 303-3241 to reserve your seat.

In Garden City, Kansas
Date: June 3, 2002
Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Garden City Plaza Inn
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