

Skill center residents enjoy events

By Doug Stephens
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Residents at Golden West Skills Center enjoyed a little friendly competition last week as they took part in their own Special Olympics.

They ran, walked, threw tennis balls, raced in their wheelchairs and hung out with their friends.

"I bet I can beat you," resident Chet Hatfield teased his friend, Derek Moreland as they got ready for the 200-meter walk.

"Not in a million years," Moreland said. "You can run faster than me, but I can walk really good."

Julia Christians, a job coach at the center, said the residents look forward to the games all year and enjoy the competition.

"They remind me all the time, 'it's time to practice Julie, let's go!'" Christians said, adding that although the meet is all in fun, it's the residents who make it competitive.

"They push each other to do their best," she said. "They really have a good time."

The modified track and field events are standard for the Special Olympics, Christians said. A tennis ball throw is available for those who have trouble gripping heavier balls, and some of the competitors get a little help in some of the races.

"We want to make sure that everyone is involved," Christians said. "Everyone who wants to participate gets a shot, one way or another."

Women's field events

Softball throw: Carrie Babcock 16 feet, Susan Colby 14-2, Ann Wright 9-4.

Tennis ball throw: Marlene Fisher 35-5, Wright 33-7, Vonnie Jones 25-5.
Shot put: Colby 15-8, Babcock 15-7, Michelle Elliot 6-8.



Golden West resident Gary Gouldie got some help from staff member Maria Melstrom in a 50-meter wheelchair race during the center's Special Olympics last week at the Goodland High School track.

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Standing long jump: Colby 4-1; Fisher 3-9, Jones 3-3.

Men's field events

Softball throw: Derek Moreland 113-9, Chet Hatfield 77-2, David Slater 61-9.

Tennis ball throw: Richard Haight 24-5, Allan Brander 19-11, Ed Miller 8-11.

Shot put: Moreland 27-4, Wesley Strange 13-10, David Roberts 13-4.

Standing long jump: Hatfield 6-9, Moreland 6-0, Roberts 3-9.

Mixed racing events

25-meter walk (assisted): Fisher 12:37, Jean Gashier 12:69, Mike Medlin 14:06.

50-meter walk (assisted): Medlin 18:36, Fisher 20:43, Leslie Marchbanks 26:75.

100-meter dash: Hatfield 12.98 seconds, Jorge Meniola 17.96, Mike Stock 22.2.

100-meter walk: Babcock 41.52, Roberts 47.1, Stock 50.12.

200-meter dash: Hatfield 34:19,

Meniola 50:59, Babcock 54:84.

200-meter walk: Hatfield: 1:24.51, Moreland 1:31.25, Babcock 1:36.25.

25-meter wheelchair: Virgil Leak 39:75.00; Jensil 39:75.01, Reynolds 50:34.

50-meter wheelchair: Virgil Cross 1:18.12, Mary Jo Gensil 1:22.13, Susan Ravenstein 1:27.36.

50-meter wheelchair (assisted): Marjorie Cross 17.23, Johnnie Reynolds 17.29, Geneva Maurer 18.58.

Kanorado softball player named to all-region team

A Kanorado woman is making an impression on the college softball circuit.

Cody Pettibone, a shortstop on the Colby Community College Lady Trojans, was named to the second team all-region 6th district C team, and received honorable mention on the All-Jayhawk West team.

Only one other received any honors, being named to the All-Jayhawk team.

Pettibone, a 2001 graduate of Goodland High School, had played in softball leagues since she was 12, said her mother, Sally Pettibone.

She didn't play on the high school team, Sally said, because the pro-



Pettibone

gram didn't start until Pettibone was an upper-classman, and by that time she was heavily involved in track.

"She couldn't do both," Sally said, "and she chose track. She is a fast one."

The Colby freshman plans to become a chiropractor, her mother said

and is leaning towards transferring to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, but hasn't made up her mind yet.

One thing she is sure of, though, is that she will play softball again next year.

"You bet," Sally said. "She will definitely be back."

Big plays by Rockies lead to win over Padres

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bobby Estalella had a dramatic home run, Todd Hollandsworth a laser throw home and John Thomson a big escape.

Colorado needed all three performances to beat the San Diego Padres 3-2 in 12 innings Tuesday night, the Rockies' seventh win in eight games.

"It's just a tribute to this team, the persistence," Hollandsworth said. "I mean, we just stay after it, just try to make plays and support our pitchers and squeak by and get some runs."

Estalella left no doubt on his game-winning hit, driven into the left field seats.

The Rockies' catcher was a little out

in front on the first pitch from Jeremy Fikac (3-4), hitting a long foul ball. Fikac came back with another slider and Estalella connected.

Estalella has six homers in 13 games, and for the season he has two more RBIs — 17 — than hits.

Jose Jimenez (1-2) held the Padres to three hits in two innings, striking out four. Justin Speier got Deivi Cruz to foul out with runners on first and second for his first career save. San Diego stranded 14 runners overall.

The Padres had a great chance to win in the bottom of the 11th, but catcher Tom Lampkin was thrown out at home by Hollandsworth.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press 5:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	24	.538	—
New York	27	25	.519	1
Florida	26	26	.500	2
Montreal	25	26	.490	2 1/2
Philadelphia	21	30	.412	6 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	30	21	.588	—
St. Louis	30	22	.577	1/2
Pittsburgh	23	28	.451	7
Houston	22	29	.431	8
Chicago	20	30	.400	9 1/2
Milwaukee	17	35	.327	13 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	31	20	.608	—
San Francisco	30	20	.600	1/2
Los Angeles	30	22	.577	1 1/2
Colorado	27	25	.519	4 1/2
San Diego	24	28	.462	7 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	15	.694	—
New York	35	18	.660	1
Baltimore	22	27	.449	12
Tampa Bay	17	32	.347	17
Toronto	17	32	.347	17
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	30	22	.577	—
Chicago	28	24	.538	2
Cleveland	24	27	.471	5 1/2
Kansas City	20	29	.408	8 1/2
Detroit	19	30	.388	9 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	32	18	.640	—
Anaheim	28	20	.583	3
Oakland	24	26	.480	8
Texas	20	30	.400	12

Monday's Games

Atlanta 5, Montreal 1
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 4, Houston 3
San Francisco 7, Arizona 3
Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 3
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings
San Diego 8, Colorado 5

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 6, Florida 5, 11 innings
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 5, Montreal 2
St. Louis 4, Houston 1
Colorado 3, San Diego 2, 12 innings
Los Angeles 8, Milwaukee 4
San Francisco 1, Arizona 0, 10 innings

Today's Games

Milwaukee (J. Wright 1-1) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-3), 1:10 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 4-3) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-3) at Pittsburgh (K. Wells 7-2), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Hamilton 2-2) at Florida (Beckett 2-2), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 1-3) at Houston (Miller 0-2), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 2-4), 5:05 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 3-0) at San Diego (Tollberg 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 9-1) at San Francisco (Ortiz 4-3), 8:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Wood 5-3) at Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 4-6), 10:35 a.m.
Arizona (Helling 4-5) at San Francisco (Rueter 6-2), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 3-2) at San Diego (Jones 3-2), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 4-5) at Florida (Olsen 0-2), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 3-5) at Atlanta (Marquis 3-3), 5:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Detroit 4, Cleveland 1
Boston 8, Toronto 6
Minnesota 5, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Chicago White Sox 6

Tuesday's Games

Boston 6, Toronto 4
Oakland 5, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 4, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 1
Kansas City 7, Anaheim 4
Minnesota 11, Texas 4
N.Y. Yankees 4, Chicago White Sox 2

Today's Games

Boston (Burkett 5-0) at Toronto (Miller 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hiljus 3-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-3), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 2-5) at Cleveland (Drese 5-3), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 5-4) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-5), 5:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 5-2) at Texas (Bell 2-1), 6:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Ortiz 4-5) at Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 7-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 8-3), 6:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 4-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-5), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Greisinger 2-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 4-4), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 3-6) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-3), 5:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-4) at Minnesota (Radke 4-2), 6:05 p.m.

By John Marshall

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Detroit Red Wing have outworked, outplayed and outshot the Colorado Avalanche for long stretches.

Still, they trail the Stanley Cup champions 3-2. But instead of lamenting their bad luck and wasted chances, the Red Wings have taken a different approach as the Western Conference finals resume Wednesday night with Game 6.

"We know as a team, when you're getting the chances and when you're close and can taste it, you feel like you're due," Detroit's Brendan Shanahan said. "We all feel that way. Myself, I feel like I've had some great chances in the last couple of games and I have to keep doing what I've been doing."

Shanahan had the best chance to give the Red Wings control of the series, but

Red Wings not mourning lost chances

Forward out with broken leg

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Avalanche forward Dan Hinote broke a bone in his left leg in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals against Detroit and will be out indefinitely and wearing a soft cast on the lower portion of his leg Tuesday at Colorado's practice facility.

Coach Bob Hartley said Hinote was hurt blocking a shot in the third period of Colorado's 2-1 overtime victory Monday night.

"He played the rest of the game,

but right after we knew he was in trouble," Hartley said. "X-rays this morning showed he had a fracture."

No timetable was given for Hinote's return.

Hinote has one goal and two assists in the playoffs, but has provided Colorado with energy and intensity while playing mostly on its fourth line.

He was also one of three players who spoke to the team during a players-only meeting between the second and third periods of Game 4.

he hit the post with less than two minutes left in Game 5 Monday night.

Shanahan got Colorado goalie Patrick Roy to bite on a fake and was

left with an open net, but hit the left post with Peter Forsberg harassing him from behind. Colorado won 2-1 in overtime on a goal by Forsberg.

"You think about things like that and how the game would have been different," Shanahan said. "It was a punishing drive home last night, but then you can't dwell on it. You have to shake it off and get ready for the next game."

To win the next game and send the series back to Detroit for a Game 7, the Red Wings will have to find a way to get through Colorado's shot blockers.

After allowing 75 shots in the previous two games, the Avalanche threw themselves at Red Wings in Game 5, blocking 24 shots.

Eric Messier led the way with eight blocks, including four straight during one power play.

"I thought he was the second-best goalie in the game behind Patrick," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "Our team commitment to block shots is definitely one of our strengths. He had some huge blocked shots and he was dominant."

'Wizard of Oz' tours Hall of Fame before induction

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Ozzie Smith, this year's sole inductee to the Baseball Hall of Fame, toured the shrine Tuesday, an annual pilgrimage for those headed to the game's most cherished destination.

"Dreams do come true," Smith said. That might be the lesson, he said, for all the kids who visit the national shrine.

But the shortstop, dubbed "the Wizard of Oz" for his acrobatic and sure-handed fielding for the St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Padres, was made of some of the stuff that athletic dreams are made of.

His trademark was a backflip, which began at fan appreciation day for the Padres, when San Diego fans needed something to cheer about. At age 47,

looking fit in a tailored brown suit and a few days' growth of grayish beard, he said he'd flipped again earlier Tuesday morning.

"I'm done," Smith said. "I did my last one today."

Growing up in South Central Los Angeles, he learned to tumble in the sawdust of the wood factory across the street. "I was just a dumb kid that would try anything, any dare, anything."

A red banner of Ozzie Smith now hangs over Main Street in this upstate village, showing the player in silhouette, mid-flip, upside down. On July 28, he'll be the 254th person inducted into the Hall.

On his walk through the exhibition rooms, heads began turning. "He's

here, Ozzie Smith," Chaim Cohen told his friends, his eyes getting wide, and followed him up the stairs. He was on a school trip from Paramus, N.J.

Osborne Smith, who retired in 1996 after a 19-year career, was elected in his first year of eligibility, only the 37th

player to get in that way. He is the 22nd shortstop overall in the Hall.

His previous visit was the induction ceremony last year. "Got a chance to see, as a fan, got to see (Dave) Winfield and (Kirby) Puckett. Both of those are good friends."

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