

# Soccer shootout to be held

A soccer shootout will be held in the Wichita Stryker Soccer Complex starting Saturday, June 15.

The Got Milk? Three-on-Three soccer shootout tour is a weekend festival for soccer players of all ages. There are divisions for kids, teen-agers, coed adults, and people over 30 at all skill levels.

People new to soccer can play in a recreational division so they can work on basic skills such as shooting and dribbling.

Competitive teams are for people who played for at least two years. Teams that span more than one age group will be placed into the division of the oldest and most experienced player on the team.

Teams have five players, three on the field and two substitutes. The games are 24 minutes long, and there are no goalies.

The games start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and get over at about 5 p.m. There will be sponsor booths and skill contests to keep families occupied.

Teams have a three-day guarantee, and the top four or five teams from each division will be invited to play at the regional games in August.

From regionals, teams can move on to the national tournament in Orlando, Florida.

The deadline to register is Monday, and there is a \$115 entry fee for each team.

To register for the games or to get more information about the program, log on to [www.3vsoccer.net](http://www.3vsoccer.net) or call 888-534-9778 or 303-989-4084.

## Waiting for their turn



Fifth and sixth grade boys on the Unruh Family Chiropractic team in the city/county recreation “major league” practiced fielding grounders at Centennial Park last week. The team will play tonight, unless the fields are too wet from recent rains. Tuesday’s games were canceled.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

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| <b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>  |  |
| <b>Monday's Games</b>   |  |
| Montreal 7, Pittsburgh 5  |  |
| Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 4  |  |
| Milwaukee 7, Chicago Cubs 6   |  |
| <b>Los Angeles 11, Colorado 5</b>                                   |  |
| Arizona 10, Houston 4   |  |
| San Francisco 11, San Diego 3                                       |  |
| <b>Tuesday's Games</b>  |  |
| Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 2  |  |
| Florida 5, Philadelphia 0   |  |
| St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 5   |  |
| N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, ppd., rain                                    |  |
| Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 5, 11 innings                             |  |
| <b>Los Angeles 10, Colorado 4</b>                                   |  |
| Houston 6, Arizona 4  |  |
| San Francisco 3, San Diego 1  |  |
| <b>Today's Games</b>  |  |
| <b>Los Angeles (Daal 4-1) at Colorado (Jennings 6-2), 1:05 p.m.</b> |  |
| San Francisco (Jensen 4-5) at San Diego (Tankersley 1-1), 3:05 p.m. |  |
| N.Y. Mets (Astacio 6-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-2), 5:05 p.m.          |  |
| Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 3-2), 5:05 p.m.          |  |

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| 5:05 p.m.                                 | Florida (Burnett 5-5) at Philadelphia (Wolf 3-3), 5:05 p.m.      |
| 5:05 p.m.                                 | St. Louis (W.Williams 2-1) at Cincinnati (Haynes 5-5), 5:10 p.m. |
| 5:10 p.m.                                 | Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-8) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-5), 6:05 p.m.    |
| 6:05 p.m.                                 | Houston (C.Hernandez 5-2) at Arizona (Johnson 9-1), 8:05 p.m.    |
| <b>Thursday's Games</b>                   |  |
| St. Louis at Cincinnati, 10:35 a.m.       |  |
| N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 11:05 a.m.          |  |
| Florida at Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m.        |  |
| <b>American League</b>                    |  |
| <b>Monday's Games</b>                     |  |
| Detroit 7, Boston 6, 10 innings           |  |
| Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 1                    |  |
| Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 3               |  |
| <b>Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 0</b> |  |
| Anaheim 5, Texas 2                        |  |
| Seattle 4, Oakland 1                      |  |
| <b>Tuesday's Games</b>                    |  |
| Boston 10, Detroit 5                      |  |
| Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1                    |  |
| N.Y. Yankees 13, Baltimore 5              |  |
| Minnesota 23, Cleveland 2                 |  |

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| <b>Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 2</b>                                    |  |
| Anaheim 3, Texas 0   |  |
| Oakland 3, Seattle 2, 10 innings   |  |
| <b>Today's Games</b>   |  |
| Boston (Lowe 8-2) at Detroit (Bernero 1-1), 5:05 p.m.                        |  |
| Tampa Bay (W.Alvarez 0-1) at Toronto (Loaiza 3-1), 5:05 p.m.                 |  |
| Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m.   |  |
| Cleveland at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Kansas City (Suppan 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 1-1), 6:05 p.m.</b> |  |
| Texas at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.  |  |
| Seattle at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Thursday's Games</b>  |  |
| Tampa Bay at Toronto, 10:35 a.m.   |  |
| Boston at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Kansas City (May 0-3) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 3-7), 12:05 p.m.</b>  |  |
| Seattle at Oakland, 1:35 p.m.  |  |
| Baltimore (Lopez 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 8-2), 5:05 p.m.               |  |
| Cleveland (Colon 7-3) at Minnesota (Lohse 5-3), 6:05 p.m.                    |  |
| Texas (Rogers 6-3) at Anaheim (Appier 5-3), 8:05 p.m.                        |  |

# Rockies choose Canadian lefty

By John Mossman  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Having already had success with one player from Canada — three-time batting champion Larry Walker — the Colorado Rockies went north of the border for their first choice in the amateur draft on Tuesday, selecting left-handed pitcher Jeff Francis.

The 6-foot-5, 200-pound Francis, who just completed his junior season at the University of British Columbia, was the ninth player chosen in the first round.

Francis, 21, is considered a more polished left-hander than his Canadian counterpart, Adam Loewen, a hard-throwing lefty who was chosen fourth in the draft by the Baltimore Orioles, making him the highest-drafted Canadian ever. Only two Canadians had been selected in the first round before Loewen and Francis went this year.

“We think Jeff is a quality left-hander,” Rockies scouting director Bill Schmidt said. “He’s got a three-pitch mix. I’ve seen him since he came out of high school, so I have some history with him.”

“Coming out of high school, I think he was probably about 6-2 and threw in the low 80s. Now he’s 6-5 and he’s up to 92, 93 (mph). He has matured. His stuff got a little firmer. And he’s got a body that should get stronger.”

Francis threw 12 shutouts last year, six in NAIA competition and six more as a member of the Anchorage Bucs of the summer Alaska League, where he was the league’s pitcher and player of the year. After going 7-1 with a 1.20 ERA in the Alaska League, he was

named the top pro prospect among dozens of more renowned NCAA Division I players.

He then worked 14 scoreless innings to earn MVP honors in the National Baseball Congress World Series, and subsequently headed to the Canada Summer Games where he teamed with Loewen to lead Team B.C. to the championship.

As a sophomore, Francis earned NAIA All-America honors after going 12-3 with a 0.92 ERA. He had 118 strikeouts and just 15 walks in 98 innings. This spring, he was 7-2 with a 1.93 ERA, recording 101 strikeouts and 16 walks in 75 innings.

Scouts say he has good command of an 87-93 mph fastball with late movement. His breaking pitch is considered only average, however.

Schmidt said Francis helped himself by pitching in Alaska. “I think he started getting some exposure against some better competition,” he said.

Francis, who agreed to a contract with the Rockies pending a physical later this week, likely will start his professional career in Pasco, Wash., with the Single-A short-season Tri-City Dust Devils.

Francis is the 10th first-round selection in Rockies history and the ninth pitcher. The lone position player taken in the first round was first baseman Todd Helton in 1995.

With their 23 choices in the first 22 rounds of the draft, the Rockies took 11 pitchers, six outfielders, four third basemen, a catcher and a first baseman. The draft continues through 50 rounds today.



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