

# Blue Jays wipe out Rockies

TORONTO (AP) — Eric Hinske thinks Buck Martinez's firing helped the Toronto Blue Jays.

"We weren't getting the job done with Buck," the rookie third baseman said. "He gets fired and it's like, 'OK here we go, let's start playing.' Not that we weren't before, but things weren't clicking on all cylinders before."

Things seem to be working well now. Rookie Joe Lawrence's sacrifice fly capped a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning as the Blue Jays wiped out the Colorado Rockies 3-2 on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

The Rockies had scored only one run in the series before pinch-hitter Benny Agbayani's two-out, two-run single in the ninth.

But the Blue Jays came back to win their fourth in a row and ninth in 10 games. They're 6-1 under new manager Carlos Tosca, who took over last Monday.

"That was a good change for us," Hinske said. "We are all confident right now and playing well."

Lawrence says the team is clicking.



Goodland's Keith Vasquez rounded third and scored against Colby on Saturday at an American Legion home game. Goodland lost 9-5.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

# Colby beats Goodland

## Rally too little to win American Legion game

By Doug Stephens  
The Goodland Daily News

Goodland tried to come back from a eight-run deficit against Colby on Saturday at the American Legion field, rallying to bring the score to 9-4, but could only get one more run the rest of the game.

The game was part of a round-robin tournament between Ellis, Colby, St. Francis and Colby. Goodland had earlier beat St. Francis 23-3, in a game that was called after two and a half innings under the mercy rule.

In Goodland's second game, Colby came out with a strong start, leading Goodland 4-1 at the end of the second. The third inning saw two more Colby runners score, and three more scored in the fourth. Colby got no more runs the rest of the game, but they didn't need to.

Goodland scored once in the first, and put nothing on the board but goose eggs until the fourth, when they added three runs. One Goodland runner scored in the sixth inning, to bring the game to 9-5, but it was as close as they would get.

In the third inning, Goodland's pitcher, Matt Kuhlman, retired Colby's first two batters quickly, one on a grounder and the other on a three-pitch

strikeout. The next two Colby players walked, then advanced a base on a wild pitch.

A deep hit rolled to the left field fence and resulted in a standing double, and two Colby runs. A grounder to the Goodland second baseman ended the inning.

Kevin Schulte tried to start the bottom of the third inning with a bunt along the third base line, but was thrown out. Goodland scored no runs and got no hits in either the second or third innings.

Both teams put points up on the board in the fourth. Colby started out with a walk, a couple of steals and another walk to put runners at second and third. A single, and both runners score.

A hit and a walk and Colby ended up with runners at the corners. The first-base runner took off for second after a pitch.

Goodland's catcher tried to throw him out, but was too late. In the meantime, the Colby runner on third was able to steal home.

Colby was able to get another runner on base with a hit off of the pitcher's glove, but a grounder to second stranded him.

Goodland came up to bat in the

fourth down 9-1. The first batter grounded out. The next two batters got a single and a walk, and a single to right field brought home the two runners.

Goodland put runners at first and third, and a single by Jordan Riebel brought in another run.

Colby decided it was time to put another arm on the mound and switched the pitcher with the center fielder. Goodland was able to come up with no more runs in the inning, and only one more in the game.

All three of Colby's outs in the seventh, and last, inning were by strikeouts.

After the first, they drew a walk and hit a single to put runners at the corners. The next two batters went down swinging. The Goodland catcher dropped the ball after the last batters strikeout swing, but was able to throw him out at first in plenty of time.

Goodland also fell victim to strikeouts in the seventh. After a walk and a single to put players at first and third, a Goodland batter tried to check his swing but was called out, as was the last batter, leaving two runners stranded on base.

Goodland plays Colby again at 6 p.m. tonight at the Goodland American Legion field.

# Lakers one game from title; sweep would be a Laker first

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A third straight title is a near-certainty for the Los Angeles Lakers. They only need one more game to win.

Just when it looked as if Jason Kidd might make the NBA Finals competitive, the league's latest dynasty moved within one victory of winning it all. And this time, it wasn't just Shaquille O'Neal doing the damage.

Kobe Bryant had his first brilliant offensive game of the series, Robert Horry hit another clutch 3-pointer to put Los Angeles ahead for good, and O'Neal scored 35 points Sunday night as the Lakers beat the New Jersey Nets 106-103 in Game 3.

With a win Wednesday night in Game 4, the Lakers will become the first team in franchise history to sweep the NBA Finals — no small accomplishment for a team with 13 titles.

"It feels great whenever you have a chance to make history. As a team

we've been through so much, and hopefully we can add to our list of accomplishments," Bryant said.

This was the closest and most entertaining game of the Finals, and in the end the Lakers showed the stuff champions are made of.

When it came time for clutch baskets, big blocked shots and key free throws, the two-time defending champs had enough of each to take a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

No team has ever recovered from such a deficit to win an NBA playoff series, and don't expect to see it from the Nets — even though they managed to play a competitive game for the first time in the series.

"I don't think there is a team that can do that," Bryant said. "We're a confident team and we're playing really well together."

The Nets played well together, too. Even that wasn't good enough.

## Making it to the green



A golfer shot for the green during the Sweet Swinger XXXI Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. The tournament started on Friday. On Saturday, there was a \$1 million dollar hole-in-one contest, which nobody won.

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## baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	37	26	.587	—
Florida	31	31	.500	5 1/2
Montreal	31	31	.500	5 1/2
New York	31	31	.500	5 1/2
Philadelphia	26	34	.433	9 1/2

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	35	26	.574	—
St. Louis	34	27	.557	1
Pittsburgh	30	32	.484	5 1/2
Houston	26	35	.426	9
Chicago	25	36	.410	10
Milwaukee	22	40	.355	13 1/2

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	39	23	.629	—
Los Angeles	37	25	.597	2
San Francisco	35	26	.574	3 1/2
Colorado	31	32	.492	8 1/2
San Diego	27	36	.429	12 1/2

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	20	.667	—
New York	40	23	.635	1 1/2
Baltimore	28	32	.467	12
Toronto	26	34	.433	14
Tampa Bay	20	41	.328	20 1/2

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	36	27	.571	—
Chicago	31	32	.492	5
Cleveland	30	32	.484	5 1/2
Kansas City	24	36	.400	10 1/2
Detroit	21	40	.344	14

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	38	24	.613	—
Anaheim	36	24	.600	1
Oakland	32	30	.516	6
Texas	24	37	.393	13 1/2

### Saturday's Games

Arizona 3, Boston 2  
San Francisco 4, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Toronto 3, Colorado 1  
Cincinnati 4, Anaheim 3  
Seattle 4, Chicago Cubs 2  
Oakland 5, Houston 1  
Tampa Bay 3, San Diego 2, 10 innings  
Minnesota 5, Florida 3  
N.Y. Mets 8, Cleveland 6  
Los Angeles 8, Baltimore 4  
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 8, 11 innings  
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 1  
Montreal 2, Chicago White Sox 1  
St. Louis 11, Kansas City 3  
Atlanta 6, Texas 3, 10 innings

### Sunday's Games

Toronto 3, Colorado 2  
Arizona 7, Boston 3  
Cleveland 8, N.Y. Mets 3  
San Diego 9, Tampa Bay 6  
N.Y. Yankees 4, San Francisco 2  
Los Angeles 2, Baltimore 1  
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 4

Florida 6, Minnesota 3

Philadelphia 7, Detroit 5

Chicago White Sox 13, Montreal 2

Kansas City 3, St. Louis 2

Anaheim 7, Cincinnati 4

Oakland 7, Houston 6

Chicago Cubs 5, Seattle 1

Atlanta 9, Texas 3

### Today's Games

Colorado (Neagle 4-2) at Boston (Lowe 9-2), 5:05 p.m.

Montreal (Vazquez 4-2) at Detroit (Bernero 1-2), 5:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Rueter 7-3) at Toronto (Loaiza 3-2), 5:05 p.m.

San Diego (Tankersley 1-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-6), 5:05 p.m.

Arizona (Johnson 9-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 1-0), 5:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Adams 2-4) at Cleveland (Sabathia 5-4), 5:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Nomo 5-5) at Tampa Bay (W. Alvarez 1-1), 5:15 p.m.

Atlanta (Maddux 6-2) at Minnesota (Milton 7-5), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-3) at Houston (Miller 0-2), 6:05 p.m.

Florida (Burnett 6-5) at Kansas City (Suppan 5-5), 6:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Almanzar 0-0) at Texas (Valdes 3-5), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Astacio 6-2) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 2-1), 6:05 p.m.

St. Louis (B. Smith 0-3) at Seattle (Moyer 5-2), 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-5) at Oakland (Lidle 1-6), 8:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 5-7) at Anaheim (Washburn 5-2), 8:05 p.m.

### Tuesday's Games

Colorado (Jennings 7-2) at Boston (Arrojo 4-1), 5:05 p.m.

Montreal (Reames 0-2) at Detroit (Redman 2-6), 5:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Jensen 5-5) at Toronto (Lyon 1-3), 5:05 p.m.

San Diego (Pickford 0-1) at Baltimore (Driskill 3-0), 5:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Wolf 3-4) at Cleveland (Colon 7-4), 5:05 p.m.

Arizona (B. Anderson 1-5) at N.Y. Yankees (D. Wells 6-3), 5:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Daal 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 3-5), 5:15 p.m.

Atlanta (Glavine 10-2) at Minnesota (Lohse 6-3), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-8) at Houston (C. Hernandez 5-2), 6:05 p.m.

Florida (Izquierdo 2-0) at Kansas City (May 1-3), 6:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Haynes 6-5) at Texas (Rogers 7-3), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Richie 3-8), 6:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-4) at Anaheim (Appier 5-4), 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Figuerroa 1-3) at Oakland (Zito 7-2), 8:05 p.m.

St. Louis (W. Williams 2-2) at Seattle (Baldwin 4-5), 8:05 p.m.

## dart results

### Goodland Summer Dart League

June 5

Last Call over Mudd Ducks 10-6

The Boobs over The B's 15-1

TSH over Silver Bullets 11-5

Nine dart out: Paul Simons

### Fourth round out:

Duane Hanke (2), Kim Gonzales, Mel Bracelin, Paul Simons, John Bourquin

Lowton: Duane Hanke (7), Mel Bracelin (6), John

Bouquin (5), Kim Gonzales (3), Tina Wilson (3), Louis Yarger (3), Nikki Quain (3), Paul Simons (3), Brian Varney (2), Mike Yarger (2), Dwight Melstrom (2), Amber Young (2), Becca Schmidberger (2), Reggie Woodward, Lisa Varney, Angel Corke, Mark Sieck, Shortie Warren, Ben Haydock

High ton: Kim Gonzales, Toby Throener

Hat trick: Paul Simons, John Bourquin

Player wins: Duane Hanke (7), Paul Simons (7), Mel Bracelin (5), John Bourquin (5), Nikki Quain (3),

Dwight Melstrom (3), Kim Gonzales (2), Mark Sieck (2), Tina Wilson (2), Louis Yarger (2), Shortie Warren, Amber Corke (2), Ben Haydock (2), Bryan Varney, Toby Throener

White Knight: Jayne Melstrom, Cindie Yarger, Krista Pummer

Standings: The Boobs 15, 1; TSH 11, 5; Last Call 10, 6; Mudd Ducks 6, 10; Silver Bullets 5, 11; The B's 1, 15

## Nebraska wins college series

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Justin Seely was 4-for-5 with a grand slam as Nebraska clinched its second straight berth in the College World Series with an 11-6 win over Richmond on Sunday.

Shane Komine pitched three innings of relief to earn his second win in the best-of-three super regional.

Jeff Leise, Jed Morris and Jeff Blevins each drove in two runs for the Cornhuskers (47-19). Nebraska, which had just four hits in a loss Saturday, finished with 12 Sunday. Matt Craig and Bryan Pritz each hit

two-run homers for Richmond (53-13), which was one win away from its first College World Series.

The Spiders' hopes ended in the bottom of the ninth when David Reaver grounded out to short. Richmond had rallied from a 5-2 deficit to tie it on Pritz's homer in the seventh, but gave up five runs in the eighth.

Joe Simokaitis opened the eighth for Nebraska by drawing a walk. Leise followed with a single and Daniel Bruce loaded the bases when he reached on a bunt.

## Recreation ball leagues' results

Goodland ballplayers have started their season at Centennial Park.

The games run by the city/county recreation department started on May 28. There are leagues for boys and girls from first through sixth grades, men's leagues and mixed men's and women's teams.

Results so far this season are:

Girls' Major Baseball  
June 3

Short & Son over KC's Videos 20-7

Golden Chiropractic Clinic over Gambino's Pizza 14-7

Short & Son over Kiwanis 28-5

Gambino's Pizza over Bankwest 19-18

Golden Chiropractic Clinic over KC's Videos 13-5

Boys' Rookie Baseball  
June 3

VFW over Applebee's Golf Carts 8-6

KKCI over Elks Lodge 8-6

Boys' Minor Baseball  
June 6

Dan Brenner over The Framing Place 4-2

Sigco Sun over Dairy Queen 7-1

Boys' Major Baseball  
June 3

Kiwanis over Schilling Limousin 6-4

June 5

Hennick Lumber over Marshall's Team 9-2

June 6

Miller Construction over Schilling Limousin 9-6

Men's Softball  
May 28

Century Feeders over Tex-Mex 21-17

Budweiser over B&K Pumping 15-6

Budweiser over Sheldon Liquor/Overhead Door 35-8

Kamper's Liquor over Century Feeders 15-13

Lonny's Quality Auto Body/ADM over Sheldon Liquor/Overhead Door 20-1

Co-Ed Softball  
May 29

Da Killer B's/Snappy Snack/Gambinos over Bowladium Lanes 11-10

Frontier Car Quest Auto Parts over Crazy Nuts 17-1

Frontier Car Quest Auto Parts over Bowladium Lanes 12-10

Hitchcock, Inc. over First National Bank 13-6

First National Bank over S&T Communications 19-8

Hitchcock, Inc. over Crazy Nuts 16-8

June 5

Da Killer B's/Snappy Snacks/Gambinos over Frontier Car Quest Auto Parts 17-9

Hitchcock, Inc. over Bowladium Lanes 21-3

Crazy Nuts over S&T Communications 12-2

First National Bank over Crazy Nuts 8-6

Bowladium Lanes over S&T Communications 16-0

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