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## Stanley Cup makes coach smile

## By Alan Robinson

The Associated Press DETROIT — Winning more Stanley Cups than any other coach never changed Scotty Bowman, who won yet another title Thursday night. No matter the team, no matter the

times, no matter the players, Scotty Bowman was the same — confident very private man in a very public pro- a smile — Flash!

Then, on the very last night of his thousands of nights as a coach, a Stanley Cup champion for the ninth and final time, Scotty Bowman's personality suddenly changed.

After the Detroit Red Wings beat the and his career wrapped up in the best Carolina Hurricanes 3-1 to win their third NHL championship in six years, be one of the guys. but aloof, intelligent yet guarded, a Bowman took off his sport coat, put on

Scotty Bowman really can smile — Cup minutes after announcing his reand skated with the Stanley Cup as if tirement.

he were the No. 1 star. Which, of course, he was.

On this night of nights, on this team of teams, his place in history assured possible way, Bowman just wanted to

"I wanted to do it again," said Bowman, who skated triumphantly with the Luc Robitaille.

"I enjoy being with the guys. ... That's what I'm thinking about. The guys who hadn't won.'

One year after the now-retired Ray Bourque won the Cup after spending his whole career chasing it, two more future Hall of Famers did the same, goalie Dominik Hasek and forward

## Goodland native goes to national rodeo

### By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News Nathan Hays has worked on his rodeo skills for years, and it looks like it has paid off. He is competing in the College Nation Finals Rodeo this week.

Hays, a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a 1996 Goodland High School graduate, is wrestling steers with the best college athletes in the country.

He has three tries in the event, also known as "bulldoggin," to qualify for the final round on Saturday. He wrestled his first steer in 5.7 seconds to put himself in 11th place, and tied up the second in 8.0. His third steer will be today, in the contest scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. If he scores well enough, he will get to show off his skills on pay-per-view television.

Hays qualified for nationals by placing fifth in the Central Plains region. There are 11 regions in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, and more than 3,300 men and women competed this year. Only about 250 made it to the finals in Casper, Wyo.

Hays is no stranger to national competition. His mother, Connie Hays, said he competed all through high school, and in the high school national finals. He rode for the Colby Community College team when he went to that school.

Besides steer wrestling, she said, he also competes in team roping, but his team did not qualify for regionals.

Jessica Hays, Nathan's sister and a sophomore at the same university, went to the national finals last year in goat tying, her mother said, and just barely missed out this year.

"We are a real rodeo family," Conie said



Nathan Hays wrestled a steer in the Ozark-Central Plains College Rodeo Regional in Lawton, Okla. He is competing in the College National Finals this week. Hays is a Goodland native and a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Photo by Dale R. Hirschman



Visualizing the pitch

Goodland's Andrew Pettibone was on deck Thursday night, waiting his chance to hit against Atwood in a K-18 game at Memorial Park. Pettibone will be an eighth grader next year. Goodland won 23-3. The game ended in the fifth inning under the mercy rule. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Bronco defenseman hurt; recovery will take time

Middlebrooks ran into yet another setback Thursday when an MRI revealed four to six weeks before he is able to a tear in his right hamstring.

Middlebrooks was injured Monday while covering Ashley Lelie on the first senior season at Minnesota with a broday of aDenver Broncos mini camp.

"It doesn't matter with a hamstring," said Denver coach Mike Shanahan teams.

DENVER (AP) — Willie when asked if it was torn. "The MRI says it is going to be anywhere from go full speed. There is a tear in there."

Middlebrooks missed most of his ken leg. He played in eight games a year ago with Denver, all on special

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## baseball scoreboard

By the Associated Press Thursday's Games No games scheduled Today's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 3-6) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-4), 5:05 p.m. Pittsburgh (K.Wells 8-3) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 3-4), 5:10 p.m.

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Chicago White Sox (Garland 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 4-4), 1:20 p.m. Toronto (Miller 4-2) at Montreal (Ohka 5-3), 5:05

Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-7) at Florida (Tavarez 4-3), 5:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Ponson 3-4) at Philadelphia (Person 2-3), 5:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel

-6), 5:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Benson 0-3) at Cincinnati (Dessens 4-3), 5:10 p.n

Boston (P.Martinez 7-1) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), :35 p.m.

Texas (Burba 3-4) at Houston (Redding 3-3), 6:05

Minnesota (Reed 6-3) at Milwaukee (Rusch 3-5), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Asencio 1-0) at St. Louis (Morris 8-4), 6:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Drese 6-4) at Colorado (Thomson 6-5), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Garcia 8-4) at San Diego (Tomko 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

Detroit (Maroth 0-0) at Arizona (Schilling 12-1), 8:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Ortiz 6-5) at Los Angeles (Ishii 10-1), 8:10 p.m. Oakland (Hudson 3-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt

-1), 8:35 p.m.

#### Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-4) at Chicago Cubs Lieber 4-4), 11:05 a.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-2) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 5), 11:15 a.m Kansas City (Suppan 5-5) at St. Louis

Simontacchi 4-0), 12:10 p.m. Texas (Valdes 4-5) at Houston (Miller 1-2), 2:05

Oakland (Harang 2-1) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-

4), 2:05 p.m Boston (Burkett 7-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 6-2), 5:05

Toronto (Loaiza 3-2) at Montreal (Pavano 3-8),

5:05 p.m. Minnesota (Milton 6-5) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 1-

), 5:05 p.m. Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 2-5) at Florida (Burnett 6-

5), 5:05 p.m.



Cleveland (Sabathia 5-5) at Colorado (Chacon 3-4), 6:05 p.m. Seattle (R.Soriano 0-2) at San Diego (BJJones 4-

. 8:05 p.m Detroit (Bernero 2-2) at Arizona (Johnson 9-2), 8:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Schoeneweis 5-4) at Los Angeles (Perez 6-3), 8:10 p.m.

## Sunday's Games

Boston at Atlanta, 11:05 a.m. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 11:15 a.m. Toronto at Montreal, 11:35 a.m. Baltimore at Philadelphia, 11:35 a.m. Minnesota at Milwaukee, 12:05 p.m. Kansas City at St. Louis, 12:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m. Texas at Houston, 12:35 p.m Cleveland at Colorado, 1:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Florida, 2:05 p.m. Oakland at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m. Anaheim at Los Angeles, 2:10 p.m. Detroit at Arizona, 2:35 p.m. Seattle at San Diego, 3:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:05 p.m

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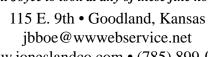
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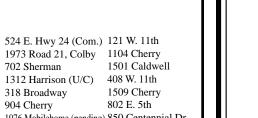


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