

Tourney pays for scholarship

The seventh annual Levi Hayden Memorial Baseball Tournament will start Friday at Goodland Memorial Field at Centennial Park, with profits going to help pay for a scholarship to a senior on the Goodland American Legion team.

Keith Vasquez won the \$250 scholarship, which goes each year to a senior who has demonstrated his love of baseball.

Hayden died in a car accident February 21, 1997, and his parents started the tournament that summer. Liz West, manager of the team, said "the Beaver," as he was called, played second base. He wasn't a great athlete, she said, but he loved baseball.

"What people used to say about him is, 'He may never play in the World Series, but he plays each game like it was,'" West said.

In honor of their son, Bill and Rhonda Hayden give a trophy to the most inspirational player in the tournament each year. The coaches, umpires and announcer vote on the winner.

"Not necessarily the best player, but one who has demonstrated his heart and love of the game," West said.

The award will be given before the Burlington-Scott City game at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Six teams will play in the tournament, which will last through Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Friday's games

Gove City and Scott City, 4 p.m.
Ulysses and Kiowa, 6 p.m.

Saturday's games

Burlington and Kiowa, 9 a.m.
Ulysses and Gove City, 11 a.m.
Goodland and Scott City, 1 p.m.
Burlington and Ulysses, 3 p.m.
Kiowa and Scott City, 5 p.m.
Gove City and Goodland, 7 p.m.

Sunday's games

Goodland and Ulysses, 9 a.m.
Burlington and Gove City, 11 a.m.
Ulysses and Scott City, 1 p.m.
Gove City and Kiowa, 3 p.m.
Scott City and Burlington, 5 p.m.
Kiowa and Goodland, 7 p.m.

Here it comes



Brock Butts, 4, waited to catch a toss in a Goodland Activities Center T-ball game Monday at North Elementary School. His team plays in a noncompetitive league.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Rival college basketball stars become friends before draft

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—To the possible horror of their fans from rival universities, Drew Gooden and Kareem Rush have been living and laughing together as they wait to see where professional basketball takes them.

Kansas' Gooden and Missouri's Rush, who have spent much of their time lately in Hercules, Calif., are both expected to be top 15 picks in Wednesday's NBA draft.

Once two of the Big 12's biggest adversaries, Gooden and Rush have apparently called a truce since their days as border warriors. As they prepare to enter professional basketball,

the two have become allies, training partners, close friends and — yes — roommates.

"I'm sure Jayhawks and Tigers fans are probably shocked to hear that," Gooden told The Kansas City Star. "Just because there's a rivalry doesn't mean we can't be friends."

"I think people take that rivalry stuff way too seriously sometimes anyway" he added.

"When it comes to making prank calls and sending hate mail... that's just not right. Maybe me and Kareem living together will put an end to some of that madness."

Swimmers win three events

The Goodland swim team came away from Oberlin with three gold and six silver medals Saturday.

Hannah Blake won the 90-yard freestyle and placed second in the 120-yard individual medley. Jordan Bedore won the 60-yard freestyle.

Daniel Blake took first in the 90-yard breaststroke and second in two events, the 90-yard freestyle and 120-yard individual medley. Daron Roeder earned second in both the 60-yard freestyle and 90-yard butterfly.

Both the Goodland 11-12 mixed 240-yard freestyle and medley relays placed second.

Thirteen swimmers competed in the meet and the team placed seventh out of 10. The next meets will be in Oakley on Saturday and Wray, Colo., on

Saturday, July 6.

Results from Oberlin

In the 9-10 girls' bracket, Hannah Blake won the 90-yard freestyle in 1 minute 12.8 seconds, placed second in the 120-yard individual medley with 2:11.41, and earned third in the 30-yard freestyle with 19.92.

Erik Roeder competed in the 9-10 boys' division. He placed fourth in the 90-yard freestyle with 1:28.44, fifth in the 30-yard backstroke with 27.93, and fifth in the 30-yard breaststroke with 30.07.

Two boys swam in the 11-12 bracket. R.J. Phifer earned fifth in the 60-yard breaststroke with 1:23.56. Brenner Clouse earned sixth in the 60-yard freestyle with 47.9, and the 60-yard backstroke with 1:03.69.

All three boys in the 15-18 age division placed at least second in their events.

Daniel Blake won the 90-yard breaststroke in 1:11.02, placed second in the 90-yard freestyle in 53.03, and earned a silver medal in the 120-yard individual medley with 1:29.62. Daron Roeder earned second in the 60-yard freestyle with 33.82 and the 90-yard butterfly in 1:10.28.

Chelsey Horney, Amber Webster, Clouse and Halli Stone made up the freestyle relay teams. They finished the race in 3:22.97. Clouse, Webster, Stone and Phifer finished the medley relay in 4:26.25.

Other swimmers were Taryn Bedore, Randy Cochran and Whitney Dautel.

Dominican managers face off

By Doug Tucker

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — History was made when Luis Pujols' Detroit Tigers took the field Tuesday night against Tony Pena's Kansas City Royals.

Signaling the growing Latin influence in baseball, Pujols and Pena became the first Dominican-born managers to oppose each other in a major league game.

Hipolito Mejia, the president of the Dominican Republic, and baseball commissioner Bud Selig were both on hand for the game, which drew about 35 Dominican media representatives and was televised throughout much of Latin America.

In pregame ceremonies, children held up large flags of each country and each country's national anthem was sung. Selig tossed out the first pitch to Pujols at the same time Mejia threw to Pena.

"You get the big shark from our country, the No. 1 guy. And you get the No. 1 guy in baseball in the same game," Pujols said. "This is huge."

Pena and Pujols, who were both catchers, took over as first-time managers after the start of this season. Felipe Alou, the current bench coach for the Tigers, was the only other Dominican-born manager when he was at Montreal.

"Today we're making history in baseball," Pena said. "This means a lot for us. It means a lot for Latin Americans. We have a dream and we see that dream come true."

Many of the game's finest players are Dominican-born, including the Cubs' Sammy Sosa, St. Louis' Albert Pujols, Boston's Pedro Martinez and Alfonso Soriano of the New York Yankees.

The Tigers and Royals each have four Dominican-born players.

"It's a remarkable night," Selig said.

"If someone had suggested this to you even five years ago... you would have laughed at it. When Tony Pena was picked, and he was the 10th minority manager, I noted with great interest there was little or nothing said. And I knew then we had matured."

Pena said this clash between Dominican-born managers was "a very big day in Dominican."

"We've been getting calls from every part of this country and every part of the Dominican. It's great to know all those people from the press in the Dominican are here."

"This means a lot to us that they took the time to be here today."

Pujols said the game would inspire other young people in the Dominican Republic.

"Hopefully, people look at this and say they can follow us," he said. "There are a lot of people in the Dominican I believe can come in and be successful, too. The doors are open."

Rockies manage one hit against Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Odalis Perez pitched his second one-hitter of the season, getting help from a pair of diving catches from right fielder Shawn Green, as the Los Angeles Dodgers snapped Colorado's five-game winning streak with a 4-0 win Tuesday night.

Perez (9-3), who pitched a one-hitter against the Cubs on April 26, al-

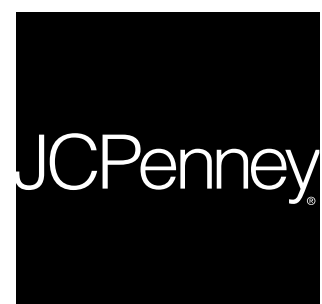
lowed only a clean line-drive single to left field by Bobby Estallella to lead off the sixth inning.

The Dodgers' left-hander was extremely efficient, needing only 87 pitches in his third career complete game. Perez struck out six and walked one, lowering his ERA to 2.33, second-best in the NL behind Tom Glavine's 1.68 mark.

Paul Lo Duca homered and Eric Karros added a two-run shot, helping the Dodgers extend their NL West lead to 1 1/2 games over Arizona.

Technically, the Rockies got one runner past first base when Estallella tried for second on Juan Pierre's grounder to shortstop. Cesar Izturis got the out at first, but Estallella was thrown out at third to end the inning.

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