

Girl places at bi-state track meet

A Goodland girl, competing with the best athletes in two states, did well enough at a Kansas-Missouri amateur track meet to qualify for the regional tournament.

Michelle Smith, 10, will compete in the discus and shot put Saturday and Sunday in Columbia, Mo. At the Missouri Valley Championship starting June 21 in Manhattan, she placed second in the shot put with a throw of 26 feet 11 inches, and third in the discus, 58-5.

The top four finishers in each age division in the bi-state meet qualified for regionals.

Smith and Lisha Tedford, 12, earned spots at the meet by placing second in their events at a state meet in Hays. Tedford was not able to make it to the tournament because her family had already made different plans.

If Smith does well enough at regionals, she can advance to the national competition, this year in Knoxville, Tenn., for the second time in two years, said her mother, Sondra Smith. Michelle has competed in Amateur Athletic Union for four years, Sondra said, and is looking forward to when she can compete at the high school level.

"She said this is her ticket," Sondra said. "She is really good at it."

Michelle, her brother Nick, Tedford, and other Goodland kids competed in several track meets through the spring and summer, including in Oakley in April and Hays in May.

Getting ready for the big leagues



Amy Floyd, 8, took a swing at the ball in a T-ball game last week. She is in a competitive league at the Goodland Activities Center.
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

baseball scores

By the Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	52	30	.634	—
Montreal	42	39	.519	9 1/2
Florida	42	40	.512	10
New York	40	41	.494	11 1/2
Philadelphia	37	43	.463	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	43	36	.544	—
Cincinnati	44	37	.543	—
Houston	36	44	.450	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	45	.444	8
Chicago	33	47	.413	10 1/2
Milwaukee	30	52	.366	14 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	31	.622	—
Arizona	48	33	.593	2 1/2
San Francisco	46	35	.568	4 1/2
Colorado	39	44	.470	12 1/2
San Diego	34	49	.410	17 1/2

Monday's Games

Florida 11, Chicago Cubs 1
Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 7, Houston 5
Atlanta 7, Montreal 5
St. Louis 7, San Diego 3
San Francisco 8, Colorado 6
Los Angeles 4, Arizona 0

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (Astacio 7-3) at Philadelphia (Adams 4-5), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-6) at Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 6-8), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 3-3) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 3-5), 5:10 p.m.
Montreal (Colon 0-0) at Atlanta (Moss 4-2), 5:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 6-4) at Florida (Penny 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 2-3) at St. Louis (B. Smith 0-5), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 7-6) at Colorado (Neagle 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Daal 6-3) at Arizona (Helling 7-5), 8:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	31	.617	—
Boston	47	31	.603	1 1/2
Baltimore	38	41	.481	11
Toronto	33	46	.418	16
Tampa Bay	28	51	.354	21
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	47	36	.566	—
Chicago	40	42	.488	6 1/2
Cleveland	37	43	.463	8 1/2
Kansas City	31	48	.392	14
Detroit	27	52	.342	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	52	30	.634	—
Anaheim	47	33	.588	4
Oakland	46	36	.561	6
Texas	35	45	.438	16

Monday's Games

Boston 4, Toronto 0
Seattle 7, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 5, Oakland 4

Today's Games

Toronto (Carpenter 1-1) at Boston (Wakefield 2-3), 11:05 a.m., 1st game
Toronto (Smith 0-2) at Boston (Kim 1-0), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Drese 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-3), 5:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtz 1-8) at Texas (Rogers 8-4), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bernero 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 4-10), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 6-3) at Anaheim (Ortiz 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 6-4) at Oakland (Zito 10-3), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 10-5) at Seattle (R. Soriano 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

Sweeney named an All-Star

By Doug Tucker

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Was there ever any doubt?

In the minds of a few Kansas City fans who have grown accustomed to being ignored on a national basis, there was.

But even though he wasn't even in the top five votegetters among AL first basemen, Mike Sweeney was a certain All-Star.

When the team was announced Sunday evening, the league's leading hitter was there, of course.

"It's a tremendous honor. I'm ecstatic," said Sweeney, who ironically went 0-for-3 Sunday and was the only Royals regular without a hit in a 13-1 rout of San Diego.

"I'm going to have all my family out there."

It's the third straight time Sweeney's gone to the All-Star Game. In each of the first two, he had only one at-bat, and grounded out and flied out.

"I'm hoping for better than a jam

shot ground ball and a fly out. I'm hoping to do some damage," he said.

Sweeney so far is having a monster season. His league-leading average dropped from .365 to .361. It was the first time in 13 games he had not got a hit and the first time in six games he did not homer.

He figures he's a better player than he was the previous two trips.

"In this game, if you don't get better with age and experience, then the game's going to catch up to you. It's something I take a lot of pride in, working hard every day and trying to improve every aspect of my game."

Although he was hitless on Sunday, Sweeney still hit .400 for the month of June.

Despite intense lobbying by owner David Glass, AL manager Joe Torre did not take Royals starter Paul Byrd despite his 10-5 record.

"I'd be lying to say I'm not disappointed," said Byrd, whose chances may have been hurt by the fact he will pitch on Sunday before the All-Star

Game on Tuesday.

"But there are bigger problems. I wish we had a deal done. I think it's silly we're even talking about a strike. So I'll just take three days off and enjoy being with my family."

Sweeney happened to run into Janie Quisenberry on Sunday, the widow of another former Royals All-Star, relief ace Dan Quisenberry, who died in 1998 as a result of a brain tumor. Sweeney's No. 29 is the same that Quisenberry wore.

"I saw Janie and their two daughters today. It gives me goosebumps that I can represent No. 29 and wear that number so proudly just like Dan did," Sweeney said.

"After Dan passed, I talked to Janie and I said, 'Janie, my request would be for the Royals to take No. 29 off my back and have the Royals retire it in honor of your husband.'

"She said, 'Mike if there's one person I would want to represent the way my husband lived his life, it would be you.'"

Mariner's pitcher dismisses Royals

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners think Jamie Moyer belongs in the All-Star game.

After Moyer beat the Kansas City Royals 7-0 Monday night, manager Lou Piniella said he might lobby AL manager Joe Torre to get the 39-year-old left-hander to Milwaukee next week as Pedro Martinez's replacement.

"He's pitching as well as anybody in baseball," Piniella said after Moyer tossed his second shutout in his last five starts. "He certainly is deserving when you look at the numbers."

Martinez, the Boston Red Sox ace, wants to rest for the second half of the season. Moyer, ignored by the fans last season when he won 20 games for the first time in his career, didn't want to discuss the possibility of going to his first All-Star game.

One-armed pitcher dies

NANTICOKE, Pa. (AP) — Pete Gray, who became a big-league ballplayer despite losing his right arm in a childhood accident, died Sunday. He was 87.

Gray, born Peter Wyshner, perhaps was best known for his season with the former St. Louis Browns in 1945, when he appeared in 77 games.

"If they insulted me, I didn't pay attention," Gray told The Citizens' Voice of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in 1995. "I mostly kept to myself. That's why I got the reputation of being tough to get along with. But I've mellowed."

Gray was right-handed until he lost his right arm when he slipped while riding on the running board of a truck and the arm got caught in one of the wheels. He learned to use his left hand and continued to play baseball.

A cobbler made a custom glove for him, now in the Hall of Fame, with most of the padding removed so he could hold it loosely on his fingertips. That allowed him to discard the glove quickly to field a softly hit ball with his bare hand or slide his hand fully into the fingers to catch a fly ball or field a line drive.

Rockies lose lead in ninth inning

By John Marshall

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies know better than any team how easy it is to lose a late lead at Coors Field. That doesn't make it any easier when it happens to them.

Colorado was ahead by a run entering the ninth. Then Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer off Rockies closer Jose Jimenez in an 8-6 victory for the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

It was the first time in 35 games Colorado lost when leading after eight innings and the third blown save in 24 chances for Jimenez.

"I'll put my money on him anytime in the ninth," Colorado's Todd Helton said. "This is just a tough place to pitch and an even tougher place to close out a ball game. It's definitely a disappointing loss."

Kent had three hits to continue his hot streak since moving from cleanup to third in the lineup five days ago. He is 13-for-24 with 15 RBIs and three homers since the change. The Giants have won three of five with Kent batting third.

"Maybe you can swing yourself into excellence," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "Maybe it's his time. His concentration is great. His focus is good. He is picking his pitch more and not missing it."

Colorado, which scored two runs in the ninth to beat Seattle 4-3 Sunday night, has lost six of seven since winning five straight. The Rockies also lost for the first time in four games at home

against San Francisco this season.

"We had it set up the way we wanted, but it didn't go the way we wanted," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "You never know when you're going to win here until you've won anyway, but I had a feeling we'd need a little more thump. We didn't get it."

Colorado's Larry Walker had a three-run homer in the fifth inning, his 18th of the season and seventh in 12 games.

David Bell had a solo homer just inside the left foul pole in the fifth, and Damon Minor had one in the sixth that hit the right foul pole. Bell also had a run-scoring double and scored three runs as the Giants won for just the second time in seven games against Colorado this season.

"The Rockies have played well against us all year," Bell said. "We've had a tough time here and it was a big game to win."

Reggie Sanders had a two-run triple in the first inning after stranding six runners in the Giants' 7-0 loss to Oakland on Sunday night.

Felix Rodriguez (3-4) didn't allow a hit in one inning to pick up the victory. Robb Nen worked a perfect ninth to earn his 22nd save.

Colorado starter Shawn Chacon allowed five runs on seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. He hasn't won in five starts since coming off the disabled list June 5.

San Francisco starter Kirk Rueter allowed six runs — four earned — on eight hits in six innings.

Former Bronco found guilty, sentenced to halfway house

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Former Denver Broncos safety Mike Harden was sentenced Monday to 6 years in a halfway house for defrauding and stealing from women he knew.

Harden, who played for Denver from 1980-88, appeared Monday in Jefferson County District Court for sentencing on two theft charges, Kate Braniff, a spokeswoman with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, said in a statement.

He pleaded guilty in May to two charges of felony theft in exchange for prosecutors dropping 17 other theft-related counts.

He was also ordered to have no contact with the victims or their families.

Harden stole about \$64,500 in money, forged checks and several credit card accounts opened in his name or the names of approximately 15 people. The crimes took place between January 2000 and May 2001.

Harden was a starter during most of his nine seasons with the Broncos, but was released before the start of the 1989 season. Denver's fifth-round draft choice in 1980 after playing at Michigan, he intercepted 33 passes while playing in 128 games for the Broncos.

Harden played both cornerback and free safety for the Broncos, and later played as strong safety with the Raiders.

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