

# Girl wins fifth place at nationals

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Months of summer practice paid off for a Goodland girl last week when she placed fifth and ninth in a national track and field tournament.

Michelle Smith went to Nashville, Tenn., for the National Amateur Athletic Union track meet, in which she placed fifth in the discus throw and ninth in the shot put.

This was the first year Smith said she was eligible for discus, but she placed ninth in the shot put last year.

The 10-year-old practiced almost every day this summer, starting in April, getting ready for the track season. She competed first in Oakley and Hays meets, and from there went on to state, bi-state, regional and national tournaments.

She threw the discus 62 feet 10 inches and the shot put 25-11. She got three throws in each event, and the top eight competitors got a chance for three more throws. She was three inches short of qualifying for the final round in the shot put, she said.

There were 30 girls each event in Michelle's age division, said Sondra Smith, Michelle's mother, and more than 13,000 people in all events.

"We were surprised when she qualified in the top eight in the discus," Sondra said. "When she got fifth, we were really excited."

Smith placed second in the two events at the regional meet in Columbia, Mo., and placed second or better at every meet this year.

She had never been to Tennessee before, Smith said, and enjoyed the two day drive, except the view was a little obstructed.

"There were too many trees," she said. "It got annoying."

Smith went to the tournament with her mother and grandparents, Russell and Mary Ann Briney, and they took the long way home, visiting the home of Andrew Jackson outside of Nashville and Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of "Little House on the Prairie", in Missouri. In Nashville, they got a little lost and kept going in circles.

"We saw the stadium of the Tennessee Titans from just about every angle," Smith said.

The two medals will go into a collection Smith has gathered over the past two years, and she said her dad has promised to build a shelf for them.

## Golfing for Shriners hospitals



David Coons shot for the sixth-hole green in the Shriners' annual benefit golf tournament Sunday morning at Sugar Hills Golf Club. The tournament was set up to raise money to send children to Shriners hospitals. Players paid a fee to play in the three-person scramble and could buy mulligans for \$5 apiece. Story to come.  
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

# Rockies lose to Chicago

DENVER (AP)—After hitting four homers and driving in 14 runs in just two games at Coors Field over the weekend, Sammy Sosa was asked what his numbers might be if he played 81 games a season in the hitter-friendly park.

"I don't know," Sosa said following the Cubs' 12-9 win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday. "I belong to Chicago."

For now, anyway, Sosa said he will consider moving on if he has to endure another losing season with the Cubs in 2003. He hit his 600th career home run Saturday.

The Rockies would just as soon Sosa moves on — and out of the National League.

Sosa hit a grand slam and drove in five runs in Sunday's win. Coupled with his nine RBIs on a trio of three-run homers Saturday night, he set an NL record for RBIs in consecutive games with 14.

"A lot of Sammy over the weekend," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said, shaking his head.

In the three-game series, Sosa went 8-for-12.

Sosa's grand slam came off Justin Speier in the seventh inning.

Off the field, Sosa has sounded off about his frustration playing for a losing franchise and his intention not to fly on the team's charter plane, which he contends is unsafe.

Sosa planned to charter his own private plane for the trip to Chicago on Sunday night, as he did for the trip from San Francisco to Denver on Thursday night.

He wouldn't confirm those plans after the game, however.

Corey Patterson hit two homers and drove in three runs. Fred McGriff hit a two-run homer and also had three RBIs.

Sosa's grand slam, the seventh of his career, increased his major league-leading total to 39.

The slam, a 435-foot shot to center, gave the Cubs an 11-3 lead.

On Saturday, fans went crazy in the stands going after the Sosa's 600 home run ball.

Eyewitnesses say fans threw punches at each other, and one man reportedly held a man down and repeatedly pummeled him for the ball.

# Homer not enough to keep Royal in majors

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Three hits, including a home run, were not enough to keep Carlos Febles in the majors.

Febles went 3-for-4 Sunday with his first home run since July 4 as the Kansas City Royals topped the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-0.

After the game, the Royals optioned Febles to Triple-A Omaha.

"What can I say?" Febles said. "I can't feel good about it. Whatever they want to do they can do."

Febles is hitting just .233 with 23 extra-base hits in 318 at-bats this year. He hit .236 in 79 games last season.

"I know I can do better than that, no doubt," Febles said. "When you're not doing what they want you to do, stuff happens."

Febles has been the Royals' primary second baseman since 1999, but had been hurt by injuries. He missed 44 games last year with a ligament tear in his right knee and started only 93 games in 2000 when he had two stints

## Devil Ray hurt in game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Tampa Bay second baseman Brent Abernathy was hospitalized with dehydration after the Devil Rays' 10-0 loss Sunday to the Kansas City Royals.

Abernathy played all nine innings in the 90-degree weather, going 1-for-3 with a walk. He began to cramp up after the game and was given two IVs in the Devil Rays' clubhouse before being taken out of Kauffman Stadium on a stretcher.

He was to spend the night at St. Luke's Hospital for further observation.

on the disabled list.

Febles has remained off the disabled list this season, but his bat has not come around.

"We're not writing Carlos Febles

off," Royals general manager Allard Baird said. "But we are in the mode with his service time and experience level that we need dependable (offensive) production."

"We're not talking about a first-year player. Maybe in a more relaxed setting, he can regroup and get back into the saddle."

"To be very candid here, the ship has left the dock so to speak. We're starting to move forward and we need results."

The Royals got a lot of offense against Devil Rays starter Jorge Sosa, who gave up home runs to three of the first nine batters he faced.

Aaron Guiel hit a solo homer and Joe Randa had a three-run blast in the first. Febles led off the second with his shot.

Sosa, a Rule 5 draft pick, has lost four straight starts.

He threw only 30 strikes in 60 pitches before being pulled after three innings.

Although Royals starter Runelvys Hernandez allowed just one infield single, manager Tony Pena removed him after five innings because of a tired elbow.

## football scoreboard

By the Associated Press  
**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREASON**  
**Monday, Aug. 5 Game**  
New York Giants 34, Houston 17  
**Thursday Game**  
N.Y. Jets 16, Pittsburgh 6  
**Friday Games**  
Atlanta 23, Jacksonville 13  
Cincinnati 24, Buffalo 17  
Baltimore 12, Detroit 6  
Dallas 20, Oakland 6  
**Saturday Games**  
Philadelphia 20, Green Bay 13

Houston 13, New Orleans 10  
**Denver 27, Chicago 3**  
N.Y. Giants 22, New England 19  
Washington 37, Carolina 30  
Cleveland 27, Minnesota 15  
Tennessee 28, St. Louis 26  
**Kansas City 17, San Francisco 14, OT**  
Indianapolis 28, Seattle 10  
Arizona 24, San Diego 17  
Sunday's Games  
No games scheduled  
**Today's Game**  
Miami at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.

# Broncos' running back gets left knee examined

GREELEY, Colo. (AP)—Injury-plagued running back Terrell Davis had an MRI exam on his swollen left knee Sunday after he missed the Denver Broncos' preseason opener the day before.

Results were not expected until Monday, and coach Mike Shanahan said he didn't know the severity of the injury.

"I have to talk to the doctors," Shanahan said. "I've got find out where the knee is, what they think, what happened, why his leg was sore, why he couldn't go, take a look at the MRI. I've got to get a number of ques-



tions answered before I can answer you guys."

Davis, who's struggled with knee injuries the past three seasons, was scheduled to start against Chicago on Saturday, but pulled himself out just before the game because of swelling in the knee.

He also had the knee drained of fluid

earlier in the week.

"What I'm saying is, I don't know," Davis said after the game. "I'm taking a wait and see attitude at this time. I feel pretty upbeat. I don't like having setbacks like this. It tends to throw me off track."

Davis, the league's MVP in 1998 after rushing for 2,008 yards, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the fourth game of the 1999 season.

He played just four games the next year with left foot and ankle injuries, and played just eight last season after having arthroscopic surgery on both

knees.

Davis had surgery to remove loose cartilage fibers and scar tissue from under his left kneecap in May, but was back on the field for a minicamp three weeks later. He had been practicing just once a day during training camp, but was running hard and seemed to be without pain.

"The weird thing about it is that it's supposed to be my pristine knee, the knee that didn't really have any problems," Davis said. "I really don't know. I'm sitting over there like, 'what's going on?' I guess we'll see what direction we're going to head in."



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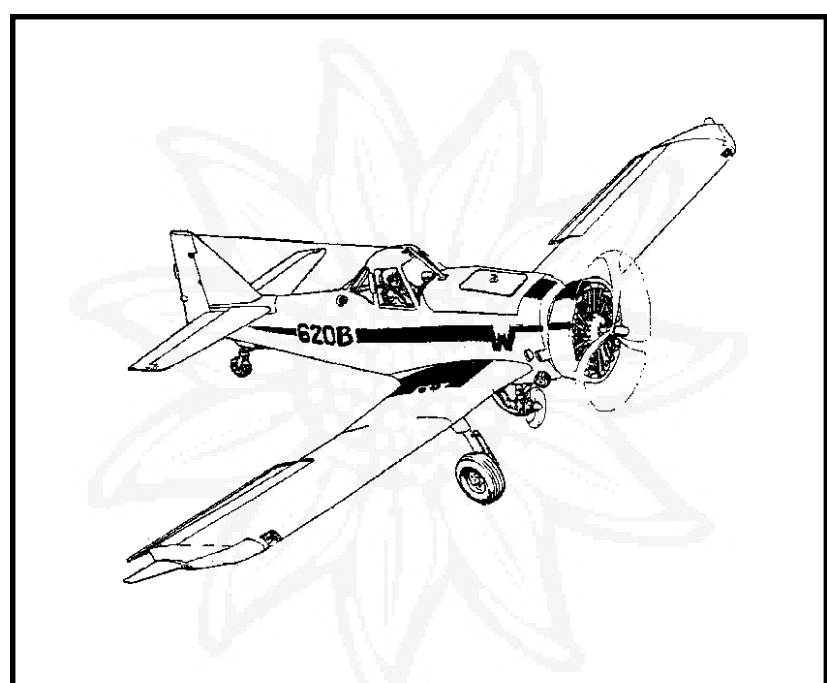
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6:30 p.m. MDT Volleyball  
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