

# Rockies beat Braves' pitching

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ATLANTA — Larry Walker doesn't mind getting away from Coors Field, and he's not scared at all of the best pitching staff in baseball.

Walker homered twice and drove in four runs against Atlanta, leading the Colorado Rockies to a 6-3 victory Sunday over the Braves.

Colorado pounded out 13 hits against Greg Maddux and beat the Braves for the second day in a row — their first losing streak in more than month.

Walker hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh against Maddux (11-5), a 414-foot shot on an 0-2 fastball that straightened out over the middle of the plate. The Rockies slugger added his 25th of the season, a two-run shot in the ninth off Kerry Ligtenberg.

"He's a good hitter," Maddux said. "You can say what you want about Coors Field, but he can hit anywhere. I made a mistake to him and he hit it

out."

Indeed, Walker is a dangerous hitter no matter where he plays, batting .337 with seven homers and 30 RBIs on the road.

Against the Braves, who perennially lead the majors in ERA and are far ahead with a 3.02 mark this season, Walker is a career .350 hitter with 22 homers.

"You've got to be aware of him when he steps to the plate," Atlanta's Gary Sheffield said. "He's not just a power hitter. He can take it all over the place. That's what makes him dangerous."

Jay Payton also homered and tied his career high with four of the 13 hits off Greg Maddux, who came in leading the NL with a 2.51 ERA.

The four-time Cy Young winner had not given up that many hits since the New York Yankees also had 13 on June 3, 2000.

"I just made some bad pitches, the whole game really," Maddux said. "I didn't give us a chance to win. That's

the bottom line."

Atlanta still has an 18 1/2-game cushion over Montreal in the NL East.

"I don't think we have a problem with a letdown or lack of intensity," said pitcher Tom Glavine, who will try to end the mini-slide Monday.

Glavine blamed nagging injuries and several draining games — twice in the previous three nights the Braves waited through rain delays — for the closest thing to a slump in these parts.

The Braves have their first losing streak since they dropped three in a row July 13-15.

Overall, they have won just three of their last seven games

Rockies starter Jason Jennings (14-5) was hit in the head by a pitch in the second inning, but bounced back to work six solid innings. He allowed five hits and two runs.

Marcus Giles brought the Braves within a run, starting the seventh with a pinch-hit homer off reliever Kent Mercker.

# Kids told they can make a difference

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bullies. You, the youth, need to step forward and embrace people who might not be like you.

"The shy girl in the hall, or the guy with the big brain but no common sense, you need to look through Jesus's eyes and see how they feel. If we, as Christians, don't step up to make a difference, who will? You have the potential to turn your town and your community around."

Loman said he wasn't always religious.

He only went to church once as a kid, and was scared off by what he called the cardinal sin of Sunday school teachers — asking a question to the new kid. He said he didn't go back to a church until he was 19.

"When I was a kid," he added, "I

never would have thought that I'd be standing up here and talking to you like this."

He was picked in the second round of the baseball draft, and lived the high life of a professional ball player, he said, including abusing drugs and alcohol.

"Finally, there were two Christian guys who pulled me aside and said, 'We want to talk to you,'" Loman said. "I knew my life wasn't working, and I started going to church."

He said he became a "chameleon Christian." The way he acted depended on the people he was around at the time.

"It wasn't comfortable anywhere," Loman said. "I couldn't sin because there was too much church in me, and I couldn't go to church because there was too much sin in me."

After finally giving up the drugs, the

booze and the women, Loman said his game started improving, and he made it to the Class AAA level and played in the majors for part of the 1984 and '85 seasons.

"We all have decisions we have to make," Loman said. "We have to decide if we are going to follow God's plan for us or not."

Teen-agers have it tough today, the pastor said. They have to deal with teen suicide, unwed pregnancy, rampant drug use and premarital sex, and it is up to the new generation to change things.

"The young people of today will lead this nation back to Jesus," Loman said to cheers from the crowd.

"Don't let them tell you that you can't do it. Don't let them get you caught up in all that garbage. You have the power to make a difference."

## baseball scores

By the Associated Press

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Sunday's Games  
Colorado 6, Atlanta 3  
Los Angeles 2, N.Y. Mets 1  
Cincinnati 2, Houston 1, 10 innings  
Montreal 9, San Diego 2  
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2  
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1  
Chicago Cubs 3, Arizona 2  
Florida 3, San Francisco 0

**Monday's Games**  
Houston at Cincinnati, 10:35 a.m.  
Colorado at Atlanta, 11:05 a.m.  
San Francisco at Florida, 11:05 a.m.  
San Diego at Montreal, 11:35 a.m.  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:10 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Chicago Cubs at Houston, 6:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 6:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:10 p.m.  
Montreal at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Arizona, 7:35 p.m.  
Atlanta at San Diego, 8:05 p.m.  
Florida at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Sunday's Games  
Tampa Bay 8, Kansas City 6  
Detroit 7, Baltimore 4  
Seattle 5, N.Y. Yankees 2  
Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 4  
Anaheim 4, Cleveland 1  
Minnesota 6, Boston 2  
Texas 10, Toronto 7

**Monday's Games**  
Seattle at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Toronto, 5:05 p.m.  
Oakland at Cleveland, 5:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 6:05 p.m.

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Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 6:05 p.m.



Goodland High School football players (above) ran down the field at 12:01 a.m. this morning and started their first practice of the season. Senior Alan Cebula (below) caught the ball in a passing drill.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

# Team starts practice at 12:01 a.m.

By Doug Stephens

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At midnight, football players separated into two lines across opposite ends of the Goodland High School field and started clapping.

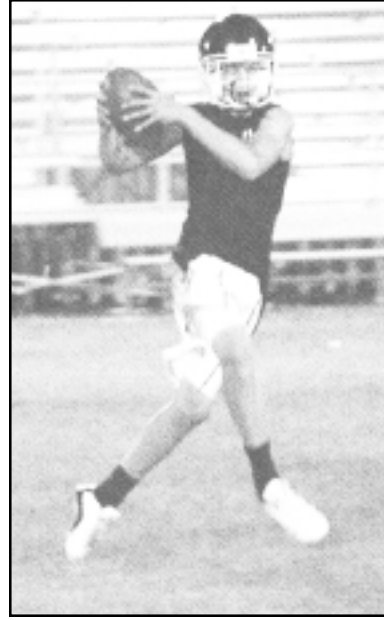
At 12:01 a.m. today, the coach blew his whistle and the players sprinted down the field in two lines, meeting in the middle of the field for stretches.

Football practice has begun . . . at the first possible minute under state regulations.

This is the first day sports teams are allowed to hold practices, and the football team got the earliest possible start.

"It's a psychological thing," said first-year coach Tony Diehl. "We have to work hard to win, and we have to put all our effort into it. We start as soon as we can, and we work as hard as we can."

The players weren't the only ones at the field this morning. About 50 fans, parents and friends sat in the bleachers to watch the midnight



practice and cheer on the team.

Another team was hard at work, too.

Girls from the volleyball squad drove around the field, honking their pickups' horn and shouting at the

boys.

The football players' and coaches' cars were marked with messages like, "Go Cowboys!" and "Volleyball girls rule!" and layered with toilet paper.

"We're making this a tradition," said one of the girls. "We did it last year, and now we're doing it again. It's all in fun, and all this will come off."

Trying to ignore the mess on their cars, the players went through basic drills, including passing patterns and blocking assignments.

"We have to be perfect from day one," assistant coach Steve Raymer told the defensive line. "Let's run through this again, and I want to see some energy out here."

The boys wore their helmets, but they can't wear their pads in a practice until Thursday. The first varsity game will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, in Hoxie, and the first home game will be against Holcomb at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Cowboys Stadium.

## C'mon, get in there!



Steve Golden of Oakley putted on the 18th green during the 13th Annual KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Classic Golf Tournament on Sunday at Sugar Hills Country Club. Norton's team won the tournament, with Goodland, Atwood and Colby tied for second. Lonnie Melvin of Colby shot a 67, four under par, for the low score and Goodland's Dax Hayden shot a 68. Story to come.

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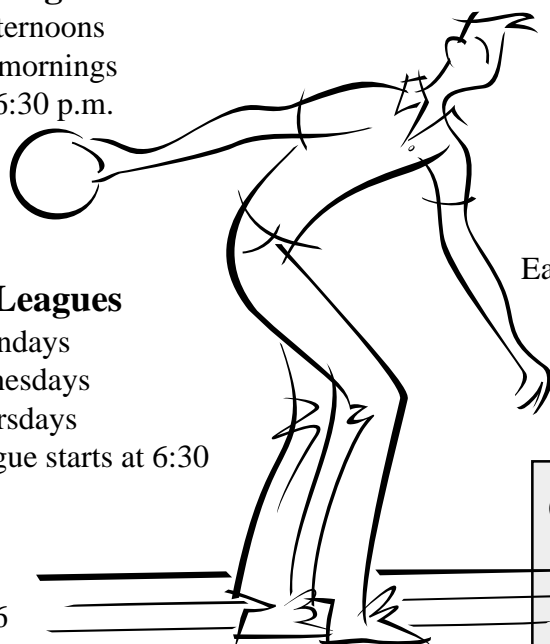
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- Wednesday mornings
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