

Bonds slugs three homers in Colorado

DENVER (AP) — Surprisingly, Barry Bonds was baffled by a pitch. Not that it mattered — he smashed it 390 feet for his third homer of the night.

Bonds had only seven singles in 31 previous at-bats against Colorado left-hander Kent Mercker until Tuesday. Then Mercker tossed a changeup, and Bonds took care of it.

"Not too many lefties throw changeups to lefties," Bonds said. "It's not a safe pitch. Lefties normally hit lefties the other way a lot of times, and it's normally fastballs, sliders and curveballs."

This was the fourth three-homer game of Bonds' career, a power display that carried the San Francisco Giants to a 7-4 victory for the Rockies' fourth straight loss.

"I just don't know how I throw a pitch 20 mph slower than the previous pitch and he's sitting on it," Mercker said. "It was bad pitch location but you can usually get away with it."

Bonds has 38 homers this year and 605 in his career.

"You are past amazed. You accept it," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said. "When you see greatness you don't really get amazed after a while."

With a chance to tie the major league record for homers in a game, Bonds doubled against Todd Jones (1-4) in San Francisco's three-run ninth, hitting a flare to left field.

"At this stage of my game there's no personal records that are really that important to me," Bonds said. "You don't really want to think about certain things because they may not end up the way you want it all the time. You just play it day by day and hope it all works out."

Rich Aurilia had an RBI single and Jeff Kent hit a two-run double in the inning for the Giants, who remained 2 1/2 games behind Los Angeles in the NL wild-card race.

Bonds finished 4-for-4 to increase his major league-leading batting average to .366 as he seeks the first batting title of his career.

He increased his lead over Larry Walker, who is hitting .357.

"Our pitchers are aware how good Barry is. They're sure as heck not trying to give up home runs," Colorado acting manager Toby Harrah said.

Kent homered and drove in three runs for the Giants.

Felix Rodriguez (5-6) worked 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win, and Robb Nen worked a perfect ninth for his 33rd save.

Bonds hit a 492-foot drive in the first inning off Rockies starter Denny Stark. The ball hit the wall behind the center-field fence.

The only longer homers at Coors Field, which opened in 1995, were by Mike Piazza (496 feet on Sept. 26, 1997) and Larry Walker (493 feet on Aug. 31, 1997).

Bonds walked in the third, then homered again in the sixth off Stark, a 430-foot drive that hit the facing above the first deck in right-center.

His homer in the seventh was a 390-foot shot into the lower deck in right field off Mercker.

Walker hit a two-run single and Jay Payton hit his 15th homer for the Rockies.

GIANTS 7, ROCKIES 4		SAN FRAN		COLORADO			
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Lofton	4	0	0	Pierre	5	1	1
Aurilia	5	1	2	Payton	1	5	3
Nen	0	0	0	LWalker	5	0	2
Bonds	1	4	4	Helton	1	2	0
JKent	2	5	1	Zeile	3	4	1
Snow	1	5	0	TJones	0	0	0
DaBell	3	5	0	VSants	0	0	0
Shinjo	4	0	2	SAlmr	4	0	2
Trralba	3	0	0	Butler	2	3	0
RJensen	2	0	0	Uribe	4	0	0
DMinor	1	0	0	Stark	2	1	1
Wtsick	0	0	0	Merckr	0	0	0
Eyre	0	0	0	Speier	0	0	0
FRdgez	0	0	0	Shmprr	22	0	0
Godwin	1	1	0				

correction

In the Tuesday, Aug. 27, edition of *The Goodland Daily News*, a story said the Goodland football and cross-country teams will hold their soap scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Cowboy Stadium. The scrimmage will actually be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. This was due to incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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Learning a new sport



Ryan Irvin, 10, practiced his tennis swing Tuesday evening during a lesson given by Raymond Schindler at Steever Park. Schindler, a communications technology student at Northwest Kansas Technical College, gives lessons on the side. He played the sport at Colby High School.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Kansas-Iowa State game to draw 40,000

AMES, Iowa (AP) — With 40,000 fans at the game with Florida State in Kansas City, that many are expected at Iowa State's home opener this Saturday against Kansas.

At least, Coach Dan McCarney certainly hopes so. The Cyclones took Florida State to the wire before losing 38-31 last Saturday night. They play Kansas this week.

"In the history of Iowa State football, why in the name of God would you not want to come out and watch this team play now?" McCarney said Tuesday. "If you don't want to come out now, I don't know if you're ever going to come out to this stadium."

"We saw one of the greatest examples of fan support since I've been in college football down in Kansas City. Why not do it at this place?"

Iowa State officials expect at least 40,000 for Saturday's Big 12 opener, which begins at 11:39 a.m. Five of Iowa State's next six games are at home.

"We'll do our part. We want our fans to do their part and turn this into a great environment," McCarney said. "We've got seven shots at home this year. We want a home field advantage."

Iowa State needs to win most of those home games for a shot at a bowl bid.

The Cyclones must finish at least 7-6 to get into a bowl and they face tough road games with Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and Kansas State.

McCarney said strong safety Anthony Forrest will be back in the starting lineup after missing most of the Florida State game with a hip pointer. Forrest was hurt on the game's sixth

play and JaMaine Billups, switched from running back to defense only three weeks ago, played the rest of the way. Billups played 66 snaps.

"There's a living example of why we tell our kids they're only one injury away from being a starter," McCarney said.

McCarney also said Lance Young

will replace Jamaul Montgomery on kickoff returns. Montgomery had the ball jarred loose on a return against Florida State in the first quarter and the Seminoles recovered at the Iowa State 10 to set up an easy touchdown.

Young returned the ensuing kickoff 51 yards and Iowa State scored two plays later.

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Volleyball team planning for state

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland High School volleyball team plans to go to state this year, and Coach Jerry McKee thinks they have as good a shot as any team he's coached.

Last year's team posted a 28-8 record and finished as sub-state runners up, McKee said. Only one player graduated last year, and nine new seniors are stepping up and ready to try for a state title.

Fans will get a chance to see for themselves at the Black and Gold Scrimmage at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, the team's first public appearance of the year.

"We have a lot of players back this year," McKee said. "We have an experienced team, and I think we have a pretty good chance at taking the state championship."

The toughest teams in the northwest Kansas league this year will be Colby, Scott City and Oberlin, McKee said. Goodland lost to Scott City at sub-state last year.

"Colby and Scott City can beat anyone on a good day," he said, "and from what I hear, Oberlin is going to be pretty good this year, too. We have a great team, though, and I think we are just as good or better than anyone else around."

Being good is not always enough to get a state title, though, said assistant coach Dave Hardy. The sub-state tournament is single elimination, he said, and one bad day at that point could spell the end of the season. McKee agrees.

"Single-elimination is tough," he said. "We have to play tough every game. If we do, we'll have some great results."

The team comprises 39 players, McKee said, including 17 freshmen, the most he has seen for a long time. Last year there were eight or nine freshmen. Some of them will probably play on junior varsity this year, McKee said, and it's possible some could even join the varsity.

"We'll have to see how they adjust to playing at the high school level," McKee said. "We have some very good players coming in here, and we'll try

to get them where they need to be."

McKee and Hardy are the only coaches for all 39 players, which they say could be tough at some of the matches. They want to split the freshman girls into two teams, a black and a gold, to give them all playing time and see what their abilities are.

That's four teams total, and there might be times when one or two of the teams might have to play without a coach watching. The school district eliminated some assistant coaching jobs this year due to budget cuts.

"It'll be tough," McKee said. "We used to have four coaches, then three, now we're down to two, but we'll try to do the best with what we've got."

The team's strong points include experience, tall players, and good hitting ability, McKee said. He's working on the defense, he said, and trying to improve passing. The big thing to work on, he said, is the players' consistency on the court.

"Sometimes we have amazing plays," McKee said. "We want to have those all the time."

Players will get to show parents and fans the skills they've been working on at the scrimmage Tuesday.

"It's an opportunity for people to come out and see the team," McKee said, "and it's good for the girls. They'll get to wear their uniforms and get the jitters out of their systems."

The team's first match will be a home meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the fieldhouse. The Cowgirls' season starts a week later this year than last, the coach said, and the other teams there will already have played two or three games by then.

"They'll have had an opportunity to make adjustments and find out what's working," McKee said. "It'll be our first match, but I'm optimistic."

This year should see McKee pass the 500-win mark at Goodland High. His teams have won 529 matches, but 44 of them were at Atwood. He has coached at Goodland since 1986.

"I've been around awhile, and I've seen a lot of good teams," McKee said. "This one has as much potential as any I've known. I really think we are going to have a good year."

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