

Giants rally at home

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeff Kent drew a bases-loaded walk after Colorado reliever Juan Acevedo intentionally walked Barry Bonds, and the San Francisco Giants rallied for two runs in the ninth inning to beat the Rockies 2-1 Thursday night.

The Rockies lost their fifth in a row as Acevedo slipped to 0-for-5 in save chances.

Felipe Crespo drew a two-out walk from Acevedo (0-2) in the ninth and went to second on Marvin Benard's single.

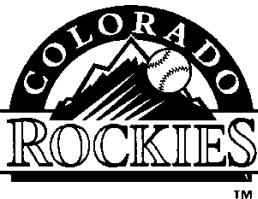
Ramon Martinez's single tied it at 1.

After Acevedo walked Bonds, he walked Kent on four pitches to end it.

Acevedo has not had a save since 1999 in St. Louis.

Felix Rodriguez (5-1) started the eighth inning to earn the win.

Home run leader Barry Bonds, who connected twice Wednesday night before leaving the game with back



spasms, was back in the Giants' lineup. He was 0-for-2 with three walks.

Bonds remained steady at 42 home runs this season, matching Yankee great Mickey Mantle on the career list with 563.

"I'm still a little sore, but nothing like yesterday," he said.

Ben Petrick's RBI single in the sixth off Shawn Estes gave Colorado a 1-0 lead and was the Rockies' first run in 18 innings. Petrick scored Todd Helton, who struck out but reached on a passed ball.

Colorado rookie starter Shawn Chacon allowed seven hits but no runs over seven innings, striking out seven and walking three.

Before the ninth, the closest the Giants came to scoring was in the fifth inning, when Pedro Feliz — running home from second on Benard's single to right — was thrown out by Larry Walker.

Slide at second



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Braden McKee couldn't quite catch Breck Arnberger in a junior boys matchup between Arnberger's Yankees and the Indians. They Yankees went on to win 9-6.

Junior golf qualifies 23

Between Oakley on Monday and Goodland on Thursday, Colby junior golf qualified 23 for the division playoff at the Smoky Hill course in Hays on July 23.

Here are the qualifiers for the division playoff:

8-9 boys

Ryley Haas, Dylan Stithem, Jeremy Harter, Casey Wiens, Garrett Rogers, Rocque Russell.

10-11 boys

Levi Schlick, Stephens Dinkel, Mikel Ladenburger, Ethan Stover.

10-11 girls

Camille Firestone, Bailey Brown.

12-13 boys

R.J. Ladenburger, Scott Blanton.

14-15 boys

Christopher Finley, Curt Beringer, Brian Sulzman, Jared Helin, Jared Dinkel, Landon Stover, Derek Elliott.

Also qualifying at the Goodland tournament Thursday were: Sean Mengel and Jordan Cranston in 14-15 age bracket. The rest of the results will be printed in a later edition.

Here are the scores from the Oakley meet:

8-9 boys

Casey Wiens, 2nd, 58; Rocque Russell, 3rd, 60; Garrett Ropgers, 66; Jeremy Harter, 64; Zach Harlow, 89; Brandon Standage, 62; Thane Bulmer, 78; Tyler Bates, 79; Drew White, 87.

10-11 Boys

Ethan Stover, 3rd (playoff,) 48; Taylor Pool, 50; Mikel Ladenburer, 59; Justin Brown, 59; Brandon Harlow, 69; Eric Blanton, 57; Kyle Molstad, 73; Mitchell Tuma, 57; Brent Luedke, 58; Breck Arnberger, 76.

12-13 Boys

R.J. Ladenburger, 48; Reagan Culter, 78; Ryan Hanson, 63; Nick Harlow, 70; Joey Melnyck, 48; Alex Marshall, 50; Reed Shoaf, 56; Jesse Hawk, 58; Chance Bulmer, 67; Brett Harter, 59; Scott Blanton, 47.

14-15 boys

Derek Elliott, 3rd, 91; Curt Beringer, 107; Sean Mengel, 99; Brian Sulzman, 92; Tyler Knapp, 121; Jordan Cranston, 102.

Games should be fun

"The American Youth Soccer Organization banned one parent and two soccer coaches for life and disbanded two boys soccer teams following the worst brawl in its history."

That was the headline in a Reuters story out of Los Angeles this morning. The story goes on to say that about 30 adults were involved and some were treated for injuries ranging from bruises to bites and cuts. Three were arrested.

I was gratified to see action taken and youth soccer's executive director Cherie Tucker's words were appropriate. "AYSO will not tolerate such conduct on the part of our players, volunteers or parents."

It's also gratifying to go to many sports events in the area and not see such much in the way of "sports rage."

I think that's because most of us know it's really only a game and, win or lose, the kids are good kids.

For the most part, the parents I see are not concerned that their children's self-image will be harmed by losing a game. They want their kids to win, cer-



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tainly. No one wants to lose and no one wants their kids to lose.

So they yell encouragements, clap, stomp their feet and generally get pretty excited. Some of the parents and fans are as tired as the players when the game ends!

But they also realize there is more to life than sports.

Oh sure, there are some poor sports out there, but most of them are handled very well by peer pressure.

Gene Sicard is the regional director for American Youth Soccer in Thomas and Logan county. I have talked to him a couple of times, along with some of the other volunteers.

From that, I know that AYSO is dedicated to helping young people stay active and learn to compete fairly and decently. They want the kids to learn to win gracefully and lose with dignity.

Most of all, they enjoy what they do, and that makes it more fun for the kids. That's a good lesson for life, too.

Baseball Scoreboard

American League					East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	56	38	.596	—	Atlanta	53	41	.564	—
Boston	55	39	.585	1	Philadelphia	52	42	.553	1
Toronto	44	51	.463	12 1/2	Florida	48	47	.505	5 1/2
Baltimore	41	53	.436	15	New York	44	52	.458	10
Tampa Bay	30	65	.316	26 1/2	Montreal	41	54	.432	12 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	57	37	.606	—	Chicago	55	38	.591	—
Cleveland	53	39	.576	3	Houston	52	41	.559	3
Chicago	46	46	.500	10	St. Louis	47	46	.505	8
Detroit	41	51	.446	15	Milwaukee	43	50	.462	12
Kansas City	36	58	.383	21	Pittsburgh	35	58	.376	20
West Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	68	26	.723	—	Arizona	54	39	.581	—
Oakland	50	44	.532	18	Los Angeles	53	42	.558	2
Anaheim	46	48	.489	22	San Francisco	50	45	.526	5
Texas	39	55	.415	29	San Diego	44	50	.468	10 1/2
National League					National League				
W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	53	41	.564	—	Colorado	40	54	.426	14 1/2

Local Schedule

Sunday, July 22

Colby recreation adult co-ed softball at the recreation fields starts at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, July 23

Colby Junior Golf at the division playoffs at Smoky Hill in Hays at 8 a.m.

Colby recreation baseball and softball

T-Ball on field 3.

Bambino boys baseball tournament starts.

Rookie girls softball tournament starts.

Area Briefs

• Kansas State University strength coaches will be hosting a strength and speed camp on July 25, concentrating on techniques for strength, speed and flexibility. The camp will run from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 7-12. Cost in \$15 and part of the proceeds go to the Colby High School weight room. Call Mike Gottsch at 465-5300 for more information.

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