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Colby American Legion pitcher Jeremy Dietz prepared to throw another one during the Goodland Tournament last weekend.

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Verlander pitched the first no-hitter in Comerica Park history, mixing 99 lead the Detroit Tigers over the Milwaukee Brewers 4-0 on Tues-

Verlander struck out a careerhigh 12, walked four and benefited from several stellar defensive plays in the Tigers' first no-hitter since Jack Morris' gem in 1984.

Verlander trotted to the mound for the ninth to a standing ovation. He struck out Craig Counsell and Tony Graffanino before getting J.J. Hardy to fly out to the warning track in right field.

It was the second no-hitter of the season in the majors, with Mark Buehrle of the Chicago White Sox doing it against the Texas Rangers on April 18. Boston's Curt Schilling Earnhardt.

DETROIT (AP) — Justin came within one out of accomplishing it at Oakland last week.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) mph heat with crazy curveballs to Dale Earnhardt Jr. wants to win championships, and there's no better place to do that than at Hendrick Motorsports.

The most frenzied free agency in NASCAR history will end Wednesday when Earnhardt reveals where he'll drive next season, and all signs point to Rick Hendrick's elite orga-

Hendrick, winner of six championships since 1995, currently fields cars for four-time champion Jeff Gordon, defending series champion Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch and Casey Mears. With all four drivers under contract, Hendrick told The Associated Press last month he had "no room at the inn" for





Colby blasts through tournament

ball team won the Goodland Tournament last week thanks to a explo-

Colby defeated Burlington, Colo., 11-1 Sunday for the championship. Colby extended its 3-2 lead in the third inning by scoring four runs in the fourth. Mitchell Gatz led Colby with three RBIs.

Cory Sager led Colby with 3-4 at the plate including a home run. He also had an RBI. Kevin Lang and Gatz each went 2-3. Gatz hit a double.

Brent Arnberger and Cade Carter each had a hit. Colby had nine hits. Levi Schlick got the win. He allowed four hits and no earned runs

Before the championship game, Colby scored a cumulative 47 runs in three games.

in five innings. He struck out seven.

Colby defeated Goodland 15-6 off of 20 hits. Colby scored four runs in the first inning and another eight in the fourth inning.

Four players had three hits. Lang

Colby's American Legion base- went 3-3 with an RBI, double and triple. Jeremy Dietz was 3-4 with an innings. RBI and two doubles. Arnberger went 3-3 with two RBIs and a double. Stephen Dinkel went 3-3 with an RBI and a double.

Carter, Gatz and Sager each had two hits.

Dinkel pitched the team to victory. In five innings he gave up five hits and four earned runs. He struck out nine and walked two.

Colby defeated Norton 13-1. Five Colby players each had two hits; Carter, Sager, Lang, Gatz and Schlick. Sager had two doubles. Carter, Gatz and Dietz each had one double. Lang hit a triple. RBIs for Colby were not available.

gave up three hits and struck out seven in seven innings. He did not walk a batter. Norton committed six

Dietz got the win for Colby. He

Colby played Burlington early in the tournament and won 19-1. Colby scored 13 runs in the first inThe game was called after three had a hit. RBIs were not available.

Sager led Colby with 3-4 at the three hits and one earned run. plate. Lang, Dietz, Arnberger and Schlick and Thomas Wieland each Monday in Colby.

Lang got the win. He gave up

Colby plays a doubleheader at Eric Blanton each had two hits. Norton beginning at 6 p.m. Thurs-Arnberger hit a home run. Carter, day. Colby plays Scott City at 6 p.m.

Spurs take 3-0 lead

stance over style. That's the San spite not nearly playing up to their Antonio way.

The Spurs may be boring. They might not make TV ratings soar. And they certainly aren't America's

Maybe they should be.

Rude and ruthless, the Spurs ruined Cleveland's 37-year wait to host the NBA finals on Tuesday night, beating the Cavaliers 75-72 of a fourth title.

stopper, emerged as an unlikely of- one game shy of making it."

CLEVELAND (AP) — Sub- fensive star as the Spurs, who deusual standards, won anyway to take a commanding 3-0 lead in a series few are watching.

> No team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit. It doesn't look like the Cavaliers will be the first, but they may become the first finals sweep for the Spurs, who are shooting for their fourth title since 1999.

'Oh, it's great, beautiful ... we in Game 3 to move within one win didn't play good," guard Manu Ginobili said. "We won in a tough Bruce Bowen, the defensive arena like this one and we are just