ENID, Okla. (AP) — Two days after his team won the United States Basketball League title, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar became the former coach of the Oklahoma Storm.

The NBA Hall of Famer and team owner James Sears Bryant reached a "mutual decision" that Abdul-Jabbar would end his involvement with the team, said team spokesman Eric Newendorp. He declined further com-

Assistant coach Todd Chambers takes over for Adbul-Jabbar.

The Storm defeated the Kansas Cagerz, 122-109, for its first USBL championship.

After the victory, Abdul-Jabbar, who helped the Los Angeles Lakers win six NBA championships, waved the gleaming trophy above his head as confetti streamed down from the roof of the Mark Price Arena.

On Monday, Abdul-Jabbar returned to Los Angeles.

Abdul-Jabbar said when he became the Storm's coach earlier this year he was interested in pursuing a career in coaching and felt the job would be good starting point.

An insider in the league, who wished not to be named, said the former Laker was hired on as coach "as a publicity

"We all know Kareem probably isn't that great a coach," he said, "but that's not what's important. What's important is that is name was attached to the Storm for awhile, which not only helped Oklahoma, it helped the rest of us out too."

baseball scores

NATIONAL L'EAGUE Monday's Games Florida 11, Chicago Čubs 1 Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 0

Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 3 Cincinnati 7, Houston 5 Atlanta 7, Montreal 5 St. Louis 7, San Diego 3 San Francisco 8, Colorado 6 Los Angeles 4, Arizona 0

Tuesday's Games Milwaukee 12, Pittsburgh 6 N.Y. Mets 12, Philadelphia 6 Houston 6, Cincinnati 5, 10 innings Montreal 5. Atlanta 2 Florida 9, Chicago Cubs 7 St. Louis 11, San Diego 5 San Francisco 18, Colorado 5

Los Angeles 8, Arizona 0 Today's Games Montreal at Atlanta, 5:05 p.m. Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 5:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m. Houston at Cincinnati, 5:10 p.m.

San Diego at St. Louis, 6:10 p.m San Francisco (L. Hernandez 6-9) at Colorado Jennings 8-4), 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 11:15 a.m. Montreal at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m. Houston at Pittsburgh, 2:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Florida, 4:05 p.m. San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m Los Angeles at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 5:05 p.m.

Los Angeles at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Monday's Games

Boston 4. Toronto 0 Seattle 7. Kansas City 0 Minnesota 5, Oakland 4 Tuesday's Games

Boston 2. Toronto 1. 1st game Boston 6, Toronto 4, 2nd game N.Y. Yankees 10, Cleveland 5 Texas 3, Tampa Bay 1 Chicago White Sox 17, Detroit 9 Baltimore 3, Anaheim 0 Kansas City 7, Seattle 5 Oakland 4, Minnesota 3

Today's Games Toronto at Boston, 5:05 p.m. Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m. Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 6:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Texas, 6:05 p.m. Baltimore at Anaheim 8:05 n.m. Minnesota at Oakland, 8:05 p.m

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Toronto at Boston, 11:05 a.m. Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m Minnesota at Seattle, 4:35 p.m. Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 5:05 p.m. Tampa Bay at Texas, 6:05 p.m. Baltimore at Anaheim, 7:05 p.m

Kansas City (Sedlacek 0-0) at Oakland (Lidle



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He almost made it



Goodland's Jordan Riebel tried to beat a throw to first this weekend in the Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament. Today's American Legion away game in Ellis has been canceled.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Golfer still working on swing

By Chuck Schoffner

The Associated Press HUTCHINSON — Just 27, Karrie Sorenstam weren't playing. Webb already has won enough on the Fame. She has won all four majors for earnings. She's on pace to better those a career Grand Slam and trails only numbers. Annika Sorenstam in career earnings.

Now, here's something for weekend cess, she's still trying to perfect her

"I think you can never stop improving your game," said Webb, who on Thursday begins her bid for an unprecedented third straight title at the U.S. Women's Open. "I think you've got to keep improving things in your game to keep up with the level of play out here."

So Webb keeps tinkering — with gratifying results. She won the Rochester International two weeks ago for her first victory this year. The confidence from that tournament carried over into practice last week.

Webb felt comfortable going into eight strokes. She's in the same frame of mind now.

"I feel like I have pretty good control over everything and my putting has won by five strokes. been pretty good as well," she said. "So I feel like my game is in good enough course, where breaking par often is ening the greens and creating sticky, shape to be in contention through the noteworthy. She was the only golfer sultry conditions that will test a

annual junior college basketball tour-

nament and don't forget the Kansas

State Fair. But for sheer prestige and

For the next several days, the central

to the biggest event in women's golf,

the U.S. Women's Open, at Prairie

"Idon't think the state of Kansas has

ever seen anything like this," said Gary

Mundhenke, co-chairman of the event.

hosted the U.S. Women's Amateur

Championships in 1964, 1980 and

digious. Organizers estimate the Open

Ticket Prices:

\$15 Pit Pass

\$8 Grandstand Adults \$4 Grandstand 7-12

6 & Under Free

1991, all at Prairie Dunes.

The last U.S. Women's Open in Kan-

sas was in 1957 in Wichita. Hutchinson Palacioz.

This year's payday figures to be pro-round.

Dunes Country Club.

event, organizers say.

exposure, nothing beats the Open.

The Associated Press

HUTCHINSON—There have been of that staying in Hutchinson through

other golf tournaments. There is the lodging, meals, car rentals, conces-

Kansas city of 40,000 is playing host \$95 for all practice and championship

Galleries of more than 100,000 spec-dents and organizers have been prepar-

the event.

tators are expected to come to the ing for logistical challenges posed by

Goodland, Kansas

Next upcoming

race is on July 6

Race starts at 6:30 Mountain Time (MDT)

All of that would be enough to stamp Webb the clear favorite — if

Sorenstam last year won eight tour-LPGA Tour to qualify for its Hall of naments and a record \$2.1 million in

The Swede has won six times in 12 starts, including three of her last four hackers to consider: After all her suc- and four of her last six. She already has won more than \$1.5 million and will take on the thick rough and small greens at wind-swept Prairie Dunes after a three-shot victory at the ShopRite LPGA Classic last weekend.

> Sorenstam won the first of the four women's majors this year, the Nabisco Championship, and finished third at the other, the LPGA Championship.

"Annika is playing unbelievable golf and consistently great golf every week," Webb said. "You can't overlook her. I wouldn't be surprised to see her on top of the leaderboard at some stage during the tournament."

Don't be surprised to see Webb last year's Open, which she won by there, either. Her victory margin at Pine Needles last year was the largest in an Open in 21 years. The year before, at the Merit Club outside Chicago, she

under par last year.

pen bringing people to Kansas

state economy, with about \$11 million

sions and sales in and around Prairie

Several thousand fans paid \$15 to

Ever since Prairie Dunes was

The city of Hutchinson has invested

not only time but a lot of money in ad-

vertising, signs and general sprucing

up of the city, said City Manager Joe

long-term opportunity whose payoff

may only begin after Sunday's final

"I've got groups of economic devel-

Classes:

Non-sanctioned modifieds

Stocks

Bombers

Cruisers

But Palacioz knows the Open is a

awarded the Open three years ago, resi-

watch practice rounds early in the

week. Single-round tickets run \$25, or

will generate about \$21 million for the opment-types I'm bringing out each

But three in a row? Six other golfers have been repeat champions, including Sorenstam in 1995 and 1996. No one has won it three straight years.

"I can't think about the three in a row until I actually have a chance to win," Webb said. "With all the records that I have set over the last 6 1/2 years, a lot of them I haven't even known about until after I've played good enough to break the record.

'So that's sort of the way I think about this one, too. I feel fortunate that I have a chance to do something no one has ever done before, but I still have to get in that position first."

Prairie Dunes will pose a challenge. The course was carved out of the Kansas prairie in the 1930s and is ranked among the top 20 nationally in various publications. The sand hills, constant wind — there's little in these parts to break it — and prairie grasses give it a links-style look similar to coastal lay-

The thick rough exacts a penalty for missing fairways and players must shoot at small, undulating greens.

Rain made the 6,267-yard, par-70 course play longer on Tuesday, but temperatures are expected to climb Webb knows how to handle an Open into the 90s by the weekend — hard-

day," he said, hoping to entice prospec-

donated more than \$100,000 for the

Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer said the state

tive companies to the region.

ried about being left off the National League All-Star team; he just doesn't like how the team is selected. Despite having some of the best numbers in the NL, Walker wasn't selected by the fans or Arizona manager Bob Brenly.

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rock-

ies outfielder Larry Walker isn't wor-

Walker had a slight chance of earning the 30th spot on the team through online fan voting, but Atlanta center fielder Andruw Jones got the last spot

"I said that if I get picked to go to the All-Star Game I will honor the National League, I will honor the Colo-

on Tuesday.

rado Rockies as a representative," to be just as happy if I went because I'll get to go home and to be able to spend time with my family. Either way I'm satisfied with the result."

he was left off team What Walker doesn't like is the way the team is picked, particularly the new approach of adding a 30th player through an Internet runoff.

"I think that 30th thing is stupid. I just happen to be one of the idiots in there," Walker said. "It's a slap in the face, I think, to the guys. The fans could have picked any of the five guys (in the runoff) to go on. The manager could have picked any of those five guys to

"Now it's kind of like, 'all right, we got one spot left open here ... you're in.' If you bypass two things then all of a sudden you get to go back. It just doesn't seem right."

Walker's average of .341 is second Walker said. "If I don't go, I'm going in the National League to teammate Todd Helton, who will start at first base in the All-Star game. He is third in RBIs with 61, tied for ninth with 18 home runs and fifth in runs scored with 56.

Giants beat Rockies 18-5

Walker not upset

DENVER (AP) — Damon Minor and Tsuyoshi Shinjo had been struggling. Then they came to Coors Field. Minor, Shinjo and Reggie Sanders

each homered twice to tie a major league record as the San Francisco Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 18-5 Tuesday night. Minor, 3-for-16 before the game,

was 4-for-6 and drove in a career-high five runs. He had two-run homers in the second and fourth innings. "You feel good in one game and the

next thing you know you're not swinging good," Minor said. "It's just a great relief to get one of these games.'

Shinjo, hitless in his previous 17 atbats, finished 5-for-6 and also drove in a career-high five. He had his second

career grand slam in the first inning.

Sanders added a two-run homer in the seventh and a solo shot in the ninth as the Giants became the 16th major league team to have three players hit multiple homers in a game.

San Francisco had seven homers, its most since hitting a club-record eight against Milwaukee on April 30, 1961. It was also a club record for homers allowed by Colorado.

"We got taken to the shed, taken to the wood shed," said Colorado manager Clint Hurdle, whose team has lost seven of eight. "We couldn't get outs."

The 10 combined homers tied a Coors Field record, set four other

The Rockies and Montreal Expos hit five each the last time it happened, May

city recreation scores

Girls' Major June 24

Bankwest over Gambino's Pizza 20-1 Short & Son over Kiwanis 17-0 June 27

Golden Chiropractic Clinic over Bankwest 15-13 KC's Videos over Kiwanis 17-9 Short & Son over Gambino's Pizza 12-4

Boys' Rookie Elks Lodge over Basgall Construction 6-4 VFW over Applebee's Golf Carts 10-4

June 27 Basgall Construction over KKCI 8-0 Applebee's Golf Carts over KKCI 4-2 Boys' Major

June 24 Schilling Limousin over Miller Construction 11-9 Marshall's Team tied Hennick Lumber 4-4 June 26 Miller Construction over Kiwanis 13-0

Unruh Chiropractic over Marshall's Team 12-2 Hennick Lumber over Schilling Limousin 7-6 Girl's Rookie

Witzel & Rhea over KWGB 9-3 First National Bank over Finley Motors 7-0 Finley Motors over Goodland Yost Farm Supply June 26

First National Bank over Finley Motors 6-5 Goodland Yost Farm Supply over KWGB 18-9 Goodland Yost Farm Supply over Witzel & Rhea

Boy's Minor June 25 The Framing Place over Sigco Sun 6-4 Dairy Queen over Brenner Ford 7-0

June 27 The Framing Place over Brenner Ford 9-5 Dairy Queen over Sigco Sun 6-5 June 26

S&T Comm. over First National Bank 8-7 Hitchcock over The Crazy Nuts 34-0 S&T Communications over The Crazy Nuts 17-5 Bowladium Lanes over Car Quest 13-8

Da Killa B's/Snappy Snack/Gambino's over Ca Hitchcock over Bowladium Lanes 19-0 June 25

Budweiser over Tap-N-lt 18-1 Twig-N-Giggleberries over Tex-Mex 10-6

Lonny's Quality Auto Body/ADM over Sheldor Liquor/Overhead Door 18-3 Century Feeders/Co-op over Tex-Mex 10-6 Budweiser over B&K Pumping 6-4 Twig-N-Giggleberries over Kamper Liquor 11-4

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