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Broncos Region One Semi-Final Baseball Champions



The Region One Semi-Final Bronco Baseball team sits in repose for their fans.

By Nancy Glasscock

As an 'old' shortstop said on the KHOS radio broadcast on Saturday afternoon from the Christensen Stadium press box, "If you aren't here to witness our Broncos play today, shame on YOU!!" Saturday's final two games of the best of a three series with Alpine for the Region Semi-final Championship showed your Sonora Broncos' baseball team's drive and determination to get to the next playoff level. In Thursday night's Game One, the Alpine Bucks put Broncos' starting pitcher John Lopez in an early hole. The Bucks scored four runs in the first after the visiting Broncos had left the bases loaded in their half of the first.

The Broncos cut the lead to three in the top of the fifth. Freshman Elijah Cross (2 for 3) led off with a single. He eventually scored after a Darien Lopez sacrifice bunt, a passed ball, and a grounder by his brother, Imoni Cross. The Bucks added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth. It could have been worse but for the All-Star defensive plays by Imoni Cross and Davis Jimenez in the field. That was all the Bucks needed to take the series opener 7-1. Ely Gallego got the win. Games Two and Three on Saturday afternoon were a completely different story. Jimenez and Clayton Parks, two new Sonora High school grad-

uates, took over the pitching duties for these games. With grit and resolve these two warriors pitched great games keeping the Bucks from ever gaining the lead. In the second inning of the third game, the Bucks loaded the bases with no outs. Parks responded by striking out the side, stranding the three Alpine baserunners and deflating the Bucks' hopes. In Game Two, the Broncos handed previously undefeated Alpine pitcher Evan Moore his first loss of the 2012 season. Sonora's hitters pounded him for nine hits in four innings of work.

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Winning Parents: Parents Need to Find Balance with Youth Sports



By Abby Creek

When you look at an eighteen year old star quarterback, or an ace softball pitcher their obvious talents seem to define who they are as athletes: powerful, fluid, inspiring. At the top of their game athletes have the ability to seem almost more than human. It's easy to get drawn into that desire to see your child reach the same form of greatness that is so often associated with professional athletes. At the same time it also raises the question which is more important: raise a good person, or a good athlete?

In a perfect world there would be no struggle to raise both a good athlete and a good person, however some studies indicate you can't always have your cake and eat it too. A Michigan State Youth Sports

Institute survey revealed that "70 percent of young athletes will drop out of sports before turning thirteen...and a large majority of that is due to the fact that the pressure they feel from outside sources is too much for a teenager to handle." Our kids are the ones who will have to live with the effects of what we subject them to as children. A good character is far more important than a good jump shot, and will undoubtedly take them farther in life. Take former Sonora athlete and current business owner Josh Burnham for example who recently commented, "Sports taught me to have a good work-ethic, how to motivate the people around me, and how to be a good leader. If you push your kids into playing sports and doing the things

that you want them to do they'll resent it, just because it wasn't their choice. My parents never pushed me to do things I didn't want to do, even in business they never tried to sway me one way or the other, it was always my choice."

We must remember to make the best choices for them while acknowledging what they want, and not make those decisions based on regrets from our pasts, or long-lost dreams of our own. One of the most disturbing things is to watch a parent push their child to succeed that the kid quits sports altogether. However, it is possible to find a balance between

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One Continent, Two Skates, and 5 World Records: All for the Special Olympics

By Dusty Padilla

Two Tuesdays ago not only did The Cavern's of Sonora get an unexpected visitor but I had the chance to meet a group of people who are doing something that only a few have done. They are an energetic bunch that is setting out across the country to bring awareness for a good cause. They are a part of the "Live Give Skate" Charity that is raising money for Special Olympics and to encourage people of all ages to get fit. It was such a short notice call to cover this story that I didn't get to spend much time actually talking to them. However I did get the chance to do something I have not done...ever.

Let me put the focus on this group of people for now; especially the one that is putting herself through the roughest physical test that anyone probably could. Her name is Kacie Lauren Fischer. She is a cross-fit coach and personal trainer from Irvine, CA. She spends her days doing workout videos and encouraging the people she helps train. It doesn't take but a second in her presence to get the energy she has transferred to you. What is even more incredible is that she has an amazing ability to make you want to actually start working out yourself. Kacie is putting her body through a grueling trek across this country. As you already know she is raising money for her Special Olympics Charity but she is also hoping to break 5 World Records in the process. The 5 World Records she is attempting are: The longest distance covered on inline skates, fastest crossing of America on inline skates, first female to cross America on inline skates, greatest distance traveled on inline skates in 24 hours and farthest distance on inline skates backwards in 24 hours. The fact that Kacie is doing this makes her an amazing person in my books.

I had the chance to ask Kacie what started this venture for her and she said she had been challenged by the current record holder. He told her that he "wanted her to beat his record". A goal that is very much achievable thanks to the amazing support that she has been receiving not only from strangers as she passes through towns but also from her family and friends. I asked her who her greatest supporter had been since she first decided to do this and she told me it was her Fiancé; Adam Cleveland. She says that he is the one who has "pushed me, supported me, encouraged me and makes sure I am safe". Kacie started out in Sonoma, CA and the half way point for her trek is Austin, TX. Though she will make many stops in numerous cities between here and there; from what she told me she is most excited about stopping in Jacksonville, FL. She said "If I can make it there; then I know I can make it up the coast into New York". When I asked Kacie what she would tell someone who wanted to get into shape but hasn't found that motivation; she said "Stop putting limits on yourself and DO IT! It'll be worth it".

After it was all said and done and they were getting ready to leave the Caverns. She asked me if I would like to bike with them from the Exit for the Caves back into Sonora. When she heard my response; she somehow got the entire staff and her group to call me out for "the story" and gain a different perspective on what they do. We all know how easy it is to pass people like Kacie and her group while biking down the road in our trucks. Have you ever stopped to think what kind of person it takes to do just that? Needless to say her spirit is so infectious; that before I knew it I was right behind her for the 8 miles back into town on a bike that they provided. I will tell you that after we met back up with their bus I felt so good about myself. It was only 8 miles and yet I felt like I had conquered Mt. Everest. I wish them all the best of luck and may they be watched over as they travel through some very rough roads. I hope that Kacie completes her goal and not only finishes but inspires so many people along the way. I know for a fact that I am going to do what I can to feel as good as I did on those 8 miles.

I will be following Kacie as she continues along and so can you. You can go to www.livegiveskate.org to check on her progress and read about what she is doing. You can also go to www.fundly.com/livegiveskate and donate.

Senior Center Activities

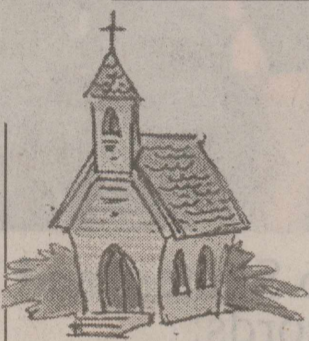
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 Fri. June 1 -
 Mon. June 4 -
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Senior Center Menu

Thurs. May 31 - Salisbury Steak, New Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Strawberries w/Topping, milk

Fri. June 1 -
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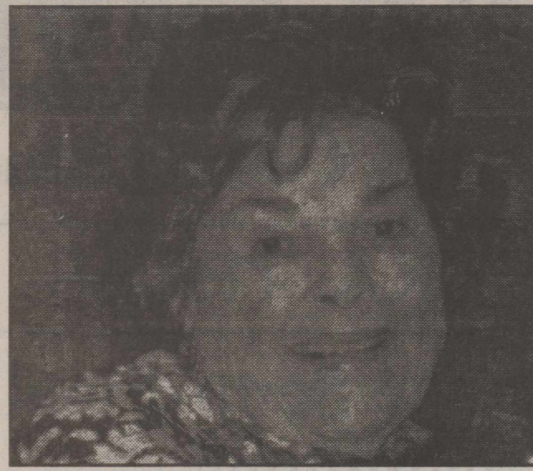
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Obituary

Aldrane F. Schuchmann



Sonora- Mrs. Aldrane F. Schuchmann, 88, passed away May 28, 2012. She was born in Mansfield, Ohio on November 29, 1923. She and her husband John retired to Bradenton, Florida, where they lived for 20 years. John died in Florida in 1998. Aldrane came to Sonora to live with her sister Ruth Turk Espy in 1999. She was a member of the Lighthouse Community Church. She is survived by two sons, John A. Schuchmann, M.D. and his family of Temple, Tx., and Robert N. Schuchmann and his family of Henderson, Nev., and her sister Ruth Turk Espy of Sonora. She has 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A private family memorial was held May 28, 2012. Graveside services will be Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in Sonora Cemetery at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Fisher Graduates Law School



Tammy T. Fisher, of Sonora, graduated May 19, 2012 from the Texas Tech University School of Law with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence and a Certificate in Law and Science (in Energy).

While a student at Texas Tech School of Law Miss Fisher was elected Jr. State Bar of Texas Representative for Texas Tech School of Law in 2010. Later that year, she was elected Secretary of the State Bar of Texas Law Student Division. As Sr. State Bar Representative for Texas Tech School of Law, Fisher was elected Chair of the Law Student Division of the State Bar of Texas in 2011. As chair, Miss Fisher also served on the State Bar of Texas Council of Chairs and as Law Student Liaison to the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) Board of Directors. Miss Fisher recently received a TYLA President's Award of Merit from TYLA President Natalie Cobb Koehler, for her service on that board during 2011-2012. She will be recognized at the State Bar of Texas Convention in Houston on June 15th for this achievement.

Additionally, while a student at Texas Tech School of Law, Miss Fisher held positions as Secretary of the Energy Law Interest Group, Vice President of the Wind Energy Society, President of the Environmental Law Society, an elected member of the Student Bar Association, and an appointed member of the Student Life Council, the Career Services Committee, and the Service Coordinators Committee for Law School Operations and was a member of the Real Estate Law Society.

Miss Fisher has been a Mediator, trained in both general and family mediation, since 2010 and has successfully mediated criminal, juvenile, family and corporate cases for over two years through the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center. Tammy was one of eight students selected to work in the Texas Tech School of Law Civil Practice Clinic from 2011-2012 where she took on her own clients as a student attorney under a supervising attorney. She also served as a Law Clerk for the City Attorney of Lubbock and for Yoakum County District Attorney and solo practitioner Bill Helwig of Denver City.

Prior to law school, Miss Fisher had a successful career in local, state and federal public service, primarily doing legislative and policy work for the Texas Comptroller, Texas Department of Agriculture and Congressman Kevin Brady. She was also a Schedule C Appointee in the George W. Bush administration. She is an active partner in her family's ranching operation, Askew-Fisher Ranch, with her parents, Glen and Linda Fisher and her brother David Fisher, in Sutton County and owns and operates a ranch and hunting operation southwest of Sonora, called The Double T Ranch, raising cattle, sheep and goats. Fisher is an active member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers and the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Associations.

Fisher will take the July Texas Bar Examination. Following bar exam passage, Miss Fisher is set to open her own solo, general law and mediation practice in Sonora in late November or early December.

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 You can hear our worship service each Sunday morning @ 11:00 am on KHOS 92.1FM
 Check us out @ faithbreaksonora.wordpress.com

Summer Activities for Sonora Youth

By Abby Creek

Its 9 'o clock; do you know where your children are? Putting all clichés aside the more serious question still remains: what are you going to do with your children this summer? While you're slaving away behind a desk, worried about trying to find good ways to keep your kids busy-short of setting them in front of the television with a box a cereal- we have come up with a few local events that will take your children off your hands and give them a place to enjoy their summer. And who knows, they may actually learn something new while they're at it!

Sports Camps: Available for 2nd grade through incoming freshman, the cost for each formation is \$30. For further information: Craten Phillips at 325-387-6940 ext. 3900

Boys Basketball: May 28-30 High School Gym
Girls Basketball: June 4-5 High School Gym
Track: June 6-8 High School Track
Volleyball: June 18-19 High School Gym

Football: July 23-25 High School Football Field
Softball: TBA
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Baptist Church Vacation Bible School: Free event held June 11-15 from 9 am-12 pm at the First Baptist Church for children who are just finishing Pre-K through just finishing 5th grade. For more information you can contact the First Baptist Church at 387-2951.

Methodist/Episcopal/Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School: Free event held July 8-12 from 5-8pm at the Methodist Church for children 3 years old through students entering 5th grade. For more information please call 325-234-4744.

Swim Lessons: June 11-15, and June 25-29 with Morgan Mathews at the Sonora City Pool for \$40 per child. Times for lessons varies upon age: 9 and up: 9:30-10
7-8: 10-10:30
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For more info contact Morgan at 325-450-3275

Good Samaritan Program: Free event held June 11-July 26. Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm for ages 8 to 14, held at Sonora Elementary School. This event is led by Karla Dominguez whom you can contact at 325-387-0478.

Little Bronco Diva Day: May 31 from 8am-2pm for pre-k through 6th grade students held by the Sonora High School cheerleaders at the high school gym for \$30 a child. For more information contact Kate Jennings at 325-226-3179.

Library Summer Reading Program: Free event held June 6-July 11, on Wednesdays held at the Sutton County Public Library, ages vary:
Pre-K through Kindergarten: 10:30-11:30
1st through 2nd grade: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
3rd through 4th grade: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

For more information call the Library at 387-2111

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encouraging, and pressuring. Just ask Ileana Lochte, mother of Olympic gold-medalist swimmer Ryan Lochte who said, "The best gift a parent could get is when their children are doing something that they really love. I don't think that he would have done it if I told him what to do, and how to do it. I steered him, but I didn't force him."

Only one in 16,000 high school athletes will go on to have a professional career in sports. Parents will eventually come to realize that the odds of their child being that one out of 16,000 athletes are almost slim to none and you know what? That's all right. What isn't all right is making children feel like the only way they are going to receive love and affection is by being the athletes their parents want them to be. Jock Dutton father of Sonora's own Will Dutton may have said it best, "We let him make his own decisions, but try to support him as much as we can. If things work out for him he will know he did it by himself, and will gain confidence from that, because he did it on his own terms. If we forced him into doing something he didn't want to, what would he learn from that?" For some kids, sports may end after high school-some may end after their first t-ball game-but the point is it's far more important to raise a good person, than a good athlete.

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Sonora High School Class of 1962 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion October 5-7, 2012 at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. We will be happy to send information about the reunion to our classmates and teachers. Please contact Sarah and Preston Neely at 210-859-0583, 210-479-1974, email, sarahneely@sbcglobal.net.

Sonora High School Class of 2002 will be celebrating their 10 year reunion during Sutton County Days, June 29-30, 2012. We are also currently working on raising money to award the Class of 2012 with a scholarship. If you would like to donate towards the scholarship you can go to The Bank and Trust and ask to donate to the SHS Class of 2002 scholarship fund. The last day to donate is May 14, 2012. For more information on the reunion or scholarship please contact Shalayne Mayfield, 325-387-5834 or Heather Cea ley, 325-387-2490.

The Sonora High School class of 1982 will hold their 30th class reunion on June 30, 2012. For more information, call Julie Martin at (325)387-5136.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 5th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 15, 2012. Your support is appreciated!

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Sonora Lions are ready to sponsor our youth who are disabled or who have TYPE 1 diabetes to attend a 1 week camp. For more information contact Col. Pete Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Lion. Further information on all Lions Camps is online @ Texas Lions Camp. Camp dates are in June for disabled and July diabetes.

Art Classes the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Stricklan 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

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Oil & Agribusiness

Little Bluestem Can Tell A Story

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



The warm-season grasses are growing, following the good rains. But before we think about restocking the range, we might consider how to tell when condition is improving. One way is with "key" plants because they tell a story of what is taking place. One such is little bluestem.

Little bluestem is a perennial, warm-season, native bunchgrass which grows from 24 to 48 inches tall. It can be identified by its flat, bluish-colored basal shoots and leaf blades which tend to fold. Mature plants have a reddish color after frost. This bluestem is reported to have been the most common grass present in parts of Texas, and is still a major feature of the tallgrass, midgrass and shortgrass prairies of our state. It can grow on upland and bottomland sites.

Growth begins in early April, and provides fairly nutritious grazing for cattle early in the growing season, but its value decreases with maturity. It is a poor forage for wildlife, though numerous birds and small mammals use the dried stems for cover and for nesting materials, and the small seeds as a good source of food.

When little bluestem is continually grazed shorter than 4 inches during the growing season, it is eventually killed

out and replaced by less productive plants. In many areas it is not considered of major economic importance because of its lower palatability and poor forage quality when plant is mature. However it can make good winter grazing when supplemented with protein and minerals.

Its presence or absence you can give us an idea of the condition of rangeland. How is that, you ask? On a site in good condition, you might find many little bluestem plants. As long as there are other species available, livestock take only the choicest parts of each, and may not concentrate on the little bluestem. This is because livestock have preferences. If grazing pressure increases, and you have no little bluestem left in the composition, it suggests that the desirable grasses have been overgrazed. So little bluestem can be used as a key to gauge the condition of the range.

Rangeland condition changes in response to some event, either management, rainfall, drought, etc. And every plant in nature serves some kind of purpose. Little bluestem can be our barometer to help us read range condition.

For additional information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton.agrilife.org>.

Experts Say Spring Rains Have Helped, But More Is Needed

WESLACO – Spring rains in extreme South Texas have helped keep reservoir levels behind Amistad and Falcon dams from dropping, but more is needed to help crops and end the drought, according to various experts in the field.

"We've gotten a lot more rain this spring than we did last year, but crops still need to be irrigated," said Dr. Juan Enciso, an irrigation engineer at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Weslaco.

"We're thankful for the rains, but we could use more slow, soaking rains to penetrate the subsoil profile and replenish our reservoirs," Enciso said. Barry Goldsmith, the warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Brownsville, agrees.

"The rains have provided a temporary relief, but long term, we're just not there yet," he said. "In fact, if we continue to have hot and dusty days, we're in trouble."

The wet spring weather pattern this year started in February, Goldsmith said, and even included a rare, severe hailstorm in McAllen that could eventually amount to damages of \$100 million, according to the weather service website.

"The jet stream allowed energy to build up in February and that started things off. It gave

us rains that made for a pretty spring; it gave a huge boost to plants and trees," he said.

Sporadic rainfall through most of May in the Falcon and Amistad watershed, in both the U.S. and Mexico, helped growers and reservoir levels, according to Erasmo Yarrito Jr., Rio Grande watermaster with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"The rains didn't raise reservoir levels, but they kept them from dropping," he said.

Instead of releasing 100 cubic meters of water per second, Yarrito said releases have dropped to half that amount.

"Combined capacity of both reservoirs is at 56.86 percent, about normal for this time of year," he said. "And even if we don't get rainfall in the Mexican watershed, our reserves will carry us through this year and next year."

Erasmo Valdez, a long-time corn and grain sorghum farmer in the mid-Valley area, said he is especially thankful for the rains that helped him save time and money.

"The rains bought me 14 or 15 days and helped me eliminate one irrigation so far," he said. "Last year at this time I had already irrigated four times and was thinking of the fifth because it was so hot and dry. I'm happy this

year because I've only had to irrigate three times. That saves money and the rains help wash and reenergize the crops."

What will future rainfall be? Goldsmith said he doesn't have a crystal ball, but he knows what the area needs.

"What we need is what we call 'efficient' rains, a series of easterly waves of rain events from the tropics and sub-tropics," he said. "Not more hail or a hurricane, which bring other hazards, but rather a pattern where we have rains in the morning, then again in the afternoon each day for about a week. Then a week of no rain, followed by more rain the fol-

lowing week. Periodic rains will get us out of this drought."

According to the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website (<http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>), most of the Lower Rio Grande Valley is considered to be in a moderate drought. Only Starr County is listed as abnormally dry.

As to whether the weather "puzzle pieces" will fall into place to end the drought, Goldsmith said: "I can't predict that. Are we now going back to the hot and dry conditions of last year and 2009? We just don't know yet."

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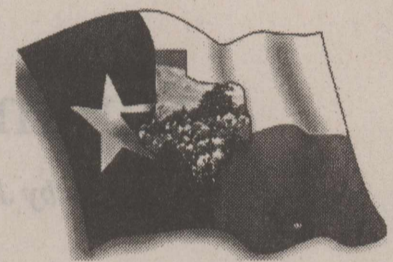
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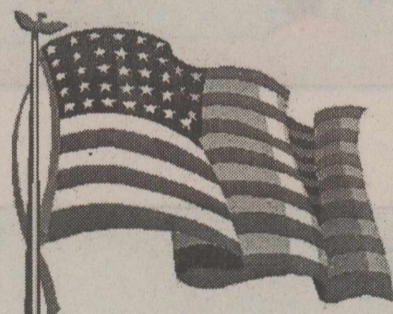
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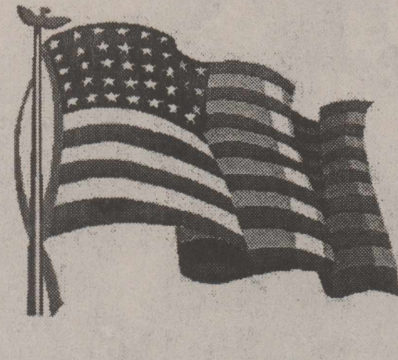
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Game Three pitted Alpine's Gallego against Parks. Gallego, coming back from only one day's rest, got lit up for nine hits and hit two Broncos, while his teammates made eight fielding errors. It wasn't in the cards for the Bucks to advance. The Broncos got on the scoreboard in the first inning and never looked back. Imoni Cross was three for five, an RBI, and three stolen bases. Ryan San Miguel was two for four, two RBI's, and two stolen bases. Parks was also two for four with two RBI's. The Broncos' bats and their speed on the base paths proved to be more than Alpine could

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