

Mean Moose trample Spartans

by Cailey McDermott
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Salida varsity baseball players lost both of their doubleheader games against the Alamosa Mean Moose, 11-1 and 13-1, Tuesday in Alamosa.

With the two losses, the team's record stands at 0-3.

Senior Brandon Coleman said the team "did not play so well."

He said they struggled offensively.

"Obviously, it's hard to win a game if you can't score as much as the other team," Coleman said. "We have a lot to improve on, but we keep getting better every game."

Sophomore Nate Lowe went 1-for-3 in the first game.

Sophomore Jimmy Fontana went 1-for-3, scoring the team's only run in the first inning.

Junior Tony Gentile knocked Fontana in with a double, earning an RBI on the play.

Assistant coach Josh Bechtel said the team had a 1-0 lead, until the game "went in the other direction."

Spartan senior Daniel McFarland went 1-for-3 and junior Harry Spencer went 1-for-2.

In his four innings on the mound McFarland allowed five runs and two walks. He struck out three Alamosa batters.

Bechtel said the team had three errors in the first four innings, which resulted in some of the runs.

Head coach Jim LaCroix said, "If we'd cut our errors in half, it helps the pitcher out a lot."

Senior Nick Keserich gave up four runs in two innings. He had one walk and one hit batter.

In the second game, McFarland went 2-for-3 with an RBI in the fifth.

Spencer scored after getting walked, stealing two bases, and then McFarland hit him home.

Senior Matt Trueblood had a rough partial first inning on the mound, allowing 10 runs.

The Alamosa Mean Moose kicked off their high-scoring

inning with a grand slam.

"It must have gone like 370 feet," Bechtel said.

"The good thing is after the first inning we only allowed three runs. We really tightened up on defense," he added.

Keserich pitched three innings, allowed no runs or walks and struck out one batter.

LaCroix said McFarland and Keserich pitched well.

Lowe finished the six-inning game with one strike-out and three runs.

"Pitching was good tonight. We threw a lot of strikes and hit the ball well — but we still made a lot of errors," he said. "I don't mind errors on difficult plays, but we made some on easy plays. We need to work on our defense."

The varsity team will host Custer County in a doubleheader at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. March 21.

Runs by Inning (first game)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Total
Salida	1	0	0	0	0	0 1
Alamosa	3	1	3	2	2	11

Runs by Inning (second game)					
	1	2	3	4	5 Total
Salida	0	0	0	1	0 1
Alamosa	10	0	3	0	13

Salida Off-Road racer places second

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Garrett Bachand, 17, Salida, took second place in the Open 3 and third overall at the first round of the Colorado Off-Road Championship

Series Saturday and Sunday in Colorado Springs.

The dirt bike race was 2 hours long without rest time.

The previous weekend, March 9-10, Bachand took first place in B 250 and third overall at Round 3 of the

Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuits in Quitaque, Texas.

Bachand will compete April 6-7 in Farmington, N.M., for Round 4 of the Rocky Mountain circuit and the first round of the Webe Harescrambles series.

Babe Ruth baseball registration opens

Registration for the Salida Babe Ruth summer baseball league is open, and forms may be picked up at Salida Regional Library and the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center.

Teams will include T-ball, machine pitch, 12 and younger live pitch and teams for ages 13-15.

Boys and girls 4-15 years old are invited to participate.

Coaches are needed. People interested in coaching will find information on the registration form.

For more information contact Rusty Granzella at 221-2361 or 539-7309.

Local wildlife biologist wins outstanding employee

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Greg Policky, Salida area aquatic biologist, won the Jim Jones Outstanding Employee of 2012 award during the Colorado Parks and Wildlife annual banquet Feb. 26 in Colorado Springs.

Policky works on the Upper Arkansas River from Leadville to Penrose. His office is in Salida.

He won the award in part because of his 20 years of work rebuilding the trout fishery in the Leadville area and his involvement with the Voluntary Flow Management Program.

Policky helped establish flow criteria that would benefit both the trout population and the rafting industry on the Arkansas River.

"I'm extremely honored

and humbled. It's an outstanding honor to get (the Jim Jones) award in particular," he said.

Policky said he worked with Jones "quite a lot" before Jones died.

"It's nice to be recognized by my peers and colleagues," he said.

Policky said the award recognizes not just him but everyone who participated in the fishery restoration and flow program.

"2012 was a good year for me. I won three awards. It's kind of both humbling and overwhelming," he said.

The other awards he won were an internal award among aquatic biologists in Colorado and one from American Fishery Society, which garners international recognition among fishery biologists.

CSU-Extension offers gluten free

The Colorado State University Extension office will offer a gluten-free cooking class from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds meeting room.

The class will focus on what

a gluten-free lifestyle entails as well as the basics of gluten-free cooking and baking.

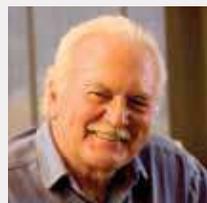
Participants should register for the class by 5 p.m. March 20. Call 539-6447 to register or ask questions.

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