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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tiger soccer player Cristobal Flores preserved his team's perfect season with a goal in the 93rd minute of the team's win over Stone Memorial. He prefaced his late game heroics by scoring four goals against White County. For his efforts, he earns this week's Athlete of the Week title. Athletes of the Week are invited to come by the Smithville Review

## office for a free T-shirt. Predators roughed up, lead series 2-1

**DENVER (AP)** — Nathan MacKinnon and the Colorado Avalanche leaned on their speed to get off to another flying start.

This time, it held up.

MacKinnon scored twice, including one as part of a three-goal first period and another to chase Nashville goaltender Pekka Rinne from the game, and the Avalanche beat the Predators 5-3 in Game 3 on Monday night to pull to 2-1 in the first-round series.

Blake Comeau and Gabriel Bourque also scored in a furious opening period that revved up a pom-pom waving capacity crowd. Gabriel Landeskog was credited with an empty-net goal for the Avalanche, who snapped a 12-game skid against the Predators.

"Our guys were ener-gized," Avalanche coach Jared Bednar said. "We were on our toes and the aggressors early in that game and it paid off for us." Game 4 is Wednesday in

For a third straight game

in the series, Colorado scored first. But the Avs were able to make it stand in this one. MacKinnon and his teammates have been a different bunch at home this year. Their 28 home wins in the regular season was tied for the most in franchise history with the 2000-01 squad that hoisted the Stanley

They gained a lot of momentum, used their atmosphere to their advantage and we weren't able to respond in that first period," Predators forward Ryan Johansen said. "That can't happen."

MacKinnon's goal at 4:25 of the second period gave Colorado a 4-0 lead and prompted the Predators to pull Rinne in favor of backup Juuse Saros. Rinne allowed four goals on 15 shots.

"We weren't very good in front of him," Predators coach Peter Laviolette said. "I didn't think we were giving him the support he needed."





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## BASEBALL

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"Our bats are starting to get going," said Coach Adam Kefauver of their performance since returning home after the Beach Bash. "We are still a little inconsistent but if we get consistent I am confident we will be right there at the top."

Their win against the Jets came after they dropped a game to Gordonsville, 9-7 last Thursday as four late runs were not enough to overcome a six-run first inning they allowed the host squad.

The Tigers were set to host Livingston Academy Tuesday before traveling to Warren County today. The team goes to Lebanon before returning to play Monterey this Saturday and then matching up against Macon County here this coming Tuesday. They presently hold a 7-8 mark overall and are 3-1 in the district.

