

# Rockies beat Arizona ace to end losing streak

DENVER (AP) — Larry Walker, a career .167 hitter against Randy Johnson, drove in two runs with a pinch single as the Colorado Rockies ended a season-high six-game losing streak Sunday with a 7-6 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks. Walker, 1-for-6 against Johnson (9-5), didn't start because of a sore left hamstring but he came off the bench to deliver the key hit off the big left-hander in the sixth inning. Denny Neagle (6-2), activated from the disabled list before the game, allowed four runs and eight hits and struck out seven in six innings. He had been sidelined with a strained right



hamstring. Colorado made it 7-5 in the eighth when Juan Pierre scored on a wild pitch, but Arizona closed within a run on Luis Gonzalez's RBI single off Jose Jimenez in the ninth. Jimenez recorded the final three outs for his 12th save in 15 chances. Reggie Sanders and Jay Bell homered for Arizona, which had its three-game winning streak snapped. The loss denied the Diamondbacks their first road series sweep of the Rockies. Johnson fanned 12, the 160th time he struck out at least 10, and allowed six runs and four hits as his four-game winning streak ended.

# Avalanche trade wing for third-round pick

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Chris Dingman, who averaged 2 1/2 minutes of penalties in every game he played last season for the Colorado Avalanche, was traded Sunday to the Carolina Hurricanes for a fifth-round draft pick. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound left wing was the first-round pick of the Calgary Flames in 1994. He had just one goal and one assist in 41 regular season games for the Avalanche, but had 108 penalty minutes. The Stanley Cup champions used the 149th overall pick they got from Carolina to select Mikko Viitanen of Finland. Dingman, who will be 25 in two weeks, has 12 career goals in 182 NHL

games, but has piled up 413 penalty minutes. He had four assists in 16 playoff games this year for the Stanley Cup champions. In one season in junior hockey, Dingman had 409 penalty minutes. "Chris played in the Stanley Cup finals and he was one of their good players," Hurricanes general manager Jim Rutherford said. "He's a guy who will come in and play on our team and make our team bigger." Prior to the draft, Rutherford said he was looking for a left winger to play alongside captain Ron Francis. Dingman also could play on the team's third line. Dingman made \$500,000 last season and is a restricted free agent.

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**Tuesday, June 26**  
Colby recreation baseball and softball.  
Junior boys baseball at field 2.  
Dodgers vs. Orioles at 6:15 p.m.  
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**Wednesday, June 27**  
Colby recreation baseball and softball at the recreation fields.  
Rookie girls softball at field 4.  
Pirates vs. Mariners at 6 p.m.  
Mets vs. Giants at 8 p.m.  
T-ball at field 3.  
Mariners vs. Cubs at 7 p.m.  
Orioles vs. Devil Rays at 8 p.m.  
Bambino boys baseball at field 2.

Cardinals vs. Cubs at 6 p.m.  
Orioles vs. Rockies at 8 p.m.  
**Thursday, June 28**  
Colby recreation baseball and softball.  
Junior boys baseball at field 2.  
Indians vs. Braves at 6:15 p.m.  
Yankees vs. Orioles at 8 p.m.  
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Indians vs. Rockies double-header at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

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# Bonds and McGwire silent in Sunday game

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Barry Bonds had a silent Sunday night, and so did the man whose home run record he's chasing. Bonds flied out four times and walked once and Mark McGwire was 0-for-4 with two pop-ups and two strikeouts as the St. Louis Cardinals, behind four RBIs from Jim Edmonds and resourceful pitching from Matt Morris, beat the San Francisco Giants 7-3. Bonds was 1-for-9 with one homer and six walks in the three-game series at Busch Stadium, where McGwire broke Roger Maris' home run record and hit No. 70 in 1998. He flied out four times to left — one a foul ball — and remained at 39 homers. McGwire is the fastest ever to 40, doing it in 90 games in 1998, and this was the Giants' 75th game. Bonds already has hit more homers before the All-Star game than any player in history, and the Giants have 13 games remaining before the break.

Morris (10-4) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the second, left them loaded in the sixth and stranded two runners in the third and fourth. Morris has won seven straight at home and is 8-1 there with a 1.61 ERA. Dave Veres got the last out for his 11th save in 12 chances. Edmonds' two-run double off Russ Ortiz (8-5) gave the Cardinals a 3-2 lead in the fifth and he had an RBI single in the third. He's 9-for-25 (.360) with three homers and 10 RBIs in the seven games since J.D. Drew went on the disabled list with a broken right hand.

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