

Royals rally stuns Detroit

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With Carlos Beltran in a 1-for-26 skid, Kansas City Royals manager Tony Muser dropped him from third to seventh in the batting order this week.

Beltran went 4-for-4 with a home run, stole two bases and scored



twice Wednesday night as the Royals rallied for two runs in the ninth inning to defeat the Detroit Tigers 5-4.

"Maybe it ticked him off," Muser said of Beltran's demotion in the lineup. "No matter where he hits, I hope he plays like that every game."

Beltran said he was not mad at being moved down.

"I don't get upset as long as I'm in the lineup, that's fine with me," he said. "I know I wasn't doing that good in the third slot. I started off doing hitting third, but then I got in a little slump."

Beltran began the ninth with an infield single, stole second and scored on Brent Mayne's single. Mayne has six RBIs in two games since he was acquired in a trade Sunday with the Colorado Rockies.

Mayne went to second on the throw home, but was out trying to advance on Luis Alicea's comebacker.

Alicea stole second and scored the winning run on Endy Chavez's one-out single off Todd Jones (3-5). Chavez snapped an 0-for-21 skid.

"I was just trying to hit the ball somewhere hard," Chavez said. "I was happy because I helped the team win."

Roberto Hernandez (2-2) picked up the victory despite blowing a save chance in the top of the ninth.

Knicks take Chenowith in round two

LAWRENCE (AP) — The New York Knicks took Kansas center Eric Chenowith in the second round of Wednesday night's NBA draft, selecting him with the 43rd pick overall.

"It's a blessing, it's an honor to be taken," Chenowith said. "This is a great day in my life. I hope to have many great moments ahead of me in the NBA."

The 7-foot-1 Chenowith averaged 9.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game as a senior. He is the first Kansas player drafted since Sacramento took guard Ryan Robertson in the second round of the 1999 draft.

"New York is a good situation for me," he said. "I've followed a lot of their players and I have a lot of respect for Coach (Jeff) Van Gundy — he seems to be a players' coach."

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A dirty job



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Brian Sulzman slid home in an 18-11 home win by Colby's Babe Ruth team against Hoxie. Colby is 11-7 and will travel to McCook for 5 and 7 p.m. games on Saturday.

Teams taking prep stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Krause stole the spotlight from Michael Jordan at the NBA draft, dealing his best player — Elton Brand — to the Clippers for unproven 18-year-old center Tyson Chandler.

On a night when high school seniors were chosen first, second, fourth and eighth, the crowd at Madison Square Garden let out an astonished howl when commissioner David Stern announced the Clippers-Bulls trade.

Jordan made history, becoming the first NBA executive to select a high school player first overall as the Washington Wizards chose 19-year-old Kwame Brown of Glynn Academy in Brunswick, Ga.

Chandler, a 7-foot-1 center from Dominguez H.S. in Compton, Calif., went second before Pau Gasol, a forward for F.C. Barcelona, went third to Atlanta.

Gasol will eventually end up in Memphis with the Grizzlies as part of a trade that sent Shareef Abdur-Rahim to the Hawks for Lorenzen Wright, Brevin Knight and Gasol.

That deal won't be official until July 18.

In another trade, the New Jersey Nets sent the rights to Eddie Griffin, selected seventh overall, to the Houston Rockets for the rights to their three first-round picks: Arizona forward Richard Jefferson (No. 13 overall), Stanford center Jason Collins (No. 18) and Pepperdine guard Brandon Armstrong (No. 23).

The Bulls used the fourth pick on another high school senior, Eddy Curry of Thornwood H.S. in South Holland, Ill. Curry averaged 22 points, nine rebounds and six blocked shots for Thornwood.

The first player with any college experience to be drafted was Michigan State sophomore Jason Richardson, who went to the Golden State Warriors with the fifth pick.

College Player of the Year Shane Battier of Duke went sixth overall to the Grizzlies, whose move from Vancouver to Memphis is expected to be formally approved soon by the league's Board of Governors.

Local Schedule

Saturday, June 30
Colby Swim Club at Wray, Colo. at 8 a.m.
Sunday, July 1
Colby recreation co-ed softball. Field 2.
Budlight vs. Slicers at 6:45 p.m.
Stephens vs. Slicers at 8 p.m.
Field 3.
Comfort Inn vs. Sports Shoppe at 5:30 p.m.
Misfits vs. Smith at 6:45 p.m.
Sports Shoppe vs. Budlight at 8 p.m.
Coors vs. Slicers at 9:15 p.m.
Field 4.
Coors vs. Stephens at 5:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn vs. Stephens at 6:45 p.m.
Smith vs. Comfort Inn at 8 p.m.
Stephens vs. Budlight at 9:15 p.m.

Rockies make trade for bullpen

PHOENIX (AP) — The Houston Astros traded reliever Jay Powell to the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night for pitcher Ron Villone and cash considerations.

Powell (2-2) had a 3.72 ERA in a team-high 35 appearances for Houston. But the right-hander was 0-for-5 in save opportunities and allowed 12 of 22 inherited runners to score.

"We're trying to remake this bullpen because obviously it's been a trouble spot for us all year," Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd said. "Powell is a veteran guy who's pitched in that role before. We've been after him since spring training."

Villone, 30, was 1-3 with a 6.36 ERA in 22 appearances for Colorado, including six starts. He gives the Astros a much-needed left-handed pitcher — The only other lefty on the Houston staff is closer Billy Wagner.

"We had an extra left-hander," O'Dowd said.

Houston manager Larry Dierker said he needed another lefty if the Astros are to contend in the NL Central.

"As a total pitching staff, we're just not where we need to be," Dierker said.

Area Briefs

• The 20th running of the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race, hosted by the Atwood Rotary Club, will be held July 4 at 7:30 a.m. Each age-division winner scores points for their county. There are no awards and no entry fees, participants compete for honors for the county.

• American Youth Soccer Organization is currently accepting early registrations for fall soccer. Discounts are available until July 15. Returning players will receive registration forms in the mail and should return them to Carol Morgan with payment. New Players can contact Carol at 462-6830 for registration information.

• Bethany College is sponsoring their 5th Annual Boys Basketball Tournament, July 7-8 for grades 5-12. Deadline is July 1 and cost is \$130 per team. Call Clair Oleen at 785-227-3380 ext. 8176 or 785-227-3279.

"We've got the elements there, but we're a couple of pitchers short. We're trying to see if we can find a



way to improve that situation."

Villone moved into the starting rotation for Colorado when Denny Neagle was injured, then went back to the bullpen when Neagle came off the

disabled list last weekend.

Villone has a 24-24 career record with a 4.83 ERA. Powell, 29, has a 26-19 career record with a 3.91 ERA.

"I've been traded three times now, so it's really not a big deal," Powell said after the Astros' 7-5 loss at Arizona. "You just put on a different uniform and keep playing."

Powell was the winning pitcher for Florida in Game 7 of the 1997 World Series against Cleveland. He said he was not concerned about pitching at Coors Field, where double-digit scores are common.

"I've been pitching at Enron for two years, so it don't matter," Powell said. "That really doesn't phase me."

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THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE ACE SERVICES SUPERFUND SITE COLBY, KANSAS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting public comment on the Proposed Plan for the Amendment to the Record of Decision (ROD) for groundwater at the Ace Services Superfund Site in Colby, Kansas. The Proposed ROD amendment addresses changes in size and function of groundwater extraction and treatment methods and provides an alternative method for supplying drinking water to any other residences affected in the future. The remediation objectives in the ROD are unchanged.

EPA will take comments on the Proposed Plan through July 27, 2001. EPA has also established an information repository that contains site-related documents. The Proposed Plan for the Amendment to the ROD and the information repository for the Ace Services Superfund Site are available for review at the following locations:

PIONEER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
375 West 5th Street
Colby, Kansas

U.S. EPA REGION 7
Records Center
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The final remedy will be selected only after consideration of comments received from the public during the public comment period. Questions about the Proposed Plan for the Amendment and written comments (post-marked no later than July 27, 2001) should be submitted to:

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