

# Rockies end up with two big W's

DENVER (AP)—For the Colorado Rockies, finding a "W" has been a difficult task this season.

They got two on Tuesday night. Within hours of touring a national park, President Bush was enjoying the national pastime, watching the last-place Rockies play the Atlanta Braves at Coors Field.

Bush, the former managing partner of the Texas Rangers, left with the Braves leading 4-2 in the seventh.

He missed a classic Coors Field finish as Colorado tied the game in the ninth and won 5-4 in 10 innings.

"He was beating the crowd, I guess," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said.

When Bush arrived between the second and third innings, cameras flashed and heads poked from dugouts as everyone tried to get a glimpse of the president sitting in a luxury suite with Rockies owner Jerry McMorris.

At the end of the fourth, Bush received a standing ovation and waved to the crowd when he was introduced.

"I just wish he'd come earlier and go through the clubhouses," said Braves manager Bobby Cox, who has met three presidents — George Bush, Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon.

"I think all the troops would like to meet the president."

Bush's schedule was booked.

Earlier Tuesday, he became the first president in 71 years to visit Rocky Mountain National Park about 90 minutes northwest of Denver.

He then attended a Republican fundraiser for Colorado Gov. Bill Owens and Sen. Wayne Allard.

To accommodate America's fan-in-chief, security was tight at Coors Field. Snipers lurked atop the left-field scoreboard; fans had their bags searched as they shuffled through metal detectors; and dogs sniffed through dumpsters under the supervision of uniformed officers.

By the first inning, the wait for people entering the stadium's main gate was about 45 minutes.

Covering all Secret Service bases, large white banners hung above a center-field concourse, blocking the line of sight from a bridge outside the stadium to the suite housing the president.

Rockies pitcher Brian Bohanon, who played for the Rangers during Bush's Texas tenure, said security guards searched his black Hummer when he drove into the players parking lot behind the stadium.

"Guys are on edge. They know people are around," Bohanon said. "There'll be Secret Service people in the stands, snipers on buildings."

The visit marks Bush's second to a major league ballpark this season.

He threw out the first pitch when the Milwaukee Brewers opened Miller Park on April 6.

"It's always a neat opportunity when the president is around," Atlanta pitcher Tom Glavine said.

"It's not something you get to do every day."

It was a big time for Coors Field.

# Ripken lifts Orioles over Royals

BALTIMORE (AP) — Watching Cal Ripken these past few weeks has got George Brett thinking back to when he too put the finishing touches on a Hall of Fame career.

Brett announced his pending retirement with 10 games left in the 1993 season. If he had it to do over again, Brett would have taken a cue from Ripken and revealed the decision with several months to go.

Since announcing on June 19 that this would be his final season, Ripken has raised his batting average 63 points to .270.

"After I made the decision, things became a little clearer, my focus became better and I started to relax," Ripken said Tuesday night after hitting a three-run homer to lift the Baltimore Orioles past the Kansas City Royals 5-2.

Ripken went 2-for-3 with a walk. His two hits gave him 3,155, lifting him past Brett into sole possession of 13th place on the career list.

"I think everybody seems to relax after making a decision like that. I relaxed more after I told them," Brett said. "I wish I'd have told them earlier; there were two weeks to go in the season when I said I wasn't coming back."

Over the past few weeks, Ripken has thrilled fans on the road with farewell home runs. He finally gave the home crowd a shot to savor Tuesday night, hitting his first home run of the season at Camden Yards.

Ripken had hit all 10 of his home runs on the road before connecting off Chad Durbin (7-11) in the third inning to give Baltimore a 3-2 lead.

Ripken had four homers at the All-Star break. Since then, he has homered in all five cities in which he was playing for the final time.

"The home runs started coming more in the second half, and coincidentally they started coming on the road," Ripken said. "But it certainly feels good to hit one at home, and have it be meaningful to the game."

The victory was the Orioles' sixth in August, matching their total for all of July.

"He's playing very good now," Brett said of Ripken, "but when he was hitting .201 the first three weeks of the season, there was concern that he was going to hit .207 for the rest of the year."

The June 19 announcement changed all that.

"Cal got the pressure off himself by announcing his retirement, and he finally got the at-bats he needed to shine," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said.

Ripken's 428th career homer backed a fine pitching performance by Calvin Maduro (2-3), who allowed two hits and two runs in 6 2-3 innings. In two games against Kansas City this season, Maduro has yielded only four hits in 12 2-3 innings.

"He's done a good job against us,"

Royals manager Tony Muser said. "He keeps the ball down and changes speeds. He's pitched very well."

Willis Roberts, the fourth Baltimore pitcher, worked the ninth for his third save.

Carlos Febles homered for the Royals, whose four-game winning streak ended. Kansas City's last four losses have come against the Orioles, who have won five of seven.

## Quite a show!

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The pre-season opener for the Baltimore Ravens and Philadelphia Eagles this past weekend was postponed because of problems with the turf at Veterans Stadium.

Officials from both NFL teams thought uneven cutouts in the field could affect players' footing. Some disappointed fans, among the estimated 45,000 in attendance, smashed will-call windows and other areas outside the 30-year-old stadium. Six people were arrested for unruly behavior, and that was just one problem.

The press elevator then got stuck between the first and second level while a news conference took place.

## Frisbee course action



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Don Mordecai of Norton, along with 19 other competitors, took part in the frisbee golf tournament Sunday at Villa High Park in Colby. According to Kyle Klinger, local coordinator, golfers accumulate points at the different tournaments with the season running from March to November. Frisbee golf, Klinger said, has been around for about 15 years with Colby becoming active in the sport and the Kansas Disc Golf Association in 1995. Last weekend's tournament drew competitors from as far away as Hutchinson.

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## Local rodeo fans reminded of the Hill City event

Another reminder was issued today about the weekend high school rodeo at Hill City, which will feature some local and area participants.

The Hill City High School Rodeo takes place Saturday and Sunday and among contestants are Ashley Amos, Colby; Brooke Inlow, Oakley; Jace Rambat, Bird City; Jamie Dunn, St. Francis; and Scott Minium, Morland.

A slack performance will begin the weekend's activities at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, followed by an evening performance at 7.

Sunday, Aug. 19, will find the day starting with "Cowboy Church" in the 4-H building at 9 a.m. followed by rodeo action at 10 a.m. (no slack).

The rodeo association is not part of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

An estimated 150 contestants and their families are expected to be in Hill City during the opening weekend of the fall rodeo season.

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