

Royals' speed helps earn win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals feel their speed can force opponents to make mistakes.

City turned it right back on us. Gathright can run and force mistakes. These are things that are going to happen to a young team.

The Angels committed three of their four errors in the sixth inning when the Royals broke open a 4-4 tie.

"We have guys on the team that are fast, like me, David and Mark," center fielder Joey Gathright said of himself, David DeJesus and Mark Grudzielanek.

It worked in the decisive sixth. With the score 4-4, Gathright led off the inning with a bunt single and continued to third on a throwing error by Kevin Gregg (2-3).

Gathright scored when first baseman Kendry Morales misplayed DeJesus' groundball. The third error came when Mike Napoli was charged with catcher's interference on a pitchout when Doug Mientkiewicz reached for the pitch.

"We've seen it from our offensive end how if we're aggressive we can cause mistakes," Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said. "Kansas

"Crumple this one up and throw it away. We've been playing great baseball, and tonight is really something you wouldn't have expected. But it happens. So you move forward. We've been playing very fundamentally sound baseball, aggressive baseball, for a long time now, and this game we're just going to turn the page on."

Kansas City manager Buddy Bell, whose team just returned from a 1-6 road trip, was happy to see the win, even if it was sloppy.

"They helped us quite a bit, but our bullpen was outstanding," he said. "Elmer (Dessens) was awesome when he came in in the fifth and Ambiorix Burgos was outstanding as well."

"We needed that. We did some good things offensively as well. Joey gives us a dimension that we haven't had all year. His routes in the outfield are getting better and he's starting to get the hang of it offensively. Having speed like that

in your lineup, especially when we're not swinging the bats well, it's nice to have that in your lineup."

Dessens (5-7) picked up the win with three scoreless innings. He came into a 4-4 game with no outs and a runner on second in the fifth. He gave up a single, but then retired the next nine batters he faced.

"Elmer Dessens did a great job for them to get out of that inning," Scioscia said. "If we grab the lead, we're in a better position to do some things in the mound."

Kansas City added three runs in the seventh. Mark Teahen led off with a double to right and scored on an RBI single by Angel Berroa. Berroa moved to third on a sacrifice by John Buck that produced the fourth error when pitcher Hector Carrasco threw past Kendry Morales at first base. Gathright drove in Berroa with a sacrifice fly, and DeJesus followed with an RBI single.

The Angels committed four errors in the game to bring their American League-leading total to 77.

Gregg pitched 1 1/3 innings, giving up one unearned run and one hit. RBI double by Grudzielanek.

Sports Briefs

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They aren't through with Barry Bonds, not yet.

The federal grand jury considering possible perjury and tax-evasion charges against the star slugger expired without an indictment. Hours later, Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, walked out of a prison where he spent two weeks for refusing to testify against his childhood friend.

Though prosecutors wouldn't confirm the existence of a new grand jury, Anderson's lawyer, Mark Geragos, said there was one.

He said his client has been subpoenaed to testify before a new panel that will take up the question of whether Bonds lied under oath when he said he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs. Geragos said Anderson won't budge.

TORONTO (AP) — After Shea Hillenbrand wrote on the clubhouse bulletin board that the "ship was sinking," Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons challenged him to a fight.

There was no brawl, but the tense relationship between the two reached the breaking point during

a team meeting Wednesday. Gibbons was adamant that he would've quit if Hillenbrand wasn't cut. The Blue Jays designated Hillenbrand for assignment.

CYCLING

MORZINE, France (AP) — Written off as hopeless just a day earlier, Floyd Landis had a once-in-a-lifetime ride to revive his sagging chances of victory in the Tour de France.

With a sensational display of brio and guts, the American put himself back in the title hunt with a solo win in the last Alpine stage.

Landis, who lost more than 8 minutes to the race leader Oscar Pereiro in a punishing stage, is now third, 30 seconds behind.

SOCCER

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Zinedine Zidane was banned by FIFA for three games for head-butting Italy defender Marco Materazzi during the World Cup final. Now retired, the former France captain will serve his punishment by doing community work.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON (AP) — The Edmonton Oilers gave coach Craig MacTavish a four-year contract extension.

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