

Royals have a win in Indian face-off

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jay Witasick, with only one victory in 10 starts and a 5.97 ERA, pitched a four-hitter and the Kansas City Royals beat the Cleveland Indians 8-1 Wednesday night.

Witasick, who struck out five and walked three, has pitched the Royals' only two complete games this season. The lone run he allowed came on Jim Thome's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Kane Davis (0-1), recalled from Triple-A Buffalo earlier in the day, gave up seven runs in 4 1-3 innings in his first major league start. He allowed eight hits and walked two.

Joe Randa's two-run single in the fifth chased Davis and put the Royals

up 7-0. Randa drove in three runs.

Mike Sweeney drove in two runs, raising his RBI count to 73. Jermaine Dye hit his 20th home run making it 8-0 in the seventh.

Witasick (2-8) shut down the Indians all night with breaking balls and off-speed stuff.

Jeff Reboulet had an RBI single and Mark Quinn and Randa each had RBIs on infield outs during the fourth-run third.

Dye brought the crowd to its feet with a great catch of Richie Sexson's drive in the fourth. With one out, Sexson hit an opposite-field shot that Dye caught while jumping and crashing into the wall.

Utah gambles on player

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In describing high school standout DeShawn Stevenson, Utah's first-round choice in Wednesday night's NBA draft, coach Jerry Sloan used words rarely spoken around Jazz headquarters.

Words like "gamble" and phrases like "take a chance."

The Jazz, one of the league's most stable franchises, is breaking new ground by selecting Stevenson, a 19-year-old from Mount Union High School in Fresno, Calif.

"You have to take a chance on a guy who possibly could be a star," Sloan said.

Stevenson, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound

shooting guard, had signed with Kansas but made himself eligible for the draft when it wasn't certain whether he would be eligible as a freshman.

Last season, Stevenson averaged 30.4 points and 9.7 rebounds.

It might turn into a boon for the Jazz, who have an opening at shooting guard with the retirement of Jeff Hornacek. Stevenson is likely to compete with Quincy Lewis.

"I see myself playing a lot in the Utah offense," Stevenson told Salt Lake City reporters in a conference call. "I can run the floor."

It's an intriguing pairing: the control-oriented Sloan and an exceptional but untested talent in Stevenson.

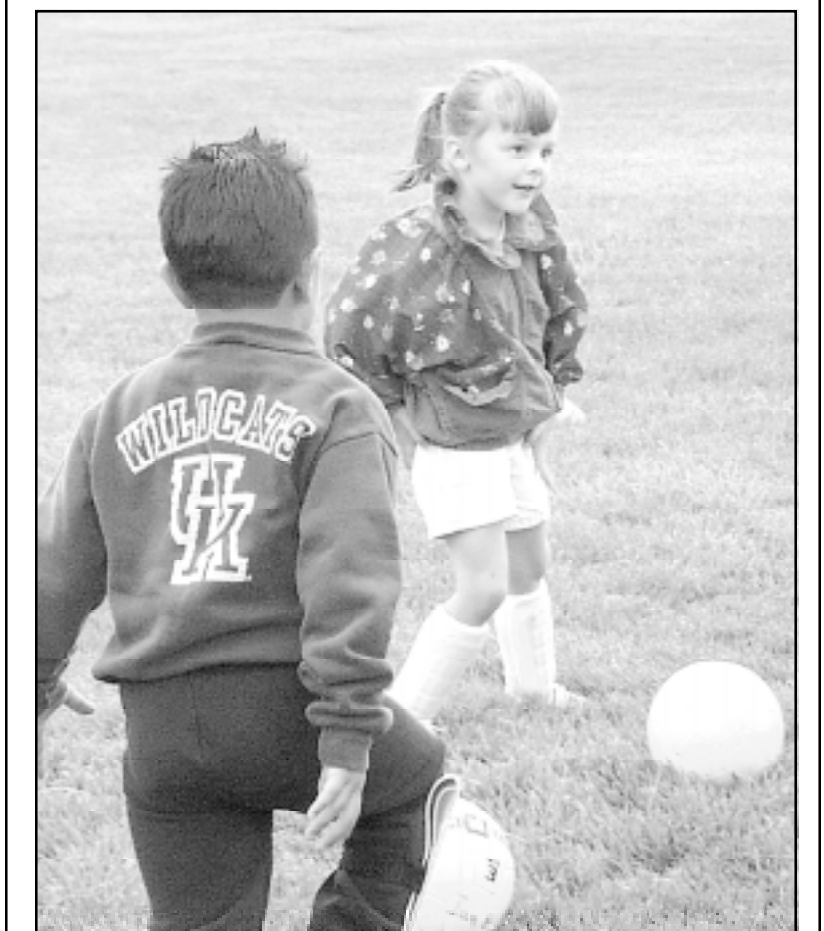
baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press				
National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	47	30.610	—	
New York	44	31.587	2	
Montreal	38	36.514	7 1/2	
Florida	38	41.481	10	
Philadelphia	33	42.440	13	
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	45	32.584	—	
Cincinnati	37	39.487	7 1/2	
Pittsburgh	32	44.421	12 1/2	
Chicago	31	45.408	13 1/2	
Milwaukee	31	46.403	14	
Houston	27	50.351	18	
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	45	32.584	—	
Colorado	41	32.562	2	
Los Angeles	40	36.526	4 1/2	
San Francisco	38	36.514	5 1/2	
San Diego	34	42.447	10 1/2	
Tuesday's Games				
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago Cubs 0				
Montreal 6, Atlanta 4				
N.Y. Mets 5, Florida 2				
Philadelphia 7, Milwaukee 0				
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3				
San Francisco 12, Colorado 7				
Houston 12, Arizona 4				
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4, 10 innings				
Wednesday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 4				
Atlanta 7, Montreal 4				
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 3				
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 5				
Philadelphia 9, Milwaukee 7				
Arizona 6, Houston 2				
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4				
Colorado 17, San Francisco 13				
Thursday's Games				
St. Louis (An.Benes 7-3) at Cincinnati (Villone 7-4), 10:35 a.m.				
Milwaukee (Bere 4-6) at Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0), 11:05 a.m.				
San Francisco (Nathan 4-1) at Colorado (Yoshii 3-7), 1:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Silva 5-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Maddux 9-2) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-1), 5:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Clement 6-7) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-6), 7:10 p.m.				
Houston (Reynolds 6-4) at Arizona				

Johnson 11-2), 8:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Florida (Smith 0-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 6-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Benson 6-6) at Philadelphia (Wolf 7-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Millwood 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 7-5), 5:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Downs 3-2) at Milwaukee (Wright 4-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Houston (Holt 3-8) at St. Louis (Ankiel 6-3), 6:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-4) at Arizona (Morgan 3-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Astacio 6-5) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Brown 6-2) at San Francisco (Ortiz 4-7), 8:35 p.m.				
American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Toronto	43	35.551	—	
New York	37	35.514	3	
Boston	37	36.507	3 1/2	
Baltimore	32	43.427	9 1/2	
Tampa Bay	31	44.413	10 1/2	
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	49	28.636	—	
Cleveland	40	36.526	8 1/2	
Kansas City	36	39.480	12	
Detroit	32	42.432	15 1/2	
Minnesota	34	45.430	16	
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Oakland	45	31.592	—	
Seattle	44	31.587	1/2	
Anaheim	40	37.519	5 1/2	
Texas	35	40.467	9 1/2	
Tuesday's Games				
Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 1				
Cleveland 12, Kansas City 1				

Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 4				
Detroit 7, N.Y. Yankees 6, 11 innings				
Baltimore 6, Boston 3, 10 innings				
Oakland 7, Texas 6				
Seattle 5, Anaheim 3				
Wednesday's Games				
Detroit 13, N.Y. Yankees 6				
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2				
Kansas City 8, Cleveland 1				
Baltimore 8, Boston 7, 11 innings				
Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 3				
Texas 5, Oakland 3				
Anaheim 3, Seattle 2				
Thursday's Games				
Toronto (Castillo 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Lidle 1-2), 10:15 a.m.				
Minnesota (Milton 7-2) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 4-6), 12:05 p.m.				
Texas (Loaiza 4-5) at Oakland (Heredia 9-5), 1:35 p.m.				
Anaheim (Bottenfield 4-6) at Seattle (Meche 4-4), 2:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 7-4) at Detroit (Mlicki 2-8), 5:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Erickson 3-5) at Boston (Wakefield 2-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Colon 7-4) at Kansas City (Durbin 1-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Minnesota (Redman 4-3) at Cleveland (Brower 2-1), 5:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Grimsley 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 2-4), 5:15 p.m.				
Toronto (Halladay 3-4) at Baltimore (TBA), 5:35 p.m.				
Detroit (Weaver 4-6) at Kansas City (Reichert 3-4), 6:05 p.m.				
Boston (Pichardo 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 7-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Halama 7-3) at Texas (Rogers 7-5), 6:35 p.m.				
Oakland (Mulder 5-2) at Anaheim (Cooper 2-2), 8:05 p.m.				

Learning the basics



A student at the British Challenger Mini Soccer Camp, for 4 and 5 year olds, practices kicking the ball. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Track members qualify

Eight members of the Goodland Track Club competed at the state Amateur Athletic Union meet in Hays, Kansas on June 16 to 17. Michelle Smith, Lance Tedford, Lisha Tedford, and Zeb Tedford finished in the top four qualified for the Missouri Valley track meet in Manhattan.

- Michelle Smith-Sub bantam (9 years) Short put- 178.75" 1st high jump- 3'0" 6th
- Lisha Tedford-midget (12 years) shot put-26"11.5" 4th discus- 55'9" 6th
- Nick Smith- sub midget (11 years) discus 54"3.5" 8th shot put- 23'0" 11th high jump- 3'6" 8th
- Zeb Tedford- sub midget (11 years) 400m dash- 1:11.35 3rd
- Youth boys 4x100m relay Lance Tedford, Brandon Zelfer, Zach Tedford, Chris Smith 57.03 8th
- Chris Smith- youth (13 to 14 years) High Jump-4'6" 10th shot put 32"7" 10th
- Lance Tedford- youth (13 to 14 years) Long Jump- 18'3" 5th Triple jump- 34'9" 3rd 400m dash- 1:03.26 13th

Three members of the Goodland Track Club competed at the Missouri Valley Championships in Manhattan on June 24. Lance Tedford, Lisha Tedford, and Michelle Smith. All three finished in the top four and qualified for the Region 8 meet in Kansas City.

- Michelle Smith- sub bantam (9 years) shot put- 18"1" 1st place
- Lisha Tedford- midget (12 years) shot put- 27"7.5" 4th
- Lance Tedford- youth (13 to 14 years) triple Jump- 36"7.75" 3rd

Player sets personal record; Rockies win

DENVER (AP) — Jeff Cirillo isn't the kind of player to think about personal records. What Cirillo does think about is his team's record.

"I was thinking get a good pitch and get a good swing on it. I got a good pitch and put a bad swing on it," Cirillo said after grounding out in his last at-bat, failing to tie the major league record for homers in a game.

Cirillo hit three homers and a double, driving in six runs and scoring five Wednesday night to lead the Colorado Rockies over the San Francisco Giants 17-13.

"Jeff is so competitive. He stays with it and we have talked about his intensity before," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said. "He was probably mad about the last at bat, than anything else."

Neifi Perez drove in four runs and Jeffrey Hammonds had four hits as the Rockies rallied from an early 8-1 deficit.

Cirillo went 4-for-5 with a walk, becoming the seventh player in club history to have a three-homer game. He matched a team mark of five runs scored, set by Walt Weiss on Sept. 20, 1995.

"I never had three home runs," Cirillo said. "Never, not even in Little League."

Cirillo hit a two-run shot in the third, a solo drive in the fifth and another two-run homer in the seventh.

"I don't think Jeff is ever going to

have deep power," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said. "I think Jeff will always have line drive type power and is going to get doubles. He is going to have games like this every once in a while."

Giants pitcher Livan Hernandez hit his third career home run, but lasted only five innings, giving up eight runs and 10 hits. Jeff Kent, Russ Davis and Bill Mueller also homered for San Francisco.

"I threw 120 pitches in five innings," Hernandez said. "That's not normal for me."

The Giants built a 5-0 lead in the first on RBI singles by Jeff Kent and Ellis Burks and a bases-loaded triple by Bobby Estalella.

Hernandez hit his first homer since June 8 last year, a two-run shot in the third that made it 8-1.

A solo home run by Mike Lansing and Cirillo's two-run shot keyed a four-run third by the Rockies.

Colorado closed to 11-8 in the fifth on Cirillo's homer and Perez's two-run double. The Rockies took a 12-11 lead in the seventh, highlighted by Brent Mayne's two-run double.

Mike DeJean (2-1) pitched the seventh for the Rockies, giving up Mueller's home run that made it 12-12.

Cirillo broke the tie with a two-run homer in the seventh off John Johnstone (2-4) after Lansing opened the inning with a triple.

Rockies' fans set a record

DENVER (AP) — Somewhere among the fans pushing through the turnstiles at Coors Field on Wednesday night was the 20 millionth visitor to the stadium at Blake and 20th streets.

And with that, the Colorado Rockies drew 20 million fans to one ballpark faster than any other team in major league history. The Los Angeles Dodgers were the second-fastest, doing it in nine years at two homes.

"The story of the Colorado Rockies is one of the most amazing phenomena in all of major league baseball. The fans have made this into one of the crown jewels in major league baseball," commissioner Bud Selig said outside the main gate, just before uncovering a purple street sign to rename the 20th Street behind him 20 Millionth Street.

The Rockies broke the attendance record less than six seasons Coors Field 1995 inauguration.

Since then, the Denver Broncos have won two straight Super Bowl championships and the Colorado Avalanche won a Stanley Cup.

"This city was so starved for baseball when they granted the franchise," said 16-year-old Larry Bailey, fresh from snagging a ball from the left-field stands with his friends during batting practice.

"With the success of the (Denver) Broncos, you have to figure any team that got here would be a hit."

Everyone who came to see the Rockies play the San Francisco Giants were offered free commemorative pins and posters, and six randomly chosen ticket holders had a chance to win \$1 million in a baseball throwing contest.

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