



Royals beat Cleveland 6-1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—When Tony Muser pulled Chad Durbin with two outs in the ninth, about 25,000 people booed.

Truth be told, Durbin wanted to make it 25,001.

Did he crave a complete-game victory over the same Cleveland team that punished him so terribly in May?

"You look at the big picture, there's nothing disappointing about it," said the Kansas City rookie (2-3), who hadn't won since his major league debut on April 6.

"But I've never thrown into the eighth or ninth inning. Ever. It was disappointing. He told me I'd thrown 130 pitches and to walk off the field and let the crowd acknowledge me."

Ricky Bottalico got the last out as the Royals beat the defending AL Central champions 6-1 just hours after the Indians dealt slugger and RBI leader David Justice to the New York Yankees.

Did the trade, coming so soon before the game, throw the Indians off?

"I don't think so," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said.

"What happened was we got off slow in the game, got behind. We just didn't get on it."

The Indians pounded Durbin last month for nine runs in just 1 1/3 innings in a 16-0 rout of the Royals.

"There was a big contrast in the two outings," said Durbin, who was briefly demoted to Triple-A after getting roughed up in the majors.

Also having fun was Carlos Beltran. The switch-hitting center fielder, whose own struggles have sparked speculation that he might be headed for

the minors, homered from both sides of the plate while going 3-for-4.

It was the second night in a row the Indians prevented a shutout by getting a run with two outs in the ninth. After Russell Branyan hit an RBI double — just the fifth hit off Durbin — Muser came out and got booed.

"Well, they're not managing the club," Muser said. "I don't blame them one bit for booing. But 132 pitches, a

lot of games left, and 22 years old — he had pitched his heart out."

Cleveland starter Bartolo Colon (7-5) became just the fourth man in major league history to begin a game by walking the first four batters, tying a major league record.

"I went to the mound and asked was anything wrong with him, was he hurt, was anything bothering him?" Manuel said. "He said no, he was fine."

Basketball draft draws Jazz pick into brawl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — DeShawn Stevenson got into a brawl at a Clovis, Calif., gym shortly after the high school star was drafted in the first round by the Utah Jazz.

"I think it was just a jealousy situation," said Stevenson, 19. He said one of the participants was his former teammate Chris Sims, whom he had known since seventh grade.

Hours after the draft, Stevenson attended a high school all-star game he had planned to play in. As he prepared to leave, he was attacked, he said.

"I guess there were some dudes there who didn't like me," Stevenson said. "I got done signing autographs and five guys jumped me."

Stevenson was in the middle of a fight involving 20 youths, witnesses told the Fresno Bee.

Stevenson arrived at a Thursday press conference in Utah with a small cut on his lower lip, but was otherwise unharmed.

According to Stevenson, police arrived and broke up the fight shortly after it began. Stevenson was sent home and he and witnesses said two others were taken into custody.

Stevenson arrived at the gym after halftime. He signed autographs, shook hands with fans and sat in the center of the bleachers to watch the second half.

Joaquin Lopez, a school custodian who saw the fight, said Stevenson was jumped.

"He got punched and then landed some punches of his own," he said. "Then four of them chased (Stevenson) up in the stands and beat on him before he got away."

Lopez and a second witness, Will Goldbeck, said Fresno City College basketball coach Denny Aye escorted Stevenson to his new Lexus SUV in the Buchanan High School parking lot as some of the combatants gave chase.

Aye declined to comment to the Bee. Buchanan administrator Lemarr Treadwell told the Bee he saw Stevenson leave the gym with two individuals in pursuit. He said one of those, was Sims, an ex-Clovis High School standout and Fresno State football recruit who played in the all-star

game. "Chris was put in a squad car, and one other man was put in a squad car," Treadwell said.

Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller said the fight would not affect Stevenson's future with the organization.

"It in no way tarnishes our outlook on DeShawn," said Miller.

"We're upset," added Jazz vice president of basketball operations Kevin O'Connor, "We're upset at the guys who got in DeShawn's face."

Stevenson, a 6-foot-5 shooting guard, had signed with Kansas but made himself eligible for the draft when it wasn't certain he would be eligible as a freshman. He was selected by the Jazz as the 23rd pick overall.

Jayhawks coach Roy Williams has called Stevenson one of the most gifted recruits he ever pursued. Last season, Stevenson averaged 30.4 points, 9.7 rebounds and 6.2 assists a game as a senior at Washington Union High School.

Both the Jazz and Stevenson seemed eager to put the fight behind them Thursday, O'Connor calling it a non-incident and Stevenson saying it was not something that would happen again.

"I know I've got to go to the right places," said Stevenson. "I'm an NBA star. I can't just go anywhere anymore."

The drafting of a high school player represents a departure for the Jazz, normally one of the most conservative teams in the NBA.

"Kevin's charge was to get a player with some athleticism, some ability and some flash," said Dennis Haslam, president of Larry H. Miller Sports, "That's the kid."

"It's a move into reality," said O'Connor. "The reality is that players in the NBA are getting younger."

The Jazz have not had high draft picks in the last 10 years, and O'Connor called this year's pick a chance to get a player with more talent than would usually be available.

"If he had stayed in school a year or two, he'd be a wish-list player for us," said O'Connor.

Rockies roll over San Francisco

DENVER (AP) — Jeff Cirillo had three hits and drove in three runs as the Colorado Rockies beat San Francisco 11-4 on Thursday to take three of four from the Giants.

Neifi Perez, Brent Mayne and Larry Walker each added two RBIs for Colorado and Masato Yoshii (4-7) posted his third straight victory, allowing four runs and nine hits in seven innings.

The Rockies, extending the best home record in the majors to 28-9, overcame a 3-2 deficit with three runs in the fifth, highlighted by Cirillo's

two-run double.

Cirillo has seven hits and nine RBIs in the last two games. On Wednesday night, Cirillo had three homers among his four hits, drove in six runs and scored five in Colorado's 17-13 win.

Barry Bonds put the Giants up 1-0 in the first with a towering homer.

Bonds' 449-foot shot was the 11th to reach the third deck in Coors Field history and the second this season — both by Bonds. His 28th homer, tying Mark McGwire for most in the majors, gave him 800 RBIs since coming to the Gi-

ants in 1993.

Colorado tied it in the second on Mayne's RBI single and went ahead 2-1 in the third when Terry Shumpert tripled off Joe Nathan (4-2) and scored on Walker's sacrifice fly.

San Francisco's Ramon Martinez and Armando Rios had back-to-back triples in the fourth, with Martinez reaching when right fielder Jeffrey Hammonds lost his long fly ball in the sun.

In the fifth, Bonds singled and scored on Jeff Kent's double.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	48	30	.615	—
New York	44	32	.579	3
Montreal	38	36	.514	8
Florida	38	41	.481	10 1/2
Philadelphia	33	43	.434	14
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	46	32	.590	—
Cincinnati	37	40	.480	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	33	44	.429	12 1/2
Milwaukee	32	46	.410	14
Chicago	31	46	.403	14 1/2
Houston	27	51	.346	19
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	46	32	.590	—
Colorado	42	32	.568	2
Los Angeles	40	37	.520	5 1/2
San Francisco	38	37	.507	6 1/2
San Diego	35	42	.455	10 1/2

Atlanta (Maddux 9-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-1), 11:15 a.m.	Chicago	49	29	.628	—
Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-1) at Arizona (Reynoso 5-6), 2:05 p.m.	Cleveland	40	37	.519	8 1/2
Los Angeles (Perez 4-3) at San Francisco (Rueter 5-4), 2:05 p.m.	Kansas City	37	39	.487	11
Houston (Dotel 1-5) at St. Louis (Stephenson 9-4), 2:10 p.m.	Minnesota	35	45	.437	15
Florida (Dempster 8-4) at Montreal (Pavano 8-4), 5:05 p.m.	Detroit	32	43	.427	15 1/2
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-1) at Philadelphia (Byrd 1-6), 5:05 p.m.	West Division				
Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-1) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 2-4), 6:05 p.m.	Seattle	45	31	.592	—
Colorado (Arrojo 5-5) at San Diego (Meadows 6-5), 8:05 p.m.	Oakland	45	32	.584	1/2
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 11:10 a.m.	Anaheim	40	38	.513	6
Florida at Montreal, 11:35 a.m.	Texas	36	40	.474	9
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11:35 a.m.	Wednesday's Games				
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 12:05 p.m.	Detroit 13, N.Y. Yankees 6				
Houston at St. Louis, 12:10 p.m.	Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2				
Cincinnati at Arizona, 2:35 p.m.	Kansas City 8, Cleveland 1				
Colorado at San Diego, 3 p.m.	Baltimore 8, Boston 7, 11 innings				
Los Angeles at San Francisco, 6:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 3				
	Texas 5, Oakland 3				
	Anaheim 3, Seattle 2				

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W	L	Pct.	GB	
Toronto	44	35	.557	—
New York	38	35	.521	3
Boston	38	36	.514	3 1/2
Baltimore	32	44	.421	10 1/2
Tampa Bay	31	45	.408	11 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Minnesota	42	30	.583	—
Chicago White Sox	38	30	.560	2
Cleveland	35	33	.515	4
Detroit	32	36	.471	7
Kansas City	28	40	.414	10

Bay (Rekar 2-4), 5:15 p.m.					
Toronto (Halladay 3-4) at Baltimore (Rapp 4-5), 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.					
Saturday's Games					
Boston (Wasdin 0-3) at Chicago White Sox (Siroka 7-6), 11 a.m.					
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 6-6) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 4-5), 2:15 p.m.					
Minnesota (Radke 5-9) at Cleveland (Burba 8-3), 5:05 p.m.					
Toronto (Carpenter 6-6) at Baltimore (Ponson 4-4), 5:05 p.m.					
Detroit (Moehler 5-4) at Kansas City (Suppan 2-6), 6:05 p.m.					
Seattle (Abbott 4-2) at Texas (Glynn 1-0), 6:35 p.m.					
Oakland (Prieto 1-0) at Anaheim (Washburn 3-2), 8:05 p.m.					
Sunday's Games					
Minnesota at Cleveland, 11:05 a.m.					
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 11:15 a.m.					
Toronto at Baltimore, 11:35 a.m.					
Detroit at Kansas City, 12:05 p.m.					
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 12:05 p.m.					
Oakland at Anaheim, 6:05 p.m.					
Seattle at Texas, 6:05 p.m. cratic					

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 12, Cincinnati 3

Milwaukee 8, Philadelphia 6

Colorado 11, San Francisco 4

Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings

Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 4

San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4

Arizona 7, Houston 1

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.

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Minnesota (Redman 4-3) at Cleveland (Brower 2-1), 5:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Grimsley 3-2) at Tampa

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