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Rockies lose in Los Angeles

Johnson said the pressure was on.

As it turned out, the Los Angeles Dodgers manager didn't need to worry Gary Sheffield and Shawn Green

homered, and pinch-hitter Jim Leyritz added a two-run single Thursday night as the Dodgers welcomed Johnson back by beating the Colorado Rockies 6-3.

four games because of an irregular heart rhythm that caused him to be hospitalized for 3 1/2 days. The Dodgers went 3-1 in Johnson's absence, with bench coach Jim Tracy running the team.

"It didn't feel like a three-run win, it was a lot closer than that,"he said. It was until Leyritz singled with two outs and the bases loaded in the eighth off Gabe White, the fourth Colorado pitcher of the inning, to give the Dodgers their final two runs.

"The pressure was on, no doubt their 13th loss in 15 games. about that," Johnson said. "Tracy put

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East Division

Atlanta 5, Florida 3, 1st Game

Florida 6, Atlanta 1, 2nd Game

San Francisco 7, San Diego 3

Arizona 3, St. Louis 2

Houston 6, Cincinnati 2

Los Angeles 6, Colorado 3

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By The Associated Press

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ter than being in the hospital, I'll tell you that. I don't like hospitals."

Johnson has been told he needs to live a healthier life. Among other things, he's been told to give up chewing tobacco.

"I had a few pieces of bubble game, sunflower seeds," he said. "I didn't miss it.'

Sheffield, who hit his major Johnson had missed the previous league-leading 33rd homer off Masato Yoshii in the first inning to give the Dodgers a 1-0 lead, said Johnson's return was emotional for him

"To see him again just lit up my face," Sheffield said. "I gave him a hug in the training room. He's more important to this club than most people think."

Green hit his 14th homer with two aboard in the sixth to give the Dodgers a 4-3 lead and, as it turned out, enough offense to hand the Rockies

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Davey the pressure on me. It was a lot bet- who added a double and is finally starting to come out of a lengthy slump. "The last few games, I've been feeling a lot better. It's nice to see the results."

> When asked what Johnson said after he hit his homer, Green replied: "I think he said 'Welcome back.' I said, 'You, too."

Leyritz, 6-of-17 with six RBIs since joining the Dodgers on June 20, grounded a single between third and short to provide some insurance and give his manager a chance to breathe easier.

'That was a nice little seeing-eye hit," Leyritz said. "It was nice to get the win for Davey."

Chan Ho Park (10-7) overcame wildness to earn the victory, his first since June 18. Park allowed four hits and three runs in six innings while walking five, hitting a batter and striking out six.

Terry Adams then pitched two scoreless innings, and Mike Fetters "It really felt good," said Green, blanked the Rockies in the ninth for

Baltimore 9, Boston 4, 2nd game

Kansas City 10, Cleveland 6

Friday's Games

Oakland 5, Seattle 4

Anaheim 6, Texas 1

Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 5

Royals take the Indians 10-6

CLEVELAND (AP) - Manny Ramirez hit two homers. Roberto Alomar underwent an MRI, and another pitcher was sent back to Triple-A Buffalo.

In other words, business as usual for the 2000 Cleveland Indians.

Falling further out of the playoff picture with each loss, the Indians dropped a 10-6 decision Thursday night to the Kansas City Royals, who got four hits from Johnny Damon and 7 1-3 strong innings from Jeff Suppan to sweep the two-game set.

The Indians now go on the road for 11 games, and it will be interesting to see how many of them come back after the July 31 trading deadline.

Ramirez could be on the block if general manager John Hart feels the club is too short on cash to sign the All-Starright fielder, or too short on pitching to make a reasonable run at the AL wild-card spot.

"Every day it seems like we bring a pitcher up and send another out," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said after Cleveland set a franchise record by using its 27th pitcher this season. "We've got to get somebody to help."

The Indians returned rookie Jim Brower (2-3) to Buffalo after he failed to get out of the third inning against the Rovals.

"I have to get back to giving my team seven, eight and nine innings," Brower said. "I know I can do that."

J**mpires coming back**

the 22 umpires let go last September

may be coming back.

Baseball has offered to rehire 10

local league

- 1. Hitchcock Inc.- 10-1
- 4. Frontier Equity- 7-4
- - Northwind Surveys- 5-6
 - 8. The Survivors- 3-8

July 19

Sweet Vanilla Pancakes 11, The Survivors

The Survivors 17, Alex's Radiator/D&M

Dynamic Dimensions 29, Alex's Radiator/ D&M Cleaning 0

Mercurv 12 Hitchcock Inc. 12, Storm Troopers 0

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Meanwhile, Damon, who has been mentioned in trade rumors all year, continued his torrid second half.

now that I've gotten used to it," Damon said. "All I can do is go out and play hard and things will work out for me.'

Things couldn't be going much better for Damon right now. In eight games since the All-Star break, he's batting .583 (21-for-36), and in the last three games he's 12-for-17, including tying a major league record with four doubles on Tuesday night.

"He was pressing a little bit," said

Suppan (4-6) allowed four runs and nine hits in getting his second straight

short of what his side wants.

offer, they can save it ."

ans would finally get to Suppan. But the right-hander struck out the next three and then pitched a perfect seventh. He was replaced after walking Ramirez with one out in the eighth.

victory, just his second since May 24.

of them off broken bats - to score five

runs in the third against Brower. Kan-

"We were killing them softly with

Ramirez, perhaps playing his final

home game, homered twice and drove

in three runs. Ricky Ledee had a two-

run homer in the ninth for Cleveland.

agent after this season, but could be

gone long before that if Cleveland de-

Ramirez has a pair of two-homer

games this week, and since returning

from the disabled list is 12-for-29

(.414) with five homers and 12 RBIs.

"Manny has been Manny," Manuel

Cleveland played without Alomar,

Ramirez's second homer, his 18th,

was a two-run shot in the sixth that

pulled the Indians to 8-4. Travis

Fryman followed with a double, and

with none out it looked like the Indi-

the team.

Ramirez is eligible to become a free

sas City had 17 hits — 15 singles.

singles," Damon said.

The Royals got five singles — two

"That's been a goal of mine in the second half, to be more aggressive," Suppan said.



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les (Perez 4-4), 8:10 p.m. Saturday's Games N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-3), 11:15 a.m. Arizona (Guzman 2-0) at Cincinnati (Luebbers 0-1), 11:15 a.m. St. Louis (Hentgen 9-6) at Houston (Miller Milwaukee (Bere 6-7) at Chicago Cubs San Francisco (Hernandez 8-7) at Los Montreal (Johnson 4-4) at Florida Philadelphia (Person 5-2) at Pittsburgh San Diego (Clement 9-8) at Colorado Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m. San Francisco at Los Angeles, 6:10 p.m. W L Pct. GB 60 35.632 Chicago

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West Division

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- ton (Fassero 6-3), 3:05 p.m. Cleveland (Drew 1-0) at Minnesota (Lin-
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5), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games Kansas City at Detroit, 11:05 a.m.

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union agrees to settle its grievance. The offer has tentatively been agreed umpires, but only as part of a new la-

Kansas City (Reichert 3-6) at Detroit (Weaver 6-7), 5:05 p.m. Baltimore (Rapp 5-6) at Toronto

NEWYORK (AP)—Nearly half of bor contract and only if the umps' old

to by the new union, the World Umpires Association, two lawyers familiar with the talks said Thursday on the

condition they not be identified. But the old union, Richie Phillips'

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Final Standings

- 2. Sweet Vanilla Pancakes- 9-2
- 3. Western State Bank- 7-4

Dynamic Dimensions- 6-5

6. Dan Brenner Ford-Mercury- 5-6

9. Storm Troopers- 3-8

10. Alex's Radiator/D&M Cleaning- 0-11

Fronier Equity 16, Northwind Surveys- 16-

Cleaning 2

Western State Bank 13, Dan Brenner Ford-

said. "He's given a lift to the lineup." their All-Star second baseman who is expected to miss 3-5 days with a sore left ankle. Alomar will stay behind in Cleveland for rehab before rejoining

Kansas City manager Tony Muser, who met with Damon last week and told the 26-year-old outfielder to relax. "I think a lot of things were on his mind. He's a young man and I think all this trade talk bothered him.'



cides to deal him. There might have been a few Indians packing their travel bags for good as the Indians left on a "I've had to deal with it for so long 14-day road trip that ends Aug. 3.

