

# Royals snap three-game losing streak

CHICAGO (AP) — The Kansas City Royals finally survived the unlucky seventh inning.

Jermaine Dye hit a pair of two-run homers Tuesday night as the Royals, who had given up game-winning home runs in the seventh inning the last three games, beat the Chicago White Sox 6-1 to snap a three-game losing streak.

“When you get two two-run homers out of the middle of your lineup, that helps,” Kansas City manager Tony Muser said. “That’s been our problem, we give up a lot of home runs. But tonight, we hit two and Chicago hit one.”

Dye homered in the fourth and sixth innings, raising his season total to 25 with his sixth multihomer game, his

second this season. He also hit two on April 26 against Tampa Bay.

Dye is the quickest Royal to reach 25 home runs, besting the mark set by Dean Palmer, who hit his 25th on Aug. 1 two years ago.

“I don’t have enough experience to go out there and try to hit a home run and do it,” Dye said. “As long as I don’t get a big head because I’m hitting 20 or something home runs every year, those line drives will continue to go out of the park.”

Dye is now two shy of his career high of 27, set last season.

Jeff Suppan (5-6) stymied the White Sox, who lead the major leagues in runs. Suppan gave up three hits, includ-

ing a solo homer by Herbert Perry, and walked six in seven innings to win his third straight start.

“I tried to keep the ball down and I tried to change speeds with them,” Suppan said. “They have a very good lineup. The big thing for me was going out and shutting them down after we scored. That was my goal.”

Jim Parque (9-4) failed in his second try to surpass his career-high in wins, set last year. He gave up six runs — four earned — and seven hits in seven-plus innings, striking out four.

“What bothers me is the fact that I threw so good and on two pitches (to Dye), it just went down the hole,” Parque said. “This is the first time I’ve

felt real good in five or six starts.”

The loss was Chicago’s fourth in its last six games.

“We just have to get back in the groove of sustaining good play all the time,” White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said.

Perry homered in the second for a 1-0 lead, the league-leading 28th off Suppan. Dye’s homers put the Royals ahead 4-1.

Johnny Damon reached on a throwing error by first baseman Paul Konerko and Rey Sanchez walked, chasing Parque. Sweeney greeted Lorenzo Barcelo with a single, scoring Damon. One out later, Joe Randa hit a sacrifice fly.

# McGwire considers mid-season surgery

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire said Tuesday he’d consider undergoing surgery before the season ended if it is the only option left to repair the patella tendon in his ailing right knee.

“It’s an option, but it’s like the final straw,” McGwire said before the Car-

dinals game against Arizona. “I don’t want that.”

McGwire missed his 15th game with the knee injury Tuesday. He was leading the majors with 30 home runs when he went on the disabled list July 7.

Since then, McGwire said he has totally “shut down” his knee, trying to

rest it as much as possible. Asked about what kind of treatment McGwire has received, Cardinals’ trainer Barry Weinberg rattled off a list.

“We’re trying everything, so we miss nothing,” Weinberg said.

McGwire said he tried a light work-out last week when the Cardinals were

in Arizona. The next day, he said, his knee “felt like it had gone back to square one.”

“Every time I bend my knee, it feels like it’s going to tear. It’s not good,” McGwire said. “From what I understand about patella tendinitis, it just doesn’t go away.”

The injury is similar to the one suffered by St. Louis Rams place-kicker Jeff Wilkins. Like Wilkins, McGwire said his right knee hurts the most when he bends over.

Wilkins is still building strength in his leg five months after a bone spur and degenerative tissue were removed.

## Budweiser team wins league tournament

The Budweiser Men’s Slo-Pitch team won the tournament Thursday defeating the Coors Light team, 7-6 in the championship.

In the first round of the tournament, LOL Magnums won their game over Century Feeders/Collingwood Grain, 14-7. B&K

Pumping won over Mueller Grain 13-10 in their first game.

The Budweiser team went up against B&K Pumping in their first game winning, 19-17.

Lonny’s Quality Auto Body played Tap-N-It, and won, 24-13.

Coors Light faced McB’s Motors

winning, 16-10.

In the second round Coors Light won their game against Lonny’s, 17-12 to advance to the championship game.

Budweiser defeated LOL Magnums, 13-3, and then went on to win the championship.

# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League Glance				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	61	39	.610	—
New York	54	44	.551	6
Montreal	47	49	.490	12
Florida	48	51	.485	12 1/2
Philadelphia	44	54	.449	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	56	43	.566	—
Cincinnati	50	50	.500	6 1/2
Chicago	44	54	.449	11 1/2
Pittsburgh	42	56	.429	13 1/2
Milwaukee	41	59	.410	15 1/2
Houston	37	63	.370	19 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	56	44	.560	—
San Francisco	54	44	.551	1
Los Angeles	53	46	.535	2 1/2
Colorado	48	50	.490	7
San Diego	45	55	.450	11

Monday’s Games	
Houston 7, Cincinnati 5, 10 innings	
<b>Los Angeles 4, Colorado 1</b>	
San Francisco 3, San Diego 0	
Only games scheduled	
Tuesday’s Games	
Late Games Not Included	
N.Y. Mets 5, Montreal 0	
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1, 11 innings	
Chicago Cubs 8, Philadelphia 7	
Atlanta 6, Florida 5	
Houston 7, Cincinnati 4	
St. Louis 7, Arizona 3	
<b>Los Angeles 6, Colorado 4</b>	
San Diego 3, San Francisco 2	
Wednesday’s Games	
Houston (Elarton 9-4) at Cincinnati (Parris 5-12), 10:35 a.m.	
Milwaukee (Haynes 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Silva 6-4), 5:05 p.m.	
Montreal (Irabu 2-4) at New York (Hampton 9-7), 5:10p	
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 6-8) at Philadelphia (Chen 5-0), 5:35 p.m.	

Florida (Burnett 1-0) at Atlanta (Millwood 5-8), 5:40 p.m.	
Arizona (Reynoso 7-6) at St. Louis (Kile 11-6), 6:10 p.m.	
<b>Los Angeles (Perez 4-4) at Colorado (Bohanon 4-7), 7:05 p.m.</b>	
San Francisco (Estes 9-3) at San Diego (Eaton 2-1), 8:05 p.m.	
Thursday’s Games	
Montreal (Thurman 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 10-4), 10:10 a.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Downs 4-3) at Philadelphia (Byrd 2-8), 11:05 a.m.	
<b>Los Angeles (Gagne 1-6) at Colorado (Jarvis 2-4), 1:05 p.m.</b>	
Milwaukee (Snyder 3-5) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 3-5), 5:05 p.m.	
Florida (C. Smith 0-3) at Atlanta (Mulholland 9-9), 5:40 p.m.	
Arizona (Guzman 2-1) at St. Louis (Ankiel 7-5), 6:10 p.m.	
Only games scheduled	

American League Glance				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	53	42	.558	—
Boston	51	46	.526	3
Toronto	53	48	.525	3
Baltimore	43	56	.434	12
Tampa Bay	39	59	.398	15 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	62	38	.620	—
Cleveland	51	47	.520	10
Detroit	46	52	.469	15
<b>Kansas City 46 53 .465</b>				
Minnesota	46	57	.447	17 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	58	41	.586	—
Oakland	54	45	.545	4
Anaheim	54	47	.535	5
Texas	47	51	.480	10 1/2

Monday’s Games	
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 2	
Minnesota 4, Boston 2	
N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 3	

<b>Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 6</b>	
Anaheim 6, Texas 5, 12 innings	
Seattle 6, Oakland 4	
Only games scheduled	
Tuesday’s Games	
Boston 4, Minnesota 2	
Detroit 6, Tampa Bay 4	
Cleveland 10, Toronto 3	
<b>Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 1</b>	
N.Y. Yankees 19, Baltimore 1	
Texas 9, Anaheim 6	
Oakland 8, Seattle 7	
Wednesday’s Games	
Cleveland (Colon 9-7) at Toronto (Wells 15-3), 10:35 a.m.	
Minnesota (Redman 8-4) at Boston (Wakefield 6-5), 11:05 a.m.	
<b>Kansas City (Reichert 4-6) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-4), 12:05 p.m.</b>	
Oakland (Hudson 10-3) at Seattle (Abbott 6-3), 2:05 p.m.	
Tampa Bay (Yan 4-7) at Detroit (Weaver 6-8), 5:05 p.m.	
New York (Gooden 4-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-6), 5:05 p.m.	
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 5-5) at Texas (Perisho 2-3), 6:35 p.m.	
Thursday’s Games	
<b>Tampa Bay (Rupe 2-4) at Kansas City (Durbin 2-4), 6:05 p.m.</b>	
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-9) at Minnesota (Romero 0-0), 6:05 p.m.	
Detroit (Mlicki 4-10) at Texas (Glynn 1-1), 6:35 p.m.	
Toronto (Loaiza 5-7) at Seattle (Halama 9-5), 8:05 p.m.	
Boston (Fassero 7-3) at Oakland (Zito 1-0), 8:05 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-2) at Anaheim (Cooper 4-4), 8:05 p.m.	
Only games scheduled	

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Keeping in motion

Participants in the City and County Recreation summer volleyball camp Wednesday received instructions from Colorado high school volleyball coaches Jason Holt and Brandon Hoffman. One junior high participant (above) tried to see if she could keep the ball in motion the longest. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Dodgers beat slumping Rockies 6-4

DENVER (AP) — Throughout his 8 1/2-year major league career, Eric Karros has averaged a respectable, if not especially prolific, 28 home runs a season. At Coors Field, however, he is positively McGwire-esque.

Karros tied the game with a three-run homer in the seventh and Adrian Beltre won it with a two-run single in the eighth as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the slumping Colorado Rockies 6-4 Tuesday night.

Karros’ homer, his 27th of the season, was his 17th career homer at Coors Field — a record for a Rockies’ opponent.

“It’s a good offensive park, there’s no disputing that,” Karros said. “I’ve been fortunate to get some good pitches here and get them up in the air. We play six or seven games here each year, so it’s a matter of opportunity.”

After his homer, Karros came up again in the eighth and Rockies reliever Jose Jimenez walked him. That loaded the bases for Beltre, who lined a single to center.

“I’ve been having a tough time with the bases loaded,” Beltre said. “I can’t figure out why. I’ve got only two, maybe three hits. With the bases loaded and two outs, I knew this was my big moment and a time that I have to step up.”

Beltre’s hit also atoned for his error in the second inning that helped the Rockies score three runs.

“To be the guy who was responsible for their first couple of runs, it was my chance to get some back and give Chan Ho (Park) a chance to win.”

Park (11-7) pitched seven strong innings, allowing seven hits and four runs, two earned.

“Chan Ho pitched brilliantly the whole game. We didn’t make the plays in the field,” Dodgers manager Davey Johnson said, referring to his team’s three errors. “He didn’t give an inch, and that to me was the key to winning the game.”

Karros’ homer tied the game at 4-4 in the seventh off Masato Yoshii. His hit came just after second baseman Mike Lansing booted Shawn Green’s

potential double-play grounder for an error.

The Dodgers loaded the bases in the eighth on three walks, one of them intentional, and Beltre followed with a sharp single. Bobby Chouinard (0-1), who walked the first two batters in the inning, took the loss.

“Beltre is a good player now, but he’s going to be a great player,” Johnson said.

The Rockies have lost 17 of their last 20 games. Since climbing a club-record 12 games over .500 (45-33) on July 3, they have fallen to 48-50.

“We just can’t seem to get over the hump,” Rockies manager Buddy Bell said.

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