

Royals lose star to injury

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals lost All-Star right fielder Jermaine Dye to a concussion, then fell to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 8-5 Thursday night.

Dye was injured when he ran into the wall trying to catch Jose Canseco's double in the third inning.

Dye backpedaled and appeared to hit the wall hard with the back of his head, and crumpled to the ground. He stayed down for a couple of minutes, was driven off on a cart and taken to a hospital.

Gerald Williams had three hits and drove in three runs, and Tampa Bay took advantage of Kansas City's sloppy fielding.

The Royals made three errors in the first two innings, leading to four unearned runs. Kansas City finished with

a season-high four errors.

Tampa Bay bench coach Bill Russell wound up 2-0 while replacing suspended manager Larry Rothschild. The penalty was imposed for Rothschild's altercation with umpire Laz Diaz in a game July 18 against Atlanta.

Johnny Damon had four hits and stole two bases for the Royals. Since the All-Star break, he is batting .514.

Ryan Rupe (3-4) was the winning pitcher. After pinch-hitter Dave McCarty had a two-run single in the ninth, Roberto Hernandez relieved for his 18th save.

Chad Durbin (2-5) took the loss, hurt by the unearned runs.

A throwing error by third baseman Joe Randa led to Fred McGriff's sacrifice fly in the Devil Rays first. The

Royals tied it in the bottom half on Damon's double and Mike Sweeney's single.

Second baseman Carlos Febles' error set up a three-run second for Tampa Bay. John Flaherty singled, Felix Martinez walked on four pitches and Williams hit a two-run double.

Miguel Cairo then flied out to Dye, who made a wild throw home that eluded catcher Gregg Zaun and Durbin, who was backing up the play. The ball went into the stands and two runners scored on Dye's error.

Dye was replaced by Scott Pose after being hurt trying to catch Canseco's drive.

Canseco later scored on Vinny Castilla's sacrifice fly.

Williams doubled home a run in the eighth.

Dodgers jump Rockies for win

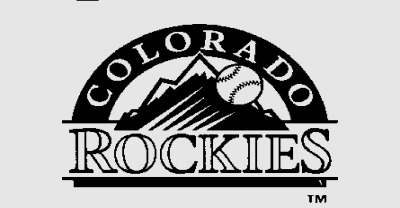
DENVER (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers manager Davey Johnson has learned to weigh the good and the bad when it comes to third baseman Adrian Beltre.

Johnson knows that with the defensive liability — 16 errors this season — comes the chance for big offensive days.

"Adrian is young and he will make the kinds of mistakes he made this series," Johnson said. "He is a good, young player now, who is going to be a great player."

Beltre showed glimpse of that greatness Thursday, with driving in a career-high six runs on a day he hit his second grand slam of the year as the Dodgers outlasted the Colorado Rockies 16-11.

"The guy is so talented," Johnson



said. Beltre went 4-for-6 and Alex Cora had two homers and five RBIs.

Cora was 4-for-5, setting career highs for hits and RBIs as the Dodgers won for the seventh time in nine games.

"I had opportunities with men in scoring position," Beltre said. "I got my chance today and got lucky, got my pitch to hit and swung at it."

Los Angeles, which overcame four errors, tied its season high for runs and set a season high with 20 hits.

As both teams scored in double digits at Coors Field for the fourth time this season, Dodgers starter Eric Gagne was pounded for nine runs — six earned — and 11 hits in 4 1-3 innings. He is winless in his last seven starts.

"A lot of today had to do with this ballpark," Beltre said. "Everybody knows this is a great ballpark to hit."

Colorado's Kevin Jarvis was tagged for seven runs — just one earned — and seven hits in three innings.

"We have to be discouraged by the outcome," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said. "The offense should have been enough, but we couldn't find a guy to get outs."

Larry Walker went 4-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	62	40	.608	—
New York	56	44	.560	5
Florida	49	52	.485	12 1/2
Montreal	47	51	.480	13
Philadelphia	44	56	.440	17
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	57	44	.564	—
Cincinnati	50	51	.495	7
Chicago	46	54	.460	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	43	57	.430	13 1/2
Milwaukee	42	60	.412	15 1/2
Houston	38	63	.376	19
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	57	45	.559	—
San Francisco	55	44	.556	1/2
Los Angeles	54	47	.535	2 1/2
Colorado	49	51	.490	7
San Diego	45	56	.446	11 1/2

Cleveland (Burba 10-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-10), 5:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Rekar 3-6) at Kansas City (Stein 1-2), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-0) at Minnesota (Radke 7-11), 6:05 p.m.

Detroit (Moehler 6-6) at Texas (Helling 11-7), 6:35 p.m.

Toronto (Carpenter 7-9) at Seattle (Garcia 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

Boston (P.Martinez 11-3) at Oakland (Mulder 6-6), 8:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Sirotko 9-8) at Ana-

heim (Hill 5-6), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Cleveland (Drew 1-0) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-6), 11:05 a.m.

Toronto (F.Castillo 7-5) at Seattle (Moyer 11-3), 2:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-0) at Anaheim (Bottenfield 6-8), 2:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 9-6) at Minnesota (Milton 9-6), 5:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Lopez 7-7) at Kansas City (Suzuki 5-5), 6:05 p.m.

Detroit (Nomo 3-10) at Texas (Rogers 10-

7), 6:35 p.m.

Boston (Fassero 7-3) at Oakland (Appier 8-8), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Baltimore, 11:35 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 12:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 12:05 p.m.

Boston at Oakland, 2:05 p.m.

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