

Royals suffer fourth loss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals can't wait to get away.

Gerald Williams homered and hit an RBI single in the 10th inning as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat Kansas City 7-6 Sunday for a four-game sweep.

"We just have played bad baseball for four days," Kansas City first baseman Mike Sweeney said. "It's a huge disappointment to lose four games to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Losing four in a row to Tampa Bay is just unacceptable."

The Royals, who have dropped 13 of 16 at home, can't get on the road fast enough. They open a three-game series against the Yankees in New York on Tuesday night, and then travel to Boston.

"Emotionally, it might be better to

get away," Royals manager Tony Muser said.

The Devil Rays finished their own road trip 7-5 with a five-game winning streak.

"It's just a situation where you're dealing with things as they are, not as they were," Williams said after the Devil Rays blew a 6-2 lead in an eighth inning that included two passed balls, two wild pitches, two walks and a hit batter.

Russ Johnson led off the 10th with an infield single off Jerry Spradlin (4-3). Two outs later, Johnson stole second, setting up Williams' game-winning hit to left field. Williams has driven in 27 runs this month, setting a Tampa Bay record.

"You just have to concentrate on each at-bat and find a way win. It's up to us to show that we're consistent,"

said Williams, who drove in eight runs during the series.

Tanyon Sturtze (2-2) pitched the ninth and Roberto Hernandez worked the 10th for his 20th save.

"We made about as many mistakes to (Williams) as we have ever made to any hitter," Muser said. "He just wore us out this series and we just kept making mistakes to him."

Johnny Damon drew a leadoff walk off Doug Creek to start the Royals eighth. Estaban Yan came in and gave up a single to Rey Sanchez, and the runners advanced to second and third on a passed ball by John Flaherty.

Yan then hit Sweeney on the right hand with a pitch.

Sweeney left the game with a bruised hand for pinch-runner Jeff Reboulet and was to have X-rays Monday.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	40	.619	—
New York	59	44	.573	5
Florida	51	53	.490	13 1/2
Montreal	47	54	.465	16
Philadelphia	46	57	.447	18
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	57	47	.548	—
Cincinnati	53	51	.510	4
Chicago	48	55	.466	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	45	58	.437	11 1/2
Milwaukee	44	61	.419	13 1/2
Houston	38	66	.365	19
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	58	47	.552	—
San Francisco	56	46	.549	1/2
Los Angeles	55	49	.529	2 1/2
Colorado	50	53	.485	7
San Diego	46	58	.442	11 1/2

Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 3				
Atlanta 13, Houston 5				
Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco 1				
Florida 4, Arizona 2				
Pittsburgh 10, San Diego 2				
Cincinnati 4, Montreal 3, 11 innings				
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 0				
Colorado 10, Milwaukee 2				
Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Mets 4, St. Louis 2				
Atlanta 6, Houston 3				
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2				
Cincinnati 7, Montreal 4				
Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 2				
Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 1				
San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 8				
Florida 4, Arizona 3				
Monday's Games				
St. Louis (Kile 12-6) at Montreal (Thurman 2-1), 5:05 p.m.				
Houston (Lima 3-13) at Florida (Burnett 1-1), 5:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Valdes 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Silva 7-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Williamson 3-7) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 7-7), 5:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Bohanon 5-7) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 6-8), 6:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Gardner 7-4) at Milwaukee (Haynes 9-10), 6:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Chen 5-0) at San Diego (Williams 5-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Tuesday's Games				
Colorado (Astacio 8-7) at Chicago				

Cubs (Downs 4-3), 12:20 p.m.				
St. Louis (Ankiel 7-6) at Montreal (Moore 0-0), 5:05 p.m.				
Houston (Erickson 10-4) at Florida (Smith 1-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Perez 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 3-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Parris 5-13) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 10-7), 5:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Estes 10-3) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-5), 6:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Millwood 6-8) at Arizona (Reynoso 7-7), 8:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Person 5-3) at San Diego (Eaton 2-2), 8:05 p.m.				

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	56	44	.560	—
Boston	53	48	.525	3 1/2
Toronto	55	51	.519	4
Baltimore	45	58	.437	12 1/2
Tampa Bay	44	59	.427	13 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	64	41	.610	—
Cleveland	52	50	.510	10 1/2
Detroit	48	55	.466	15
Kansas City	47	57	.452	16 1/2
Minnesota	48	59	.449	17
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	61	43	.587	—
Oakland	57	47	.548	4
Anaheim	56	50	.528	6
Texas	50	53	.485	10 1/2

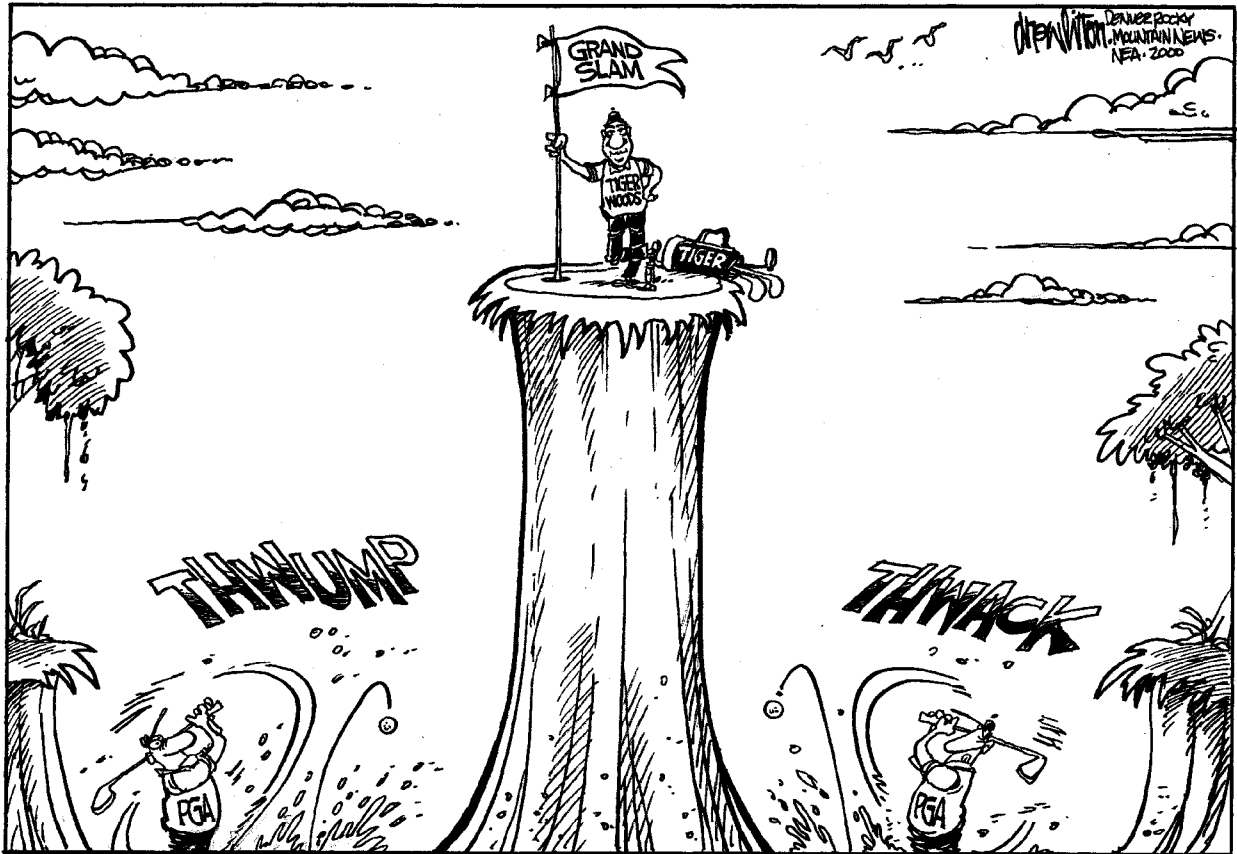
Saturday's Games				
Cleveland 14, Baltimore 3, 1st game				
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 0, 2nd game				

Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Seattle 6, Toronto 5, 13 innings
Minnesota 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Tampa Bay 2, Kansas City 1
Detroit 10, Texas 2
Oakland 12, Boston 1

Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 4				
Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 6				
Baltimore 10, Cleveland 7				
Oakland 5, Boston 2				
Seattle 10, Toronto 6				
Detroit 8, Texas 7				
Chicago White Sox 11, Anaheim 7, 10 innings				

Monday's Games				
Minnesota (Romero 0-0) at Baltimore (Ponson 5-7), 5:35 p.m.				
Boston (R.Martinez 8-6) at Seattle (Abbott 6-4), 8:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Wells 16-3) at Oakland (Hudson 11-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Weaver 6-9) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 5-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				

Tuesday's Games				
Toronto (Loaiza 6-7) at Oakland (Zito 1-0), 1:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Reichert 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 5-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Colon 9-8) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-4), 5:15 p.m.				
Minnesota (Redman 9-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-10), 5:35 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-7) at Texas (Glynn 2-1), 6:35 p.m.				
Boston (Wakefield 6-5) at Seattle (Halama 9-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Sparks 0-2) at Anaheim (Cooper 4-5), 8:05 p.m.				



Brewers' pitcher whips Rockies

MILWAUKEE (AP) — When Jeff D'Amico pitches, the Milwaukee Brewers look nothing like the second-worst team in the majors.

D'Amico closed a magnificent July by hitting his first major league home run and allowing seven hits in eight-plus innings as the Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Sunday.

But D'Amico's performance was only one part of a solid effort for the Brewers, who overcame a strong outing by Colorado starter Masato Yoshii with big hits, timely defense and strong relief pitching — none of which they've had very often this season.

"There's a different energy when he's out there," said closer Curtis Leskanic, who got D'Amico out of a

ninth-inning jam and earned his second save. "We're more confident as a team because we know he's got things under control."

It was the latest strong start in a string of standout appearances for D'Amico, who went 5-0 in July with an 0.76 ERA.

The Brewers were 6-0 in games he started during the month.

Without "Big Daddy" — as the 6-foot-7 D'Amico is known to teammates and fans — on the mound, Milwaukee is 5-14 in July entering Monday night's game against San Francisco.

"I'm feeling very confident, but everybody played well," D'Amico said. "We got great defense, we got the big

hits when we needed them, and Curt did a great job for me in the ninth."

The Brewers hit three solo homers against Yoshii (4-12), who pitched well but lost his fifth straight decision.

D'Amico homered in the fifth, while Geoff Jenkins and Jeromy Burnitz also homered in the sixth inning.

"These last couple of outings were very close games, and a home run decided the game," Yoshii said. "It's pretty much my fault."

In the fifth, D'Amico (7-4) hit a 405-foot blast to right-center.

D'Amico's ERA, 1.81 for the season, actually rose against the Rockies. Todd Helton's fourth-inning homer was the only run he allowed until the ninth.

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