

# Rockies get back to baseball with 2-1 victory over Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Now that the trade rumors have ceased, Colorado Rockies manager Buddy Bell can only hope the team can get back to playing good baseball.

"There's a little bit of a comfort zone guys hope to get to after the trading deadline," Bell said. "This takes a bit of the load off some guys. There's been quite a lot of talk in our clubhouse about the trades."

Pedro Astacio's name was among those mentioned, and on Tuesday, he showed why he was so popular. The right-hander matched his career high with 12 strikeouts and combined with Gabe White on a two-hitter in the Rockies' 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"You could tell the way the ball was

moving, the way he was pinpointing it. You knew it was going to be a battle out there," Chicago's Eric Young said of Astacio. "I was hoping he would be traded (Monday). I was hoping he'd be gone."

"It was my time to pitch. I can't control (trades). This is a business," Astacio said. "Nothing can happen anymore, so we don't have to worry."

Todd Hollandsworth hit a go-ahead RBI single in his Colorado debut to lift the Rockies to victory.

Acquired from Los Angeles for Tom Goodwin on Monday, Hollandsworth broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth, lifting the Rockies to their sixth win in 20 games since the All-Star break.

"He's got a lot of ability," Bell said of Hollandsworth. "You don't get to be

National League rookie of the year by being lucky."

Both hits off Astacio were by Young, who was traded by the Rockies to Los Angeles for Astacio in August 1997. Young doubled to start the first and singled to lead off the sixth.

"He changed speeds well and used his fastball. He has pinpoint control, and that's why he gets strikeouts," Cubs manager Don Baylor said of Astacio, who also walked four in seven innings.

Astacio struck out the side in both the second and third innings. It's the third time Astacio has struck out 12, most recently on Sept. 14, 1997, at Atlanta.

"I think Pedro was a little bit concerned about being traded," Bell said.

"I tried to explain to him that it's a compliment. We're all replaceable, unfortunate but true. We didn't actively go out and try to move him. We turned down a lot of good players."

With one out in the eighth, Neifi Perez singled off Kyle Farnsworth (2-5) and advanced on Jeff Cirillo's groundout. Todd Helton was intentionally walked, and Felix Heredia hit pinch-hitter Larry Walker to load the bases.

Hollandsworth greeted Tim Worrell with a single to left, scoring Perez.

"I had a great opportunity to help get this team a big 'W,'" Hollandsworth said. "It's what we needed in a big way. I'm grateful to contribute."

It was only the Cubs' second loss in 11 games, and they now are 14-5 since

the All-Star break.

White pitched two perfect innings for his second save.

Brian Hunter walked to lead off the Rockies first against starter Daniel Garibay, advanced on a sacrifice, stole third and scored on an errant throw by catcher Jeff Reed.

The Cubs answered in the first when Young doubled, stole third and scored on Mark Grace's groundout.

Garibay, who was in the Mexican League for seven years before this season, gave up four hits and three walks in seven innings of his first major league start. The left-hander was recalled from Triple-A Iowa to fill Scott Downs' spot after he was traded to Montreal.

Notes: Garibay was 2-3 with a 4.94

ERA in 21 previous appearances with the Cubs, and his longest outing before Tuesday was 3 2-3 innings June 22 against Atlanta.

LF Rondell White, acquired Monday from Montreal, is not expected to join the Cubs until Thursday in San Diego.

Helton ended an 0-for-17 stretch against the Cubs with a single in the sixth.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who stopped by Wrigley Field, said Monday's flurry of trades were a result of the disparity between the low and high revenue teams.

Selig quoted an economist, saying, "If you spend, there's no guarantee you'll win. If you don't (spend), you have no chance."

## Chiefs' coach works on offense

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Air Cunningham?

With quarterback Elvis Grbac having his finest training camp as a Chief, Andre Rison showing the form that made him an All-Pro in 1997 and Tony Gonzalez picking up where he left off after his Pro Bowl season a year ago, head coach Gunther Cunningham said he wants to open up the Chiefs' offense this year.

"We're going to go for the home run ball when we feel like we've set it up and it's there," Cunningham said. "There are a lot of guys on this team who can really run."

Cunningham said the play of vet-

erans Rison, Gonzalez and Derek Alexander, coupled with a corps of speedy, young wide receivers battling for roster spots, presents the perfect situation to spread the ball out more and go for the big plays.

"We've got people who can get down the field," he said.

"I watched Tony Gonzalez run a route and I shook my head. He has gotten quicker and faster this off season. So we've got a lot of push up the field at different spots; all you have to do is find one of them."

Cunningham said he has been impressed with the rookie wide receivers and is hoping first-round pick

Sylvester Morris signs soon.

"I think when Sylvester gets in here that will be a primary deal because he's so tall and he can go up and out-jump people and get the ball," the coach said.

Cunningham said the ability to go deep fits in with his philosophy of spreading the ball around more to put pressure on the other team's secondary.

"It's difficult to find two good corners in this league," he noted. "If we've got a good enough concept and scheme, they're going to have to put a lot of corners out there to cover these people."

## Olympic athletes face new drug test

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — For any athlete thinking of using EPO to help win gold at the Sydney Olympics, the IOC had a message Tuesday: Don't.

In a long-awaited and much-debated step in the fight against doping, the IOC medical commission approved a double test for the hormone, believed to be one of the most abused drugs in sport. Any athlete at Sydney could be tested.

"We will be anywhere and at any time," commission chairman Prince Alexandre de Merode said.

If the blood and urine tests, developed by researchers in Australia and France, are approved by legal experts and the IOC executive board, at least 300 tests for EPO will be carried out before and during the Sydney Games, which run Sept. 15-Oct. 1.



Athletes found to be positive will be thrown out of the games, de Merode said.

Until now, there has been no test for EPO, or erythropoietin, believed to be used widely by athletes in endurance sports such as cycling and swimming.

Frank Shorter, winner of the 1972 Olympic marathon and chairman of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency which takes over drug testing in the United States Oct. 2, welcomed the decision.

"It's a start," he said. "I think it's a great decision because it is the first time that the IOC has initiated a pro-

gram that's proactive in the drug area rather than reactive. From the athlete's perspective, not only do you have to catch people in the act of cheating ... but you have to create deterrents.

"Now the next step is to keep the momentum going and, in my view, do something very simple — save the samples, preserve them, and test them again when new technology comes along."

Derek Bouchard Hall, a road racer and track distance specialist from Palo Alto, Calif., who will compete in the team pursuit at Sydney, welcomed EPO tests.

"We know performance-enhancing drug use happens quite a bit in the sport of cycling," he said. "We also know that we do not use those drugs and that has left us at a disadvantage historically."

## baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	66	40	.623	—
New York	60	45	.571	5 1/2
Florida	51	55	.481	15
Montreal	48	55	.466	16 1/2
Philadelphia	46	59	.438	19 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	58	48	.547	—
Cincinnati	54	52	.509	4
Chicago	49	56	.467	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	46	59	.438	11 1/2
Milwaukee	44	63	.411	14 1/2
Houston	40	66	.377	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	58	46	.558	—
Arizona	58	48	.547	1
Los Angeles	56	50	.528	3
Colorado	51	54	.486	7 1/2
San Diego	48	58	.453	11

Monday's Games

Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain  
St. Louis 4, Montreal 0  
Houston 4, Florida 2  
Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Mets 0

Chicago Cubs 2, Colorado 0

San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings

San Diego 4, Philadelphia 1

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Colorado 2, Chicago Cubs 1

Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 0, first game

Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 3, second game

Montreal 4, St. Louis 0

Houston 4, Florida 3

N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 2

San Francisco 13, Milwaukee 8

Atlanta 4, Arizona 2

San Diego 10, Philadelphia 9, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Dessens 5-0) vs. N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-4), 10:10 a.m.

Los Angeles (Dreifort 7-7) at Pittsburgh

(Silva 7-4), 11:35 a.m.

San Francisco (Hernandez 10-7) at Milwaukee (Wright 6-4), 12:05 p.m.

Colorado (Rose 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 0-3), 12:20 p.m.

St. Louis (Hentgen 9-8) at Montreal (Johnson 5-5), 5:05 p.m.

Houston (Miller 1-3) at Florida (Cornelius 3-5), 5:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Maddux 12-5) at Arizona (Schilling 7-6), 8:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Daal 2-11) at San Diego (Clement 9-10), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Houston (Reynolds 7-8) at Florida (Sanchez 6-8), 11:05 a.m.

Chicago Cubs (Wood 6-6) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-1), 3:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Ashby 7-7) at Arizona (Anderson 8-4), 8:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-7) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-10), 8:15 p.m.

Only games scheduled

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	57	44	.564	—
Boston	54	49	.524	4
Toronto	55	53	.509	5 1/2
Baltimore	47	58	.448	12
Tampa Bay	45	59	.433	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	65	41	.613	—
Cleveland	52	51	.505	11 1/2
Detroit	49	56	.467	15 1/2
Kansas City	47	58	.448	17 1/2
Minnesota	48	61	.440	18 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	62	44	.585	—
Oakland	59	47	.557	3
Anaheim	57	51	.528	6
Texas	50	54	.481	11

Monday's Games

Baltimore 6, Minnesota 5

Oakland 6, Toronto 1

Anaheim 5, Detroit 4

Boston 8, Seattle 5

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Oakland 3, Toronto 1, 10 innings

N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 4

Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5

Chicago White Sox 4, Texas 3

Baltimore 10, Minnesota 0

Detroit 6, Anaheim 3

Seattle 5, Boston 4, 19 innings

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Stein 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-0), 10:05 a.m.

Minnesota (Radke 7-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-7), 1:05 p.m.

Toronto (Carpenter 7-10) at Oakland (Mulder 6-7), 1:35 p.m.

Detroit (Moehler 6-7) at Anaheim (Hill 5-6), 2:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Burba 10-4) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-6), 2:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-2) at Texas (Helling 12-7), 6:35 p.m.

Boston (P.Martinez 12-3) at Seattle (Garcia 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Texas (Rogers 10-8) at Toronto (F.Castillo 7-5), 5:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Suzuki 5-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 9-6), 5:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Bere 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 8-7), 5:15 p.m.

Only games scheduled

## Royals fall in the seventh, losing 5-4

NEW YORK (AP) — For seven innings, Dwight Gooden pitched the New York Yankees into position to win. In the eighth, Scott Brosius finished the job.

Gooden wound up with a no-decision when the Yankees' bullpen blew a late lead, but his team won Tuesday night when Brosius homered for a 5-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Brosius, back in the lineup at third base after missing two games because of tightness in his right calf, led off the eighth with a drive far over the left-field wall. He connected on the second pitch from reliever Ricky Bottalico (7-3).

"I had a lot of chances to get a hit with two outs, and I didn't," he said. "It was a nice way to end it."

Brosius struck out with the bases loaded in his previous at-bat. Earlier, he flied out to strand runners at second and third, and struck out with a runner on.

Manager Joe Torre liked the end result.

"I was happy for him. It was nice to see him smile when he got back to the dugout. He's been struggling lately," he said.

The Royals, playing without injured All-Star first baseman Mike Sweeney, lost their fifth in a row.

They fell a season-worst 11 games below .500.

Gooden's seven innings were his most since 1997. He gave up one

earned run and four hits, and now has a 1.86 ERA in five games since signing with New York in June.

"It feels good. But obviously, it's no time to start relaxing around here," he said.

Bernie Williams hit a two-run double and David Justice followed with an RBI double as the Yankees, helped by a couple of lucky bounces, rallied for a 4-2 lead in the seventh.

Johnny Damon tied it with a two-run double in the eighth off Mike Stanton.

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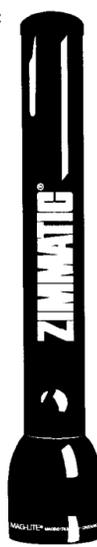
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