

Rockies lose to Sosa homer in eighth

CHICAGO (AP) — If it wasn't for Sammy Sosa's game-winning homer, the Chicago Cubs might still be trying to figure out what went wrong on the basepaths.

Sosa led off the eighth inning Wednesday with his 33rd home run, carrying the Cubs to a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

However, the Cubs nearly ran themselves out of the game.

Trailing 2-1, the Cubs loaded the bases with one out in the seventh against Giovanni Carrara.

Eric Young hit the ball to left, and Todd Hollandsworth tried to make a leaping catch at the wall, but the ball deflected off his glove. One run scored to tie the game, but the baserunners, unsure whether Hollandsworth would make the catch, hesitated. Young didn't stop, hitting Brant Brown, who was at first, and was called out.

"I was looking in the outfield, assuming the run was going to score,"

Young said. "I didn't look at the runners until I crossed second base and passed (Brown)."

"He said he didn't even see me," Brown said.

It was the second baserunning mistake by the Cubs that inning. Willie Greene reached on an error and then overran second on Damon Buford's single and was tagged out.

"Even though we looked like the Bad News Bears, we found a way to win the game," Cubs manager Don Baylor said.

"We butchered that inning and thankfully, Sammy picked us up," Joe Girardi said. "Hopefully, we won't do that anymore."

Sosa, named NL player of the month for July, came through in time.

"Last month was a great month," said Sosa, who was eager to leave June and all the trade speculation behind.

"It's a good feeling after everything that happened to me before. I'm happy

now," Sosa said. "The only thing I would do differently is the trade rumors. Everyone has to go through tough situations. Thank God he gave me the strength to deal with it. I'm back and relaxed."

Sosa hit a 2-2 pitch from John Wasdin (0-1) onto Waveland Avenue over the left-field bleachers, giving the Cubs their 15th win in 20 games since the All-Star break.

"Two bad locations. Two homers. The debut for me hasn't been too fun," said Wasdin, who gave up a home run to Mark Grace on Monday night in the pitcher's Rockies debut.

Steve Rain (3-0) picked up the win, pitching 1 2-3 innings of one-hit relief. Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 25th save in 32 opportunities.

It was the Cubs' 14th win in their last at-bat, and they have won 10 of 12 games.

Gary Matthews Jr. hit a bloop RBI single in the Cubs' first.

Todd Walker then tied the game with his second homer, leading off the Rockies second against starter Ruben Quevedo.

Walker singled with one out in the seventh, and Hollandsworth reached on a fielding error by Greene at third base. Quevedo walked Brent Mayne to load the bases and was pulled for Rain, who walked pinch-hitter Terry Shumpert, forcing in Walker and giving the Rockies a 2-1 lead.

Brian Rose, acquired last Thursday from Boston in a five-player deal, gave up one run on four hits and one walk in six innings, striking out five in his Rockies debut.

Quevedo, making his fourth major league start, gave up two runs — one earned — on three hits and three walks in 6 1-3 innings.

Notes: Sosa received player of the month honors for the fourth time in his career. In 26 games in July, he hit .337 with 11 homers and 24 RBIs.

Benefit golf tourney comes to Goodland

Goodland golfers will gather Sunday to raise money for taking young patients to Shrine Hospitals and other Shrine hospitals.

Twenty-three three-member teams are signed up for the Shrine Benefit Golf Tournament, and registration is open until 7 a.m. Sunday. Entry fees \$150 per team.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and a shotgum tee-off will be at 8 a.m., with lunch following 18 holes of play.

There are six special contests being held in conjunction with the tournament, with prizes totaling \$300.

On holes two, eight, 10, and 13, the closest player to the pin from the

tee box will get \$50.

On holes four and 16, the longest drive from the fairway will win \$50.

Money generated from the tournament will help pay for getting area children needing orthopedic and burn rehabilitation in Shrine Hospitals throughout North America.

It will also go to the Kansas East-West Shrine Bowl football game, and help pay to send grade school students from Wallace and Sherman counties to the Shrine Circus.

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'Yankee-killer' gains reputation, brings in big 4-1 win for the Royals

NEW YORK (AP) — Blake Stein is starting to gain a reputation as a Yankee-killer.

In his first start against them last August, he gave up one run and three hits in eight innings.

In his second Wednesday, he gave up one run and two hits in eight innings, leading the Kansas City Royals over the Yankees 4-1.

"It certainly wasn't a dominating two-hitter," New York's Scott Brosius said.

Still, it was a two-hitter.

Stein (2-3) gave up only a third-inning single to Chuck Knoblauch and an eighth-inning single to Derek Jeter that was followed by Paul O'Neill's sacrifice fly.

He lowered his ERA from 7.28 to 5.97 but walked six, hit a batter and

threw just 62 of 122 pitches for strikes.

"I threw more fastballs than I usually do because I was behind so much," Stein said. "When you do that, mostly you're not going to be successful. But I made good pitches, and that's why I had so many fly balls to left. I was trying to make them hit it out there, because there's a lot of room."

Stein, who retired the side in order just twice, got six flyouts to left and only five outs on infield grounders.

The Yankees, whose AL East lead was cut to three games over second-place Boston, didn't get a runner past second for the first seven innings.

"Something didn't click," said O'Neill, who twice flied to left. "That's where you want to keep the ball in Yankee Stadium. It's Death Valley out there, and the ball wasn't carrying."



Jeter was 1-for-4, leaving his slump at 3-for-22, and Bernie Williams was 0-for-3, extending his slide to 4-for-22.

"It is frustrating when you are patient, draw some walks, get a couple of guys on base," Jeter said.

Ricky Bottalico followed Stein with

a hitless ninth for his ninth save in 15 chances. Kansas City beat New York for the first time in five games this year and also stopped a five-game losing streak.

"We kind of found ways to lose," Royals manager Tony Musers said. "Today, we found ways to win."

Denny Neagle (2-1) lost for the first time in eight starts since June 14 at San Francisco.

He was dominating in his first three outings for New York, which acquired him from Cincinnati on July 12. But against the Royals, he allowed the leadoff runner to reach in seven of eight innings, and didn't have a 1-2-3 inning all day.

Kansas City took a 3-0 lead in the second. Dave McCarty doubled over Williams' head in center, went to third

on Hector Ortiz Jr.'s single and scored when Todd Dunwoody doubled high off the center-field fence, ending an 0-for-11 slide.

Luis Ordez's sacrifice fly brought in the second run and Johnny Damon, who was 3-for-5, poked an outside pitch for an RBI double over the third-base bag. Joe Randa added an RBI grounder in the seventh.

"It was one of those days I battled myself," Neagle said.

Notes: New York planned to sign OF

Luis Polonia, released by Detroit on Monday.

Damon, selected AL player of the month for July, extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

New York's Roger Clemens, 5-0 with a 1.91 ERA, was selected AL pitcher of the month.

Royals DH Mike Sweeney, who bruised his right hand when hit by a pitch Sunday, missed consecutive games for the first time since June 15-16, 1999.

Player gives up on holdout

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Denver Broncos defensive tackle Trevor Pryce will report to training camp Friday after a two-week holdout.

Pryce, in the fourth year of a five-year \$4.9 million contract, was seeking a new deal because he is the lowest paid starter on Denver's defensive line and only the eighth highest paid starter on the defense.

Pryce still has no new contract. But after a stalemate since late last week, one of his agents said he is confident a long-term deal can be reached.

"The Broncos showed good faith, and we're going to reciprocate in good faith to see what happens," agent Peter Schaffer said.

"If the parties continue acting in good faith, we're optimistic that a long-term contract can be worked out," Schaffer said. If not, he said, Pryce will

"play out his contract and go elsewhere."

Team officials declined to comment.

The Broncos last week rejected Pryce's reduced proposal of a \$1 million bonus and a \$400,000 base salary this season, making his salary-cap number about \$33,000 higher than it was scheduled to be this year.

The team also rejected Pryce's request that the Broncos not use their franchise tag on him to restrict his negotiations with other teams when his contract expires in two years.

Broncos owner Pat Bowlen said the team's seven-year, \$31.5 million offer, which included a \$6 million signing bonus, was the team's final offer.

Pryce's contract will pay him \$762,000 in base salary this season. He played sparingly as a rookie in 1997, but blossomed into an All-Pro last year.

North teams take South in both Kansas all-star games

Northern boys beat the South team

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Elisha Fields of Junction City and Brice Roberts of Derby scored 17 points each Wednesday night as the North beat the South 106-101 in the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association all-star game.

The North led 98-86 with 1:51 remaining before Lucious Wagner of Leavenworth connected on four 3-pointers to help the South cut its deficit to three. Steve Rausch of Garden

Plain then made two free throws to give the North its final margin.

Wagner, an Evansville signee, led all scorers with 20 points.

Ryan Shriver of Salina South added 16 points and Matt Freije of Shawnee Mission West scored 14 for the North.

Locke Uppendahl of Cheney, Brandon Carter of McPherson and Todd Okeson of Weskan had 11 points each for the South.

Northern girls take win, 92-89

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Nicole Ohlde of Clay Center scored 19 points to lead the North over the South 92-89 Wednesday night in the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association girls all-star game.

The South led 61-50 after Anne Weese of Sacred Heart and Tracy Lozier of Blue Valley North scored consecutive baskets.

But the North tied the game at 81-81 in the fourth quarter on back-to-

back 3-point shots by Dayna Finch of Smith Center and Jeneka Joyce of Washburn Rural and a three-point play by Ohlde with 2:24 left.

Finch and Miklannet Tennal of Centralia then scored to give the North the lead for good.

Ohlde, who has signed to play at Kansas State, also had seven rebounds, three blocks and three assists. Tennel had 19 points and Joyce finished with 16 for the North.

Chiefs' coach has no plans to bring in offensive linemen for camp

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — One starting guard didn't sign until Wednesday night, another has yet to practice, and the guys who are left are beginning to get banged up.

But Kansas City Chiefs head coach

Gunther Cunningham said he has no plans to bring any other offensive linemen into training camp. The Chiefs franchise player, Pro Bowl guard Will Shields, finally agreed to a one-year contract offer of \$4.1 million, Chiefs

president Carl Peterson announced Wednesday night.

The Chiefs other starting guard, veteran Dave Szott, hasn't practiced while recovering from a blood clot. Meanwhile, guards Brendan Stai and Brad

Kubik, along with tackle Rob Murphy, are all sidelined with various injuries. Stai had an MRI performed on his elbow Wednesday afternoon while Kubik and Murphy are nursing knee injuries.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press				
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	66	41	.617	—
New York	61	45	.575	4 1/2
Florida	52	55	.486	14
Montreal	48	56	.462	16 1/2
Philadelphia	46	60	.434	19 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	59	48	.551	—
Cincinnati	54	53	.505	5
Chicago	50	56	.472	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	46	60	.434	12 1/2
Milwaukee	45	63	.417	14 1/2
Houston	40	67	.374	19
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	58	47	.552	—
Arizona	59	48	.551	—
Los Angeles	57	50	.533	2
Colorado	51	55	.481	7 1/2
San Diego	49	58	.458	10
Tuesday's Games				
Colorado 2, Chicago Cubs 1				
Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 0, first game				
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 3, second game				

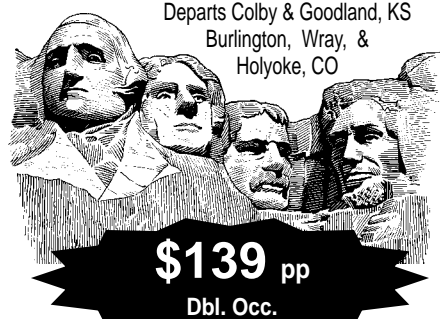
8-4), 8:05 p.m.	Baltimore	47	59	.443	12
Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-7) at San Francisco (Ortiz 5-10), 8:15 p.m.	Tampa Bay	45	60	.429	13 1/2
Only games scheduled	Central Division				
Friday's Games	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Florida (Dempster 9-8) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 3-5), 5:35 p.m.	Chicago	65	42	.607	—
Montreal (Vazquez 8-5) at Houston (Holt 4-12), 6:05 p.m.	Cleveland	53	51	.510	10 1/2
Atlanta (Glavine 13-5) at St. Louis (An.Benes 10-5), 6:10 p.m.	Detroit	50	56	.472	14 1/2
Philadelphia (Bottenfield 0-0) at Colorado (Tavarez 6-2), 7:05 p.m.	Kansas City	48	58	.453	16 1/2
N.Y. Mets (Reed 5-2) at Arizona (Johnson 15-3), 8:05 p.m.	Minnesota	49	61	.445	17 1/2
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 10-5) at San Diego (Vitasick 0-0), 8:05 p.m.	West Division				
Milwaukee (Rigdon 0-1) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-4), 8:10 p.m.	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Pittsburgh (Benson 8-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 7-7), 8:35 p.m.	Seattle	62	45	.579	—
	Oakland	60	47	.561	2
	Anaheim	57	52	.523	6
	Texas	51	54	.486	10
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N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 4					
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5					
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Cleveland (Bere 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 8-7), 5:15 p.m.	
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Minnesota (Milton 10-6) at Detroit (Nomo 4-10), 5:05 p.m.	
Anaheim (Etherton 5-1) at Cleveland (Woodard 0-1), 5:05 p.m.	
Texas (Perisho 2-3) at Toronto (Trachsel 6-10), 5:05 p.m.	
Seattle (Moyer 11-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitite 11-6), 5:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (Suppan 5-6) at Boston (Fassero 7-5), 5:05 p.m.	
Baltimore (Mercedes 6-4) at Tampa Bay (Harper 0-0), 5:15 p.m.	
Oakland (Appier 9-8) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotko 9-8), 6:05 p.m.	

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