

Rockies take the Expos 5-3

MONTREAL (AP) — Todd Helton doesn't concern himself with statistics — even the number .400.

"I don't think about it," the Colorado first baseman said after he went 3-for-3 Sunday in the Rockies' 5-3 win over the Montreal Expos, raising his major league-leading average to .392.

Helton also walked, and has reached safely in 15 of 16 plate appearances for Colorado.

"I just go out there and play," Helton said. "A hit is a hit. I'll take every one of them."

Neifi Perez hit a two-out, two-run triple in the ninth inning and scored on a wild pitch to rally the Rockies to their third straight victory.

"I think today's was the most satisfying game," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said. "From the standpoint

of just sticking with it, (comeback) wins are better than others. They're all good, but when your back's up against the wall, you're just hoping for something good to happen. That's always the best."

The Rockies have won three consecutive road games for the first time this year.

"Every win is satisfying, especially on the road," Helton said. "We'll take anything we can get. The guys got on base in the ninth inning and then Neifi came through with the big hit."

The Rockies trailed 3-2 when Brent Mayne singled with one out in the ninth off Scott Strickland (4-2).

Pinch-hitter Terry Shumpert also singled and, with two outs, Steve Kline relieved.

Down to their last out, the Rockies

had the right guy at the plate.

"I've always been able to come through in situations like that," Perez said. "I don't get nervous at all."

Perez hit his first pitch just past right fielder Vladimir Guerrero's diving catch.

"I was saying, 'Get down! Get down! Get down!'" Perez said. "He just missed the ball by inches. I love those situations."

Perez, who had three hits, scored when a pitch from Kline bounced up the third-base line. Catcher Lenny Webster couldn't locate the loose ball, and Perez crawled home after tripping over Kline.

"He stayed right in the line and there was nothing I could do," Perez said. "He blocked me without the ball, that's what I don't understand."

Royals overcome Orioles, 10-5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mike Sweeney homered to reach 100 RBIs earlier than any Royals player ever and Mac Suzuki won at home for the first time as the Kansas City Royals beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-5 Sunday.

Sweeney singled home a run and then hit his 19th homer in the eighth inning, giving him 100 RBIs for the second straight season.

Sweeney reached the mark earlier than Hal McRae, who drove in his 100th run on Aug. 16, 1982.

Chris Richard hit two home runs for Baltimore and Brook Fordyce also connected.

Wilson Delgado and Gregg Zaun

each had three hits for the Royals. Kansas City broke open the game with four runs in the third and five runs in the fourth.

Suzuki, who has become the Royals' most consistent starter, had gotten all of his victories on the road. Suzuki (6-7) was 0-5 at home.

Suzuki went 7 1-3 innings, giving up 12 hits and five runs.

Baltimore starter Lesli Brea, making his major league debut after being recalled Friday from Double-A Bowie, lasted 3 1-3 innings.

He was tagged for six runs on seven hits.

Brea (0-1) was called up when Alan

Mills went on the 15-day disabled list with shoulder inflammation.

In the four-run third, Delgado and Jermaine Dye had run-scoring singles.

Zaun scored when Carlos Febles was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and another run came in when Sweeney grounded into a double play.

The Royals scored five in the fourth on six singles and an RBI double by Zaun. Delgado, Jeff Reboulet, Sweeney and Joe Randa singled in runs.

Fordyce, homering for the second straight game, connected in the second. Richard homered in the fourth and sixth.

Chiefs 0-2 for preseason after Sunday loss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — At this rate, the Kansas City Chiefs' confidence is bound to take a beating.

The Chiefs fell to 0-2 in the exhibition season, and their first team defense looked terrible in the first quarter against San Francisco's starting offense Sunday night as the 49ers romped to a 33-10 victory.

"We didn't play on any phase of the game and we've just done a lousy job," Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham said.

"I don't know if we're tired, we walked back in the heat or whatever we're doing but we're making mental errors and we're getting penalties.

"I'm disappointed in every phase of the game."

Starting quarterback Elvis Grbac was 4-of-9 for 34 yards.

"I think we all know we can play a lot better than we did tonight," Grbac

said. "We came out and we weren't sharp. I know I wasn't sharp myself."

The 49ers, who had lost their first two exhibition games, finally got what they were looking for from Jeff Garcia.

Steve Young's heir apparent threw for one touchdown and ran for another as the 49ers scored on their first five possessions.

"It's something the whole offensive unit wanted to try to work through and get over that hump," said Garcia, the former CFL star in his second NFL season.

"The guys really wanted to come out fighting from the get-go and were able to put points on the board. It's a nice feeling to be able to go through the first quarter like that."

Garcia rushed twice for 12 yards, including a 2-yard TD, and was 7-of-8 for 82 yards and another 2-yard scoring play.

Rick Mirer replaced Garcia on San Francisco's third possession and teamed with Jerry Rice on a 75-yard touchdown play as the 49ers got their first win in three exhibition games.

"I think that it was definitely, with the outings we had in our first two preseason games, the best we've played yet," said wide receiver Terrell Owens.

"We ran the ball well and we took advantage of the opportunities given us."

The Chiefs trailed 30-0 at halftime and did not score until Warren Moon — battling Todd Collins to be Elvis Grbac's backup — found a wide open Larry Parker on a 25-yard scoring pass with 7:32 left in the third.

Mirer also had a good night, going 5-of-6 for 114 yards, including the big scoring play when Rice got behind rookie safety Greg Wesley, caught the ball at midfield and sailed untouched into the end zone.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	71	46	.607	—
New York	69	47	.595	1 1/2
Florida	58	59	.496	13
Montreal	51	62	.451	18
Philadelphia	50	66	.431	20 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	64	53	.547	—
Cincinnati	59	57	.509	4 1/2
Chicago	53	63	.457	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	49	67	.422	14 1/2
Milwaukee	48	69	.410	16
Houston	45	73	.381	19 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	64	51	.557	—
Arizona	64	53	.547	1
Los Angeles	60	56	.517	4 1/2
Colorado	58	58	.500	6 1/2
San Diego	57	61	.483	8 1/2
Saturday's Games				
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 1				
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1, 12 innings				
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 0				
Philadelphia 3, Houston 2				
Pittsburgh 9, Arizona 6				
Colorado 14, Montreal 2				
San Diego 2, Florida 1, 10 innings				
N.Y. Mets 3, San Francisco 2				
Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Mets 2, San Francisco 0				
Colorado 5, Montreal 3				
Los Angeles 7, Atlanta 2				
Houston 14, Philadelphia 7				
Arizona 7, Pittsburgh 6				
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 4				
San Diego 7, Florida 3				
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 0				
Monday's Games				
Colorado (Tavarez 7-2) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Brown 10-4) at Florida (Sanchez 7-8), 5:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Ortiz 7-10) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 7-2), 5:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Johnson 15-4) at Philadelphia				

Bottenfield 0-1), 5:35 p.m.				
San Diego (Witasick 0-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 14-6), 5:40 p.m.				
St. Louis (An.Benes 10-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 10-5), 6:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Dessens 5-2) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 0-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Silva 7-6) at Houston (Holt 4-12), 6:05 p.m.				
Tuesday's Games				
St. Louis (Stephenson 12-7) at Chicago Cubs (Arnold 0-0), 12:20 p.m.				
Colorado (Astacio 9-8 and TBA) at N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 6-5 and Mahomes 4-1), 2, 3:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Rueter 8-7) at Montreal (Johnson 5-6), 5:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Herges 8-1) at Florida (Dempster 10-8), 5:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Guzman 3-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 9-6), 5:35 p.m.				
San Diego (Williams 7-4) at Atlanta (Burkett 8-5), 5:40 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Harnisch 4-6) at Milwaukee (Snyder 3-6), 6:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Benson 8-9) at Houston (Lima 4-14), 6:05 p.m. am				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	63	50	.558	—
Toronto	61	59	.508	5 1/2
Baltimore	51	65	.440	13 1/2
Tampa Bay	51	65	.440	13 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	70	47	.598	—
Cleveland	61	53	.535	7 1/2
Detroit	55	61	.474	14 1/2
Kansas City	54	63	.462	16
Minnesota	54	66	.450	17 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	69	49	.585	—
Oakland	62	54	.534	6
Texas	54	61	.470	13 1/2
Saturday's Games				
Oakland 9, Detroit 5				
Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 4, 10				

innings				
Cleveland 5, Seattle 4				
Minnesota 6, Toronto 3				
Baltimore 12, Kansas City 11				
Texas 6, Boston 3				
Anaheim 9, N.Y. Yankees 6				
Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago White Sox 3				
Toronto 13, Minnesota 3				
Kansas City 10, Baltimore 5				
Detroit 5, Oakland 3				
Cleveland 10, Seattle 4				
Boston 4, Texas 2				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Anaheim 1				
Monday's Games				
Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 13-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Sirotko 10-9) at Baltimore (Mercedes 7-4), 5:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-6) at Texas (Perisho 2-4), 6:35 p.m.				
Detroit (Blair 8-3) at Seattle (Moyer 11-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bere 2-1) at Oakland (Appier 10-9), 8:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Tuesday's Games				
Anaheim (Wise 0-1) at Toronto (Wells 17-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-2) at Boston (Fassero 8-5), 5:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 0-1) at Baltimore (Johnson 1-8), 5:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Suppan 6-6) at Minnesota (Milton 11-6), 6:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 2-10) (Davis 4-3) at Texas, 6:35 p.m.				
Detroit (Sparks 2-2) at Seattle (Sele 13-6), 8:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Burba 10-4) at Oakland (Mulder 6-8), 8:05 p.m.				



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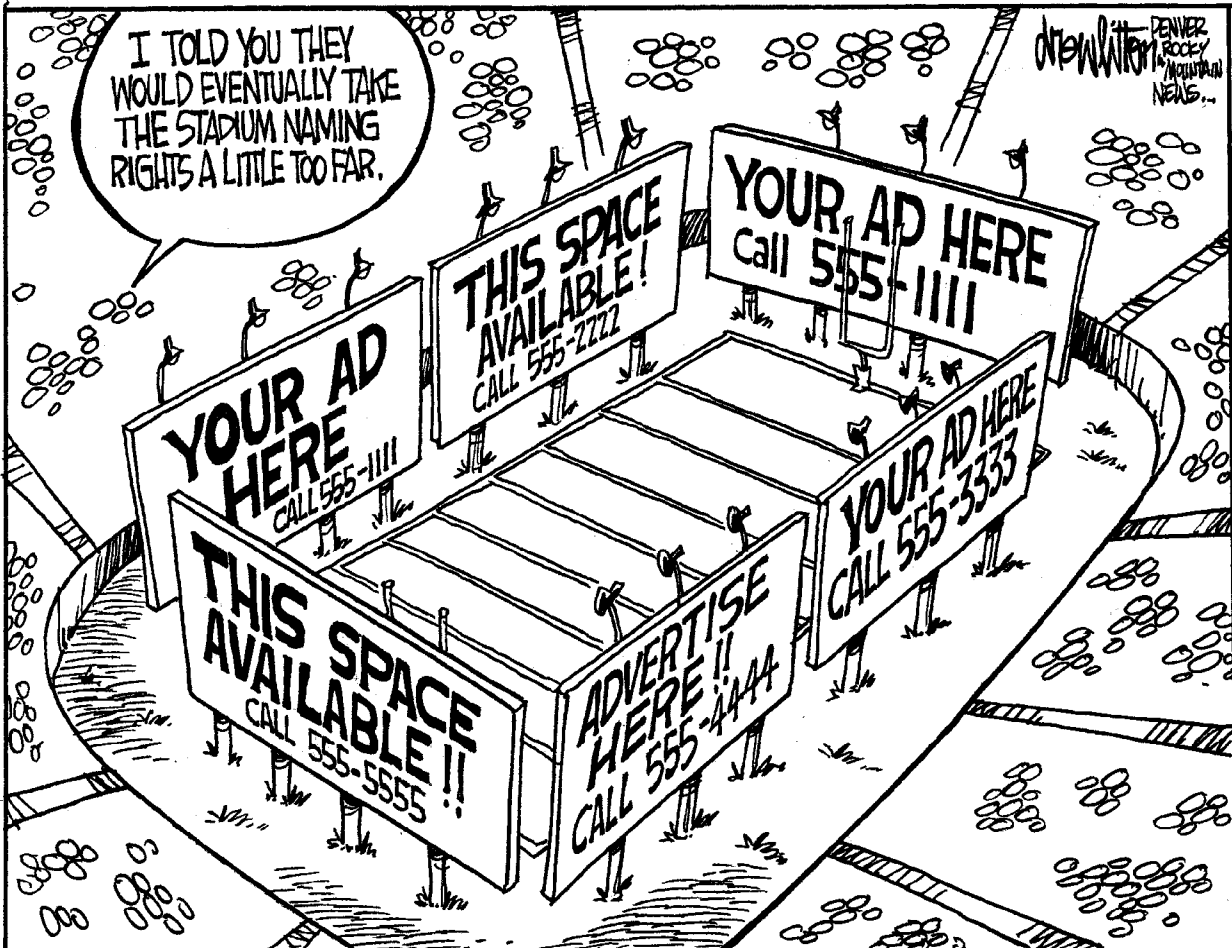
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Receiver may sign with the Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Robert Brooks, the wide receiver who made the Lambeau Leap famous, is on the verge of jumping into the Denver Broncos' camp.

Brooks, who had a favorable workout for the Broncos on Thursday, told his agent on Sunday he wants to sign with Denver.

"We're very close to an agreement," agent Eric Metz said Sunday night. "He hasn't signed yet, but we're very near finishing everything. There are still some i's to dot and t's to cross, but it looks like it will be done tomorrow (Monday)."

"I think Robert surprised the Bron-

cos with his workout, and he was very impressed with the organization. He just needed a few days to decide. He called me today and said, 'Let's go to Denver.'

"Our plan is to go to Denver (Monday), get the actual contract signed and get him on the practice field Tuesday. He's dying to get back on the field and play some football. He wants to show people he can perform at the level he performed previously."

The Broncos, who beat Green Bay 26-20 on Sunday, will have Monday off before returning to work Tuesday morning in Greeley, after which they will break camp and return to Denver.

Brooks, who left Green Bay's training camp last August and retired from football because of a back injury, apparently is healthy again after a year away from football and after working with a personal trainer in his hometown of Phoenix.

When healthy, Brooks was one of the NFL's most prolific receivers. He has 306 career receptions for 4,225 yards and 32 touchdowns. His best year was 1995 when he caught a career-best 102 passes for 1,497 yards and 13 TDs. He underwent back surgery in August 1998 for removal of a herniated disk, then had surgery again in January 1999.

Veteran golfer out plays Woods at the Buick Open

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — If he never wins another tournament, Rocco Mediate still will feel like golf has been a life-long free ride.

But if he plays like he did Sunday, it's a fairly safe bet Mediate will earn his share of victories.

Mediate, who never led in the Buick Open, birdied the last hole at Warwick

Hills Golf & Country Club. And when Chris Perry made his first bogey in 29 holes, it cleared the way for Mediate's fourth career win.

Mediate closed with 66 for a 20-under-par 268.

The dejected Perry shot 68 and finished at 269, two strokes better than Hal Sutton.

"I've been on tour 16 years," the free-spirited Mediate said. "That's 15 more than I thought I would be. And I've won four more times than I ever thought I would."

Not many figured he would win this one. Not with Tiger Woods in the field.

Because of Woods, the atmosphere was more Woodstock than Warwick.

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