

Rockies lose to Mets 13-2

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Hampton impressed the Colorado Rockies in a brief outing.

Hampton was forced out of the game after 40 pitches with a 5-0 lead with what could be the recurrence of an old football injury.

How long he will remain sidelined is uncertain.

"It was a really smart move on his part to come out, not to push it to get a win just because they had a cushion," Rockies infielder Terry Shumpert said

after Hampton helped the New York Mets beat the Rockies 13-2 Thursday.

Hampton left the game with pain on his right side after batting in the third inning and then issuing a walk to Todd Helton to open the fourth.

Postgame X-rays indicated a small stress fracture in his rib cage.

"I cringed when I saw him come out, that's for sure," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "We are optimistic that he will be OK."

New York drew within 2 1/2 games

of idle Atlanta, the NL East leader.

"You don't ever want to turn a game over (to the bullpen) that soon, but I had no choice," said Hampton who left after allowing two hits and striking out four in three innings.

Reliever Turk Wendell (5-4) pitched four innings for the win, backed by homers from Todd Zeile, Benny Agbayani, Robin Ventura and Mike Bordick.

Officially, Hampton is listed as day-to-day by the Mets.

Royals take another win 8-4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Kansas City Royals obtained David McCarty for his glove. It's his bat that's turning heads.

The first baseman who was a bust in Minnesota after the Twins made him their top draft pick in 1991 had his second straight big game against his former team as Kansas City beat the Twins 8-4 on Thursday.

McCarty drove in two runs and scored another a day after homering and driving in three against the Twins.

"He's had a good last two days," Royals manager Tony Muser said.

Actually, he's been good all summer.

His 10 home runs and 44 RBIs in 65 games are both career highs.

He hit his first career grand slam on July 19, and he leads the club with six pinch hits.

"We originally got him for defensive purposes, but he's turned out to be very valuable offensively," Muser said. "He can play first, he can play the outfield and he's become a much more patient

hitter."

McCarty never hit better than .260 in a Twins uniform and fell out of favor with manager Tom Kelly before being traded in 1995 to Cincinnati and bouncing around the major and minor leagues until he arrived in Kansas City on March 24 in a trade from Oakland.

"I didn't know him when we got him," Muser admitted. "We picked him up at the end of spring training because our scouts said he was better defensively than Paul Sorrento."

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League

East Division		
W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	74	46.617
New York	72	49.595
Florida	60	60.500
Montreal	51	66.436
Philadelphia	50	69.420

Central Division		
W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	66	54.550
Cincinnati	59	60.496
Chicago	54	65.454
Milwaukee	51	69.425
Pittsburgh	49	70.412
Houston	48	73.397

West Division		
W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	68	51.571
Arizona	67	53.558
Los Angeles	61	58.513
Colorado	60	61.496
San Diego	57	64.471

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 13, Colorado 2

San Francisco 5, Montreal 4

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-6) at Cincinnati (Williamson 5-7), 5:35 p.m.

Milwaukee (Haynes 10-10) at Houston (Miller 1-4), 6:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Person 6-4) at St. Louis (Ankiel 7-7), 6:10 p.m.

Florida (C. Smith 1-4) at Colorado (Rose 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 1-4) at Arizona (Schilling 9-7), 8:05 p.m.

Montreal (Thurman 2-3) at San Diego (Clement 11-10), 8:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-5) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-5), 8:10 p.m.

Atlanta (Maddux 13-6) at San Francisco (Hernandez 11-9), 8:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh (Anderson 4-5) at Cincinnati (Parris 6-14), 11:15 a.m.

N.Y. Mets (Reed 7-3) at Los Angeles (Park 11-8), 2:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Ashby 8-9) at San Francisco (Ortiz 8-10), 2:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Wright 6-6) at Houston (Holt 5-12), 6:05 p.m.

Florida (Cornelius 3-5) at Colorado (Tavarez 7-2), 6:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Daal 3-13) at St. Louis

(Hentgen 11-9), 6:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Lieber 11-5) at Arizona (Anderson 9-5), 8:05 p.m.

Montreal (Vazquez 8-5) at San Diego (Tollberg 2-2), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 11:15 a.m.

Philadelphia at St. Louis, 12:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at Houston, 1:05 p.m.

Florida at Colorado, 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at Los Angeles, 2:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 2:35 p.m.

Montreal at San Diego, 3 p.m.

American League

East Division		
W	L	Pct.
New York	66	51.564
Boston	62	55.530
Toronto	62	60.508
Baltimore	53	67.442
Tampa Bay	52	67.437

Central Division		
W	L	Pct.
Chicago	72	49.595
Cleveland	61	56.521
Detroit	58	61.487
Kansas City	56	64.467
Minnesota	55	68.447

West Division		
W	L	Pct.
Seattle	69	52.570
Oakland	65	54.546
Anaheim	62	59.512
Texas	55	64.462

Thursday's Games

Kansas City 8, Minnesota 4

Baltimore 5, Chicago White Sox 3

N.Y. Yankees 6, Anaheim 1

Boston 8, Texas 7

Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Oakland (Hudson 13-4) at Detroit (Nomola 4-10), 5:05 p.m.

Seattle (Abbott 8-4) at Cleveland (Colon 11-8), 5:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Kinney 0-0) at Toronto (Loaiza 6-9), 5:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Ortiz 4-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 10-6), 5:05 p.m.

Texas (Rogers 11-10) at Boston (Ohka 1-2), 5:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Stein 3-3) at Baltimore (Rapp 6-9), 5:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-7) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-4), 6:05 p.m.

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Seattle (Moyer 11-6) at Cleveland (Bere 2-2), 11:05 a.m.

Anaheim (Turnbow 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 14-6), 11:05 a.m.

Texas (Perisho 2-5) at Boston (P. Martinez 13-4), 11:15 a.m.

Minnesota (Radke 8-13) at Toronto (Hamilton 0-0), 2:05 p.m.

Oakland (Zito 1-1) at Detroit (Moehler 9-7), 3:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Lopez 10-8) at Chicago White Sox (Siroka 10-10), 5:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Suzuki 6-7) at Baltimore (Mercedes 8-4), 5:05 p.m.

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Tennis team practices their skills

The Goodland High School girls tennis team practiced Thursday afternoon at Steever Park. Bridget Schierburg (top) served a ball as her partner, Abby Scheopner, waited for the return in a doubles practice game. Jessica Vignery (right) served a ball as she played against Schierburg and Scheopner.

Photos by Janet Craft
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Broncos' player gets starting role

DENVER (AP) — It has been a dizzying ride for Lennie Friedman over the last 12 months, from a devastating knee injury that had him thinking his brief career was over to moving into a starting role — if only temporarily —

on one of the NFL's best offensive lines.

Friedman, who has never played in a regular season NFL game, is starting at left guard while Mark Schlereth recuperates from arthroscopic knee sur-

gery.

He started the first two preseason games for the Denver Broncos this year.

He will start again Saturday night against Dallas.

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