

Royals rack up the records

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With 30 games remaining, hardly anything seems safe in the Kansas City record book.

Mike Sweeney hit a three-run double to give him 121 RBIs, second most in Royals history, and Kansas City held on to beat the Minnesota Twins 8-7 Wednesday in 100-degree heat.

"He's an RBI addict," said Royals manager Tony Muser. "He just has an uncanny ability to put the ball in play in RBI situations."

"He can hit soft stuff. He can hit hard stuff. He can hit the changeup. He can stay back on the breaking ball. He can put all different types of pitches in play in different parts of the strike zone."

Sweeney isn't the only Royal closing in on a franchise record. Jermaine Dye is five home runs away from Steve Balboni's club record of 36. Johnny Damon needs to score 19 runs to tie Willie Wilson's mark.

Sweeney's bases-loaded double highlighted a six-run second inning as the Royals built an 8-0 lead and held on after giving up five runs in the last two innings.

"Whenever there are runners in scoring position I really bear down," said Sweeney, who has 23 home runs and is batting .341. "I don't know what

it is and I don't think you can teach it. It's just something inside of me."

The official temperature in downtown Kansas City in the seventh inning was 104. The Royals closed the sun-baked upper deck and let everyone move down to lower-level seats, many in the shade.

Temporarily adding to the discomfort was a water main break that disrupted water service at the Truman Sports Complex until about 15 minutes after the start of the game.

Minnesota trailed 8-0 after three innings, but drew within one on Denny Hocking's three-run homer in the ninth off Jerry Spradlin, who failed to get an out after starting the ninth and was released following the game.

Ricky Bottalico came in and allowed singles to Midre Cummings and pinch-hitter Jay Canizaro, before getting David Ortiz to hit into a double play and Torii Hunter to ground out. Bottalico earned his 14th save.

"I was happy to see our team fight back," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "We made it interesting for some people. But at the end, he hit into the double play and that was too much for us to overcome."

Sweeney's bases-loaded double against Mark Redman (12-7) stretched his hitting streak to 16 games as the

Royals swept the two-game series.

Mac Suzuki (8-7) gave up two runs and nine hits in seven innings, lowering his ERA from 4.00 to 3.94, sixth in the AL. He struck out five and did not walk a batter.

Redman, the AL's rookie leader in wins, strikeouts, ERA and winning percentage, gave up six runs and seven hits in two innings.

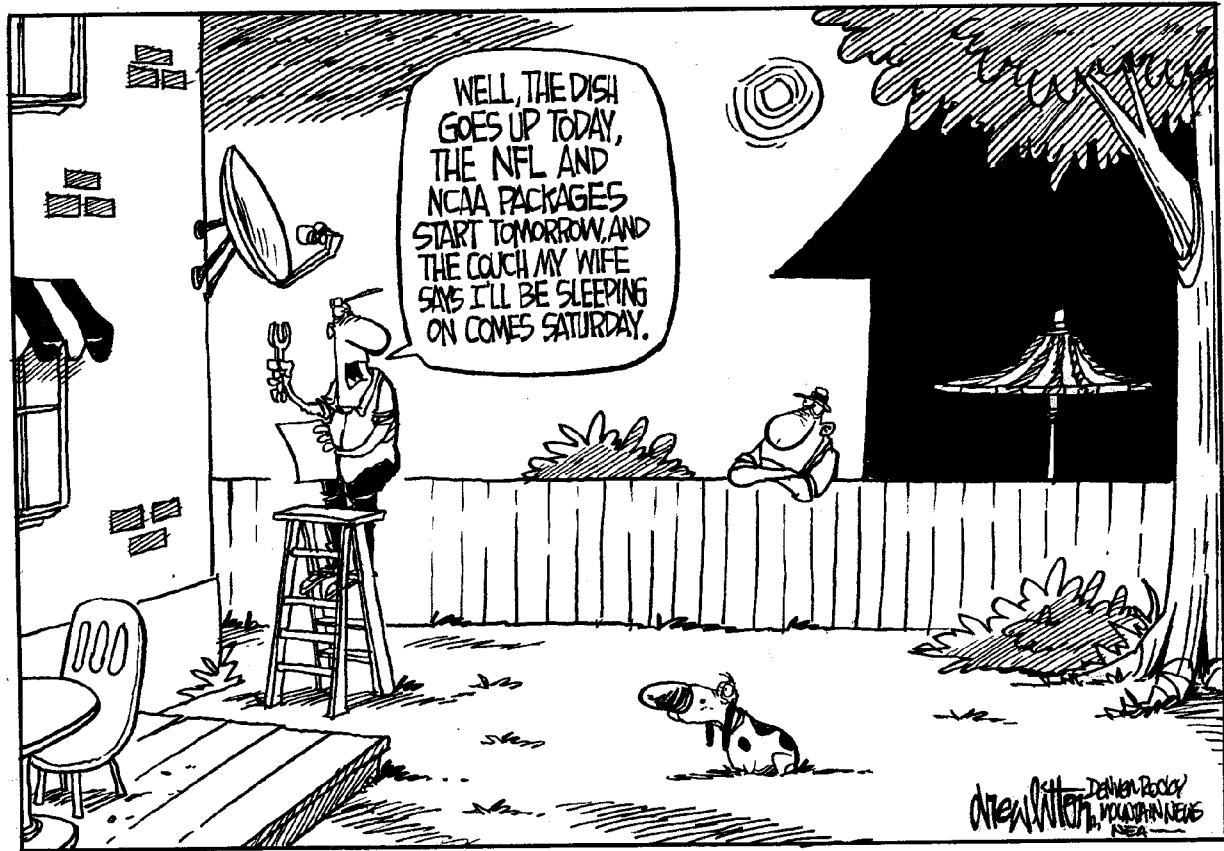
Kansas City's Mark Quinn, who along with Redman is one of the leading contenders for the AL Rookie of the Year award, hit his 19th homer leading off the third against Johan Santana.

Jermaine Dye, who was 3-for-4, singled leading off the second and went to third on Quinn's double. Joe Randa and Dave McCarty had RBI singles and Luis Ordez had a run-scoring groundout.

After Wilson Delgado's infield single loaded the bases, Sweeney drove a double into left-center to make it 6-0.

After Quinn's homer in the second, Randa tripled and scored on a single by McCarty, who went 3-for-4.

Hunter was 2-for-5 and drove in three runs for Minnesota. He had a two-run double in the sixth and an RBI single off reliever Andy Larkin in the eighth. Hunter scored on Corey Koskie's double.



Injury spotlights K-State back

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Chris Claybon's name is rarely mentioned among Kansas State's offensive weapons. But an injury to David Allen, the star punt returner and running back, has put the senior into an unfamiliar starting role.

Since his arrival in 1996, injuries and the unlucky habit of playing behind faster and better backs have forced Claybon into third-string roles. Prior to this season he had played in just nine games and rushed for only 26 yards.

But don't tell him that. Claybon said his hard work has prepared him for the responsibility of being the primary contributor in Kansas State's backfield.

"Coach Snyder makes sure that regardless of where you are on the depth chart, you're going to be as prepared any week," Claybon said. "So, I don't think it's any more pressure, being the No. 1 guy or not. I was as prepared last week as seasons before, so I'm going to be all right."

Claybon's first experience as the

Wildcats' featured back came in Kansas State's 27-7 win over Iowa in the Eddie Robinson Classic on Saturday.

Allen, penciled in as the No. 1 back, injured his ankle in the third quarter and will miss this Saturday's game against Louisiana Tech.

Claybon took over and rushed for 61 yards on 10 carries, both career highs. He tore ligaments in his knee during his red-shirt season before backing up Eric Hickson, Allen and Frank Murphy.

Head coach Bill Snyder said Claybon's patience has paid off for him and the Wildcats' running game.

"It's like that horses that run the Kentucky Derby I guess," Snyder said. "The best one finishes first and next one finishes second. That's kind of been Chris's plight here. He has been in competition with some very fine running backs and that didn't ever mean that he wasn't a good running back."

Although Snyder has given him the reins, Claybon doesn't feel like his responsibilities have changed.

"Everyone's trying to get this 'finally arrived' speech out of me," he said. "But I don't see it that way. David going down is a terrible blow. I came to contribute and I'll do what I can to help us win."

With Allen out for an undetermined time, Claybon won't be the only runner in the backfield with limited playing experience.

Besides Allen, Claybon is the only other running back with more than a game under his belt. Josh Scobey, a transfer from Northeastern A&M Community College in Oklahoma, played in his first game as a Wildcat against Iowa.

Three freshmen, Rashad Washington, Rashad Jackson and Danny Morris, may help ease the load on Scobey and Claybon.

"We're going to go out there, me and Chris and some of the young guys, and we're going to get tough," Scobey said. "I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be tough. But we'll have to take up the slack."

Rockies' rookie catcher hits homer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ben Petrick knew his teammates wanted to go home.

The rookie catcher hit a solo homer in the 11th inning, and the Colorado Rockies, helped by Todd Helton's three-run double, beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Wednesday night.

Petrick connected with two outs for his third homer of the season off Wayne Gomes (4-6).

"I know everybody wanted to get out of there as soon as possible," Petrick said. "The first two pitches missed, and I felt he was going to come with the fastball. He did, and it was down the middle."

Colorado finished its road trip 5-1 and moved three games over .500 at .68-65.

"We had a great road trip," Petrick said. "We feel we can finish this season up strong and, hopefully, this is what gets that started."

Petrick also saved Colorado manager Buddy Bell from a sticky situation since the Rockies were out of available position players and their bullpen was down to just two pitchers.

"We just wanted to get this thing over with, and Ben came through in a huge spot," said Bell, who was back in the dugout after serving a two-game suspension.

Bell didn't want a repeat of what happened eight days earlier when catcher Brent Mayne was brought into

the game to pitch. Bell used pitcher Brian Bohanon as a pinch-hitter in the 11th.

Helton went 1-for-4 with a walk. His batting average dropped a point to .395.

"I'm a little upset because I had two great pitches in the first two at-bats that I didn't put good swings on," said Helton, who managed to drive the ball to the left-field warning track in those two at-bats. "Those are the ones you can't get back. I'd love them back."

Gabe White (9-1) pitched two innings, allowing one hit, for the win. Jose Jimenez, who pitched 2 1-3 innings Tuesday, got three outs for his 18th save in 24 opportunities.

"We really didn't want to use Jose, but when Benny hit the homer I felt I had to give him the ball," Bell said.

Jimenez didn't have an opportunity to warm up because the inning ended so quickly after Petrick's home run. He took his allotted amount of warmup pitches when he reached the mound.

But Jimenez got more pitches when shortstop Neifi Perez had something in his eye. As the Colorado trainer was working on Perez, Phillies manager Terry Francona screamed at plate umpire Rob Drake and was ejected.

"(Jose) wasn't ready, we knew that," Francona said. "I don't blame them for trying to stall. I'd do the same thing, but the umpire has to step in there. Perez took groundballs, then all

of a sudden got something in his eye. I was saying they can't do that."

Doug Glanville had four hits and two RBIs for Philadelphia.

Colorado rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the sixth against starter Kent Bottenfield, who retired 15 of 16 batters in the first five innings.

Petrick led off the sixth with a walk, and Jeff Frye and Juan Pierre followed with singles, loading the bases. After Perez struck out, Helton doubled to tie it at 4.

"Kent pitched a great game outside of that one inning," Francona said. "You can't make a mistake, especially a high fastball, to Todd Helton. He'll hurt you."

Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer, his 22nd, off starter Julian Tavarez in the third inning as the Phillies took a 2-1 lead. It was Abreu's fourth homer in four games.

Tavarez walked the bases loaded in the fourth, and Glanville hit a two-out, two-run single to make it 4-1.

Bottenfield went seven innings, surrendering four hits and three earned runs. Tavarez lasted five innings and issued a season-high five walks.

Notes: Phillies 3B Scott Rolen missed his second straight start with a sore back.

Pat Burrell struck out with the bases loaded in the Phillies sixth, dropping his average to .778 (7-for-9) with the bases full.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	79	54	.594	—
New York	79	54	.594	—
Florida	64	68	.485	1 1/2
Philadelphia	56	76	.424	22 1/2
Montreal	55	75	.423	22 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	75	58	.564	—
Cincinnati	66	66	.500	8 1/2
Chicago	58	74	.439	16 1/2
Milwaukee	57	75	.432	17 1/2
Houston	55	78	.414	20
Pittsburgh	53	78	.405	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	75	56	.573	—
Arizona	73	59	.553	2 1/2
Los Angeles	70	63	.526	6
Colorado	68	65	.511	8
San Diego	64	69	.481	12
Tuesday's Games				
Arizona 8, Montreal 7				
Florida 3, St. Louis 1				
Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 0				
Houston 11, N.Y. Mets 1				
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1				
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 2				
Chicago Cubs 7, San Diego 6, 13 innings				
Los Angeles 7, Milwaukee 2				
Wednesday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 1				
Arizona 7, Montreal 0				
St. Louis 4, Florida 2				
San Francisco 2, Pittsburgh 0				
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 2				
N.Y. Mets 1, Houston 0				
Colorado 5, Philadelphia 4, 11 innings				
Milwaukee 3, Los Angeles 2				
Thursday's Games				
San Francisco (Rueter 8-9) at Pittsburgh (Silva 8-8), 11:35 a.m.				
Los Angeles (Perez 5-6) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 1-2), 12:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Witasick 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-10), 12:20 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Harnisch 6-6) at Atlanta (Millwood 8-9), 5:40 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Montreal (Hermanson 10-11) at Cincinnati (R. Bell 5-7), 5:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Burkett 8-5) at Houston (Lima 5-15), 6:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 8-10) at St. Louis (Sphenson 15-7), 6:10 p.m.				

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	74	56	.569	—
Boston	69	61	.531	5
Toronto	70	63	.526	5 1/2
Baltimore	60	72	.455	15
Tampa Bay	58	74	.439	17
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	79	54	.594	—
Cleveland	70	59	.543	7
Detroit	65	66	.496	13
Kansas City	62	70	.470	16 1/2
Minnesota	59	74	.444	20
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	72	61	.541	—
Oakland	69	63	.523	2 1/2
Anaheim	68	65	.511	4
Texas	58	74	.439	13 1/2
Tuesday's Games				
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 0				
Detroit 12, Baltimore 2				
Cleveland 12, Texas 1				
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 3				
Seattle 5, N.Y. Yankees 3				
Chicago White Sox 3, Oakland 0				
Anaheim 9, Toronto 4				
Wednesday's Games				
Kansas City 8, Minnesota 7				
Chicago White Sox 8, Oakland 3				
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1				

Baltimore 5, Detroit 1	
Cleveland 5, Texas 3	
N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 4	
Toronto 11, Anaheim 2	
Thursday's Games	
Kansas City (Suppan 7-7) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-2), 5:15 p.m.	
Detroit (Moehler 11-7) at Baltimore (Mussa 8-13), 5:35 p.m.	
Cleveland (Bere 4-2) at Texas (Sikorski 1-2), 6:05 p.m.	
Only games scheduled	
Friday's Games	
Texas (Helling 14-9) at Detroit (Sparks 5-2), 5:05 p.m.	
Baltimore (Ponson 7-9) at Cleveland (Finley 10-10), 5:05 p.m.	
Oakland (Mulder 7-10) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-0), 5:05 p.m.	
Minnesota (Radke 10-13) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 10-10), 5:05 p.m.	
Seattle (Halama 11-6) at Boston (Arrojo 3-1), 5:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (Meadows 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-5), 5:15 p.m.	
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-7) at Chicago White Sox (Lowe 3-1), 6:05 p.m.	

Hingis waltzes through U.S. Open round

NEW YORK (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Hingis made only four unforced errors as she waltzed into the third round of the \$15 million U.S. Open with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Kristi Brandi.

Other seeded women advancing to the third round were No. 3 Venus Williams, No. 6 Monica Seles, No. 8 Nathalie Tauziat, No. 9 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, No. 11 Sandrine Testud, No. 13 Amanda Coetzer and No. 15 Jennifer Capriati.

Pete Sampras, a four-time Open winner and seeded fourth this year, won his second-round match, beating fellow American Justin Gimelstob 6-3, 6-1, 6-3. His next opponent will be Agustín Calleri, a 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 winner over Petr Kralert.

All the other men's matches were from the first round. Winners included No. 3 Magnus Norman, No. 6 Marat Safin, No. 10 Cedric Pioline and No. 15 Mark Philippoussis.

BASKETBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland, Cleveland and Miami completed a five-player deal, with the Trail Blazers sending power forward Brian Grant to the Heat and getting Shawn Kemp.

Under terms of the deal, Grant signed a seven-year, \$86 million deal with the Blazers. In exchange for Grant, the Heat sent Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon, along with a

first-round draft choice and cash, to the Cavaliers.

Cleveland also gets Portland's 36-year-old backup point guard, Gary Grant.

Brian Grant was slowed by knee and foot injuries last season when he averaged career lows of 21 minutes, 7.3 points and 5.5 rebounds. Kemp averaged 17.8 points last season — his lowest total since 1992-93 — with a career-low 41.7 field-goal percentage.

Gatling averaged 11.9 points and 5.9 rebounds in 85 games with Orlando and Denver.

Weatherspoon averaged 7.2 points for Miami. Gary Grant played in just three games last season for Portland.

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Gary Payton, Alonzo Mourning and Jason Kidd were voted tri-captains of the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team, which will begin exhibition play Thursday against Canada.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson will next fight Andrew Golota on Oct. 20 in The Palace at Auburn Hills, Mich., Showtime announced.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Lennox Lewis will meet the No. 1 challenger

FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis Colts defensive back Mustafah Muhammad, unable to refute testimony from his 6-year-old stepson, was convicted of one count of domestic battery for beating his pregnant wife last fall.

Nichole Muhammad, who was five months pregnant, died 10 days later from excessive bleeding.

She went into premature labor following a car accident. Her child was stillborn.

Muhammad was sentenced to one year in jail, which was suspended, and one year's probation.

Mustafah Muhammad — then known as Steve Muhammad — was cleared earlier this year of any responsibility in his wife's death. Prosecutor Scott Newman instead charged Muhammad with three misdemeanor counts of battery.

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