

Kansas City Royals beat Reds

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. injured his left hamstring and had to be helped off the field in the seventh inning Monday in the Cincinnati Reds’ 3-2 loss to the Kansas City Royals.

Griffey, who had doubled, attempted to score from second on Alex Ochoa’s two-out single, but collapsed halfway between third base and home, where catcher Gregg Zaun tagged him out.

The preliminary diagnosis was that Griffey had a strained hamstring. He was listed as day-to-day, but it appears questionable that he will be ready for

the season opener against the Atlanta Braves.

“You look forward to starting the season and right now I can’t do that,” Griffey said. “That’s right now. That could change day by day.”

Griffey had been bothered by tightness in his left hamstring in spring training and had missed some earlier games. He tore the same hamstring in September, but said this injury appears to be lower in the hamstring.

“In the last 10 days, it’s been fine,” Griffey Jr. said. “When I made the turn at third base, the dirt slipped, it was

soft.

“It wasn’t like last year. It’s sore, but last year there was more pain.”

Jermaine Dye hit a two-run homer, his club-leading fifth, in the seventh inning off Justin Atchley to lift the Royals to the victory over the Reds.

The Royals have won three straight and five of six.

Rookie Dee Brown homered with two out in the first for the first Royals run. Griffey and Sean Casey hit back-to-back doubles in the sixth off Dan Reichert to tie the score at 1-1.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press			
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Oakland	18	9	.667
Baltimore	16	10	.615
Minnesota	15	11	.577
Kansas City	13	10	.565
Texas	13	10	.565
Cleveland	12	10	.545
Chicago	12	13	.480
Detroit	11	12	.478
Tampa Bay	11	12	.478
Toronto	11	14	.440
Anaheim	12	16	.429
Boston	10	15	.400
Seattle	10	18	.357
New York	9	17	.346
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Arizona	17	10	.630
San Diego	17	10	.667
New York	13	9	.591
Los Angeles	15	11	.577
St. Louis	15	11	.577
Florida	13	11	.542
Chicago	15	14	.517
Milwaukee	14	14	.500
Cincinnati	12	12	.500
Pittsburgh	12	12	.500
Atlanta	11	11	.500
Colorado	11	14	.440
Houston	9	13	.409
Philadelphia	9	13	.409
Montreal	9	15	.375
San Francisco	9	17	.346

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets vs. Montreal at Jupiter Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Texas vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota Fla., 11:05 a.m.
St. Louis vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Houston vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Detroit vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Fla., 11:15 a.m.
Anaheim vs. Seattle at Peoria Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale Ariz., 1:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

St. Louis vs. Montreal at Jupiter Fla., 10:05 a.m.
Florida vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Detroit vs. Texas at Port Charlotte Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Baltimore vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie Fla., 11:10 a.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria Ariz., 12 p.m.
Anaheim vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Fla., 5:15 p.m.
Houston vs. Round Rock at The Dell Diamond, 6:30 p.m.
Oakland vs. Sacramento at Sacramento Calif., 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Arizona at Las Vegas, 8:05 p.m.

dart scores

Wednesday Nite Darts March 14, 2001	
What-Ever over White Stallions 11-5	Batteries Not Included over Eight More 15-1
Refuse to Lose over Silver Bullets 11-5	Lounge Lizards over 69'ers 13-3
4th Round Outs: Gary Schmidt 2, Kurt Engelman 1, Paul Simon 1, Ricky Pummer 1, Larry Jackson 1, Jody Linnell 1, Audrey Huthansel 1, Kevin Delano 1.	
8 Dart Out: Gary Schmidt 1.	
9 Dart Out: Gary Schmidt 1, Larry Jackson 1, Kevin Delano 1.	
White Night: Gloria Callaway, Connie Ginn,	

Rodney Corke, Krista Pummer.
Tons - 4 or more: Gary Schmidt 11, Kevin Delano 7, Duane Hanke 6, Kurt Engelman 6, Larry Jackson 6, Kelsey Thomas 4, Jody Linnell 4.
Hat Tricks: Kevin Delano 2, Duane Hanke 1, Gary Schmidt 1, Paul Simon 1, Larry Jackson 1, Audrey Huthansel 1.
Most Wins: Kevin Delano 8, Duane Hanke 7, Gary Schmidt 7, Kurt Engelman 6.
Standings: Batteries Not Included 276, Refuse to Lose 229, What-Ever 198, Lounge Lizards 193, Silver Bullets 190, 69'ers 124, Eight More 118, White Stallions 80.

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NFL tightens discipline

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

PALM DESERT, Calif. — NFL executives must be feeling like high school principals these days. Or drill sergeants.

Leading the list of topics being discussed at these owners’ meetings is on-field discipline. There are a few things pro football policy makers are seeing that they don’t like.

Such as taunting, late hits, scuffling after the whistle. They aim to stop it with stronger penalties.

“On the sportsmanship, it’s a lot more than taunting,” commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday. “Cheap shots in the pile ... special teams play where on the opening kickoff everyone is hyped up and you are getting guys who grab the face mask and twist your helmet, pushing you back down. They are unsportsmanlike, unnecessary.

“We think the solution is some early flags in the preseason and early flags in the regular season — even if it is on the first play, which you don’t like to see, but that’s where we will put an end to it. Penalize someone 15 yards on the first play of the game and it will probably stop. If it doesn’t, disqualification of a player or two early in the game would put an end to it.

“Some of these demonstrations, such as stomping on an opposing team’s logo and that type of stuff just has no place in the game and creates a misconception of what the NFL player is and what the NFL player represents.”

Even people involved in the sport on other levels are looking to the NFL to curb such practices.

“High school coaches are saying,

‘You represent the highest level of the game and whatever you let take place on Sunday, our guys are doing it on Monday,’” Minnesota coach Dennis Green said. Green is co-chairman of the league’s rules-making competition committee, which officially announced it will crack down on the taunting that’s become prevalent in NFL games.

“Nobody backs down in the NFL, so what we have is a lot of nonsense. We will revisit the rules and make sure they are very clear and tell officials they have the leeway to penalize unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary roughness. Throw the flag, and we think this will get back control of the game.”

Players guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to fines, although the fines won’t be substantially increased from previous years. “One fine is all it takes,” said Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay, the other co-chairman of the competition committee. “They normally don’t do it again.”

A rule banning the wearing of bandanas under helmets also was approved by the committee. That could be a controversial issue because a majority of the players who wear them are black.

A few years ago, according to league sources, banning them was brought up by Gene Washington, the league disciplinarian, but was shot down by Tagliabue.

But Green, who like Washington is black, said he banned bandanas on his team with little protest.

The recommendations will be voted

on later this week.

Another key issue is divisional realignment, but no final decision will come at these meetings. That will happen in late May in Chicago.

The Houston Texans join the NFL next year, bringing the membership to 32. Eight divisions of four teams each will require realignment and a new schedule formula.

That schedule will feature six intradivision games and 14 games against common opponents rather than the current 10.

McKay expects a new order for tiebreakers to determine playoff berths, with records against common opponents gaining importance. Right now, it is the fourth tiebreaker in most scenarios.

“The first tiebreaker is always going to be head to head,” McKay, co-chairman of the eight-man competition committee, said. “So those division games will not have anything taken away.

“The 10 common games now will go to 14 in the new schedule, and it makes for a healthier division, with the same opponents to play everyone. Moving common opponents up the chart makes sense.”

The competition committee hopes to extend approval of instant replay to a three-year commitment instead of the usual one season.

“That will be very close,” McKay admitted. The competition committee voted 7-0 with one abstention (Indianapolis president Bill Polian) to extend replay for three years. If the three-year extension fails to get the necessary 24 votes, they will revert to one year.

70th anniversary nears of coach’s fatal crash

BAZAAR, Kan. (AP) — Seventy years after the airplane carrying Knute Rockne crashed in a field near Bazaar, there are just a handful of people left who were there that day.

Easter Heathman was a 14-year-old farm boy who was among the dozens of Kansans who came by car, foot, or horseback to help.

“I remember the smell of the gasoline and hot oil just like it had just hap-

pened,” Heathman said.

The crash was 70 years ago Saturday — 10:37 a.m., March 31, 1931.

The plane carrying Rockne, the Notre Dame football coaching great, was on its way from Kansas City to Los Angeles. Investigators later determined the pilot, on a foggy day, wrongly thought he was about to fly into a hill and turned the plane too sharply, ripping off a wing.

bowling scores

Wednesday Morning Coffee League March 14, 2001	
McClung's Appliance over Mr. Jim's 4-0	Wendy's over Blind Team 3-1
Lonny's Quality Auto Body over BEM's 4-0	
Individual high game: Nancy Kear-240 Lonny's Quality Auto Body	
Individual high series: Nancy Kear-568 Lonny's Quality Auto Body	
Team high game: Lonny's Quality Auto Body-528	
Team high series: Lonny's Quality Auto Body-1388	
League Standings: Lonny's Quality Auto Body 75 1/2, 32 1/2; McClung's Appliance 64 1/2, 43 1/2; Wendy's 63, 45; BEM's 54 1/2, 53 1/2; Mr. Jim's 52, 56.	
Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League	
Alcorn Shelter Insurance over ProLine Inc. 14-6	Bowladium Lanes over Phantom 15-5
Eisenbart Trucking over Weber Kennel 12-8	Sigco over Fitzgibbons 16 1/2-3 1/2
Individual high game: Phil Helzer-254	
Individual high series: Harold Gillihan-203	
Men's high game: Harold Gillihan-593	
Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-236	
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-545	
Team high game: Mudslingers-846	
Team high series: Gamblers-2401	
League Standings: Shear Dimensions 73, 43; Bowladium Lanes 42, 38; ProLine Inc. 40, 40;	

Eisenbart Trucking 30, 50; Weber Kennel 28, 52; Phantom 26 1/2, 53 1/2.	
Alibi League March 20, 2001	
Northwinds Survey over Ghost Team 4-1	A Head of the Times split with Kanorado Collingwood 2-2
Hitchcock's split with Blossom Shoppe 2-2	Shelter Insurance split with Bumper Babes 2-2
High scratch game: Mary Keihl-206	
High scratch series: Laura Wing-521	
High handicap game: Sherry Thomas-229	
High handicap series: Robbi Pottorff-625	
Wednesday Night Mixed League	
Kickers over Team One 4-0	Gamblers over Shear Dimensions 3-1
Kanorado Coop over Extras 3-1	Phillips Brothers over Pinbreakers 3-1
Mueller Grain over Mudslingers 3-1	D&G Clan over W-R Equipment 3-1
Men's high game: Harold Gillihan-203	
Men's high series: Harold Gillihan-593	
Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-236	
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-545	
Team high game: Mudslingers-846	
Team high series: Gamblers-2401	
League Standings: Shear Dimensions 73, 43; Phillips Brothers 73, 43; Gamblers 70, 46;	

Pinbreakers 67, 49; Mudslingers 66 1/2, 49 1/2.	
Happy Our League	
Rasure's over BOSS 4-0	AR Supply over Blind Team 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over B&B Electric 4-0	Kanorado Coop over Hooker Seed 4-0
Individual high game: Kurt Hill-241	
Individual high series: Kurt Hill-692	
Team high game: Rasure's-845	
Team high series: Rasure's-2364	
League Standings: No. 1 Bowladium Lanes 19, 5; No. 2 B&B Electric 16, 8; No. 3 Kanorado Coop 15, 9.	
Thursday Night Mixed League	
Bowladium Lanes over Our Team 4-0	Sunwest Investments over Gutter Dusters 3-1
Rod & Suzie's Welding split with McDonald's 2-2	Bankwest of Kansas over Rain or Shine 3-1
Poor Country Folks over Mex & Company 4-0	
Women's high game: Diana Nichols-205	
Women's high series: Diana Nichols-592	
Men's high game: Pat Thompson-206	
Men's high series: Randy Selbe-503	
Team high game: Poor Country Folks-819	
Team high series: Poor Country Folks-2357	
League Standings: No. 1 Bowladium Lanes 18, 6; No. 2 Poor Country Folks 17, 7; No. 3 Bankwest of Kansas 15, 9.	

out from Cottonwood Falls; the sheriff and doctor arrived,” said Heathman, now 84. “And they began picking up the bodies. We stayed until all the bodies had been picked up, then left and went back home.”

The story goes that a phone rang at the Bazaar telephone office. It was a phone call of importance - eight rings on the party line. The local operator was told to call the sheriff, the doctor and ambulance workers..

The plane had crashed upside down into the rolling grassland about 120 miles southwest of Kansas City. The tail was sticking almost straight up. Mail bags were strewn across the prairie. Most of the victims were thrown away from the wreckage, almost in a straight row.

The pilot and co-pilot were found in the wreckage of the plane.

The final four

By The Associated Press

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Minneapolis

National Semifinals

Saturday, March 31

Michigan State (28-4) vs. Arizona (27-7), 3:42 p.m.

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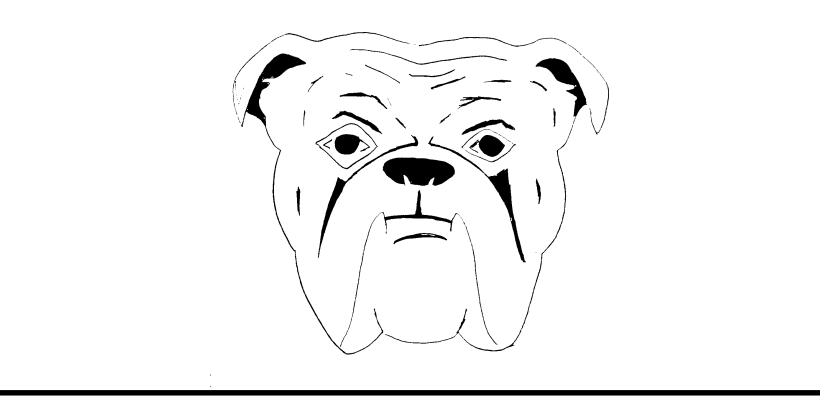
Tues., March 27- Sat., March 31 -No events listed

Sun., April 1 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

April Fool's Day

Wed., April 4 - NKESC Seminar on “Kid Teach”

Thurs., April 5 - KS Honors Program



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