



# Royals win third straight

TORONTO (AP)—Mike Sweeney hit his sixth homer of the year, all of them against Toronto, and the Kansas City Royals won their third straight, 6-3 over the Blue Jays on Monday. Sweeney went 3-for-4 with two RBIs for the Royals, who won the season series 4-3. The game was originally scheduled for April 12, but it was postponed when chunks of SkyDome's roof fell to the ground in left field. Kansas City starter Jeff Suppan (2-3), winless in his previous three starts, allowed three runs on eight hits in 7 1-3 innings. He struck out six and walked two. Tony Cogan finished the eighth

and Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth to get his sixth save. Tony Batista hit a two-run homer for the Blue Jays, who have lost two straight since Toronto manager Buck Martinez revamped the lineup. Kansas City took a 2-0 lead in the second off Toronto starter Joey Hamilton (1-1) on consecutive doubles by Jermaine Dye and Sweeney, and Hector Ortiz's run-scoring grounder. Batista homered in the fourth, but Kansas City took a 3-2 lead in the fifth after Carlos Beltran tripled and Rey Sanchez had an RBI single. Sweeney led off the sixth with a first-pitch homer, and Kansas City scored

two more in the seventh on Mark Quinn's two-run triple. Hamilton gave up six runs on 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings. Notes: The club record for homers in a season against the Blue Jays is seven, done six times. Attendance was just 13,767. The Royals are 5-10 on the road. The Blue Jays averaged more than six runs per game before Martinez dropped Raul Mondesi from the third spot to fifth in the order. Shannon Stewart has gone from the leadoff spot to hitting third, and CF Jose Cruz Jr. has moved from fifth to the leadoff. Martinez wants to have better protection for clean up hitter Carlos Delgado.

# Avs win 4-3 victory over Kings

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rob Blake was booed when he was introduced and practically every time he touched the puck during the game. The former Los Angeles defenseman didn't take long to respond, scoring a goal on a 65-foot slap shot just 4:33 into the Colorado Avalanche's 4-3 victory over the Kings on Monday night. The win came in Blake's first appearance for Colorado on the Kings' ice and gave the Avalanche a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal. Game 4 is Wednesday in Los Angeles. Blake, the 1998 Norris Trophy winner as the NHL's top defenseman, spent the first 11 years of his career with the Kings before they traded him to the Avalanche two months ago after a contract impasse. He was not particularly upset that many in the sellout crowd of 18,478 jeered him. "They backed our team through good times, through bad times, every

single game. So there's no way they're going to cheer for someone on the opposition," Blake said. "I think management did a good job of making the bad guy out of me. They painted the picture they wanted to, and these people reacted." Blake scored the first goal for the Avalanche, 0-4 in regular-season games at the 2-year-old arena, and Colorado never trailed, although the Kings tied it 1-1 in the opening period. Los Angeles also came back from two-goal deficits twice to pull within one in the final period. "We were fortunate," Blake said. "We saw L.A. play Detroit, and we saw the pressure the fans put on you in this building. The fans get them all fired up, so we wanted to come out and get the jump on them." His goal also was a strange one, coming on a long slap shot that he didn't appear to hit cleanly. Los Angeles goalie Felix Potvin, who had a clear view and plenty of time to react, dropped to his knees and seemed to squeeze the puck between his pads, but it squirted behind him and

rolled across the line. Although Colorado lost its leading scorer, Joe Sakic, to a shoulder injury in the first period, Milan Hejduk had a goal and two assists and Peter Forsberg added a goal and an assist. "Everybody really stepped up after Joe was hurt," coach Bob Hartley said. Sakic expects to be ready for Game 4. "My shoulder went into the glass and it hurt right away. But I don't think it's too bad, so hopefully I'll be able to go next game," said Sakic, whose 54 goals and 64 assists this season made him the NHL's No. 2 scorer. The underdog Kings, the seventh seed to Colorado's No. 1, kept Game 3 interesting. Los Angeles' Luc Robitaille and Ziggy Palffy each had a goal and an assist. Palffy scored with 40 seconds remaining, and the Kings then kept the pressure on Colorado goalie Patrick Roy as the final seconds ticked off. Los Angeles outshot Colorado 14-3 in the third period, but the Avalanche still scored twice. Roy faced 25 shots, and Potvin 21.

# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press. AMERICAN LEAGUE, NATIONAL LEAGUE, and Sunday's Games tables showing scores and statistics for various teams like Toronto, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and others.

# Rockies activate disabled reliever

DENVER (AP)—The Colorado Rockies activated reliever Bobby Chouinard from the 15-day disabled list Monday and optioned right-hander Joe Davenport to Triple-A Colorado Springs.

Chouinard went 2-2 with a 3.86 ERA in 31 games for Colorado last season, but his off-field actions have sometimes overshadowed his pitching.

Last October, Chouinard pleaded guilty to aggravated assault in Phoenix for brandishing a loaded handgun during an argument with his wife on Christmas Day 1999. He was sentenced to one year in prison to be served in increments during the offseason.

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# bowling results

Table listing bowling results for Tuesday Alibi League, Wednesday Nite Darts, and Wednesday Morning Coffee League, including names and scores.

# Broncos sign fullback free agent

DENVER (AP)—Free-agent fullback Howard Griffith and the Denver Broncos have reportedly reached a three-year agreement, although team officials could not confirm the deal Monday.

Denver television stations, CBS's Sportsline.com, and ESPN reported the deal Monday. Griffith's agent did not immediately return a phone call.

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