



Rockies suffer costly loss

DENVER (AP) — A costly win for the New York Mets might turn out to be an even more painful loss for the Colorado Rockies.

The Mets built a nine-run lead, then hung on for a 10-9 victory Monday night as Tsuyoshi Shinjo drove in four runs and Dicky Gonzalez earned his first major league win.

But the Mets lost center fielder Jay Payton, who was 3-for-3, in the fifth inning with a strained right hamstring after Payton beat out an infield hit.

After the game, Payton was on crutches, and Mets manager Bobby Valentine called it a "pulled" hamstring instead of a strain.

"Who knows how bad it is?" Valentine said. "It's not good, that's for sure."

The Rockies, meanwhile, could be without left-hander Brian Bohanon for an extended period. Bohanon, experiencing soreness in his throwing elbow during an ineffective outing, was scheduled for an MRI on Tuesday.

Bohanon had bone chips removed from his elbow in October 1999 and said, "It's acting the same way right now. There's a loss of range of motion."

It's a blow to the back end of the Rockies' rotation, which already has struggled this season. The team's No.

4 and 5 starters are a combined 1-6. Shinjo, the second Japanese position player to sign a contract with a major league team, highlighted a seven-run third inning with a three-run double. He also had an RBI single in the second.

"Most of the time, I am a pinch-hitter," said Shinjo, who actually has started 19 of the Mets' 31 games this season. "You get one at-bat and then you are done. With four at-bats, you feel more at ease, you know you will get another chance. I was more relaxed."

Gonzalez (1-0), making his second major league start, pitched four scoreless innings before being tagged for five runs in the fifth. He allowed 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

"My dream was to get my first win at home," Gonzalez said. "I will settle for getting it here. I want to get another start. I hope I can stay up."

Mike Piazza hit a solo homer in the ninth, his 10th of the year. Todd Helton had four hits and three RBIs for Colorado, including a two-run homer in the ninth and a pair of doubles.

The Rockies, trailing 10-5, scored four times in the ninth off Armando Benitez, but he struck out Brent Mayne for the final out with a runner on first.

"Our guys battled back," Bell said, "but when you dig yourself that kind of a hole at 9-0, it's awful tough."

The Rockies have lost eight of their last 11 games, falling to 15-16.

Bohanon (1-4) went two-plus innings, allowing nine hits and eight runs. Over a span of 11 batters, the Mets collected 10 hits, including seven straight to open the third. "My elbow never would loosen up," Bohanon said. "They singled me to death and ran me out of the game."

Colorado scored five runs in the fifth, including RBI doubles by John Wasdin, Helton and Greg Norton.

The Rockies loaded the bases in the sixth, but Dennis Cook struck out Neifi Perez and Larry Walker.

Notes: Bohanon is 0-4 with a 14.88 ERA at Coors Field this season.

Mets lefty Al Leiter, eligible to come off the disabled list with a strained throwing elbow, threw off a mound Sunday, will do so again Tuesday and hopes to throw to hitters on Friday.

Darryl Hamilton and his wife Ursaline are the parents of a baby boy, Donovan Quinn, who was born Sunday in Houston. Hamilton, on the DL with a sore neck and an arthritic toe, is expected to rejoin the team on Wednesday.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	19	12	.613	—
Toronto	19	12	.613	—
New York	19	13	.594	1/2
Baltimore	13	19	.406	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	9	22	.290	10
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	21	8	.724	—
Cleveland	20	9	.690	1
Detroit	12	17	.414	9
Kansas City	11	20	.355	11
Chicago	10	19	.345	11
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	23	8	.742	—
Anaheim	15	16	.484	8
Texas	12	19	.387	11
Oakland	11	20	.355	12

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 10, Tampa Bay 3
N.Y. Yankees 2, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 10, Texas 5
Anaheim 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings
Toronto 11, Seattle 3
Boston 5, Oakland 4

Monday's Game
Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 4

Today's Games
Seattle (Moyer 5-0) at Boston (Nomo 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 1-5) at Detroit (Holt 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 3-2) at Toronto (Loaiza 4-2), 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suzuki 2-2) at Cleveland (Burba 4-1), 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 0-3), 5:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Mercedes 0-5) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-2), 5:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 1-3) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-2), 6:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Texas (Davis 2-2) at Detroit (Milicki 2-2), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 5-0) at Boston (Castillo 3-2), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 2-3) at Toronto (Michalak 3-1), 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 3-0), 5:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Reichert 3-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-1), 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 3-3), 5:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-3), 6:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	19	12	.613	—
Atlanta	15	17	.469	4 1/2
New York	14	17	.452	5
Florida	13	17	.433	5 1/2
Montreal	12	20	.375	7 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	20	11	.645	—
Houston	16	14	.533	3 1/2
Cincinnati	16	15	.516	4
Milwaukee	16	15	.516	4
St. Louis	15	15	.500	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	12	18	.400	7 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	18	14	.563	—
San Francisco	16	15	.516	1 1/2
Arizona	16	16	.500	2
Colorado	15	16	.484	2 1/2
San Diego	15	16	.484	2 1/2

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Florida 5, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 8, N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 8, Cincinnati 2
Houston 13, Montreal 7

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Philadelphia 10, San Francisco 8
Chicago Cubs 3, Los Angeles 2

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 6
Philadelphia 5, Houston 0
St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Mets 10, Colorado 9
Cincinnati 5, Arizona 4, 10 innings
Los Angeles 1, Florida 0
San Francisco 6, Montreal 2

Today's Games
Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-2) at Milwaukee (Sheets 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Telemaco 3-0) at Houston (Lima 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Anderson 2-1) at St. Louis (Benes 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 2-2) at Colorado (Astacio 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-2) at Arizona (Johnson 3-3), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 3-2) at San Diego (Jarvis 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
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Avs beware of confident Kings

DENVER (AP) — Avalanche warning! Beware of confident Kings.

Given two chances to eliminate the Los Angeles Kings, the Colorado Avalanche have failed both times. Making matters worse, they have given their

fans little reason to believe the third time will be any different.

With two straight 1-0 victories, including a double-overtime thriller in Game 6, Los Angeles has erased a 3-1 series deficit to force a deciding game in Colorado on Wednesday night. The winner will advance to face the St. Louis Blues in the Western Conference finals.

"It's not over for us," Kings forward Luc Robitaille said. "We've got to finish what we started."

Colorado, cruising through the playoffs less than a week ago, has been unable to generate any offense.

The Avs haven't scored since Chris Drury's goal with 1:47 left in the second period of Game 4. Kings goalie Felix Potvin stretched his shutout streak to 164 minutes, 28 seconds with 33 saves Sunday night.

"It's frustrating, going so long without a goal," defenseman Ray Bourque said. "We definitely have to break out of it."

Coloradoan buys Montreal Canadiens

MONTREAL (AP) — Colorado businessman George Gillett Jr. acquired the necessary financing to complete his purchase of the Montreal Canadiens and the Molson Centre.

The last step remaining is for the sale to be approved by the NHL board of governors, Molson Inc. said in a press release.

Molson said Gillett has accepted a financing offer — a secured loan for nearly \$91 million — from CDP Capital d'Amerique, a subsidiary of la Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec.

Gillett, a 62-year-old Wisconsin native, is buying an 80.1 percent controlling interest in the Canadiens and 100 percent of the Molson Centre in a deal valued at \$178.3 million.

Molson will retain a 19.9 percent interest in the Canadiens.

basketball playoffs

By The Associated Press

Conference Semifinals (Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 5
San Antonio 94, Dallas 78

Sunday, May 6
Milwaukee 104, Charlotte 92, Milwaukee leads series 1-0
L.A. Lakers 108, Sacramento 105, Los Angeles leads series 1-0
Toronto 96, Philadelphia 93, Toronto leads series 1-0

Monday, May 7
San Antonio 100, Dallas 86, San Antonio leads series 2-0

Tuesday, May 8

Charlotte at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9
Toronto at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 10
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 11
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12
San Antonio at Dallas, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 13
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 10:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 1 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 3:30 p.m.

Forward fined for throwing ice

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto Raptors forward Keon Clark has been fined \$7,500 for throwing ice at spectators.

The incident occurred during the Raptors' 96-93 Game 1 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday at the First Union Center.

national hockey league

By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

Thursday, May 3
Toronto 3, New Jersey 1
St. Louis 4, Dallas 1, St. Louis wins series 4-0

Friday, May 4
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0

Saturday, May 5
Buffalo 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT, Buffalo leads series 3-2
Toronto 3, New Jersey 2

Sunday, May 6
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0, 2OT, series tied 3-3

Monday, May 7
New Jersey 4, Toronto 2, series tied 3-3

Tuesday, May 8
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9
Toronto at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 10
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 5:30 p.m., if necessary

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Sun., May 13 - Mother's Day

Mon., May 14 - HS & JH Spring Concert 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. BOE Meeting

Tues., May 15 - Last Day for Seniors

Wed., May 16 - 1:30 p.m. Awards Program

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