



## Rockies lose to Montreal, 14-10

DENVER (AP) — Milton Bradley had career highs with four hits and five RBIs, and Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Vidro hit two-run homers to lead the Montreal Expos to a 14-10 win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday.

Bradley had a single, two doubles and a solo home run as the Expos scored a season-high 14 runs.

Orlando Cabrera added a bases-loaded triple for Montreal, which won for the fourth time in 12 games.

Pedro Astacio (4-3) had his shortest outing of the year as he failed to get his 100th career win. Astacio didn't retire a batter in the third inning, giving up seven runs, four hits and four walks.

Todd Helton went 4-for-5 with a home run and four RBIs for the Roc-

kies. Helton is hitting .454 with 17 home runs and 46 RBIs lifetime against Montreal.

Graeme Lloyd (3-1) worked a perfect seventh inning for the win. Cabrera's three-run triple highlighted a four-run second inning for the Expos.

Bradley followed walks to Guerrero and Vidro with an RBI single. Michael Barrett drew a one-out walk to load the bases and Cabrera sliced a triple to left center to clear the bases.

Astacio didn't retire the three batters he faced in the third inning, giving up a leadoff homer to Guerrero, a walk to Vidro and Bradley's RBI double. Mike Mordecai greeted Ron Villone with an RBI triple to center.

Bradley's two-out, two-run double in the fourth inning increased Montreal's lead to 9-0.

Montreal starter Mike Thurman didn't survive the fourth, giving up seven hits and six runs in the inning. Neifi Perez, Jeff Cirillo, Larry Walker, Todd Walker, Brent Mayne, and Todd Helton all had run-scoring singles in the inning.

The Expos added three runs in the sixth on an RBI double by Guerrero and Vidro's two-run homer to lead 12-6. Helton answered with a three-run homer cutting the lead to 12-9 in the sixth.

Bradley hit a solo home run in the eighth for Montreal and Cirillo hit a solo homer in the ninth for the Rockies.

## Twins regain first place position

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Luis Rivas hit a two-run homer and Jacques Jones had a pair of RBI singles, leading Eric Milton and the Minnesota Twins over the Kansas City Royals 7-3 Sunday.

Before the game, the last-place Royals fired pitching coach Brent Strom. Bullpen coach Tony Gamboa

took over temporarily.

Milton (5-2) held the Royals hitless over the first three innings, but gave up eight hits over the next 3 1-3 innings and was replaced by Bob Wells.

The Royals had 20 hits against the Twins in a 12-4 victory Saturday night.

Milton, coming off a four-hit shut-out at Yankee Stadium last Tuesday,

had his 13-inning scoreless streak snapped in the fifth.

The Twins (25-10) reclaimed sole possession of first place in the AL Central with the Cleveland Indians' 7-0 loss to Tampa Bay.

The Twins scored four times in the second inning off Mac Suzuki (2-3) on RBI singles.

## baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	14	.611	—
Atlanta	17	21	.447	6
Florida	16	20	.444	6
Montreal	15	23	.395	8
New York	14	23	.378	8 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	15	.583	—
Chicago	21	16	.568	1/2
Houston	19	16	.543	1 1/2
Milwaukee	20	17	.541	1 1/2
Cincinnati	17	19	.472	4
Pittsburgh	13	23	.361	8
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	16	.579	—
San Francisco	21	16	.568	1/2
Arizona	19	18	.514	2 1/2
Colorado	19	18	.514	2 1/2
San Diego	18	19	.486	3 1/2
Saturday's Games				
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 2				
Montreal 8, Colorado 4				
San Francisco 10, N.Y. Mets 3				
Houston 2, Cincinnati 1, 1st game				
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4, 2nd game				
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 4, 12 innings				
Florida 3, San Diego 0				
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings				
Los Angeles 1, Atlanta 0				
Sunday's Games				
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1				
St. Louis 13, Chicago Cubs 4				
Montreal 14, Colorado 10				
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 3				
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 1				

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East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona 6, Philadelphia 1				
Florida 10, San Diego 4				
Houston 4, Cincinnati 3				
Monday's Games				
Pittsburgh (Wengert 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wright 3-4), 11:05 a.m.				
Houston (Miller 5-1) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Tuesday's Games				
Los Angeles (Park 4-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 3-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Ellis 3-1) at Cincinnati (Dessens 2-2), 5:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Hermanson 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Olivares 2-3), 5:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Hernandez 2-5) at Florida (Dempster 3-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Levrault 1-0) at Philadelphia (Telemaco 4-0), 5:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Jones 1-4) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 4-2), 5:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Hampton 5-0) at Atlanta (Burkett 2-4), 5:35 p.m.				
Houston (Lima 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 5-1), 6:05 p.m.				
West Division				
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Seattle	28	9	.757	—
Anaheim	17	20	.459	11
Oakland	15	22	.405	13
Texas	13	24	.351	15
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Seattle 11, Toronto 7				
Boston 9, Oakland 3				
Detroit 4, Anaheim 1				
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 5				
Kansas City 12, Minnesota 4				
Texas 16, Chicago White Sox 6				
Cleveland 8, Tampa Bay 0				
Sunday's Games				
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Boston 5, Oakland 4, 11 innings				
Anaheim 14, Detroit 2				
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Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 0				
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3				
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 3				
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Tuesday's Games				
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Boston (Castillo 3-2) at Minnesota (Redman 2-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Sabathia 4-1) at Texas (Davis 2-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Lopez 3-3) at Kansas City (Meadows 1-4), 6:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Michalak 3-2) at Anaheim (Valdes 2-2), 8:05 p.m.				
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## Avs lead 1-0 in series

By John Mossman  
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Ray Bourque suspects this might be his last chance at winning a Stanley Cup, the only honor that has eluded him in a storied 22-year NHL career.

Bourque went to the Stanley Cup finals twice with the Boston Bruins, in 1988 and '90. Last year, after being traded to Colorado, his Avalanche lost in the seventh game of the Western Conference finals.

"I know I'm running out of time," the 40-year-old Bourque said Sunday. Colorado takes a 1-0 lead into tonight's Game 2 of the Western Conference final against the St. Louis Blues. And Bourque — perhaps more than anyone else — doesn't want this best-of-seven series to end the way the conference final did last year, when the Avalanche lost the seventh game.

"I've never won my last game," Bourque said. "Last year was tough because we got so close, but I was thankful for the opportunity. The year I've spent here — almost a year and a half — has been very enjoyable and a great experience. They're doing everything to try to win it all. It's fun to be a part of that."

Bourque, a 19-time All-Star, was traded to Colorado, a team with Stanley Cup aspirations, on March 6, 2000. A year ago, the Avalanche adopted a theme of "Win One for Ray."

This year, they have the same goal, but it has been more subdued. "I think obviously 'Win One for Ray' is 'Win one for everyone,'" coach

Bob Hartley said, adding with a laugh, "I'm sure Ray would share it."

"When I came here last year," Bourque said, "everybody recognized why the move was made. It was to try to win something I haven't won so far in my career. I think a lot of people, especially in Boston, were really pulling for me. I think it would be a great story."

Another one would be a pairing of Bourque's Avalanche against Mario Lemieux's Pittsburgh Penguins in the Stanley Cup final.

"But we both have a lot of work to do before we know what's going to happen with that," Bourque said.

Colorado took a confident first step Saturday, beating St. Louis 4-1 as Joe Sakic had two goals and two assists, and Milan Hejduk added two goals and one assist. One of Sakic's goals came on a rare penalty shot.

The Avalanche did it without star forward Peter Forsberg, who remained in a hospital Sunday, three days after having his spleen removed following Colorado's Game 7 win over the Los Angeles Kings.

"Whenever you lose your top guys, you can't replace them in terms of talent and what they bring to the team," Bourque said. "Other guys have to step up, and we just have to keep playing as a team. You can't replace Peter, and you can't use that as a crutch. We have plenty of talent and leadership in this room to pick up the slack."

Patrick Roy continued to be brilliant in goal for Colorado. Roy has given up only four goals in the last five games,

and his 1.58 goals-against average leads playoff goaltenders.

"He's won a lot of Stanley Cups," St. Louis' Scott Mellanby said. "He's a great goalie. But any goalie is good if he can see the puck. We didn't have enough traffic in front of the goal. We didn't give him sustained pressure."

Besides Forsberg's absence, the Blues had the advantage of coming into Game 1 on a high, having swept Dallas in four games and giving them eight days of rest. If self-doubt was creeping in, the Blues weren't admitting it.

"I don't think we're pushing the panic button yet," defenseman Chris Pronger said Sunday. "It's only one game. It's a best-of-seven series. I don't think anybody expected either team to sweep the other."

"We've got to bounce back with a better effort on Monday. I think we have to come out with a better defensive mindset. We didn't pick up loose pucks or battle for loose pucks in the corners."

Blues wing Keith Tkachuk said the Avalanche "took advantage of our sloppy, stupid play. We play a patient, defense-oriented style. We got caught in a run-and-gun game with Colorado. We've got to play our own game."

The Blues haven't played in the conference finals since 1986, but coach Joel Quenneville discounted the experience factor.

Of more importance, Quenneville said, was the fact that "a very short list of guys could say they were on top of their games. We weren't in sync, and we weren't sharp."

## national hockey league

By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE FINALS	
Saturday	
Colorado 4, St. Louis 1, Colorado leads series 1-0	
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1, New Jersey leads series 1-0	
Today	
St. Louis at Colorado, 6 p.m.	
Tuesday	
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 5 p.m.	

Wednesday	
Colorado at St. Louis, 5 p.m.	
Thursday	
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.	
Friday	
Colorado at St. Louis, 5 p.m.	
Saturday	
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.	
Next Monday	
St. Louis at Colorado, 6 p.m., if necessary	

Tuesday, May 22	
Pittsburgh at New Jersey 5 p.m., if necessary	
Wednesday, May 23	
Colorado at St. Louis, 5 p.m., if necessary	
Thursday, May 24	
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m., if necessary	
Friday, May 25	
St. Louis at Colorado, 6 p.m., if necessary	
Saturday, May 26	
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 5 p.m., if necessary	

## Pole winner focuses on race setup

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's Scott Sharp's turn to learn the hazards of running up front at Indianapolis.

A starter in six previous Indianapolis 500s without having led a single lap or having finished better than 10th, Sharp will take the green flag on May 27 from the pole position.

Being first to the checkered flag 500 miles later is another matter. "It's a completely different environment, takes a completely different setup," Sharp said of qualifying well as opposed to finishing well in the race.

"It's going to be who picks the right setups, who has a good day, who gets through traffic, who has good pit stops, and it could be anybody's day."

Former winners Arie Luyendyk, Al Unser Jr., Buddy Lazier and Eddie Cheever also were among the first 27 qualifiers Saturday.

But Cheever, Michael Andretti and Buzz Calkins — who were among the slowest in the early lineup — withdrew their cars and re-qualified different cars at faster speeds Sunday, likely ensuring themselves from being bumped on the third and final day of qualifications May 20.

"About mid-afternoon yesterday we knew we were going to be in trouble," Calkins said. "Last night and this morning, when we saw the (good) weather, we said, 'Let's jerk the (qualified) car and get this one in safely.'"

The late scramble was a new experience for Andretti, a former CART champion who has led more laps at Indy than any other non-winner.

"I never went through this before. It's no fun," he said. "It's a high-pressure situation. But we're finally in the show for sure. Yesterday, I thought we were in good shape, but everybody put in some good times. I didn't sleep well last night."

Neither did Cheever. "The pressure builds. Things kept getting worse," Cheever said. "When you pull out and haven't been bumped, it goes against all logic. But when Michael went out and went 223 (mph), we had no choice."

"But I think we're in the field well." Sharp, meanwhile, could take a lesson about running up front from some recent pole-winners.

Since Luyendyk won from the pole in 1997, the top qualifier at Indy has finished no better than 22nd. In 1998, Billy Boat went out after 111 laps with a bad drive line and finished 23rd; in 1999, Luyendyk again started from the pole and dominated the race before a risky — and unnecessary pass — sent him into the wall and a 22nd-place finish.

Also in 1999, Robby Gordon led

much of the late going before he ran out of fuel with just over one lap to go and finished sixth. Last year, Greg Ray started from the pole and led 26 laps before he crashed and finished 33rd — the first driver out of the race.

"I don't look at the record books and try to pick the space you want to start for the best chance to win the race. Where the cars fall is where they fall, as far as qualifying," Sharp said Sunday, when all but one of the 33 starting spots were filled.

Sharp, who has improved his starting position every race since he qualified 30th in 1995, last year started fifth, ran as high as fourth in the first half of the race and finished 10th.

"I don't feel any pressure. I'm excited for that," he said of his first Indy pole, which he earned with a four-lap average of 226.037 mph. "I want to lead the field. I want to lead into turn one. Once the green flag starts ... you know as a driver what you need to go do, wherever you start."

Ray, the 1999 Indy Racing League series champion, has started an IRL-record 11 races from the pole.

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**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. JH Awards Program

**Thurs., May 17** - 1-5 Awards program 1:30 p.m.; HS Awards programs 7 p.m.

**Fri., May 18** - Regional Track

**Sun., May 20** - 2 p.m. Baccalaureate; 4 p.m. HS Graduation

**Mon., May 21** - 9:10 a.m. Kindergarten Graduation; 8th Grade Graduation

**Tues. - May 22** - 7 p.m. Elementary Spring Concert; Finals

**Wed., May 23** - Finals; K-5 Playday, Sack Lunches

**Thurs., May 24** - Last Day of School

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