# Royal's 'new' catcher leads team to win

the Kansas City Royals traded for veteran catcher Brent Mayne, they said it was as much for his experience behind the plate as for his offensive potential.

Mayne, acquired from Colorado on Sunday for right-hander Mac Suzuki and minor-league catcher Sal Fasano, delivered both in his first appearance with his old team.

He went 3-for-4 and matched a career high with four RBIs and also helped starter Dan Reichert work through two rough spots in the Royals' 12-5 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

"I think Danny sometimes gets a couple of outs and relaxes a little bit and loses a little bit of focus," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "I thought

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—When for the first time, Brent handled him

Mayne, who was the Royals' firstround draft pick in 1989 and caught for me." the Royals from 1990-95, was as much a stranger to his old ballpark as to his new teammates.

"It's not deja vu at all. Everything's different," he said. "There's air conditioning in the dugout, the clubhouse is different, I don't know anybody, the seats are different, we've got grass now, the fences look a lot shorter. It's just a different place to me.'

drove in three runs each, Jermaine Dye Halter's two-run homer in the second scored three runs and Joe Randa doubled twice for the Royals.

"I'll take that every time," said the Royals this season. Reichert (7-6), who gave up five runs

hits with two walks and four strikeouts. "I've never lost with 12 runs behind

Mayne hit an RBI single in the Royals' four-run second inning, and chased Tigers starter Willie Blair (0-2) with a three-run, two-out double for a 7-2 lead in the third.

"They put the ball in play and found holes on Blair," Tigers manager Phil Garner said. "Some of his pitches were decent pitches."

Shane Halter and Bobby Higginson Raul Ibanez and Carlos Beltran each had two RBIs for the Tigers. inning was the 106th homer — most in the American League — given up by

The Royals led 7-5 when they broke

— all in two-out situations — on five it open with five runs — two with help one. from Detroit — in the seventh off relievers Dave Borkowski and Matt

> Ibanez hit a two-run double off Anderson with the bases loaded, and ning.' Beltran followed with an RBI single. Tigers catcher Rob Fick was off the bag for the throw home on Donnie Sadler's bases-loaded grounder to first, allowing Ibanez to score, and Beltran scored

Kansas City opened with five straight hits: a double by Randa, a single by Dye, Ibanez's RBI single, a two-run double by Beltran and Mayne's run-scoring single.

nings, walking two and striking out his previous career total.

"You have to be a closer every inning," Reichert said. "You get those first two outs, you've got to go on and get that third out and close out the in-

Notes: Detroit 1B Tony Clark stole a hit from Mayne to open the sixth inning, diving to his right to snag a sinking line drive into the gap. ... The Royals called up right-hander Jeff Austin, on Anderson's second wild pitch of the their first-round pick and the fourth pick overall in 1998, from Triple-A Omaha on Tuesday. Austin, 2-7 with a 7.76 ERA in 19 games at Omaha, pitched a perfect ninth. To make room on the roster, Kansas City optioned C Hector Ortiz to Omaha. ... Jermaine Blair gave up seven hits in 2 2-3 in- Dye stole his seventh base, matching

## Rockies continue mid-June swoon

DENVER (AP) — Bobby Jones fi- Hopefully, tomorrow night we'll get it nally got something his team had not given him all year: run support.

D'Angelo Jimenez, Mark Kotsay and Ryan Klesko each drove in two runs as Jones — the first pitcher in the majors to lose 10 games this season – and the Padres defeated Mike Hampton and the Colorado Rockies 11-3 Tuesday night for their fifth straight

Phil Nevin hit his 19th homer for San Diego, which has defeated Colorado in 10 of the last 12 meetings at Coors

Jones, who has a respectable 3.70 ERA, has had 27 errors committed behind him in his 16 outings. His 17 unearned runs lead the majors.

Also, in only one of his losses have the Padres scored more than four runs, and three times they've been shut out.

Jones insisted he was "not going to blame the defense for the past. It's about time I pitched well in this park. This was one of those games I had good command of my fastball and was able to make adjustments with my breaking pitches.'

Jones (4-10), 1-5 in his previous six starts, pitched 6 2-3 innings and departed with a 6-3 lead. He allowed eight hits and two earned runs.

Hampton (9-4) lost his second straight outing. He went seven innings, allowing nine hits and six runs — four

games and fell into a last-place tie in 17)....Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, the NL West with San Diego.

enough. Hopefully, this is the end of it. the front row near the Rockies' dugout.

Catcher Ben Petrick said Hampton

"didn't have his greatest stuff, but the way he battled and gritted it out was impressive." Leading 6-3, San Diego scored five

runs in the eighth, including two-run

doubles by Kotsay and Klesko, both off Ron Villone. Mac Suzuki, acquired Sunday in a trade with Kansas City, had trouble in his Rockies debut, walking the only

three batters he faced. Rickey Henderson's RBI double put the Padres up 1-0 in the third.

San Diego scored three runs in the fourth to take a 4-0 lead, triggered by Nevin's solo homer.

The Rockies cut the deficit to 4-2 in their half. Neifi Perez had a leadoff single, went to third on Todd Helton's single and scored on Todd Walker's sacrifice fly. Petrick, breaking an 0-for-18 slump, singled and Jacob Cruz, who was 1-for-20, added an RBI single.

San Diego went ahead 6-2 in the sixth, loading the bases with no outs. Bubba Trammell and Ben Davis both singled, and Damian Jackson beat out a bunt single. Jimenez walked to force in a run and another run scored on Jones' double-play grounder.

Notes: The start of the game was delayed 21 minutes because of rain.... The Padres entered the game against left-hander Hampton with the worst Colorado has lost eight of nine record in the majors against lefties (5quarterback Steve Beuerlein and Hall "The same old story," Rockies man- of Fame catcher Johnny Bench were ager Buddy Bell said. "Enough is among those watching the game from

### sports briefs

### Former KU star awaits draft day call

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — After four uptempo seasons at Kansas, about all Kenny Gregory can do now is wait and wait some

"I'm basically waiting to see what happens," Gregory said Tuesday at his mother's home prior to the NBA draft on Wednesday night. "There's no use worrying about something you don't have any control over.'

Gregory is considered an in-between height at 6-foot-5, caught in the no man's land between point guard and shooting guard in a league where 6-11 men sometimes bring the ball upcourt.

Some mock drafts have Gregory going in the second round. Other projections don't have his name being mentioned in the two rounds.

Gregory said he wasn't losing any sleep over possibly going through the free-agent route. Gregory averaged 11.4 points a

game in 136 games with the Jayhawks. The former Ohio Associated Press Mr. Basketball at Columbus' Independence High School was selected honorable mention All American as a senior.

#### NHL great retires from Avalanche

DENVER (AP)—After 22 seasons in the NHL, Ray Bourque announced his retirement 17 days after hoisting the Stanley Cup with tears streaming down his face.

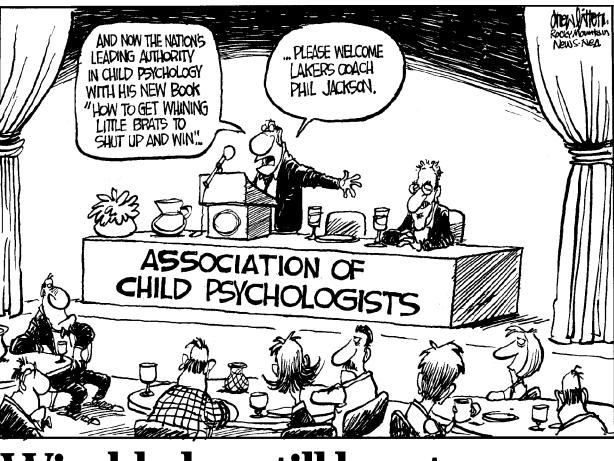
Bourque, 40, the highest-scoring defenseman in NHL history, was a five-time winner of the Norris Trophy as the league's best defenseman and played in a record 19 consecutive All-Star games.

He played for 21 seasons in Boston, but requested a trade to a contender in March 2000 in hopes of winning the Stanley Cup. He finally got it when the Colorado Avalanche beat the New Jersey Devils in Game 7 on June 9.

Although Bourque's stint in Colorado lasted just 15 months, his No. 77 jersey will be retired and will hang from the rafters of Pepsi Center.

Bourque's jersey is the first to be retired in the six-year history of the Avalanche and the fifth in the history of the franchise, which originated as the Quebec Nordiques.

On Tuesday night, Bruins president Harry Sinden said that the team will also retire Bourque's number next season.



## Wimbledon still has star power

How long will it take Venus Williams round loss a month ago in the French

"I don't think I'll ever get over it," Wimbledon champion, after beating Japan's Shinobu Asagoe 6-2, 6-3 in Tuesday's first round at the All England Club. It was Asagoe's ninth straight first-round loss this season. Austrian Barbara Schett.

tams was on and off against Asagoe. lian Open — the worst loss of her camatches.

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — She started well on Centre Court, reer. where she defeated Lindsay Davenport to get over her embarrassing first- in the final a year ago, but was forced to rally from 1-3 in the second set by winning five straight games.

> She hit several strings of winners, shots into the net.

Though she has won two WTA tournaments this season, Williams season with a wrist injury.

stumbled in the two Grand Slams.

against the best of the best.

man qualify ... and that in it-

and where it is heading.'

"We had four true fresh-

It takes a toll on the kids.

She denies buckling under the weight of expectations as she defends her first of two Grand Slam titles. But the pressure must be there.

Williams might not be playing the said Williams, the defending but then just as quickly dumped routine greatest tennis of her career, but that was the same story a year ago, when she missed the first four months of the

She then won Wimbledon and five She had the loss at Roland Garros more consecutive titles — including earned. and a 6-1, 6-1 battering by Martina the U.S. Open and Olympic gold in Much like her season so far, Will- Hingis in the semifinals of the Austrasingles and doubles — and 35 straight

## Broncos player

linebacker Bill Romanowski when he wrote prescriptions for other people, Romanowski's lawyer told jurors.

Romanowski, 35, is accused of obtaining the appetite suppressant the 1998 season.

Steinberg argued that Dr. Randall Snook knew the pills were for Romanowski and was trying to

Julie Romanowski is charged with eight counts of illegally ob $taining \, diet \, pills. \, Her \, trial \, \, is \, Aug. \,$ 

phentermine from prescriptions written for his wife, Julie during Defense lawyer Harvey

overcomes ankle injury Jessica Hays, a 2000 Goodland High School graduate, overcame strained alize what our student-athletes have ligaments and tendons in her accomplished," said Northleft ankle to finish 28 out of western coach Tim Kold. 51 competitors in goat tying "There is a lot of pressure there — cameras in your at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. face, seeing yourself on the In goat tying, the goat is big screen, all of the hoopla tied to a rope at one end of an with opening ceremonies each night and competing arena. The contestant's time

Goodland graduate

Hays

The contestant gets to the goat, dismounts running, catches the self speaks volumes about our program goat and ties any three legs. The time stops when the rider throws their hand in the air, but the goat must stay tied for

begins when she crosses the

starting line at the other end

of the arena at a full run.

Hays recorded her best time in the third round after removing a soft cast for competition.

Her leg was originally thought to be broken.

Hays will be a sophomore at Northwestern Oklahoma State in Alva. She was just one of four freshman from Northwestern who qualified for the fi-

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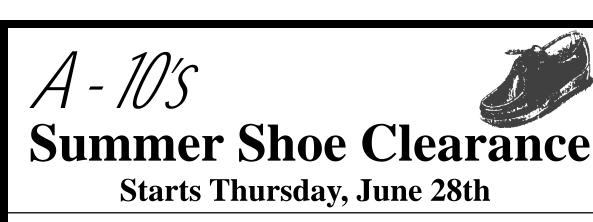
#### trial continues CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) - A doctor knew he was providing diet pills for Denver Broncos

shield the athlete from attention.

"It's a pretty big deal to make it as a freshman," Hays said. "I'm excited to get the opportunity." The event was held June 11-16.







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