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Royals suffer 34th season loss to Pirates, 13-7

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Kansas City Royals began the second half of the season just like they ended the first half.

He didn't walk any—the first time that's happened in the majors—and yielded only six hits, all singles. The left-handed Anderson didn't allow a runner past second base before yielding to Mike Williams, who got the final two outs for his 18th save.

Anderson said. "We had a fresh bullpen, so I understand the decision."

The Royals had only three more hits, all singles, over the final five innings as Anderson won for the first time since beating Cleveland 6-3 on June 15.

"He kept the ball low, he threw sinkers, changeups and a little breaking ball," Muser said.

"He did a good job of keeping it out of the middle of the plate. When you do that and pitch down, you've got a real good chance."

Kevin Young's two-run homer to center in the seventh inning followed John Vander Wal's one-out single and broke up a scoreless pitching duel between Anderson and right-hander Jeff Suppan (4-8).

Young's homer, his eighth, came on a pitch that Suppan left over the middle of the plate.

"It was a slider that didn't slide," Suppan said. "It was the right pitch, it just wasn't in the right location. In a 0-

0 game, you can't make those mistakes."

Young, who is batting .221, said, "It was nice to be able to take advantage of a mistake instead of fouling it off."

Suppan was lifted for a pinch-hitter after the seventh, giving up five hits, walking one and striking out three.

Notes: The Pirates lost three of four before the All-Star break, but have won five in a row and 10 of 14 in PNC Park.

The Pirates made two excellent defensive plays to support Anderson.

Shortstop Jack Wilson made a nice stop of Dave McCarty's grounder up the middle to turn a force play at second to end the eighth.

In the sixth, second baseman Abraham Nunez ranged far into center field for an over-the-shoulder catch of Donnie Sadler's pop.

It was the sixth shutout by the Pirates, three involving Anderson. The Royals dropped nine in a row last season from April 14-23.

Elway seeking arena team for Denver

DENVER (AP)— Golf and car dealerships just don't seem to be enough for former Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway.

Elway, who retired two years ago after back-to-back Super Bowl titles, is part of a group seeking to bring an Arena Football League team to Denver, the Rocky Mountain News reported Thursday.

Broncos owner Pat Bowlen and Stan Kroenke, owner of the Colorado Avalanche and Denver Nuggets, would join Elway in the venture. Elway could make a presentation to the Arena League's expansion committee next month, the newspaper said.

"We're interested in it. We don't have an arrangement with anyone right now," Don Elliman, president of Kroenke Sports Enterprises, told The Associated Press.

He declined to speak on behalf of Bowlen and Elway, but said, "It's not an illogical pairing."

Elway did not return a telephone message seeking comment. Bowlen was expected to comment when he returned from an out-of-town trip, his spokeswoman said.

Shortly after his retirement in 1999, Elway was part of a group of executives bidding to add an NFL expansion in Los Angeles. The franchise was eventually awarded to Houston.

Elway has been golfing on the Celebrity Players Tour and he also films commercials for the several AutoNation USA car dealerships

that carry his name. Elway sold his 17 dealerships to AutoNation for \$82.5 million in 1997.

Though the Arena League does not offer the prominence of the NFL, it could help Elway gain executive experience if he wants to pursue another ownership stake.

It also is a more affordable way to stay involved in pro football. While NFL franchises cost about \$500 million, Arena League teams sell for \$7 million to \$10 million.

Denver is no stranger to the Arena League, a football hybrid known for its quirky rules and high-scoring games. The Denver Dynamite was one of the four inaugural franchises when the Arena League began play in 1987, but the team filed for bankruptcy in 1992.

The league has grown to 19 teams that play in arenas similar to Denver's Pepsi Center, which seats 17,600 to 20,100 depending on the event.

The league season runs from April to August and has a style markedly different from the NFL.

Arena football is played on a 50-yard field that includes nets and padded walls that to keep punts and field goals in play. An average game features about 95 points, and only one Arena League player, Kurt Warner, has made a significant impact in the NFL.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League

East Division

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Tampa Bay.

Central Division

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Minnesota, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City.

West Division

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Seattle, Oakland, Anaheim, Texas.

Thursday's Games

Table listing game results: Chicago Cubs 5, Chicago White Sox 1, Tampa Bay 10, Montreal 0, Florida 9, N.Y. Yankees 3, Cleveland 7, Cincinnati 0, Pittsburgh 2, Kansas City 0, Toronto 2, Philadelphia 1, 11 innings.

N.Y. Mets 4, Boston 2

Atlanta 6, Baltimore 5

Minnesota 13, Milwaukee 5

Detroit 7, St. Louis 5

Texas 6, Colorado 3

Anaheim 4, Arizona 1

Seattle 4, San Francisco 3, 11 innings

Oakland 6, Los Angeles 0

National League

East Division

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Atlanta, Philadelphia, Florida, New York, Montreal.

Central Division

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Chicago, Houston, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati.

West Division

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Arizona, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Colorado.

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5), 1:20 p.m.

Kansas City (Durbin 6-8) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 5-9), 5:05 p.m.

Colorado (Hampton 9-5) at Texas (Helling 5-8), 6:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 12-1) at Florida (Dempster 10-8), 11:05 a.m.

Boston (Arrojo 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 7-4), 11:15 a.m.

Cleveland (Burba 8-6) at Cincinnati (Brower 4-6), 11:15 a.m.

Chicago White Sox (Lowe 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 6-5), 11:15 a.m.

Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-10) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 7-8), 11:35 a.m.

Kansas City (Wilson 2-1) at Pittsburgh (D. Williams 1-1), 11:35 a.m.

Detroit (Holt 6-7) at St. Louis (Morris 10-5), 12:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 7-3) at Seattle (Moyer 9-4), 2:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Prokopec 6-4) at Oakland (Zito 6-6), 2:05 p.m.

Toronto (Hamilton 4-6) at Philadelphia (Figueroa 1-1), 2:05 p.m.

Colorado (Chacon 4-5) at Texas (Davis 4-6), 4 p.m.

Baltimore (Roberts 6-7) at Atlanta (Burkett 6-6), 5:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Milton 8-3) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-5), 5:05 p.m.

San Diego (Jarvis 5-7) at Houston (Miller 11-3), 6:05 p.m.

Arizona (Johnson 11-5) at Anaheim (Washburn 7-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 11:05 a.m.

Toronto at N.Y. Mets, 11:10 a.m.

Detroit at Cincinnati, 11:15 a.m.

Boston at Montreal, 11:35 a.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, 11:35 a.m.

Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, 12:05 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Louis, 12:10 p.m.

Kansas City at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.

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