

Royals beat Cubs 4-2

baseball scoreboard

CHICAGO (AP) — A single off the pitcher's foot. A wild throw. A hit batter. A sacrifice fly.

None of them were big things, really. But add them up — and throw in the Chicago Cubs' nonexistent offense — and it was enough to give the Kansas City Royals a 4-2 victory Monday night.

"Early on, we scored a couple on some errors," said Tony Cogan, who combined with four other Kansas City relievers to hold the Cubs hitless for the last four innings.

"You have to do that. If you don't, you lose," Cogan added. "Just because they make errors doesn't automatically mean you'll win."

Pinch-hitter Raul Ibanez drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning, and Mike Sweeney added an insurance run with a sacrifice fly in the ninth as the Royals won for just the second time in 12 games.

Dan Reichert (8-7) became only the second Kansas City starter to win since June 30, allowing two runs and five hits in five innings.

"We've been pitching a lot better lately," said Roberto Hernandez, who pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save. "One guy gets on a roll, other guys can catch it. Hopefully, that will

happen."

The Cubs, meanwhile, are hoping someone — anyone — can spark their sputtering offense. It's not going to be Fred McGriff, who earlier Monday told the Cubs he was exercising his no-trade clause and staying in Tampa Bay.

"If you bring somebody else in, somebody has to go. That should be realized in there," Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "Somebody has to step up."

The Cubs managed just five hits Monday, giving them a paltry 13 in their last three games. They've scored seven runs in the last four games, and their lead in the NL Central is down to two games, the lowest it's been since June 4.

"I just think everybody has to stay within themselves, not try to do too much," said Delino DeShields, who drove in the Cubs' only runs with a double in the fifth. "The guys have been doing it all year. They've just got to remember what it was like when they were going well."

Kevin Tapani (8-7) gave up three runs — though only one was earned — and six hits as he lost his sixth straight. Tapani hasn't won since June 2, a span of seven starts.

But he isn't getting much help from

his teammates, either. The Cubs have managed just seven runs while he was on the mound in those seven starts.

"It's not where he's blown out of ballgames," Baylor said. "It's two runs here, three runs there. I sympathize with him. He pitches well enough to win most days. It just doesn't happen."

A couple of miscues and a fluke set up the Royals' first two runs. Two batters after Mark Quinn reached on Ricky Gutierrez's error in the second, Joe Randa hit an RBI single off of Tapani's foot.

In the third, DeShields — playing third for the first time ever — set up another run with a wild throw on what should have been a fielder's choice.

"Gave them a couple of runs, that was the ballgame," DeShields said. "I was nervous, but I'm not going to make excuses. I just didn't get the job done."

Notes: By scoring in the ninth, Kansas City blew a chance to end its 21-game road losing streak in one-run games. After managing only one extra-base hit in their first four games after the All-Star break, the Royals had two Monday night. Cubs 2B Eric Young extended his hitting streak to nine games with a single in the fifth. The Cubs are 10-31 when they fail to score four or more runs.

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	54	37	.593	—
Boston	54	38	.587	1/2
Toronto	44	49	.473	11
Baltimore	41	51	.446	13 1/2
Tampa Bay	30	63	.323	25

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	57	35	.620	—
Cleveland	51	39	.567	5
Chicago	45	45	.500	11
Detroit	39	50	.438	16 1/2
Kansas City	36	56	.391	21

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	66	26	.717	—
Oakland	48	44	.522	18
Anaheim	44	48	.478	22
Texas	38	54	.413	28

Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay 9, Atlanta 1	N.Y. Mets 6, Toronto 2	Detroit 8, Cincinnati 5	Boston 8, Montreal 5	Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Milwaukee 2	St. Louis 5, Minnesota 1	Chicago Cubs 2, Kansas City 1	Houston 5, Cleveland 3	Oakland 6, Colorado 3
Florida 7, Baltimore 1	San Diego 5, Anaheim 1	Seattle 8, Arizona 0	San Francisco 7, Texas 6	Monday's Games
Boston 6, Montreal 5	Cincinnati 9, Detroit 1	Florida 4, Baltimore 0	N.Y. Yankees 6, Philadelphia 3, 13	innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Toronto 0	Tampa Bay 6, Atlanta 5	Houston 10, Cleveland 8	Kansas City 4, Chicago Cubs 2	Chicago White Sox 6, Milwaukee 5
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3	Texas 2, San Francisco 0	Anaheim 7, San Diego 5	St. Louis 4, Minnesota 3	Texas 2, San Francisco 0
Arizona 5, Seattle 3	Oakland 5, Colorado 1	San Francisco 7, Texas 6	Wednesday's Games	Texas (Helling 6-8) at Baltimore
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cago Cubs (Bere 6-4), 12:20 p.m. Colorado (Astacio 6-10) at Oakland (Mulder 10-6), 1:35 p.m. San Diego (Jones 5-12) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 7-8), 2:05 p.m. Arizona (B. Anderson 2-5) at Seattle (Abbott 7-2), 2:05 p.m. Boston (Wakefield 6-3) at Montreal (Mattes 2-1), 5:05 p.m. Detroit (Weaver 8-8) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 4-8), 5:05 p.m. Baltimore (Ponson 5-5) at Florida (Burnett 6-5), 5:05 p.m. San Francisco (Rueter 8-6) at Texas (Rogers 5-6), 5:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-8) at Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0), 5:05 p.m. Toronto (Carpenter 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-8), 5:10 p.m. Tampa Bay (Sturtze 4-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-5), 5:35 p.m. Cleveland (Colon 7-7) at Houston (Reynolds 8-8), 6:05 p.m. Minnesota (Lohse 3-0) at St. Louis (Kile 9-7), 6:10 p.m.

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East Division
Philadelphia 52 40 .565 —
Atlanta 51 41 .554 1
Florida 47 46 .505 5 1/2
New York 42 52 .447 11
Montreal 39 54 .419 13 1/2

Central Division
Chicago 53 38 .582 —
Houston 51 40 .560 2

St. Louis 46 45 .506 7
Milwaukee 43 48 .472 10
Pittsburgh 35 56 .385 18
Cincinnati 35 57 .380 18 1/2

West Division
W L Pct GB
Arizona 54 38 .587 —
Los Angeles 51 42 .548 3 1/2
San Francisco 48 45 .516 6 1/2
San Diego 44 49 .473 10 1/2
Colorado 40 52 .435 14

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N.Y. Yankees 6, Philadelphia 3, 13

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Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 6-9), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Matthews 3-4) at Houston (Oswalt 8-1), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Daal 10-2) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-9), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Smith 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Appier 5-9), 5:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 13-4) at San Diego (Williams 6-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Levrault 4-3) at Los Angeles (Park 8-6), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 9-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 10-5), 8:15 p.m.

Chiefs sign player
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Free agent cornerback Corey Harris has agreed to terms of a two-year contract with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Harris, 5-10 and 191 pounds, played at The Citadel for his first two years of college football and finished at North Alabama.

Broncos' new home ready to open

DENVER (AP) — The broncos have arrived at Denver's new football stadium.

A bronze sculpture of seven larger-than-life horses is getting final touches this week on a hill leading to the Denver Broncos' new home, Invesco Field at Mile High.

Artist Sergio Benvenuti of Florence, Italy, designed the sculpture, aptly named "The Broncos."

Benvenuti said Monday it was the largest sculpture he had ever done. He spoke over the sound of whirling saws and communicated through an interpreter.

"It was not the sizes that were a prob-

lem, but to translate in bronze the feeling and the meaning of sport, horses and people," Benvenuti said. "I'm happy with how it came out, but it will be the Denver population that will decide how my work came out."

The sculpture took two years to create and was a gift to the city from Broncos owner Pat Bowlen.

From the nose of the first horse to the tail of the last, the piece is more than 100 feet long. It features a rearing stallion at the front, four horses running together in the middle, and a mare and colt trailing the pack.

Benvenuti noted the significance of seven horses for Denver — future hall-

of-fame quarterback John Elway's No. 7 jersey was retired in 1999.

Benvenuti's sculpture will be officially unveiled Aug. 8 during an evening gala at the field.

The \$400 million stadium is scheduled to open Aug. 11 with a concert by the Eagles. The Broncos play their first game, an exhibition against the New Orleans Saints, on Aug. 25.


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