

# Royals' pitcher not flashy but does the job

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Byrd isn't overpowering or flashy — he just gets the job done.

Brent Mayne's RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning lifted Byrd and the Kansas City Royals to a 2-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Byrd (3-4) allowed five hits and no walks, striking out five in his second straight nine-inning performance. He gave up an RBI single to Magglio Ordonez in the first inning, but did not allow any runners to reach second base thereafter.

"He's not a Roger Clemens-type of guy, where you get mowed down over the course of nine innings," Mayne said. "He can mow you down in different ways."

Byrd beat the Seattle Mariners with a complete game in his previous outing. He has a 2.48 ERA his last four starts.

"Paul is a tough character," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "He kind of pitches backwards, throwing offspeed stuff. He goes slow, slow, slow, then shows the batter the gas to keep him honest."

Keith Foulke (3-6) gave up a one-out walk to Joe Randa and a two-out single to Mark Quinn in the 10th. Mayne then hit Foulke's next pitch to left to score pinch-runner Donnie Sadler from second.

"If I hadn't walked the one guy, we wouldn't have gotten in that situation in the first place," Foulke said. "I'm just not the guy in the 10th inning, I guess. I've had a hard time getting three people out in the 10th."

Roberto Hernandez allowed the tying run to reach third with one out in the bottom half, but got Herbert Perry

to ground out and struck out Mark Johnson for his 18th save in 23 tries.

Ray Durham singled leading off the first inning for Chicago, stole second and scored on Ordonez's RBI single to left-center.

The Royals, who had lost 18 of 25, tied it in the second on Mike Sweeney's 23rd homer off Jon Garland.

Garland, making his sixth start this season, allowed one run and five hits

in six innings.

But Byrd was tougher.

"He was mixing his pitches very well," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said. "We hit a few balls on the nose that were right at people, but he mixed his breaking pitches well."

Earlier in the day, the last-place Royals shipped shortstop Rey Sanchez to Atlanta for two minor leaguers. Last week, Kansas City traded outfielder

Jermaine Dye.

"People keep saying that we are a depleted team," Muser said. "We have guys that can still play the game. We're in last place and still won't give up."

Byrd, who had won only six of his previous 25 decisions, is a perfect example.

"I thought I threw well," he said. "I got the double play a couple times when I needed it."

## Helton tries to help Rockies out of cellar

DENVER (AP) — They lost 29 of their previous 37 games, fell deep into the cellar in the NL West and watched as management traded two of their best players.

The Colorado Rockies were overdue for something good to happen, and Todd Helton made sure it did Tuesday night.

Helton hit his second solo homer, a one-out shot in the ninth inning, and the Rockies defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 7-6 Tuesday night.

Helton's 33rd home run handed the

Phillies their fourth straight loss and third in a row on a walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth.

Asked if the win would boost the players' morale after right-hander Pedro Astacio was traded away on Tuesday and shortstop Neifi Perez departed last week, Helton said, "You hope so. We've got young guys on the team, and you want them to experience winning and what it's like to play at Coors Field."

Jose Jimenez (5-1) pitched the ninth for the win. Cormier (5-5), who entered

the game in the eighth and snuffed a Rockies rally, took the loss.

The Phillies took a 6-2 lead into the bottom of the eighth, when Terry Shumpert tripled off Ricky Bottalico after the Rockies loaded the bases.

Pinch-hitter Larry Walker followed with an RBI double, making it 6-6. The Rockies left the bases loaded, however, when Ortiz grounded into an inning-ending double play.

In the second inning, Helton hit his 32nd homer — a 437-foot shot — to cut the Rockies' deficit to 3-2.

## baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press					Kansas City 2, Chicago White Sox 1, 10 innings					W L Pct GB				
American League					Today's Game					Los Angeles 61 46 .570 —				
East Division					Kansas City (George 0-1) at Chicago					Arizona 60 46 .566 1/2				
W L Pct GB					White Sox (Wright 0-0), 6:05 p.m.					San Francisco 58 49 .542 3				
New York 64 42 .604 —					Thursday's Games					San Diego 51 55 .481 9 1/2				
Boston 60 45 .571 3 1/2					Minnesota (Reed 0-0) at Toronto (Carpenter 7-8), 10:35 a.m.					Colorado 45 61 .424 15 1/2				
Toronto 49 58 .458 15 1/2					Texas (Myette 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-8), 11:05 a.m.					Tuesday's Games				
Baltimore 44 63 .411 20 1/2					Kansas City (Suppan 4-9) at Chicago					Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 10 innings				
Tampa Bay 35 71 .330 29					White Sox (K.Wells 6-6), 6:05 p.m.					Florida 5, Milwaukee 1				
Central Division					National League					St. Louis 6, Atlanta 2				
W L Pct GB					East Division					Colorado 7, Philadelphia 6				
Cleveland 60 45 .571 —					W L Pct GB					Arizona 3, Montreal 1				
Minnesota 60 46 .566 1/2					Atlanta 60 46 .566 —					Chicago Cubs 7, San Diego 3				
Chicago 51 53 .490 8 1/2					Philadelphia 57 49 .538 3					Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 1, 11 innings				
Detroit 46 58 .442 13 1/2					Florida 53 52 .505 6 1/2					San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 7, 11 innings				
Kansas City 42 64 .396 18 1/2					New York 49 58 .458 11 1/2					Today's Game				
West Division					Montreal 45 62 .421 15 1/2					Philadelphia (Wolf 5-10) at Colorado				
W L Pct GB					Central Division					(Neagle 6-5), 7:05 p.m.				
Seattle 76 30 .717 —					W L Pct GB					Thursday's Games				
Oakland 57 49 .538 19					Chicago 62 43 .590 —					Florida (Knotts 0-0) at Milwaukee				
Anaheim 54 52 .509 22					Houston 58 48 .547 4 1/2					(Levrault 4-6), 12:05 p.m.				
Texas 48 58 .453 28					St. Louis 53 51 .510 8 1/2					Philadelphia (Coggins 1-1) at Colorado				
Tuesday's Games					Milwaukee 45 59 .433 16 1/2					(Thomson 0-3), 1:05 p.m.				
Anaheim 4, Boston 3					Cincinnati 42 63 .400 20					Pittsburgh (McKnight 1-0) at San Francisco (Rueter 10-7), 1:35 p.m.				
Toronto 3, Minnesota 1					Pittsburgh 41 64 .391 21					Montreal (Vazquez 9-10) at Arizona				
Detroit 4, Seattle 2					West Division					(Lopez 0-1), 2:35 p.m.				
Texas 6, N.Y. Yankees 2					Chicago Cubs (Bere 7-5) at San Diego					(Williams 7-8), 3:05 p.m.				
Oakland 11, Cleveland 2														
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4														

## Big Stix play well but fail to place

By Sharon Corcoran  
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Big Stix played well but suffered disappointment at the state softball tournament in Salina.

The girls' 12-and-under fast pitch team began traveling to games the first week of June and finished the season with a 24-9 record. The team won the Regional Tournament July 7 and 8 in Hill City to qualify for the state contest, which was held July 20-22.

At Salina, pitcher Dani Bedore threw a shut-out with the team winning their first game against the Wichita Shockers 11-0.

"The game was the best of the year," Coach Andy Scheopner said. "The girls hit the ball well and fielded well."

Bedore suffered losses in the other two games, as the Big Stix lost to the Alma Prairie Fire 7-5 and to the Wathena Bernie's Amoco team 10-9.

Scheopner said she pitched well.

Bedore and Chelsea Gray led the offense for the Big Stix in the tournament with five hits each. Gray also scored six runs and had three RBIs while Bedore scored three runs, had five RBIs and hit a double.

Melissa Swager and Justeen Koehler each had four hits and a double and scored two runs. Swager had three RBI and Koehler had one.

Shandel Simon hit three, including a double, batting in three. She scored four runs.

Whitney Archer and Lindsay Shields each had two hits and scored two runs. Shields also had three RBIs.

Jenna McCall, May Davis, Vanessa Crotinger and Emily Linden each scored one run, but McCall was the only one with a hit.

Only eight of the 35 teams that participated at state placed, Scheopner said, and the Big Stix were not among them.

Both of the teams that beat the Big Stix placed, he said, with Alma finishing fourth and Wathena finishing seventh.

The games with Alma and Wathena were close, Scheopner said.

"Those games could have gone either way," he said. "We just didn't get the breaks we needed."

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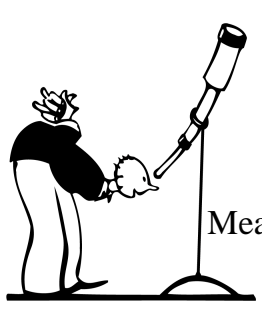
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