

Royals lose in tenth

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Tim Salmon found his hitting stroke and closer Troy Percival lost his touch on the same night.

After Salmon hit two homers and Percival gave up a three-run homer to Carlos Beltran to blow his third save of the season, Anaheim catcher Bengie Molina delivered the winning blow. His single with two outs in the 10th inning gave the Anaheim Angels a 7-6 victory Thursday night over the Kansas City Royals.

Although Molina's hit sent the crowd of 13,763 home happy, what preceded it gave Angels fans reason for both celebration and concern.

Salmon, who entered the series in a season-long slump in which he is hitting for a lower average (.233) than at any time since his rookie year, hit two homers for a season-high four RBIs. With his 14th and 15th homers Thursday and three hits on Wednesday, the 33-year-old outfielder raised his average nine points in three games.

"All year long, it's been analyze this, analyze that," Salmon said of his hitting approach. "Now I'm not really

thinking about it. I'm just reacting."

Salmon was a career .291 hitter entering this season. He hasn't hit less than 20 homers in any season in which he's played more than 100 games.

Percival's problems were chalked up to a bad night.

"Percy has been so good for so long that you knew one of these nights it would come along," Angels Manager Mike Scioscia said.

Percival, who led the league with a 95 percent save rate, came within one out of recording another.

Percival retired the first two batters in the ninth, but pinch-hitter Raul Ibanez and Neifi Perez reached on infield singles.

Beltran then hit a 2-1 pitch over the right-center field fence for his 18th homer this season.

"There's been a term that's been in baseball since I've been around," Scioscia said. "It's bloop and bombs."

The Angels finally won the game on a solid single.

Molina, who has struck out twice in his first three at-bats, lined a pitch from Roberto Hernandez into right field to

score Garret Anderson with the winning run.

"When no one's on base, I work the count and I'm not as aggressive," Molina said. "But when people are on base, my head concentrates on being better."

Anderson and Troy Glaus both singled off Hernandez (4-5) to start the 10th. After Scott Spiezio and Salmon flied out, Molina delivered.

Mike Holtz (1-1) pitched a perfect inning for the victory.

Salmon's two home runs and a two-run double by Anderson gave Anaheim a 6-1 lead, but Mark Quinn hit a two-run double in the eighth off Angels reliever Al Levine to cut it to 6-3.

Anaheim starter Scott Schoenweiss went 7 1/3 innings, allowing three runs and six hits. Anderson opened the scoring for Anaheim with a two-run double in the first inning. He has 108 RBIs this season.

Kansas City made it 4-1 in the third on Beltran's RBI single. Beltran went 4-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs.

Royals starter Paul Byrd pitched five innings, allowing six runs on nine hits.

Catch of the day



Julian Walls, number 20, was ready to catch the pass despite heavy Hoxie coverage in the eighth grade football game. The Grant Junior High Mustangs traveled to Hoxie yesterday to play the Tigers. The seventh grade Mustangs beat the Tigers 16-6 but the eighth grade team lost 34-6.

Photo by Sheila Smith/The Goodland Daily News

Chiefs face rival in opener

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — An extra reason to be hated in Kansas City is just about the last thing Oakland needs.

Arrowhead Stadium always rocks when the Raiders hit town anyway. It's a colorful, flavorful rivalry that dates back to the 1960s. But this time there's more.

It's the season opener, for one, and

that's always a time of excitement.

More importantly, Sunday's game will usher in the Dick Vermeil/Trent Green era for an army of Chiefs fans who haven't bubbled with this much optimism in nearly a decade.

"Everybody knows about Arrowhead. It's going to be fanatical," said Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon.

For the first time since Hank Stram

was in charge in the early 1970s, the Chiefs have a head coach who's won a Super Bowl. Not since Joe Montana arrived in 1993 have they had a quarterback everybody was eager to see.

"In Arrowhead Stadium, with the noise and the genuine enthusiasm for opening day, it's going to make it a very difficult game for the Raiders," said Oakland coach Jon Gruden.

K-State to play football at Coliseum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Snyder, who has transformed the traditionally mediocre Kansas State football program into a national power, will pace the sidelines again at the Coliseum, where he got his first taste of big-time college football 35 years ago.

Snyder, a native of St. Joseph, Mo., and a former defensive back at William Jewell College, served as a graduate assistant on John McKay's Southern California staff in 1966 while working

on his doctorate.

"I was awfully young at the time and enjoyed my experiences at USC, and at Indio and Foothill High as well," said the 62-year-old Snyder, who went on to coach high school teams in the California cities of Indio and Santa Ana. "I think that we were out there (in California) for nine years and three children. We have some fond memories, and had an opportunity to meet some great people and coaches as

well."

All of which doesn't mean Snyder, one win shy of 100 career victories, and the 12th-ranked Wildcats will be greeted with open arms when they open their season Saturday with their first game ever against USC (1-0).

Kansas State hasn't lost a regular-season game against a non-conference team since 1992, a stretch of 28 games. The Trojans, though, aren't just any non-league opponent.

speedway results

Saturday's Race Results
Bomber Heat 1
1. 11 Michael Shannon, Atwood
2. 25 Jeremy Blackwell, Quinter
3. 13X Keith Stegman, Lamar, Colo.
4. 5S Allen Sneathen, Colby
5. 20 Kent Moss/Kevin Horn, Colby
Bomber Heat 2
1. 33 Wayne Williams, Wiley, Colo.
2. 43J Jerod Smades, Goodland
3. 87M Johnny Ohrman/Ed Wright, Colby
4. 86 Shawn Salisbury, Lamar, Colo.
5. 31 Alex West, Goodland
Cash Dash: 11 Michael Shannon, Atwood
Main
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10. 25 Jeremy Blackwell, Quinter
2001 Track Champion: 11 Michael Shannon, Atwood

Stock Heat 1
1. 6T Randy Tipton, Weskan
2. 54S Earl Shannon, Atwood
3. 68 Brad Hopkins, Eads, Colo.
4. 6 Joe Shoup, Lamar, Colo.
5. 2 Darin Honeyman, Oakley
Stock Heat 2
1. 41 Ron Hill, Sharon Springs
2. 55 Wheat Lippelmann, Colby
3. 17R Casey Rhea, Sharon Springs
4. 24 Randy Long, Wiley, Colo.
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Modified Heat 1
1. 21 Darren DeLoach, Lamar, Colo.
2. 34H Doug Holzmeister, Colby

3. 9 Monty Nordyke, Holly, Colo.
4. 8 Frank Perez, Lamar, Colo.
5. 21 John Icke, Colby
6. 81 Rick Erickson, Peyton, Colo.
Modified Heat 2
1. 75 Ken Maloney, Kingsburg, Colo.
2. 3 Brady Coen, Wiley, Colo.
3. 2D Dwayne DeChant, Lamar, Colo.
4. 81X Chris Remeter, Denver, Colo.
5. 383 Milo Lippelmann, Oberlin
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KU to face tougher bears

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — A bigger, tougher band of bears is headed to Kansas this week.

Beating the Southwest Missouri State Bears 24-10, a team picked sixth in the Division I-AA Gateway Conference, was fine as far as it went for pressure-ridden Terry Allen and his lightly regarded Jayhawks.

But providing the opposition this week are the Bruins of UCLA, ranked No. 14 in NCAA Division I-A. They're fresh off a comeback win at always-tough Alabama where they had no turnovers and only one pen-

alty. "It'll be a different kind of bear," agreed Allen.

The Bruins will be the first in a parade of seemingly insurmountable opponents who form one of the nation's toughest schedules. Also in the Jayhawks' future are Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas State and Texas.

"They're going to be amped up and ready to play," said DeShaun Foster, who gained 110 yards on 24 carries against Alabama.

"Everybody gets up for UCLA." While they may be outmanned,

the Jayhawks will not be without a few advantages themselves. The Bruins' game at Alabama was a night affair. Their kickoff in Lawrence a week later will be at 9:30 a.m. California time. After such a big win in Tuscaloosa, then having to play on the road again at an odd hour against a big underdog, the Bruins might be ripe for a letdown.

"It's probably not a bad time to catch them," said Allen. "Much has been made of that. Had that been a younger team without the seniors, it might have a little more impact."

Barry Bonds amazed by 60th homer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — There was a word for 60 home runs when Barry Bonds was growing up: impossible. Only Babe Ruth and Roger Maris had done it in those days.

"That was a number, there was just no way," he said. "No one will ever hit that."

Bonds on Thursday became the fifth player in baseball history to hit 60 home runs in a season, connecting in the second inning of San Francisco's game against Arizona.

Even Bonds, who has been nonchalant about his home-run pace this season, was amazed. "That one was impressive. I couldn't believe it," he said. "It's been a pretty good year."

Bonds joined Babe Ruth (60 in 1927), Roger Maris (61 in 1961), Mark McGwire (70 in 1998; 65 in 1999) and Sammy Sosa (66 in 1998; 63 in 1999). Bonds hit his 60th homer in the Giants' 141st game, reaching the mark faster than the other four sluggers. McGwire, the previous fastest to 60, needed 142 games in 1998, the year he set the record with 70 home runs in a season.

Bonds' milestone came off Arizona starter Albie Lopez (3-5). It was a two-out curveball on a 2-2 count.

The sellout crowd at Pacific Bell

Park jumped up as the high-arching hit sailed over the right-field wall. Jeff Kent, who had been waiting on deck, high-fived a smiling Bonds as he crossed home plate.

As the fans chanted "Barry! Barry!" Bonds made a curtain call and tipped his cap.

"You couldn't write a better story. You couldn't dream of anything better," Bonds said. "It's just unbelievable."

The ball bounced on the walkway between the right-field wall and McCovey Cove and was scooped up by an unknown fan.

Ed Martinez of San Mateo, Calif., was out on the walkway and saw it all.

"Suddenly, all the heads above me in the stands look up like the ball is com-

ing this way," he said. "It goes over the wall and bounces and takes this weird spin, and this guy dives on it."

The Giants went on to win the game 9-5, narrowing Arizona's lead over San Francisco in the NL West to 1 1/2 games. San Francisco pulled even with the idle Chicago Cubs for the wild card lead.

Rich Aurilia hit a solo homer and a two-run single, and John Vander Wal and Ramon Martinez each drove in two runs. Aaron Fultz (3-1) relieved starter Ryan Jennings for the win.

But the focus was on the Giants' enigmatic left fielder.

"Sixty home runs, I'm finding out, is not that easy to do," said Arizona's Luis Gonzalez, who has 51 homers himself.

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3rd-4th grade
Team #2 over Team #1 22-0
Team #3 tied Team #4 12-12
5th & 6th Grade
Team #1 over Team #2 22-12

Team #3 over Team #4 20-6
Team #5 over Team #6 12-8
Week Two (only 1-4 grade played no labor day games)
1-2 grade
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Team #2 over Team #3 19-6
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