

Royals talking to Sweeney

HAINES CITY, Mo. (AP) — Failing to keep Mike Sweeney could cost the Kansas City Royals a lot more than just 30 home runs and 120 RBIs a year. In the eyes of many fans and players, the credibility of a struggling organization that's already been reduced to giving tickets away could be at stake.

"If they lose Mike, there's going to be a pretty big fan base out there that won't be coming to Kauffman Stadium," said third baseman Joe Randa. "It's a pressure situation."

The pressure seems to rest entirely on the Royals. They failed to act two years ago when Sweeney was seeking a long-term contract, thinking it would be smart to wait until a new collective bargaining agreement with the players union was reached.

Talks finally began last week with agents for their popular power-hitting first baseman, who will make about \$7.8 million in this second season of two-year deal.

But time is short. The Royals' best player since George Brett was in his heyday insists that if nothing is done by the start of the season on April 1, talks will end.

Rockies beat Oakland

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Jose Ortiz doubled twice and drove in two runs against his former team Tuesday as the Colorado Rockies defeated the Oakland Athletics 5-2.

Ortiz, traded to Colorado in July in a three-team deal, hit a two-run double off starter Barry Zito in the sixth. He doubled again in the third and scored on Jason Jennings' single.

Juan Uribe hit a two-run homer off Zito.

Zito retired the first six batters he faced. He gave up five runs and seven hits in six innings, his longest start of the spring.

Jennings, competing for a spot as Colorado's No. 5 starter, allowed two runs on eight hits over six innings. He gave up RBI singles to Mark Ellis and Greg Myers.

Eric Chavez scored both Oakland runs and went 3-for-3.

Working the net



Matthias Goodley worked on his tennis game when the Goodland High School boys tennis team practiced Tuesday at Steever Park. The team started practice on Monday. The junior varsity team's first meet is Monday, April 1, and the first varsity match is Tuesday, April 9.
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Kids wrestle in sub-district

The Goodland wrestling club competed in the sub-district tournament in Hays on Saturday.

Those who placed fourth or higher will compete in the district meet Saturday in Goodland. Fifth place winners are considered alternates, and will wrestle if one of the top four placers cannot.

Goodland will be represented by 42 wrestlers in the tournament, and 12 Goodland kids will wrestle in the special 6 and under bracket.

Results were:

Eight and under: Laine Herl, first, 88 pounds; Austin Avelar, second, 49 pounds; Alex Nelson, fifth, 55 pounds; Seth Miller, fifth, 58 pounds; Mikail Freeman, Nathaniel Smith and Jace Cowan, participated.

Ten and under: Teather Dautel, first, 64; Nathan Deeds, second, 79 pounds; Paul Starr, second, 82 pounds; Timothy Roeder, third, 64 pounds; Keegan Smith, third, 90; Ryan Taylor, third, 95; Erik Roeder, fifth, 73; Chance Davis, participated.

Twelve and under: A.J. Stephens, first, 84; Aaron Deeds, first, 92; Brett Schields, first, 96; Kerek Mason, second, 80; Phillip Bullington, second, 92; Josiah Goodley, second, 120; Michael Ledesma, third, 80; Ben Davis, third,

88; T.J. Hawkins, third, 115; Jordan Albers, fourth, 72; Preston Dautel, fourth, 76; Casey Henderson, fourth, 120; Nicholas Smith, fourth, 130; Bobby Doxon, fourth, 165; Andrew Miller, fifth, 84; Clay Schilling, fifth, 165; Michael Klinge, sixth, 72; Allen Normandin, Jonathan McClung, Adrienne West, Jason Krayca and Jordan Roane, participated.

Sixteen and under: Brock Whitmore, first, 115; Blayze Bahe, first, 120; Matthias Goodley, first, 125; Dustin Klinge, first, 140; Jordan Bedore, first, 215; Taylor Brack, second, 160; Tyrel Rall, fourth, 125; Malcolm White, fourth, 130; Brandon Linden, fourth, 165; Landon West, fourth, 215; John Renteria, fifth, 140; Michael Middleton, sixth, 165.

Other Tournaments

Ian Bonsall competed in a separate meet in Wray, Colo. on Saturday. He won first place in the 6 and under division, 61 pound bracket.

Brandon Lindin won first place in the 16 and under division, 165 pounds, in Phillipsburg, and Johnathan Pedan won first in the 6 and under division in Atwood on March 9.

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies' League March 11

Bowladium Lanes over Callahan's 4-0
KLOE over Medical Arts Pharmacy 3-1
Mann's Jewelry over Clawson's 3-1
High individual game: Sherri Mull-206
High individual series: Diana Nichols-551
Team high game: KLOE-631
Team high series: KLOE-1,756
Standings: Bowladium Lanes 29, 3; KLOE 19 1/2, 16 1/2; Medical Arts Pharmacy 19, 17.

Thursday Night Mixed League March 14

Half Fast Four split Grannies & the Gramps 2-2
McDonald's over Weis Oil 3-1
SunAmerica over Charlie's Angels 3-1
Goodland Development Corp split Our Team 2-2
Mex & Company over Blind Team
High women's game: Suzie Butts-210
High women's series: Diana Nichols-517
High men's game: Steve Colby-215
High men's series: Dave Hovis-582
High team game: Mex & Company-884
High team series: Mex & Company-2,460
Standings: The Grannies & the Gramps 15, 5; Goodland Development Corp. 14, 6; Weis Oil 13, 7

Happy Our Bowling League March 14

B&B Electric over Wheatridge Farm 3 to 1
Konorado COOP over Rasure Lumber 3 to 1
KMA over Pocket Rockets 3 to 1
Bowladium Lanes over blind team 4 to 0.
High individual game: Harold Gillihan-249
High team game: Bowladium Lane-864
High individual series: Harold Gillihan-661
High team series: Bowladium Lanes-2,407
Standings: Wheatridge Farms 15, 5; Bowladium Lanes 14, 6; Rasure Lumber 13, 7

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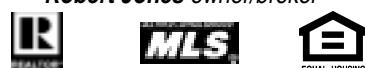
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