

Royals announce manager

By Doug Tucker
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Houston Astros bench coach Tony Pena will be the new manager of the Kansas City Royals, sources familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press Wednesday. A formal announcement was expected later in the day.

Other finalists for the job had included Bucky Dent, manager of the Royals' Triple-A Omaha team and John Mizerock, who took over the Royals as interim manager after the team fired Tony Muser.

A Royals official confirmed late Tuesday that ESPN analyst and former major league manager Buck Showalter would not be offered the job. Showalter had been one of the finalists.

General Manager Allard Baird emerged from his Kauffman Stadium office shortly after 3 a.m. Wednesday and invited waiting reporters to join him for breakfast at a restaurant, but said he would have no announcement until later in the day.

A news conference was set for 1 p.m. at Kauffman Stadium.

"There still is one guy I have not been able to contact," Baird said. "I am not going to say anything until I have been able to talk to all the parties involved."

Asked about speculation in Houston that the job would go to Pena, Baird said, "They can say whatever they want in Houston. I'm not going to say anything else."

Asked whether the new manager would be in the dugout for Wednesday night's game, Baird wouldn't say.

Mizerock, who managed in the Royals' minor league system for nine seasons before joining the big league club this year, was 4-8 as interim manager going into Tuesday night's game.

"We're all behind him. We all support him," said third baseman Joe Randa. "We all hope he gets the job. He knows most of these players through the minor league system. And the guys he hasn't worked with in the minor league system, he's been with them through spring training."

"I love Rock. I've said it all along," said catcher A. J. Hinch, who tied a career-high with four RBIs. "I love the atmosphere he creates, his character, the way he comes to the park. You're seeing a much looser clubhouse."

Without offering any details, Sweeney said the players' views had been communicated to Baird.

"Whatever decision Allard makes, we're going to honor it and respect it," Sweeney said. "But we feel Rock's our guy."

Mizerock said he appreciated the players' support. "It's nice to know. But if it's not me, the next guy to come in is going to have qualities they'll like," he said. "Just because some guys like me, that's not going to be an overbearing factor in my selection or not."

Getting ready for regionals



Junior Landon West practiced throwing a javelin Tuesday at the Goodland High School track. The track teams will compete in the regional meet Friday in Chapman.
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Marlins end Rockies' streak

By John Mossman
The Associated Press

DENVER — Clint Hurdle knew he wasn't going to stay undefeated forever at Coors Field.

After seven straight home victories since taking over as the Colorado Rockies manager on April 26, Hurdle lost for the first time Tuesday night.

Josh Beckett pitched six strong innings, Derrek Lee hit a tiebreaking triple in the seventh and the Florida Marlins prevailed 6-2 before a record-low crowd of 28,651 at Coors Field.

The NL East-leading Marlins won for the ninth time in 12 games.

"Tonight you saw one of the reasons why they're where they are in the standings," Hurdle said. "They have some good arms, some power, some speed."

"Beckett is a good young arm. He has a live fastball. Tonight he had good command and mixed in his breaking ball. It's the first time I've seen him. He's as good as advertised."

One day shy of his 22nd birthday, Beckett showed why he was the second overall pick in the June 1999 draft. He scattered three hits over six innings, allowing just two runs — both on home runs.

Beckett (1-2), making his first start since April 28 after a stint on the disabled list because of a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand, showed no ill effects from his injury.

"My location was there, and that's always a huge thing," Beckett said. "I didn't throw many curves because I

was locating my fastball.

"It's nice to be healthy. I didn't have any problems at all with my finger."

Marlins manager Jeff Torborg said Beckett "was outstanding. You have to realize he hasn't rehabbed. He sat out for 17 days since his last start. All his work has been on the side."

With the score tied 2-2, Mike Lowell led off the seventh with a single off Denny Neagle (3-2).

Lowell scored when Lee's drive went off the wall just inside the left-field foul pole and caromed back toward the infield. Lee then scored on Neagle's wild pitch.

"I knew Derrek Lee was swinging on a 3-0 count right there," Neagle said. "He's an aggressive guy. I needed to stay stubborn. I should have thrown a sinker there. But I threw him a get-me-over four-seam fastball. He was looking for something over the heart of the plate, and I gave it to him."

Florida scored two more runs in the eighth. After a walk and Cliff Floyd's double, Lowell had a sacrifice fly off Rick White. Another run scored on White's wild pitch.

Colorado threatened in the eighth, loading the bases with one out against Oswaldo Mairena.

But Vladimir Nunez struck out Jose Ortiz and got pinch-hitter Terry Shupert on a groundout. Nunez got the last five outs for his eighth save in 10 opportunities.

"We left 10 men on base, they only left four," Hurdle said. "That's one of the reasons why we didn't win."

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Florida	22	17	.564	—
Montreal	20	19	.513	2
New York	20	19	.513	2
Atlanta	19	21	.475	3 1/2
Philadelphia	17	22	.436	5

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	23	15	.605	—
Pittsburgh	19	18	.514	3 1/2
St. Louis	19	20	.487	4 1/2
Houston	17	21	.447	6
Chicago	13	24	.351	9 1/2
Milwaukee	12	27	.308	11 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	25	13	.658	—
Arizona	24	15	.615	1 1/2
Los Angeles	22	17	.564	3 1/2
San Diego	20	19	.513	5 1/2
Colorado	17	22	.436	8 1/2

Monday's Games				
Arizona 11, Pittsburgh 0				
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 0				
Houston 17, Philadelphia 3				
St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 0				

Tuesday's Games				
St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 2				
Pittsburgh 2, Arizona 1				
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3				
Houston 5, Philadelphia 1				

Wednesday's Games				
San Diego 7, Montreal 3				
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 13 innings				
San Francisco 7, Atlanta 6, 11 innings				

Thursday's Games				
San Francisco 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 13 innings				
San Francisco 2, Atlanta 0				

Friday's Games				
Arizona (Helling 3-4) at Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 3-4), 5:05 p.m.				

Atlanta (Maddux 3-2) at San Francisco (L. Hernandez 4-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Haynes 2-4) at Milwaukee (Stull 0-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Padilla 5-2) at Houston (C. Hernandez 3-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-5) at St. Louis (W. Williams 0-0), 6:10 p.m.				

Saturday's Games				
Florida (Burnett 5-2) at Colorado (Jennings 3-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Vazquez 2-2) at San Diego (Tankersley 0-0), 8:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 2-3) at Los Angeles (Ishii 6-0), 8:10 p.m.				

Sunday's Games				
Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-3), 11:05 A.m.				
Florida (Tavarez 1-2) at Colorado (Hampton 1-5), 1:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Marquis 1-2) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 1:35 p.m.				

Monday's Games				
Pittsburgh (Fogg 5-1) at Houston (Oswalt 4-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Coggin 0-1) at Arizona (Johnson 6-1), 7:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-2), 8:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Ohka 3-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 2-3), 8:10 p.m.				

Tuesday's Games				
Boston 26, New York 18				
Baltimore 25, Toronto 13				
Tampa Bay 11, Detroit 11				

Wednesday's Games				
Minnesota 23, Chicago 22				
Cleveland 18, Kansas City 13				
Detroit 11, Tampa Bay 11				

Thursday's Games				
Minnesota (Lohse 2-0) at Kansas City (George 0-3), 12:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Zito 3-2) at Boston (F. Castillo 2-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Pineiro 3-0) at Toronto (Prokopec 2-4), 5:05 p.m.				

Friday's Games				
Anaheim (Sele 3-2) at Detroit (Redman 0-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Lopez 5-0) at Cleveland (Colon 4-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (O. Hernandez 4-1), 5:05 p.m.				

Saturday's Games				
Texas (Valdes 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 3-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Milton 4-3) at Kansas City (Stein 0-1), 6:05 p.m.				

Sunday's Games				
Oakland (Hiljus 3-2) at Boston (Lowe 5-1), 5:05 p.m.				
Anaheim (Sele 3-2) at Detroit (Redman 0-4), 5:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Lopez 5-0) at Cleveland (Colon 4-3), 5:05 p.m.				

W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	26	12	.684
Anaheim	21	16	.568
Oakland	18	20	.474
Texas	18	20	.474

Monday's Game

Minnesota 3, Kansas City 2

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 6, Seattle 3
Boston 6, Oakland 2
Anaheim 9, Detroit 2
Cleveland 6, Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 15, Texas 4

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Moyer 3-1) at Toronto (Lyon 1-3), 5:05 p.m.
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Anaheim (Sele 3-2) at Detroit (Redman 0-4), 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 2-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-4), 5:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (D. Wells 4-1), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 3-4), 5:05 p.m.

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	9	.743
New York	25	14	.641
Baltimore	18	20	.474
Toronto	13	23	.361
Tampa Bay	11	26	.297

Friday's Games

Minnesota 23, Chicago 22
Cleveland 18, Kansas City 13
Detroit 11, Tampa Bay 11

W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	26	12	.684
Anaheim	21	16	.568
Oakland	18	20	.474
Texas	18	20	.474

High school sells naming rights to stadium

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — Former Dorman High School football standout Ryan Sims, the Kansas City Chiefs first-round draft pick in April, has given \$100,000 to his old school in exchange for the naming rights to a new baseball stadium.

The field will be named after Sims' father, Ronnie Sims, a former Triple A pitcher with the Boston Red Sox organization and who helped Dorman to its first-ever state championship of any kind in 1971. The announcement came

Tuesday. "My father always has been so supportive of me and helped to mold me into what I am today," said Ryan Sims, a defensive tackle who still has not signed a contract with the Chiefs. "This is just one way I can honor him and give back to him, as well as to this community, which has been so good to me."

The new Dorman High School will open this fall and also will include a football stadium and athletics complex.

The Palladian Group, a Spartanburg-based public relations company, has been helping Spartanburg County School District Six pursue naming rights for athletic and fine arts facilities for the new campus. The group will get 12.5 percent commission — about \$8,000 for the baseball stadium — plus expenses.

It is the first naming rights agreement in South Carolina involving a public school and is among the largest in the country.

bowling results

Wednesday Morning Coffee League

April 24
BEMs over Mr. Jim's 4-0
McClung's Appliance over Brady Bunch 4-0
WOF over Lonnie's Quality Auto Body 3-1

High individual game: Lori Amthor-204
High individual series: Lori Amthor-602
High team game: WOF-479
High team series: WOF-1,366
Final Standings: Lonny's Quality Auto Body 73, 59; BEMs 71 1/2, 60 1/2; McClung's Appliance 69, 63; WOF 62, 70; Brady Bunch 61, 71; Mr. Jim's 59, 73.

Tuesday Nite Alibi League

Shelter over Best Foods 3-1
Ahead of the Times over Bumper Babes 4-0
Hitchcock's over Safari Steakhouse 4-0

High individual game: Nancy Kear-252
High individual series: Calli McDaniel-645
High team game: Shelter Insurance-830
High team series: Shelter Insurance-2,320
Standings: Shelter Insurance 91, 37; Ahead of the Times 79, 49; Hitchcock's 71 1/2, 56 1/2; Best Foods 49 1/2, 78 1/2; Safari Steakhouse 47 1/2, 80 1/2; Bumper Babes 46 1/2, 81 1/2

Girls' roster for summer

The following league was left out of the city/county recreation rosters published Friday. The season runs from June 3 to July 19.

Girls Major League Grades 4-6

KC's Video
Coach: Grady & Janice Bonsall
Alison Milke, Debra Dawdy, Jennie Cole, Jessica Bauman, Julica Bonsall, Lexi David, Michelle Smith, Natasha Hillman, Renea Reasoner, Shawnie Butts

Kiwanis
Coaches: Brian & Julie Horney
Chelsey Horney, Courtney Sheldon, D.J. Hartsuicker, Hannah Blake, Hannah West, Heather West, Heidi Lawson, Jennifer Pennington, Kathy Wood, Kylie Buller

Golden Chiropractic Clinic
Coach: Randy Gausman
Alexis Bateman, Amber Walls, Cassandra Sandoval, Chelsie Gausman, Erica Fenner, Jessica Geist, Samantha Raymer, Tiffany Wing, Vanessa Perez

Goodland racers compete

Four Goodland drivers started the racing season Saturday by competing at the Sherman County Speedway.

A total of 40 cars turned out for the races.

Results were:
Cruisers: Heat 1: Chris Harris/Deven Koehn, Colby; Heat 2: Brad Wagner, Colby; Heat 3: Jeff Lockie, Burlington. Cash dash: Mike Giesenhagen, Smades, Williams, Schemm, Ohrman, Phillips, Smith, Snethen, West, Smith, Steven, Locke.

Modified: Heat 1: Dwayne Dechant, Lamar, Colo.; Heat 2: Dwayne DeLoach, Lamar; Wayne Houston, Aurora, Colo.; Heat 3: Matt Giesenhagen, Colby; Adam Smith, Weskan; Jeff Lockie, Burlington. Cash dash: Mike Giesenhagen, Smades, Williams, Schemm, Ohrman, Phillips, Smith, Snethen, West, Smith, Steven, Locke.

Bombers: Heat 1: Mike Giesenhagen, Colby; Alex West, Goodland; Johnny Ohrman, Colby; Billy Phillips, Menlo; Allen Snethen, Levant. Heat 2: Jared

Gambino's Pizza
Coach: Marlin Hillmer
Amanda Amthor, Angie Hillmer, Brandi Bahe, Brooke Lennington, Cassie Cooper, Danielle Pettibone, Gabby Winn, Holly Kibel, Jessica Hatfield, Shayla Matthews

Bankwest
Coach: Schyler Goodwin
Amber Douglas, Andrea Wolak, Ashley Garza, Devon Igo, Hollie Langley, Jessica Perez, Katie Clancy, Melissa Holloway, Mindi Keith, Tiffany Bracelin

Golden Chiropractic Clinic
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Alexis Bateman, Amber Walls, Cassandra Sandoval, Chelsie Gausman, Erica Fenner, Jessica Geist, Samantha Raymer, Tiffany Wing, Vanessa Perez

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