

# Avalanche edge out Red Wings in overtime

DETROIT (AP) — This is Chris Drury's season. The playoffs and overtime bring out his best, and so do the Detroit Red Wings.

Drury was at it again Monday night, scoring at 2:17 of overtime as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Red Wings 4-3 to even the Western Conference finals at 1-1.

This was his 10th career game-winning goal in the playoffs — third in overtime.

Four have come against the Red Wings. The only player in franchise history with more game-winners in the playoffs is Joe Sakic with 14.

"Chris Drury is one of the best

money players we can have on our team," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in Denver.

"I think everybody knows how big of a win this is for us," Sakic said. "You go home 0-2, it puts all the pressure on us to win both games. It's the best-of-five now. We seem to have home-ice advantage. But, you know, in the playoffs that doesn't mean a heck of a lot really."

The Eastern Conference finals are also 1-1, with the Toronto Maple Leafs at home against the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

The Avalanche were pushed to seven games in the first two rounds against Los Angeles and San Jose. They won't be surprised by another long series.

"It's going to be a battle all the way to the end," said Colorado's Alex Tanguay, who scored first on Monday. "Both teams are hungry for a Stanley Cup. It's what hockey is all about."

Hockey, especially playoff hockey, also is about bouncing back, and Patrick Roy has proved a master at it. He made 30 saves to improve to 10-0 following a playoff loss in which Colorado allows at least five goals. The Avalanche lost the opener 5-3.

"I see it more as a team stat," Roy

said. Colorado took a 1-0 lead in the first, a 2-1 lead in the second and a 3-2 lead in the third, on goals from Tanguay, Peter Forsberg and Greg de Vries. But Roy couldn't hold the advantage.

Each time, the Red Wings answered later in the period to tie it with goals from Boyd Devereaux, Kirk Maltby and Nicklas Lidstrom.

"It was great to bail Patty out for once because he's always there for us," said Forsberg, who had a goal and three assists.

Forsberg moved past Toronto's Gary Roberts to take over the lead in the playoff point-scoring race with 23.

While Forsberg and Sakic have starred for Colorado in this series, Red Wings standouts Brendan Shanahan and Sergei Fedorov have not.

"Our big guys have got to get going," Detroit coach Scotty Bowman said. "It's a tight series and, you know, there is not much room out there."

Drury credited Forsberg, his linemate, for making his job easier and said his latest goal was just another example.

After Detroit failed to clear the puck, Forsberg skated patiently with the puck, then took a shot on Dominik Hasek. Steven Reinprecht got the rebound and set up Drury, who made a

move around defenseman Jiri Fisher and easily beat Hasek.

"I'm pretty lucky to be next to this guy," said Drury, motioning to Forsberg. "I don't think they were watching me, they were watching him."

Hasek, who made 22 saves, didn't like his team's latest performance.

"It should be a wake-up call for us," Hasek said. "The way we played, myself included, we did not deserve to win. ... They were flying and we couldn't stop them."

Following the game, several players pushed and shoved each other, but no fights ensued.

# New Cardinal hurler leads team to victory

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Woody Williams threw another gem for his new team.

The St. Louis right-hander worked six shutout innings in a 7-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night, and hasn't allowed an earned run in 12 innings since coming off the disabled list.

"I know every fifth day I have to be at my best and give it my all, that's what I play for," Williams said. "I'm not going to change the world or change this team by any means, but I feel my job is to give them a chance to win every time."

Williams was 58-62 before coming to the Cardinals last August. He strained a muscle in his left side in his season debut April 5. He's 8-1 with a 2.02 ERA since joining the team in a deal that sent Ray Lankford to the Padres, and beat Randy Johnson in the playoffs last fall.

Williams said the difference with the Cardinals is preparation. Pitching coach Dave Duncan and bench coach Marty Mason keep him well supplied with information about the opponent.

"With all the statistics and the film they have and the tendencies of the hitters, it makes it that much easier when

I get out there," Williams said. "I already know what I want to do before I go out there."

Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols homered for the Cardinals, who took three of four from the NL Central leaders and outscored them 23-12. They've won nine of 11, shaving the Reds' lead to three games.

Williams (1-0) allowed five hits, striking out five, walking one and throwing 94 pitches. He had to be resourceful, stranding two runners in the fourth and getting away with allowing three consecutive hits in the fifth.

He escaped damage in the fifth when Juan Encarnacion was out at the plate on a close play after a relay from Edmonds in center field on Austin Kearns' single.

The play loomed larger after Jason LaRue hit his first homer of the season, a three-run shot off Dave Veres in the eighth. The homer ended a 15-inning scoreless streak by the St. Louis bullpen, which hadn't allowed an earned run in 27 innings.

Edmonds hit his 10th homer, a two-run shot off Jimmy Haynes (3-5) in the third, to give the Cardinals a 4-0 lead. Pujols hit his seventh with two outs in the fifth for a 5-0 lead.

# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

| NATIONAL LEAGUE |    |     |      |       |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| East Division   |    |     |      |       |
| W               | L  | Pct | GB   |       |
| New York        | 24 | 20  | .545 | —     |
| Florida         | 23 | 21  | .523 | 1     |
| Atlanta         | 23 | 22  | .511 | 1 1/2 |
| Montreal        | 21 | 23  | .477 | 3     |
| Philadelphia    | 18 | 26  | .409 | 6     |

| Central Division |    |     |      |        |
|------------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| W                | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
| Cincinnati       | 26 | 18  | .591 | —      |
| St. Louis        | 23 | 21  | .523 | 3      |
| Houston          | 21 | 22  | .488 | 4 1/2  |
| Pittsburgh       | 20 | 22  | .476 | 5      |
| Chicago          | 14 | 27  | .341 | 10 1/2 |
| Milwaukee        | 14 | 30  | .318 | 12     |

| West Division |    |     |      |     |
|---------------|----|-----|------|-----|
| W             | L  | Pct | GB   |     |
| Arizona       | 28 | 16  | .636 | —   |
| San Francisco | 27 | 16  | .628 | 1/2 |
| Los Angeles   | 25 | 19  | .568 | 3   |
| San Diego     | 22 | 22  | .500 | 6   |
| Colorado      | 20 | 24  | .455 | 8   |

| Central Division |    |     |      |       |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| W                | L  | Pct | GB   |       |
| Minnesota        | 25 | 20  | .556 | —     |
| Chicago          | 24 | 21  | .533 | 1     |
| Cleveland        | 20 | 24  | .455 | 4 1/2 |
| Kansas City      | 16 | 27  | .372 | 8     |
| Detroit          | 15 | 27  | .357 | 8 1/2 |

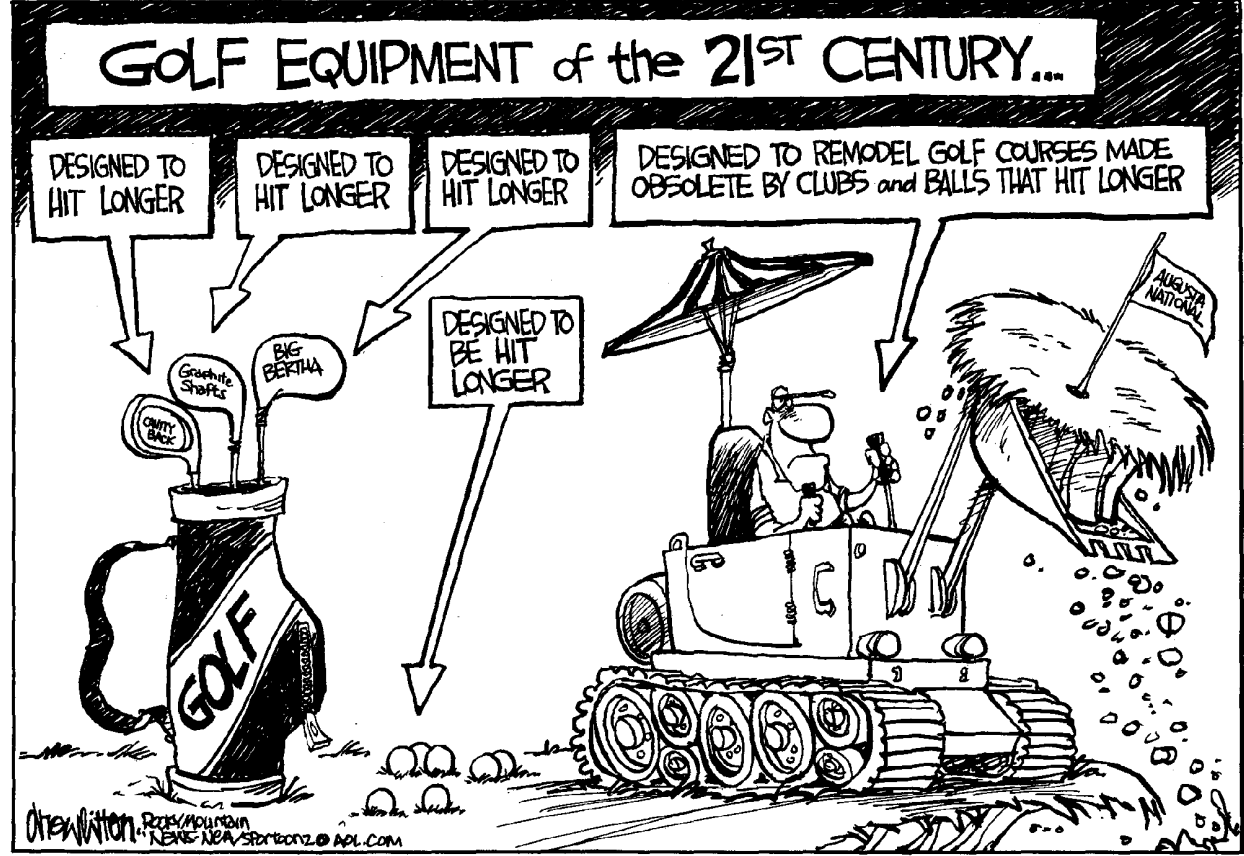
| West Division |    |     |      |       |
|---------------|----|-----|------|-------|
| W             | L  | Pct | GB   |       |
| Seattle       | 29 | 14  | .674 | —     |
| Anaheim       | 25 | 17  | .595 | 3 1/2 |
| Oakland       | 19 | 24  | .442 | 10    |
| Texas         | 19 | 24  | .442 | 10    |

| Sunday's Games   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Boston 3, Seattle 2  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto 11, Oakland 0  |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 0                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 0   |  |  |  |  |
| Detroit 2, Texas 1   |  |  |  |  |
| Anaheim 6, Chicago White Sox 1                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Monday's Games   |  |  |  |  |
| Detroit 4, Cleveland 3   |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 3  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston 9, Chicago White Sox 0                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Anaheim 6, Kansas City 3   |  |  |  |  |
| Today's Games  |  |  |  |  |
| Cleveland (Nagy 0-0) at Detroit (Redman 0-5), 5:05 p.m.          |  |  |  |  |
| Chicago White Sox (Wright 4-4) at Boston (Oliver 4-2), 5:05 p.m. |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto (Prokopec 2-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 5-2), 5:05 p.m.  |  |  |  |  |
| Texas (Valdes 3-4) at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.                       |  |  |  |  |
| Baltimore (Lopez 5-0) at Oakland (Zito 4-2), 8:05 p.m.           |  |  |  |  |
| Tampa Bay (Kennedy 2-3) at Seattle (Moyer 3-1), 8:05 p.m.        |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas City (Reichert 2-4) at Anaheim (Sele 4-2), 8:05 p.m.      |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday's Games  |  |  |  |  |
| Texas (Rogers 4-2) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-2), 11:05 a.m.          |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto (Halladay 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 1-3), 11:05 a.m.   |  |  |  |  |
| Baltimore (Maduro 2-3) at Oakland (Hijus 3-3), 1:35 p.m.         |  |  |  |  |

| Sunday's Games   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 4, 11 innings                                      |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 1   |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta 2, Colorado 1  |  |  |  |  |
| Florida 4, San Francisco 2   |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles 10, Montreal 1   |  |  |  |  |
| Philadelphia 4, Arizona 3  |  |  |  |  |
| San Diego 4, N.Y. Mets 3   |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh 5, Houston 3  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday's Game  |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 3  |  |  |  |  |
| Today's Games  |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 3-5) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-6), 3:05 p.m., 1st game |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta (Maddux 4-2) at Montreal (Vazquez 2-2), 5:05 p.m.                    |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 3-3) at Philadelphia (Padilla 5-3), 5:05 p.m.             |  |  |  |  |
| Florida (Burnett 5-3) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-0), 5:10 p.m.                 |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles (Brown 2-3) at Milwaukee (Figueroa 1-2), 6:05 p.m.               |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh (Villone 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-7), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game     |  |  |  |  |
| Houston (C. Hernandez 4-1) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 1-0), 6:10 p.m.         |  |  |  |  |
| San Diego (Tankersley 0-0) at Colorado (Jennings 4-2), 7:05 p.m.             |  |  |  |  |
| San Francisco (L. Hernandez 4-4) at Arizona (Johnson 7-1), 7:35 p.m.         |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday's Games  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlanta (Glavine 6-2) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 5-4), 5:05 p.m.                 |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-2) at Philadelphia (Adams 1-3), 5:05 p.m.                |  |  |  |  |
| Florida (Dempster 2-4) at Cincinnati (Dessens 2-3), 5:10 p.m.                |  |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles (Nomo 3-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-3), 6:05 p.m.                  |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh (Fogg 5-1) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 0-0), 6:05 p.m.                 |  |  |  |  |
| Houston (Oswalt 5-4) at St. Louis (Kile 2-3), 6:10 p.m.                      |  |  |  |  |
| San Diego (Lawrence 4-3) at Colorado (Hampton 2-5), 7:05 p.m.                |  |  |  |  |
| San Francisco (Schmidt 0-1) at Arizona (Batista 2-2), 7:35 p.m.              |  |  |  |  |

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|-----------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| East Division   |    |     |      |        |
| W               | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
| Boston          | 30 | 11  | .732 | —      |
| New York        | 30 | 15  | .667 | 2      |
| Baltimore       | 19 | 23  | .452 | 11 1/2 |
| Toronto         | 16 | 26  | .381 | 14 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay       | 14 | 28  | .333 | 16 1/2 |



# Bonds won't talk about drugs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Now that he's settling into retirement, Jose Canseco is threatening to write a book that will blow the lid off steroid and supplement use in baseball.

Mention that to Barry Bonds and ask him what he thinks. "You want an interview or you want to irk me?" Bonds said, a scowl replacing the smile he wore a moment earlier as he chatted in the San Francisco Giants' locker room.

Steroids and supplements are not Bonds' favorite subjects, and Canseco probably should not ask him to write a foreword for his book.

Bonds has grown weary of suspicions that chemicals have helped him transform his body in recent years and given him the extra power to hit 73 homers last season and 15 so far this year.

He has denied using steroids and said tests would show he's clean. Of course, baseball has no drug tests, so people will just have to take Bonds' word for it. Or not.

Bonds has an upper torso that looks six sizes larger than the one he had just a few years ago. The bulging veins on his biceps look like fat worms. Even his shaved scalp seems to ripple with muscles.

He says that's all from fierce workouts, four to five hours a day, in the offseason. Maybe so. More to the point, does it matter?

Unlike the Olympics, the NCAA, pro football and several other sports, baseball has no rules against steroids. The players' association won't stand for drug tests and the owners aren't pushing for them. It's not in either side's economic interest to stop players from bulking up to hit more homers.

There are two parts of the steroid debate that baseball is avoiding by

keeping its head buried on the issue. One is about health, the other about the concept of a level playing field.

For Bonds, neither one is particularly relevant.

"Doctors ought to quit worrying about what ballplayers are taking," Bonds said when told doctors have suggested that widespread use of steroids in baseball - 10 to 50 percent, by some estimates - may cause liver, kidney or heart problems.

"What players take doesn't matter," Bonds said. "It's nobody else's business. The doctors should spend their time looking for cures for cancer."

"It takes more than muscles to hit homers. If all those guys were using stuff, how come they're not all hitting homers?"

Canseco admitted trying his share of chemicals as he built himself up into an incredible hulk during a career that promised greatness but fell short of Hall of Fame certainty because of injuries.

He spurred the muscle-building boom in baseball, along with former Oakland Athletics bash brother Mark McGwire, who acknowledged during his 70-homer season in 1998 that he used testosterone-boosting androstenedione.

Bonds broke that record last season and, like McGwire, believes that bigger muscles are a small part of hitting homers.

Hitting lots of homers takes superior hand-eye coordination, great reflexes, bat speed, knowledge of pitchers, anticipation of pitches, a grooved stroke, among other things.

Muscles help, which is why Bonds, McGwire, Canseco, Sammy Sosa and others beefed up, but they're not everything.

Yet to dismiss steroids as innocuous or irrelevant is to miss a larger issue.

# Team made 'good hire' says Muser

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Former Kansas City manager Tony Muser says the Royals made a "good hire" when they picked Tony Pena as his successor and he roots for the team "every single day."

In a telephone interview Monday from his home in California, Muser told sports columnist Jeffrey Flanagan of The Kansas City Star that he doesn't know Pena personally "but from the people I've talked to, they made a good hire."

After Muser was fired last month, bullpen coach John Mizerock led the team temporarily until the Royals settled on Pena, a coach with the Houston Astros.

"He's enthusiastic and he communicates well with people," Muser said. "I think he's going to do a good job. The team has played better in the last week or two."

After a pause, Muser said, "It's not a hopeless situation there. It can be turned around."

Muser took over the Royals midway through the 1997 season and he was fired after an 8-15 start that followed two straight years in which the Royals lost 97 games. His career record with the Royals, who haven't had a winning record since the strike-shortened 1994 season, was 317-431.

Muser said he was treated well with the Royals and had no animosity toward anyone in the organization.

"It was a learning experience and I have no regrets whatsoever, other than that we didn't win more," he said.

Muser, who found out about his firing from a reporter, said he "understood completely how complicated those situations get."

"All I had asked Allard Baird (Royals general manager) was that he tell me directly if and when I got fired," Muser said.

"But it's not as easy as it looks," he said. "There are a lot of things to get set up."

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