

# Royals manager accepted

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals seem to be getting over their disappointment that Tony Pena is their new manager and not John Mizerock.

"I think everyone sees Tony Pena's true colors, and as they're exposed, a lot of people like it," first baseman Mike Sweeney said Thursday. "He brings a lot to the table. He's very enthusiastic. He knows the game of baseball."

Pena, 44, was hired off the staff of the Houston Astros on May 15 to replace Tony Muser. For two weeks, bullpen coach Mizerock, who had managed many of the Royals in the minor leagues, had served as interim skipper.

"I was really hurt for Rock. He's like family to me," Sweeney said. "But now that Tony's got the job, I'm happy for him. I like the direction the team is going."

"But Rock watched me get off a plane when I was 18 years old in Eugene, Ore. He helped me mature into a man and get to the big leagues. It's like a family member. I was hurt originally, but I know that one day Rock's going to be a great manager."

Pena was 3-6 after nine games following the postponement of Thursday night's game against Texas.

"It's still a learning process for all of us, but he's a very positive guy, and we appreciate that," pitcher Dan Reichert said. "We're all pulling for him. A lot of us were disappointed that Rock didn't get the job. But he's still going to get his shot some day."

Even though it's been less than two weeks, Pena said he already is familiar with his players.

"I already know the team," he said. "I already know the team right now. I already set up my lineup and they know where they're going to be."

Nevertheless, he has used nine lineups in nine games.

"I will play everybody," he said. "But the people who are going to play every day, they know where they're going to hit. They can count on it. I already did what I'm supposed to do."

Right fielder Chuck Knoblauch, in the meantime, was still hampered by a sore right elbow and forearm. He will probably miss the next 2-3 games.

"It's something that's been bothering him quite a bit and I need to give him some time off," Pena said.

Pena has already shown he is not hesitant to set players down whether they want to play or not. Shortstop Neifi Perez was indignant two days ago when he was held out of the lineup.

# Deadlines approaching

Mid America Youth Basketball is sponsoring several Kansas tournaments in the next couple of months, including one in Colby.

A Chanute tournament will be held June 14 to 16; deadline to sign up is today. A June 28 to 30 tournament in Lincoln, Neb. has a deadline of June 7, and on July 5 to 7, tournaments will be held in Colby, Maize, Sabetha and Salina for those who sign up by June 14.

The program holds games for athletes in the fourth through 12th grades in 20 states, with over 30,000 players participating last year.

A team can play in several different skill levels in each age division.

To register for a tournament or to get more information, call 620-431-6694, or log on to www.mayb.com.



# Cowgirl vaults her way to the state tournament

Goodland senior Jayci Stone propelled her way to first place in the pole vault last week at the regional track meet, earning a place at the state tournament. A total of 10 Goodland athletes will compete in the state meet today and Saturday in Wichita.

For the girls, Rachael Hagerman will run in the 100-meter dash, high hurdles and intermediate hurdles; Kendra Billinger will compete in the 3,200-meter run; Stone, pole vault; Andrea Fenner, discus; Alisha McKee, shot put; and Lacey Brenner, high jump.

On the boys' side, Aaron Gittinger will run the 800-meter dash; Bryan Mai, intermediate hurdles; and the team of Anthony Benavides, Sam Smith, Mai and Gittinger will compete in the 4X400-meter relay.

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# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

| NATIONAL LEAGUE  |    |    |      |       |
|------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| East Division    |    |    |      |       |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
| New York         | 25 | 22 | .532 | —     |
| Atlanta          | 24 | 23 | .511 | 1     |
| Florida          | 24 | 23 | .511 | 1     |
| Montreal         | 22 | 24 | .478 | 2 1/2 |
| Philadelphia     | 20 | 27 | .426 | 5     |
| Central Division |    |    |      |       |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
| Cincinnati       | 28 | 19 | .596 | —     |
| St. Louis        | 26 | 21 | .553 | 2     |
| Houston          | 21 | 25 | .457 | 6 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh       | 21 | 25 | .457 | 6 1/2 |
| Chicago          | 17 | 28 | .378 | 10    |
| Milwaukee        | 15 | 32 | .319 | 13    |
| West Division    |    |    |      |       |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB    |
| Arizona          | 29 | 17 | .630 | —     |
| San Francisco    | 28 | 17 | .622 | 1/2   |
| Los Angeles      | 27 | 20 | .574 | 2 1/2 |
| Colorado         | 23 | 24 | .489 | 6 1/2 |
| San Diego        | 22 | 25 | .468 | 7 1/2 |

| Thursday's Games  |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Florida 8, Cincinnati 4   | Los Angeles 16, Milwaukee 3                                       | St. Louis 5, Houston 4                                      | Chicago Cubs 11, Pittsburgh 6                                  | Colorado 16, San Diego 3                                      |
| N.Y. Mets 1, Philadelphia 0   | Today's Games   |   |  |   |
| Philadelphia (Wolf 3-2) at Montreal (Ohka 3-3), 5:05 p.m.                   | St. Louis (Stephenson 1-2) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 6-2), 5:05 p.m. | Florida (Beckett 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 2-4), 5:10 p.m.   | Cincinnati (Hamilton 2-1) at Atlanta (Millwood 2-5), 5:35 p.m. | Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-3) at Houston (Redding 2-2), 6:05 p.m. |
| San Diego (Tollberg 1-4) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 0-1), 6:05 p.m.             | San Francisco (Ortiz 4-2) at Colorado (Stark 2-0), 7:05 p.m.      | Saturday's Games  |  |   |
| Florida (Izquierdo 1-0 or Olsen 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 6-2), 11:10 a.m. | San Francisco (Ruefer 6-1) at Colorado (Neagle 3-2), 1:05 p.m.    | Cincinnati (Haynes 3-5) at Atlanta (Marquis 3-2), 5:05 p.m. | San Diego (Pickford 0-0) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-5), 5:05 p.m. | Philadelphia (Coggin 0-1) at Montreal (Pavano 3-5), 5:05 p.m. |
| St. Louis (W. Williams 1-0) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 4-5), 5:05 p.m.       | Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-3) at Houston (Mlicki 3-5), 6:05 p.m.        | Los Angeles (Ashby 3-4) at Arizona (Helling 4-4), 8:05 p.m. | Sunday's Games   |   |
| Cincinnati at Atlanta, 11:05 a.m.   | Florida at N.Y. Mets, 11:10 a.m.                                  | Philadelphia at Montreal, 11:35 a.m.                        | St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 11:35 a.m.                            | San Diego at Milwaukee, 12:05 p.m.                            |
| San Francisco at Colorado, 1:05 p.m.  | Los Angeles at Arizona, 2:35 p.m.                                 | Chicago Cubs at Houston, 5:05 p.m.                          | AMERICAN LEAGUE  |   |
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|   | W   | L   | Pct  | GB  |
| Boston  | 31  | 13  | .705   | —   |
| New York  | 31  | 17  | .646   | 2   |
| Baltimore   | 21  | 24  | .467   | 10 1/2  |
| Toronto   | 17  | 27  | .386   | 14  |
| Tampa Bay   | 16  | 29  | .356   | 15 1/2  |
| Central Division  |   |   |  |   |
|   | W   | L   | Pct  | GB  |
| Chicago   | 26  | 21  | .553   | —   |
| Minnesota   | 26  | 21  | .553   | —   |
| Cleveland   | 20  | 26  | .435   | 5 1/2   |
| Detroit   | 17  | 27  | .386   | 7 1/2   |
| Kansas City   | 16  | 29  | .356   | 9   |
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| Seattle   | 30  | 16  | .652   | —   |

| Los Angeles (Perez 4-2) at Arizona (Schilling 8-1), 8:05 p.m.               | Anaheim   | 27  | 17  | .614   | 2                                    |
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| Saturday's Games  |   |   |   |  |                                      |
| Florida (Izquierdo 1-0 or Olsen 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 6-2), 11:10 a.m. | Texas   | 20  | 25  | .444   | 9 1/2                                |
| San Francisco (Ruefer 6-1) at Colorado (Neagle 3-2), 1:05 p.m.              | Oakland   | 20  | 26  | .435   | 10                                   |
| Cincinnati (Haynes 3-5) at Atlanta (Marquis 3-2), 5:05 p.m.                 | Thursday's Games  |   |   |  |                                      |
| San Diego (Pickford 0-0) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-5), 5:05 p.m.              | Baltimore 11, Oakland 3                                   | Seattle 7, Tampa Bay 3  | Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 1                                    | Texas at Kansas City, p.p.d., rain                                 |                                      |
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| Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-3) at Houston (Mlicki 3-5), 6:05 p.m.                  | Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-3) at Oakland (Hudson 3-6), 2:05 p.m. | Minnesota (Reed 4-2) at Anaheim (Ortiz 4-4), 8:05 p.m.        | Baltimore (Erickson 3-4) at Seattle (Garcia 4-4), 8:05 p.m. | San Francisco (Ortiz 4-2) at Colorado (Stark 2-0), 7:05 p.m.       |                                      |
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| Seattle   | 30  | 16  | .652  | —  |                                      |

# County track holds second race of season

The Sherman County Speedway held races for four types of cars Saturday.

Results were:

**Bombers; Heat 1:** Ed Wright, Colby; Alex West, Goodland; Brian Allman, Sharon Springs. **Heat 2:** David Schemm, Sharon Springs; Matt Giesenhagen, Colby; Allan Sneathen, Levant; T.J. Yarger, Goodland; Jeff Locke, Burlington. **Heat 3:** Jared Smades, Goodland; Wayne Williams, Wiley, Colo.; Mike Giesenhagen, Colby; Jason Stevens, Colby. **Cash dash:** Schemm. **Main race:** Smades, Matt Giesenhagen, Schemm, Sneathen, Yarger, West, Keith Stegman, Lamar; Locke; Eric Smith, Goodland; Wright; Mike Giesenhagen; Stevens; Allman; Johnny Ohrman, Colby.

**Cruisers; Heat:** Alex West/Davis Roeder, Goodland; Chris Harris/Daven Koehn, Colby; Andy Potterf/Matt Philippi, Goodland; Jason McInlyre/T.J. Powell, Colby. **Main race:** Harris/Koehn, West/

Roeder, Potterf/Philippi. **Stock; Heat 1:** Travis Towns, Monument; Brad Wagner, Colby; Wheat Lippelman, Colby; Justin Bussell, Imperial. **Heat 2:** Ronnie Hill, Sharon Springs; Randy Tipton, Weskan; Randy Long, Wiley; Jay Nichol, Colby. **Cash dash:** Hill. **Main race:** Wagner, Hill, Tipton, Long, Bussell, Towns, Nichol, Lippelman.

**Modified; Heat 1:** Brady Coen, Wiley; John Icke, Colby; Frank Perez, Lamar; Matt Fabrizius, WaKeeney; Nick Tubbs, Colby. **Heat 2:** Dwayne Dechant, Lamar;

Wayne Houston, Aurora, Colo.; Ricky Avarado, Gilcrest, Colo.; Michael Kiess, Denver; Milo Lippelman, Oberlin. **Heat 3:** Jeff Hartwell, Colby; Ken Maloney, Kingsburg, Colo.; Gerald Deines, Weskan; Nick Scott, Burlington.; Brian Garnett, Westminster, Colo. **Heat 4:** Darren DeLoach, Lamar; Monty Nordyke, Holly, Colo.; John Fabrizius, Holyoke, Colo.; BobbieJo Scott, Liberal; Al Warta, Colby. **Cash dash:** Coehn. **Main race:** DeLoach, Icke, Deines, Houston, Nordyke, Dechant, Maloney, Perez, Scott, Matt Fabrizius, Hunter, Avarado, Scott, John Fabrizius, Lippelman, Tubbs, Warta, Harwell, Coen.

# Sight of Red Wings spurs on Rockies

By John Mossman

The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Rockies player Larry Walker saw red in the clubhouse. An avid Colorado Avalanche fan, Walker had to endure the sight of Detroit Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman and several players, including Steve Yzerman and Brendan Shanahan, parading through the Rockies locker room before Thursday's game.

Walker didn't need extra motivation, having gone 7-for-11 in the previous four games, but he used the Red Wings' visit as a rallying point anyway, hitting a tiebreaking homer to start the Rockies on a 16-3 rout of the San Diego Padres.

The Red Wings, in Denver for their Western Conference finals against the Avalanche, were guests of Rockies manager Clint Hurdle, a Michigan native and lifelong Wings fan.

"Some of the Red Wings players came in here, so I had to go out there and destroy things," Walker said, only half in jest.

"I think the Red Wings visiting the clubhouse today got him a little fired up," Hurdle said. "That might have been a mistake on my part, but it worked out OK."

Walker's 458-foot homer to center was followed on the next pitch by a homer by Todd Helton, highlighting a three-run fifth off Brett Tomko (3-4).

The Rockies added two more runs in the sixth, six runs in the seventh, in-

cluding Todd Hollandsworth's three-run homer, and four in the eighth.

Walker went 2-for-3, making him 7-for-9 in the series sweep over the Padres. It was the first time Colorado had swept a three-game series over San Diego in Denver since 1995.

"Walker is heating up a little bit," Hurdle said. "That's always good to see. He's in a groove right now. He hasn't had some of the pain he's been experiencing on and off in his elbow. With elite players, when they're going good, they make the game look easy."

Todd Zeile had five RBIs, John Thomson pitched seven strong innings and Bobby Estalella had three straight doubles as Colorado moved to 17-8 under Hurdle and climbed into fourth place in the NL West ahead of San Diego.

Colorado's 16 runs and 18 hits represented season highs.

Thomson (6-3) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings, retiring 12 straight batters during one stretch.

"Top to bottom, our pitching staff has been lights out," Hurdle said. "That's why we're doing what we're doing. The pitching staff is carrying us. We've scored some runs. But when you're getting the pitching we're getting, the game is a lot easier to play."

The Rockies, accustomed to a team ERA of over 5.00, lowered it to 4.11.

Tomko departed in the fifth with a bruised left calf after being struck by Zeile's liner.

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