

Bonds focused on wins

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For every milestone, Barry Bonds almost always makes the same point: He'd rather have the wins than the homers.

Sunday night was no different. Bonds hit his 586th home run to tie Frank Robinson for fourth place on the career list, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 9-2 to snap a four-game losing streak.

"This victory means more to us right now," Bonds said. "Every team goes through a spell where they're not hitting the ball. Today we came together."

Bonds, who desires a World Series ring above his many honors, is on an ever-shrinking list of career home-run hitters that includes Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, godfather Willie Mays and Robinson.

"I'm honored to be in the same class with them," Bonds said.

But he was more focused on the Giants' recent record. They had dropped seven of their last nine games before Sunday's victory to avoid a sweep by the Rockies.

"Everybody goes through a good streak and a bad streak," he said. "And hopefully, our bad streak is over."

Bonds hit a high-arching solo shot, driving a 3-2 pitch from Brian Fuentes into the right-center bleachers in the seventh inning for his 19th homer of the season, matching Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa for the major league lead.

Benito Santiago added a three-run homer, and Jason Schmidt (1-1) pitched seven strong innings for the Giants, who beat the Rockies for the first time in six tries this season.

The Rockies, who won the first two games of the series, have never swept the Giants in San Francisco. Colorado lost for just the third time in 13 games.

With one out in the first inning, David Bell and Bonds singled. Bell scored on Jeff Kent's double before Santiago's shot off John Thomson (6-4) into the left-field bleachers.

Kent scored Bell with a double in the third to make it 5-0. Schmidt doubled in the fourth and scored on Reggie Sanders' single.

Schmidt allowed one run on five hits. He struck out nine.

Fuentes said he left a fastball against Bonds "a little up."

"I got too much of the plate and he drove it," he said.

Bonds had not homered since Monday, a span of 15 at-bats, but he has still gone deep seven times in his last 19 games.

Damon Minor, starting at first base in place of an ailing J.T. Snow, doubled in the fifth inning to score Bonds. Tsuyoshi Shinjo added an RBI groundout.

Thomson allowed a season-high eight runs on 10 hits over 4 1/3 innings. He walked one and struck out three.

The Rockies finally scored in the sixth.

Larry Walker, back in the lineup after missing two games with a sore elbow, walked and scored on Todd Helton's double.



...and they're off!

Joey Snethen (above), vice president of the Sherman County Stock Car Racing Association, and Roberta Normandin, secretary and treasurer, started a bomber heat Saturday at the Sherman County Speedway. Bombers (left) took off in another heat later in the evening.

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Money not important at racetrack

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

Every year many of the same faces show up at the Sherman County Speedway, either to race or to help run the races.

They might worry about the weather or engine temperature or tire grip, but making money is rarely on the list.

Alex West of Goodland has raced cruisers and bombers here and in Colby for 10 years, and had helped out other drivers long before that. He says he does it just because it's fun.

"I sure don't do it for the money," said West, owner of Alex's Radiator and Repair. "It's a good thing to spend your time doing. We all have a good time."

The people who run the races say they don't do it for money, either.

"This is definitely a nonprofit organization," said Patsy Gresty, public relations chairman for Sherman County Stock Car Racing Association. "Nobody working here makes a

dime off of the races."

The speedway runs completely off of volunteers, said Gresty, catalog manager at J.C. Penneys here.

"We always need extra people to come and help out," she said. "We always need more volunteers, and of course, we always need sponsors."

The prize money for the races depends on how many cars compete, Gresty said, usually from \$150 to \$200. West said he's not sure how much the fastest cars get.

"I haven't been up there yet," he said with a laugh. "There are other guys who have faster motors than I do."

While money may not be the driving factor in the races, it isn't completely ignored. Steve Burr, pit boss for driver Wayne Houston of Aurora, Colo., says his team won't race anywhere in the Denver area.

"The money is better out here," Burr said, "and the people are more friendly. We try to get to as many of these as we can, all over western Kan-

sas and eastern Colorado.

But Burr said that it wouldn't matter how much the purse held if the team didn't have fun.

"We're not going to get rich doing this," he said, "so why would we want to do this if it wasn't fun?"

The purse at the next race at the speedway will be worth striving for, though. The first annual stock and bomber shootout will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.

Stock car racers can win \$500 and bombers \$350. About 20 cars are expected in the two main classes, and modifieds and cruisers will also run. The races will be 25 laps of the three-eighths-of-a-mile dirt track.

"This is going to be a big one," Gresty said. "We wanted to draw in a lot of cars, and make this race really exciting."

Results from Saturday:
Bomber: Heat 1: Mike Geisenhagen, Colby; Matt Geisenhagen, Colby; Wayne Williams, Wiley, Colo.; Keith Stegman, Lamar, Colo.; Eric Smith, Goodland. Heat 2: Jarod Smades, Goodland;

Johnny Ohrman, Colby; David Schemm, Sharon Springs; Allen Kurth, Colby; Alex West, Goodland; Allen Snethen, Levant. **Cash Dash:** Jarod Smades, Goodland. **Main race:** Ohrman, Smades, Stegman, Williams, Snethen, Smith, Mike Geisenhagen, West, Kurth, Schemm.

Stock: Heat: Randy Tipton, Weskan; Brad Wagoner, Colby; Wheat Lippelmann, Colby; Justin Bussell, Imperial, Neb.; Ron Hill, Sharon Springs; Justin Beakley, Lamar, Colo. **Cash dash:** Tipton. **Main race:** Tipton, Wagoner, Bussell, Hill, Lippelmann, Beakley.

Modified: Heat 1: Bobby Joe Scott, Liberal; Dwayne Dechant, Lamar; Brian Garrett, Westminster, Colo.; Milo Lippelmann, Oberlin; Wayne Houston, Aurora, Colo. Heat 2: Jeff Hartwell, Colby; Darren Deloach, Lamar; Ken Maloney, Kingsburg, Colo.; John Icke, Colby; A.J. Warta, Colby; Jeff Tubbs, Colby. Heat 3: Brady Coen, Wiley; Neal Neisler, Loveland, Colo.; Matt Fabrizious, Wakeeney; J.D. Grishman, Bennet, Colo.; Garold Deines, Weskan; Monty Nordyke, Holly.

Cash dash: Coen. **Main race:** Coen, Deloach, Neisler, Maloney, Scott, Dechant, Hartwell, Fabrizious, Garrett, Icke, Nordyke, Lippelmann, Tubbs, Grishman, Deines, Warta, Erickson.

Cruiser: Heat: Adam Meitt/Josh Eisenbart, Colby; Tony and Brad Wagoner, Colby; Chris Harris/Devon Koehn, Colby; Andy Potter/Matt Phillippi, Goodland; Alex West/Davis Roeder, Goodland. **Main race:** Wagoner/Wagoner, Meitt/Eisenbart, Harris/Koehn, Potter/Phillippi, West/Roeder.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	31	26	.544	—
New York	29	27	.518	1 1/2
Florida	28	29	.491	3
Montreal	27	29	.482	3 1/2
Philadelphia	23	32	.418	7
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cincinnati	33	23	.589	—
St. Louis	31	25	.554	2
Pittsburgh	26	30	.464	7
Houston	25	30	.455	7 1/2
Chicago	22	33	.400	10 1/2
Milwaukee	20	36	.357	13
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	34	22	.607	—
Los Angeles	33	23	.589	1
San Francisco	31	24	.564	2 1/2
Colorado	30	27	.526	4 1/2
San Diego	25	32	.439	9 1/2

5), 5:35 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-4) at Milwaukee (J. Wright 1-2), 6:05 p.m. Los Angeles (Perez 5-3) at Colorado (Stark 3-1), 7:05 p.m. Houston (Redding 3-2) at Arizona (Schilling 10-1), 8:05 p.m. San Francisco (Ortiz 4-4) at San Diego (Middlebrook 1-1), 8:05 p.m.	2), 7:05 p.m. Houston (Miller 0-2) at Arizona (Helling 5-5), 8:05 p.m. San Francisco (Rueter 6-3) at San Diego (B.J. Jones 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	37	16	.698	—
New York	37	20	.649	2
Baltimore	25	29	.463	12 1/2
Toronto	20	33	.377	17
Tampa Bay	18	36	.333	19 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	32	25	.561	—
Chicago	28	28	.500	3 1/2
Cleveland	28	28	.500	3 1/2
Kansas City	21	32	.396	9
Detroit	20	34	.370	10 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	35	20	.636	—
Anaheim	31	22	.585	3
Oakland	27	28	.491	8
Texas	23	31	.426	11 1/2
Saturday's Games				
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 4	N.Y. Yankees 10, Boston 2	Oakland 8, Tampa Bay 3	Minnesota 4, Anaheim 2	Baltimore 4, Seattle 3
Toronto 4, Detroit 1, 11 innings	Texas 3, Kansas City 1	Sunday's Games		
Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 1	Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3	Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 2	Seattle 11, Baltimore 8	Anaheim 5, Minnesota 4
Toronto 7, Detroit 6				

Texas 8, Kansas City 6				
Today's Games				
Boston (P. Martinez 7-0) at Detroit (Sparks 3-5), 5:05 p.m.	Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-6) at Toronto (Walker 0-0), 5:05 p.m.	Baltimore (Ponson 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 7-2), 5:05 p.m.	Kansas City (Affeldt 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-4), 6:05 p.m.	Texas (Bell 2-1) at Anaheim (Ortiz 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 6-4) at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.	Tuesday's Games			
Boston at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Toronto, 5:05 p.m.	Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m.	Cleveland at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.	Kansas City (Asencio 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 8-3), 6:05 p.m.
Texas at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.	Seattle at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.			

Receiver gets new number

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Rams wide receiver Torry Holt has a new goal — getting the same results with the jersey number he always wanted and finally has got.

Holt has turned in No. 88 and instead will wear No. 81 this season as the Rams try to earn their third Super Bowl trip in four years.

"New number, a whole new look, man," Holt said after practice during the St. Louis' mandatory minicamp. "It'll be like I'm a whole new player out there. Hopefully, my game will still be intact."

Holt caught 81 passes for a team-leading 1,363 yards on last year's 14-2 club that lost to New England in the Super Bowl.

Holt averaged 16.8 yards a catch and scored seven touchdowns, becoming quarterback Kurt Warner's chief target after defenses constantly double-teamed Isaac Bruce.

Since coming to the Rams as their top draft pick in 1999 out of North Carolina State, Holt has wanted to wear No. 81 — but Az-Zahir Hakim already had that number until leaving last winter, signing as a free agent with the Detroit Lions.

"I didn't want to make a big fuss about it," Holt said of wanting No. 81. "The number doesn't make me; I make the number."

Now, he said, "I'm going to try and get it retired."

Over his first two seasons with the Rams, Holt caught 134 passes for 2,423 yards and 12 touchdowns. In the Rams' Super Bowl win over Tennessee in 2000, Holt had seven receptions for 109 yards.

Still, losing Hakim was the toughest part about Holt's getting the number he wanted.

"We're going to miss him, dearly," Holt said. "He was a good guy and he worked hard. He was funny. He was a hell of a player. He had to step out and get what he thought he was worth. I'm happy for him."

"I'm proud of him. Hopefully, I can wear No. 81 and make some of the plays that he made and also continue the good plays that I'm capable of making."

Holt, the player with easygoing nature and frequently flashing a big smile, said "I feel good" in No. 81.

Legend's coach takes time off

DODGE CITY (AP) — Cliff Levingston, the former NBA player who now coaches the Dodge City Legend of the United States Basketball League, is taking an indefinite leave of absence after being arrested on a federal warrant alleging failure to pay child support.

"It is extremely important that Cliff take care of his business and put it behind him," general manager Tom Nelson said in a statement Sunday.

Levingston, the Legend's first-year head coach, was arrested Wednesday in Dodge City.

He made a first appearance Friday in Wichita, where he once starred for Wichita State, helping the Shockers reach the NCAA regional finals in 1981, and was released on \$25,000 bond.

He was ordered to appear in federal court on Friday in San Diego, his hometown. The FBI has said that Levingston, who played on the Chicago Bulls' 1991 and 1992 NBA championship teams, owes more than \$100,000 in child support.

"It is also important that people know that Cliff has paid over \$300,000 in child support in this case," Nelson said. "He has traveled across the country two previous times to appear in court to resolve this situation, just to find out the court hearing was postponed after he got there."

Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 1
Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Colorado 5, San Francisco 4
Los Angeles 2, Arizona 0
Florida 9, N.Y. Mets 7
Philadelphia 8, Montreal 4
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 4, San Diego 3

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 18, Montreal 3
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 2
Florida 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 3
Milwaukee 4, San Diego 3
San Francisco 9, Colorado 2

Today's Games
Pittsburgh (K. Wells 8-2) at Montreal (Ohka 4-3), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-5) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-

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