

Cardinals split day with Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals split a doubleheader with the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday, but what would have happened if Chuck Finley and Scott Rolen had gone over to the other side?

For the Reds it was a case of "what might have been."

Finley pitched a two-hitter for his first shutout in four years, and Rolen hit a three-run homer Tuesday night as the finished off a doubleheader with a 5-0 victory.

The Reds tried to get the left-hander from Cleveland and the third baseman from Philadelphia, but the NL Central-leading Cardinals traded for them instead.

After the Reds opened what amounts to their last stand with a 5-4 win in the first game, Rolen homered in a five-run first inning and Finley (5-3) sent them to their second shutout in three games.

"He was little too much for us," Reds manager Bob Boone said. "He shut us down, and we couldn't erase the first inning."

The Cardinals know exactly what the Reds are missing.

"Just when we need a lift, Finley is terrific," manager Tony La Russa said. "Finley's just been high quality."

Finley left his baggage in Cleveland, where he had troubled times in the first half — a 4-11 record and a messy divorce from actress Tawny Kitaen.

He came to the Cardinals in a July 19 trade and has settled in comfortably, going 3-1 with a 1.16 ERA in his last four starts.

"When I got over here, I got a boost of energy and some new life," Finley said, after his 15th career shutout. "It's been a good change. I haven't felt pressure to do anything superhuman — not that I could."

The split kept the Reds 7 1/2 games back and opened the Cardinals' lead over Houston to 3 1/2 games. Barring a strike, the Reds have only five games left against the Cardinals — not much chance to catch up.

St. Louis leads the National League central division with a 72-58 record — the lowest record of any top team in the league's three divisions.

The Atlanta Braves have the highest winning percentage, 63.8 percent.

Kansas State chooses Dunn as quarterback

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — The waning Kansas State quarterback controversy has been settled. Well, for now anyway.

Coach Bill Snyder has given senior Marc Dunn the nod over junior Ell Roberson as the starter for the Wildcats' season opener against Western Kentucky Saturday.

But Snyder was quick to point out that the decision wasn't easy and the depth chart can easily be changed.

"Marc will be a starter for our first ball game and he earned the right," Snyder said, "but it has been tremendously competitive. I'm extremely pleased with both quarterbacks' approach to this."

Snyder said he gave the job to Dunn because of his off-season

preparation and the fact that Dunn committed fewer errors during scrimmages. The Wildcats had a blunder-filled season at quarterback in 2001 when Roberson and Dunn split time as the starter. The team finished the season 6-6 — Snyder's worst since 1992.

The Wildcats passed for only 1,497 yards, the lowest total since 1986 when Kansas State threw for 1,274 yards.

Roberson, who's known for his scrambling ability, started nine games and rushed for 643 yards, but threw eight interceptions and completed 39.7 percent of his passes. Dunn completed 49.1 percent of his passes, but he too threw eight interceptions.



University of Kansas picks junior Zach Dyer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Junior Zach Dyer will start at quarterback when Kansas opens its season Saturday at Iowa State, coach Mark Mangino announced Tuesday.

Dyer, who started four games last year, had been locked in a battle with junior college transfer Bill Whittemore for the job.

"With another year's experience, I feel more mature," Dyer said. "Also more confident, and just more comfortable with everything the position entails."

As a sophomore alternating as starter, Dyer hit 43 of 89 passes for 460 yards and three touchdowns. He also threw four interceptions.

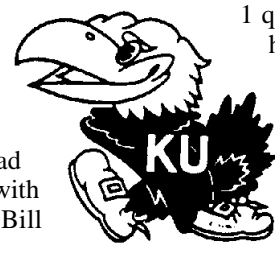
Whittemore passed for 2,082 yards and 16 TDs last year for Fort

Scott Community College. First-year coach Mark Mangino has said he would settle on a No. 1 quarterback and leave him there.

"Our thoughts all along, at all 22 positions, were that we'll be able to establish ourselves at several positions once we see our players in petition," Mangino said. "That's the true-tell of who's ready to go and who needs time, getting the right players in the right places."

Dyer also started the first game last season.

"It does feel a little different," he said. "Everything around the program feels quite a bit different this year."



Chiefs try to sign top draft pick

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs officials were having "a late lunch" Tuesday with the agent for Ryan Sims, raising hopes the first-round draft pick may soon end his long holdout.

However, Chiefs president Carl Peterson insisted he won't budge far from his present offer no matter how much the team needs the 300-pound defensive tackle.

"At some point, enough is enough, or enough is all you can do," Peterson said. "We've been awfully close to that if not there for a long time. Sooner or later, either the player has to make a decision whether he wants to be a part of this football team or not, and that's where I think it's at."

"We only have so many (salary) cap dollars. It's a finite number. We can't go beyond that. Next Wednesday, when the cap is counted for 53 players, if we're over, then we've got major problems."

Assistant general manager Denny Thum, who handles most player negotiations, was meeting with Hadley Engelhard, Sims' agent.

The Chiefs thought they were on the verge of an agreement right before opening training camp, but struck an impasse that centers mostly on escalator clauses that could increase the value of the contract in the later years.

Open match lasts four hours

NEW YORK (AP) — Two wheelchairs were there, if needed, in the corridor leading from the court to the locker room.

Fighting cramps and each other for four muggy hours in the first round of the U.S. Open, 2000 champion Marat Safin prevailed over Nicolas Kiefer 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4) to the point of exhaustion.

No. 11 Andy Roddick overcame a blister on his right hand to advance, but 1998 finalist Mark Philippoussis wrenched his left knee and retired.

In other action, defending champion Venus Williams and Jennifer Capriati both opened with perfect victories: 6-0, 6-0.

Justice drives in three runs against Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — David Justice drove in three runs to help Mark Mulder win for the seventh time in his last nine decisions as the A's beat the Kansas City Royals 6-4 for their 14th straight victory.

Justice has been to six World Series, and the surging Oakland Athletics never lose sight of that.

"The guy hasn't played in the most postseason wins for no reason," A's pitcher Mulder said Tuesday. "He's been on successful teams and won a lot of championships. If we might get down on ourselves, he picks us right up."

The streak is the longest in the majors this season and tied the Oakland record of 1988.

The franchise record of 17 under Connie Mack dates to 1931, when the team was in Philadelphia.

"This is the time of the season, the pennant race, when you raise your level of play," said Justice, who had three hits including his 10th homer. "Every game is more important and that's how I take it. I want to raise my concentration and try to focus."

"This team knows we have to play well. Anaheim and Seattle, they're not going away, and Boston has a really

good team. It's important for us to do well right now and through the end of the season."

The A's are 21-4 in August. They lead Anaheim by three games and Seattle by 3 1/2 in the AL West.

Justice's solo homer in the sixth made it 4-0.

"It was a fastball, in," said losing pitcher Runelvys Hernandez (3-3), who also gave up a homer to Ray Durham on a changeup in the fifth. "I felt they were good pitches, but they hit it good."

Mulder (16-7) gave up all four Kansas City runs on seven hits before leav-

ing in the eighth. He struck out five.

Joe Randa had three hits, including a triple and double, and drove in two of the Royals' runs.

OAKLAND		ATHLETICS 6, ROYALS 4		KANSAS CITY			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Dhrum d	5	1	1	Knblch l	2	0	0
Long c	4	0	2	Guil r	2	1	0
Tejada s	4	0	0	Beltranc	4	1	1
EChavz	3	4	1	MSwy	1	4	0
Dyer r	4	1	0	Ibanez r	4	0	1
Justice l	4	1	3	Randa s	4	1	3
Byrnes l	0	0	0	Pellow d	3	0	1
Mabry	1	4	1	NPerez	3	0	0
MELis	2	4	0	Alicea p	1	0	0
GMhrs	3	1	0	Ordaz	2	4	0
RaHrdz	0	0	0	Hinch	3	1	2
Tucker	1	0	1				

Graves says Democrats are whining about budget

TOPEKA (AP) — Republican Gov. Bill Graves says Democratic legislators are "whining and complaining" when they accuse him of not being aggressive enough in cutting the state budget.

Two Democratic legislators respond by accusing Graves of ducking his responsibilities as chief executive.

Graves said Tuesday that Democrats weren't helpful during the past legislative session in trying to find either

new tax dollars for programs or places to cut spending.

Talking to reporters, Graves mocked them, saying he was still waiting for them to present a tax package — something he said frequently during the session.

"They've made a bed that they get to lie in," Graves said. "Whining and complaining about it isn't going to help solve their problem."

Earlier this month, Graves ordered

\$41 million in cuts to the state's \$4.4 billion budget for the current fiscal year. Those cuts would leave the 2003 budget about 1.1 percent smaller than the 2002 budget.

Two Democrats, Sen. Paul Feleciano, of Wichita, and Rep. Rocky Nichols, of Topeka, suggested Monday that the cuts aren't deep enough to prevent a budget deficit when the fiscal year ends June 30.

They were upset by Graves' com-

ments Tuesday in response to their criticism. Feleciano called the governor's statements "a bunch of nonsense."

Feleciano said Democrats showed Graves and other Republicans plenty of ideas for increasing taxes during the past session.

He said most refused to support the final \$252 million package because it didn't do enough to solve the state's budget problems.

baseball scoreboard

By the Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	83	47	.638	—
Philadelphia	65	65	.500	18
Montreal	65	66	.496	18 1/2
Florida	63	68	.481	20 1/2
New York	61	69	.469	22
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	72	58	.554	—
Houston	69	62	.527	3 1/2
Cincinnati	65	66	.496	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	74	.439	15
Chicago	55	75	.423	17
Milwaukee	45	86	.344	27 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	84	48	.636	—
Los Angeles	76	56	.576	8
San Francisco	73	58	.557	10 1/2
Colorado	61	71	.462	23
San Diego	56	75	.427	27 1/2
Tuesday's Games				
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4, 1st game				
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 0, 2nd game				
Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 4				
N.Y. Mets 10, Florida 5				

Philadelphia 4, Montreal 2	Minnesota	79	54	.594	—	
San Diego 11, Houston 6	Chicago	62	70	.470	16 1/2	
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 2	Cleveland	57	74	.435	21	
San Francisco 7, Colorado 4	Kansas City	53	80	.398	26	
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 1	Detroit	50	82	.379	28 1/2	
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Atlanta (Maddux 11-5) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 1-3), 5:05 p.m.	Oakland	82	51	.617	—	
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Arizona at Los Angeles, 8:10 p.m.	Minnesota 5, Seattle 2					
	Texas 9, Baltimore 4					
	Oakland 6, Kansas City 4					
	Chicago White Sox 8, Toronto 4, 10 innings					
	Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 3					
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Hospital researching taking over clinic

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ments would require more decisions later.

In other business:

- Jolly told the board that at this time there are no financial benefits to merging Rural Health Ventures with the hospital and that it may hamper the clinic's ability to cross county lines with its service. He said more research

would need to be done to determine if there is any way the hospital can bring the clinic's employees under it without losing the clinic's stand-alone status.

Jolly said Dianna Briney has accepted the administrative assistant position, and will soon fill the void left by Penny Nemechek, who quit to become the countywide grant writer.

Detmer said she has been working with the nursing staff on reducing over-

time. The media has recently given attention to the negative effects of overtime forcing doctors and nurses to work too many hours, she said.

"We don't have mandatory overtime," she said, "but making a nurse feel guilty (about not working) amounts to the same thing."

She said she is working on an environment where the staff feels respected and is not pushed to work overtime.

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