

Rockies lose control in ninth

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DENVER — One night, the St. Louis Cardinals score seven runs in the eighth inning to win. The next night, they score five runs in the ninth to win again.

Combining drama and inevitability, the Cardinals are closing in on their second pennant in three seasons.

Scott Rolen homered twice, including a tiebreaking two-run shot in the ninth, as the Cardinals beat the Colorado Rockies 8-5 Wednesday night and cut their magic number for clinching the NL Central to four.

St. Louis had five homers and three doubles, remaining 7 1/2 games ahead of second-place Houston in the division.

Rolen's second homer, his 27th, triggered the five-run ninth.

"We're taking care of business here," manager Tony La Russa said. "You don't worry about what the other club (Houston) is doing. We are in first place, and we are in charge."

Rolen agreed. "We have a nice offensive club, and lately we've been stepping up in big situations. Jimmy (Edmonds) draws a big walk to start the ninth, and we go from there. We're getting good at bats when we need them."

St. Louis had only three hits — all solo homers — until the ninth. Jim Edmonds led off with a walk off Justin Speier (5-1). Rolen homered and pinch-hitter Ivan Cruz followed with a solo shot, the second time the Cardinals hit consecutive homers in the game.

Edgar Renteria doubled and scored on Mike Matheny's double, and Fernando Vina added a run-scoring double.

"We are playing hard, we just are not matching up well late," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "(Denny) Stark gave us a good effort. Everything worked well until the ninth inning. That's why we play nine."

The game was delayed 79 minutes by rain in the top of the third. The rain, which began two hours before the game, and 50-degree temperatures contributed to the Rockies' lowest attendance (25,330) in their history.

Ben Petrick had two solo homers and a double for the Rockies. Pinch-hitter Ross Gload also hit a bases-empty homer.

Rolen had his second multihomer game this season and the 12th of his career. Tino Martinez and Renteria hit solo shots for the Cardinals.

Rick White (4-6) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Steve Kline finished for his sixth save.

Hampton's foot injured

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Rockies left-hander Mike Hampton will miss his second straight start on Friday because of a strained ligament in his right foot.

Hampton (7-15) missed a start last Saturday and subsequently aggravated the injury, and he hasn't sufficiently recovered to take the mound Friday in the opening game of a three-game series against Arizona.

Randy Flores, claimed off waivers from the Texas Rangers on July 18, will start in Hampton's spot this week. Victor Santos started in place of Hampton last week.

Hurdle said he was hopeful that Hampton would make one more start before the season ends.

The Rockies also will shut down right-hander Aaron Cook, one of their top pitching prospects who has gone 2-1 with a 4.54 ERA in five starts.

Cook pitched at least six innings and allowed three or fewer runs in each of his first four starts. He allowed four runs in four innings Tuesday night but did not figure in the decision of an 11-4 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

This year, Cook made 14 starts at Double-A Carolina and 10 more at Triple-A Colorado Springs before being promoted to the Rockies on Aug. 9.

"He's up to 195 innings," Hurdle said. "Enough. He's had a full season, and he's done well. I think there's a lot of fatigue setting in right now. We're going to shut him down."

Hurdle said Cook, 23, will remain with the team the rest of the season but won't pitch again, even in relief.

Cook has pitched 35 2/3 innings with the Rockies. If he pitches 50 innings, he would lose his rookie status for next season.



The Goodland Cowboys (above) formed at the line of scrimmage Wednesday at the high school's practice field. A player (right) was taken down during a practice play. The team plays St. Francis at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Stadium. Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Cowboys take on Indians

By Sharon Corcoran
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Coming off of a big win against the Holcomb Longhorns last Friday, the Goodland Cowboys face the St. Francis Indians at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Stadium.

The Cowboys lost their first game to the Indians in Hoxie 26-14 but took the first drive of the game for a touchdown last week in a 39-0 win against Holcomb.

The Cowboys out-played the Longhorns in every aspect except passing, finishing with 335 offensive yards to Holcomb's -13.

The 2A St. Francis team, having won their first two games this season and having gone to sub-state last year, will be a formidable foe even though Goodland is a 4A school. Last week against South Park High School in Fairplay, Colo., the Indians had 397 yards rushing and 60 yards passing to South Park's 160 yards rushing and 73 yards passing.

The Cowboys go in with momentum from last week's game and confidence, Coach Tony Diehl said, realizing they

Freshman play on junior varsity

The Goodland Cowboys' freshman football season was canceled this year, but the freshman will get to play in junior varsity games to gain experience.

Coach Tony Diehl said canceling the freshman games was due to a combination of the team being on the borderline of not having enough players and having to cut two coaches due to budget cuts.

Canceling the freshman season

also reduced the money needed for transportation for games, Diehl said. With many Kansas schools facing budget cuts this year, Goodland is no exception.

The 17 freshmen who don't get a lot of playing time in varsity games will get it in junior varsity, he said.

"The development of younger players is still a priority," Diehl said. "If JV is not enough for that, we will make adjustments."

are not the same team that lost nine games last year.

After taking the opening drive for a touchdown for the second week in a row, Diehl said, the guys sensed they were a better team.

The Cowboys didn't let up, even in a rain-soaked third quarter, and ran right over the Longhorns. And the coaches wasted no time in getting ready for St. Francis.

Immediately after last week's game,

Diehl said, the coaches began reviewing game tapes preparing for St. Francis. And they have had all week to practice. Kicking, punting and returns was a major topic in practice this week.

"We've certainly go to get better on special teams," Diehl said.

Penalties have also gotten the Cowboys in trouble, especially against Hoxie, as Goodland had two touchdowns called back on penalties in the season-opener.

Chiefs' Warfield embarrassed by loss

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Getting embarrassed in front of 79,000 people is no fun at all.

And those were just the spectators he knew about. As he lay on the Arrowhead Stadium turf watching Patrick Johnson churn 79 yards to the end zone, Eric Warfield could only guess at how many millions would witness his humiliation on television.

It's said one thing a defensive back in the NFL needs is a poor memory. Warfield could use a good case of amnesia. He wasn't the only man who failed in Kansas City's 23-16 loss to Jacksonville on Sunday but he's the one fans are pointing a finger at.

"I made a stupid attempt to try to knock a ball down when I probably should have just made a tackle," Warfield said Wednesday as the Chiefs (1-1) prepared for Sunday's game at Super Bowl champion New England. "But that game's over with and I've got to move on from there."

Actress plea bargains spousal abuse

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (AP) — Actress Tawny Kitaen agreed Wednesday to a plea bargain on spousal abuse and battery charges alleging she attacked her husband, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Chuck Finley.

Under the deal, Kitaen, who appeared in such movies as "Bachelor Party" and "California Girls," did not admit guilt but agreed to enter a spousal battery counseling program. If she completes the program and other conditions of the deal, the case could eventually be dropped.

The bargain also requires Kitaen, 40, to avoid contact with her husband and to return to court in December for a progress report.

"She's not admitting any guilt," said Kitaen's attorney, Blair Berk.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Pamela Iles ordered Kitaen to make a \$500 donation to a battered-women's shelter, pay \$400 in court costs, see only one doctor and not to change doctors without approval.

In the first two games, the Chiefs have had only one sack and not a single interception. Ironically, the two go hand-in-hand. Better coverage down field would give the defensive line time to rush the passer. And more pressure on the quarterback from the defensive line would give the defensive backs more opportunity for interceptions.

In the opener at Cleveland, backup quarterback Kelly Holcomb passed for more than 300 yards. Jacksonville's Mark Brunell burned them for 320, including the team-record 79-yarder in the fourth quarter.

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Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League Sept. 18
Sigco over Witzel & Rhea 15-5
L&M Steel over ProLine 12-8
Basgall Construction over Sunflower Satellite 14 1/2-5 1/2
Bowladium Lanes over Fitzgibbon's 16-4
Weber Kennels over Team No. Ten 19-1
High individual game: Jerry Amthor-247
High individual series: Jerry Amthor-900
High team game: Sigco-643
High team series: Sigco-2,251

Standings: Bowladium Lanes 67, 13; Sigco 55, 25; Basgall Construction 48 1/2, 31 1/2; ProLine 44, 36; L&M Steel 44, 36; Weber Kennels 43, 37; Witzel & Rhea 43, 37; Fitzgibbon's 34 1/2, 45 1/2; Sunflower Satellite 15, 65; Team No. Ten 6, 74.

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ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES
Vintage car pictures, 2 - Hull vases (great shape), Glass double boiler, Glass coffee pot, Old metal toys, Lionel train, track, controller, etc., Marbles, Miniature log cabin house, Old canning jars, Metal picnic basket

YARD GARDEN

Several lawn chairs, Lots of hoses & sprinklers, Snow fence, 2 - gas weed eaters, Toro electric weed eater, Black & Decker lawn edger, Snow blower,

Trash cans, Garden cart, Lots of rakes, shovels, pitchforks, mops, squeegee, etc. Some garden furniture, Water cans, Tomato cages, Wheelbarrow, Assorted flower pots

SHOP

3 - metal shelving units, Metal enclosed cabinet, 6' metal step ladder, 6' wooden step ladder, Metal extension ladder, 2 - metal step stools, Small wooden step stool, Craftsman tool box - bottom on rollers & top tool chest, Loads of tools, Tons of nuts, bolts, screws, etc., Pop rivet gun, Shopmate grinder, Porter-Cable drill, Skil reciprocating saw, Plomb wrenches, Atlas drill press, Air compressor, Air bomb, Hand saws, Lots of extension cords, Chains, Snow chains, Come along, Floor jack, Creeper, Dolley, Shop booms, Clamps, Oil cans, Flood lights, Anvil, Cinder blocks

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