

Bullpen stopped at two saves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Three straight saves didn't seem possible for Kansas City's bullpen. This time, they weren't.

Jason Grimsley gave up a one-out, two-run single to Corey Koskie in the ninth inning Tuesday night as the Minnesota Twins rallied past the Royals 6-5.

Kansas City has three blown saves this year and 59 since the start of the 1999 season. Minnesota got its seventh come-from-behind victory this year and has earned 42 of its 79 wins since the beginning of last year after trailing.

"They're a tough club," said the Royals' Mark Quinn, who hit his seventh homer and extended his hitting streak to 13 games. "They put the ball in play."

That's exactly what Minnesota manager Tom Kelly wants to see.

"That's important — not trying to overdo it," Kelly said.

With regular closer Roberto Hernandez resting after pitching three straight days, including the last two when he picked up saves, Grimsley relieved in the ninth. A.J. Pierzynski led off with a broken-bat single, and Cristian Guzman barely beat out a drag bunt.

Denny Hocking sacrificed the runners over, Matt Lawton was intentionally walked to load the bases and Koskie, 8-for-13 in his last three games, singled to spoil Grimsley's save bid. He hadn't given up a run in 10 2-3 previous innings this year.

"I just told myself I need to get a base hit and we win the game," Koskie said. "I just wanted to put the ball in play."

The Royals built a 4-1 lead against Twins starter J.C. Romero in the fifth. Dave McCarty hit a two-run double, and Carlos Febles singled him in.

After the Twins tied the game in the seventh on Lawton's sacrifice fly and Koskie's RBI single, Mike Sweeney put Kansas City back on top with a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Royals starter Brian Meadows pitched into the seventh and was charged with four runs and seven hits.

Bob Wells (1-0) earned his first win since Aug. 28, 1999.



Out at first



JAY KELLEY/Colby Free Press

Clay Kaiser stretched for an out at first in a 6-3 Colby High School win over Holcomb Tuesday at the Colby Recreation Fields. Colby came back from a 3-2 deficit in the first game and won the second game 16-9 after being down 8-4.

Diamondbacks rout Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Luis Gonzalez hit his major league-leading 10th homer for the Arizona Diamondbacks Tuesday night in a 17-4 rout of the St. Louis Cardinals, who used Bobby Bonilla as a pitcher in the ninth inning.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Reggie Sanders hit a three-run shot in the third off Dustin Hermanson (1-1), who had been 5-0 against the Diamondbacks. Hermanson gave up eight runs and

seven hits in 2 1-3 innings.

The Cardinals' bullpen didn't fare much better and manager Tony La Russa was forced to send Bonilla to the mound for his major league pitching debut. St. Louis' bullpen was short-staffed because Dave Veres has an injured right index finger.

With the few remaining fans chanting "Bobby! Bobby!" Bonilla allowed two runs, three hits a walk and a balk in one inning.

Area Schedule

Thursday, April 19
Colby High School varsity and junior varsity softball hosts Holcomb at the Colby Recreation Fields at 4 p.m.
Varsity tennis at Goodland at 3 p.m.
Junior varsity tennis at WaKeeney at 9:30 a.m.
Golden Plains High School varsity golf at Quinter at 3 p.m.
Colby Community College Rodeo at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Friday, April 20
Colby High School varsity track at Holcomb at 3 p.m.

Brewster, Quinter and St. Francis High School track at Oakley at 3 p.m.
Colby Community College softball hosts Brown-Mackie at Trojan Field at 3 p.m.
Track at Kansas University.
Rodeo continues at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Rockies avenge San Diego sweep

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The last thing Tony Gwynn was trying to do was become the first San Diego Padres player to hit for the cycle.

But that was clearly what most of the fans were thinking about as the Padres were well on their way to losing 9-5 to the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

Gwynn doubled, tripled and singled his first three times up. After he flied out in his fourth at-bat, most of the crowd of 16,615 walked out. Gwynn batted one more time, lining out to shortstop.

"We got our rears kicked nine to whatever, and that's what people are going to focus on," Gwynn said. "They want you to go up there and try to hit a home run. That's stupid. It just makes no sense whatsoever, and that's why I didn't try to do it."

Gwynn, who went 3-for-5, is in his 20th season and has 3,120 hits. He's coming off surgery on his left knee that limited him to a career-low 36 games last year.

Manager Bruce Bochy said it was exciting watching Gwynn, who turns 41 on May 9.

"It's pretty amazing what he can still do," Bochy said. "He's playing terrific ball. He was everywhere. He's playing like he's 21."

Juan Uribe hit a bases-loaded triple and Larry Walker a two-run homer for the Rockies. Starter Pedro Astacio (2-1) drove in two runs and limited the Padres to two runs and five hits in six innings, and Todd Walker hit a solo

Colorado coach says rest needed

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Joe Sakic knows the Stanley Cup playoffs are hard enough. He doesn't want the Colorado Avalanche to waste a chance for some much-needed time off.

The Avalanche can sweep their first-round Western Conference series against the Canucks with a win at Vancouver on Wednesday night. The playoffs, although only three games old, have taken their toll.

There is incentive to eliminate the Canucks quickly.

homer.

The Rockies, who were swept by the Padres in a three-game series in Denver during the season's first week, batted around in the seventh and scored



five runs off rookie reliever Brian Lawrence.

Larry Walker hit Lawrence's third pitch for his seventh homer, scoring Todd Walker, who had three hits. With the bases loaded and one out, Uribe hit a triple that skipped past Gwynn in right field.

"It seemed like everybody did something good tonight," manager Buddy Bell said.

Rickey Henderson, called up from the minors by the Padres earlier in the day, singled as a pinch-hitter in the ninth inning for his 2,915th career hit.

Todd Walker homered off Bobby Jones (0-2) to lead off the fifth and break a 2-2 tie. Astacio lined an RBI

single to center in the sixth and also had a sacrifice bunt in the fourth that tied the game at 2.

Gwynn doubled with one out in the first, tripled into the Rockies' bullpen in the right-field corner with one out in the third and singled leading off the fifth.

The double was the 536th of his career, moving him into sole possession of 22nd on the career list.

Gwynn's triple was his first since July 14, 1997, against San Francisco, a span of 347 games.

San Diego took a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Donaldo Mendez singled in Ben Davis, who scored when center fielder Juan Pierre's one-hop throw got away from catcher Ben Petrick.

Astacio backed up the play but threw the ball into center field trying to get Mendez at second, allowing Santiago Perez to score from second on the error. Todd Helton singled in Colorado's first run in the third.

Astacio walked six and struck out five. Jones allowed four runs — three earned — on eight hits in six innings.

Davis hit a two-run single during the Padres' three-run ninth. Jose Jimenez came in and retired Bubba Trammell with two runners on for his fourth save.



Parents...Businesses...Friends....

we are in the process of putting together the annual Graduation Tab for our area seniors!! If you would like to sponsor a graduating senior from Colby High School, Brewster High School or Golden Plains High School, please call Jeff or Crystal at 462-3963.

Let your special person know that you appreciate their efforts and wish them well!!

The Colby Free Press



Located next to Comfort Inn in Colby, KS

Special Nights!

MONDAY NIGHT:
Extended Menu

THURSDAY NIGHT:
Pasta

FRIDAY NIGHT:
Fish specials

Telephone: 785-462-6565

Open Tues.-Sat: 4 p.m.-1 a.m./Dinner: 5-10 p.m.

Improved Performance With
Garst®Roundup Ready® Soybeans.



Garst® has Roundup Ready® soybean varieties that not only deliver the yield and weed control, but also offer a package of defensive traits to guard against other threats as well. Come in now and get the details.

GOOD SUPPLY STILL AVAILABLE!

Contact:

CRAMPTON SEED:

Ken: 785-443-1892 • Marty: 785-443-1760

George Wiens: 785-462-3713

Garst

Delivering Technology To Your Field
www.garstseed.com

©2000 ADVANTA USA, Inc. Garst® is a registered trademark of ADVANTA USA, Inc.
Roundup Ready is a trademark of Monsanto.