

Royals' nemesis beats them again, 1-0 at home

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Eric Milton is a good pitcher everywhere but in Kansas City. He's great there. Wielding a new, effective changeup, the Minnesota left-hander retired 19 batters in a row after giving up a pair of two-out singles in the first inning Wednesday night, and beat the Royals 1-0.

He's won four in a row in Kansas City and his career record against the Royals stands at 10-2.

"I like pitching here," he said. "I love this stadium."

Milton, who was 15-7 last year, gave up just the two singles through seven innings, striking out two and walking none.

"It's nice to get in a groove like that, especially as cold as it was," said Milton, referring to Kansas City temperatures in the 40s.

"From the second inning on, I didn't have to throw from the stretch."

He developed the changeup, a pitch he used to toss only once in a while, during this past spring training.

"I threw some really good

changeups. I've never had that pitch, never been able to count on that pitch before," he said.

"Now I have that in my arsenal and tonight it worked great."

For Dan Reichert, it was another frustrating season debut. The right-hander, who lost 1-0 to the Yankees in his first appearance last year, went seven innings and struck out a career-high eight.

Minnesota's Torii Hunter made the play of the night.

Milton, after surrendering two-out singles to Carlos Beltran and Mike Sweeney in the first, had retired 17 straight when Sweeney ripped into a fastball and sent it rocketing into dead center.

But Hunter leaped with his back to the wall and snared the ball in the webbing of his glove, robbing Sweeney of a home run.

"Probably the best center fielder in the game," Sweeney said. "I thought it was gone. Even though the air was heavy and the ball wasn't carrying, that was as hard as I can hit a ball."

Avalanche pound Atlanta

DENVER (AP) — Steven Reinprecht gives the Colorado Avalanche speed, goal-scoring and versatility. He also helps make his teammates better.

Take Chris Drury, who had only one goal in 20 games from Jan. 28 to March 23. Being paired with Reinprecht has helped Drury record two goals and four assists in the last four games.

Reinprecht and Drury were a potent 1-2 punch on Wednesday night, each posting four-point games as the Avalanche beat the Atlanta Thrashers 6-0.

Reinprecht had three goals and an assist, while Drury had one goal and

three assists.

Patrick Roy, meanwhile, earned his NHL-leading ninth shutout of the season as the defending Stanley Cup champions avenged a 2-0 loss to the NHL's worst team on March 14. Roy had 24 saves in earning his 61st career shutout.

With five games remaining, Colorado moved three points ahead of San Jose in the race for the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

Atlanta's Frederic Cassivi stopped 32 of 37 shots in the first two periods. Milan Hnilicka replaced Cassivi in the third and had 11 saves.

Heading into third base



DOUG STEPHENS/Goodland Daily News
Colby High School's Savannah Rupp made it to third base in softball action against Goodland. The Eagle softball team is at Ulysses today.

Local youth finishes ninth at IMCA Spring Nationals

Colby High School junior Justin Bell recently raced in Beatrice, Neb., in the IMCA-sanctioned O'Reilly Spring Nationals.

At 17 years of age, Bell was the youngest driver in a field consisting of the top 175 drivers from across the nation. Bell was the only driver



Justin Bell

out of 26 selected from the state of Kansas. He finished his race in ninth place.

Bell, the son of Dan and Nancy Foster of Colby and Greg and Sharon Bell of Deschler, Neb., began racing on the go-cart circuit five years ago and graduated to modified race cars last summer.

Wildcats lose two guards

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State is losing guards Nick Williams and Marcus Hayes, head coach Jim Wooldridge announced Wednesday.

"Nick and Marcus have chosen to move in another direction," Wooldridge said. "Nick feels it is in his best interest to transfer to another school, while Marcus is looking for an opportunity for more playing time closer to home."

Williams, a 6-foot-4-inch freshman, hasn't indicated his future plans. He started in 25 of 29 games this season, averaging 9.0 points and 2.5 assists.

Hayes, a non-scholarship player who saw limited playing time, has said he will transfer to Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.

Hayes, also a 6-foot-4-inch freshman from Oviedo, Fla., averaged 3.3 minutes in 11 games.

Bonds wallops two again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barry Bonds made it four homers in two games, hitting a pair of mammoth blasts into the right-field pavilion at Dodger Stadium.

Bonds became the second player to hit two homers in each of his team's first two games, joining Hall of Famer

Eddie Mathews, who accomplished the feat in 1958.

Bonds hit a three-run homer off Hideo Nomo in the first inning and a solo shot off Terry Mulholland in the fourth for San Francisco against Los Angeles, as the Gaints handed the Dodgers a 12-0 hammering.

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League Results

March 25 - Firstnighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Liester	10	2	9096
Code Red	9	3	9405
Colby Implement	7.5	4.5	9386
Schlick Construction	7.5	4.5	9191
Outcasts	7	5	9301
Frontier Equity	7	5	9301
Colby Bowl	5	7	9296
Wolfhogs	4	8	9108
Head Foundation	2	10	9100
Woolfer Pump & Well	1	11	8928

High game: Wayne Summers, 255
High series: Vern Schwanke, 665

March 19- Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
HAJOCA	8	0	6352
Silver Bullets	6	2	6528
Colby Lumber	5.5	2.5	6156
Grumpy Old Men	5	3	6384
Colby Ag	4	4	6222
Huffles Construction	4	4	6059
Colby Automotive	3.5	4.5	6153
City Slickers	3	5	6340
U.C.T.	3	5	6081
Wark Embroidery	3	5	3038
Pepsi Renegades	2	6	5987
Cummins Mid America	1	7	6133

High game: Alan Focke, 266
High series: Ken Brewer, 623

March 18 - Early Bird Ladies League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
NW Vacuum	26	18	25643
Pitter Pats	26	18	25536
Total Image	25	19	25453
Sharon's Hallmark	22	22	25668
Jean's Rollers	20	24	25112

Van's Merry Four	18.5	25.5	25397
Bowlerettes	10.5	33.5	24896
High game: Joy Davis, 181			
High series: Joy Davis, 476			

March 27 - Ladies Nite Out League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Cersovsky Farms	31	17	28131
Brooks Inc	30	18	25772
Who Nos	28	30	28295
Van's Buffers	28	20	27935
Strike Out's	25	23	27811
City Limits	24	24	27912
Colby Bowl	24	24	27881
Overtime Liquor	24	24	27779
Straight Line	22	26	25722
Maggies Chicks	20	28	28006
Lobo Liquor	17	31	27539
Taco John's	15	33	27610

High game: Linda Liester, 212
High series: Linda Liester, 561

March 27 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Colby Automotive	14	2	12972
Wolf Lawn Care	10	6	12707
McCary Dairy	10	6	9600
TJ's Tire Repair	8	8	12225
Colby Bowl	7	9	12247
Young Uns	7	9	9140
5 Pony Men	6	10	12541
Cheney Repair	6	10	12257
Trish's Steakhouse	6	10	12057
Donation Station	6	10	11873

High game: Lynn Cameron, 268
High series: Brent Menges, 620



March 29 - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Village Laundromat	66	42	79077
Colby Bowl	61	47	79333
Jay's Lawn Service	60	48	78802
Citizens Medical	59	49	75657
Cersovsky Insurance	55.5	52.5	77685
Hurt Enterprise	54.5	53.5	78592
Cal Williams-Atty.	50	58	78140
Prairie Senior	42	66	69922
Comfort Inn	40	68	77342

High game: Alberta Cameron, 212
High series: Alberta Cameron, 571

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Pictured front row L-R: Trent Jones, Seth Bredemeier, Mark Ostmeier, Tessa Hoft, Nate Horinek and Pete Merjil; back row L-R: Ashley Carswell, Arron Morton, Kahle Phillips, Brena Jones, Skyler Brogan and Heather Griggs.

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