

SPORTS

Tribe bats boom in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Royals manager Tony Muser had some choice words for his team following their latest loss. About 27 minutes worth.

That's how long Muser kept the clubhouse doors locked following Tuesday night's 16-3 loss to the Cleveland Indians, the fourth straight defeat for the Royals.

"I got some thoughts and ideas off my mind and off my chest," Muser said. "This is the most disappointed I've been. I saw a couple of guys cruising down the first base line tonight. It's one thing to get beat. It's another to hang your head and hang your chin. But that's easy to do when you're getting the crap kicked out of you."

The loss dropped the Royals, last in the AL Central, to 6-16 at home, the majors' worst mark.

Closer Jeff Montgomery said the message was the team is getting worse instead of better.

"We're not doing the things we need to do to get better," Montgomery said.

The fourth Royals' pitcher Tuesday, Montgomery gave up two home runs in a three-run Cleveland ninth. Mark Whiten led off with a 440-foot shot over the fence in center and Jim Thome added a 423-foot drive to right-

center.

Thome had four hits and four RBIs, and Omar Vizquel, Sandy Alomar and Travis Fryman added three hits each as the Indians pounded out a season-high 20 hits in their biggest scoring outburst of the season. Every Indians starter had at least one hit and scored at least once.

"We needed a game like this," Fryman said. "Hitting is mainly confidence and we haven't been swinging the bats well."

"We swung the bats well," agreed Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove. "Guys who have been struggling like Manny (Ramirez) and Fryman were a lot better tonight and Thome had a big game."

The Indians put the game away with a seven-run fifth inning, highlighted by Ramirez's three-run homer.

The seven-run inning was the biggest of the season for the Indians and made a winner of Chad Ogea (2-2), who allowed six hits and three runs — two earned — in 6 1/3 innings before leaving with a strained right pectoral muscle. He struck out four and walked one in posting his first win since May 2.

"Ogea threw the ball well," Hargrove said. "He threw first

pitch strikes to the first 16 batters he faced."

Trailing 2-1 in the fifth, the Indians loaded the bases on singles by Alomar and David Bell surrounding a walk to Fryman. After Kenny Lofton tied the game with a sacrifice fly, Vizquel hit a two-run double down the right-field line.

Pat Rapp (3-4) struck out David Justice, but after an intentional walk to Thome, Ramirez hit his seventh homer, ending a string of 67 at-bats without one, dating back to April 22.

The Indians added another run off reliever Chris Hane on a walk to Brian Giles and singles by Alomar and Fryman.

Cleveland took a 1-0 lead in the first on Thome's run-scoring single.

Kansas City tied the game in the third on Shane Halter's sacrifice fly, then went ahead 2-1 in the fourth on Dean Palmer's 11th home run. It was the first start since May 7 for Palmer, who was limited to one pinch-hitting appearance in three games at Boston over the weekend because of back spasms.

The Royals added a run in the seventh on Sal Fasano's sacrifice fly. Fryman doubled in two runs in Cleveland's five-run eighth.



Cleveland Indians pitcher Chad Ogea pitches against the Kansas City Royals Tuesday night.

Flashes advance to district finals

WILLARD — Willard defeated Lakota 8-2 Tuesday in the Div. II district softball opener at Willard High School.

The Flashes (18-6) advance to Thursday's district title game (5 p.m.) against the winner of today's Bucyrus-Clyde matchup.

Rebekah Tipton went the distance on the mound for the Flashes, allowing six hits with one walk and eight strikeouts.

The Flashes made the most of their eight hits, led by Michele Polachek with two and Val Tipton, Erin Kessler and Kaci Pugh with one each.

Willard scored three runs in the top of the second inning, then broke it open with four in the third.

Lakota got one back in the bottom of the third, then both teams plated a run in the fourth.

"We hit the ball pretty well," said Willard assistant coach Jason Ratliff, who is finishing the season for Sherri Chaffins.

"We got the key hits when we needed them."

Lakota drops to 15-11 on the season.



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ROTARY CITIZENSHIP ATHLETE AWARD



Four local seniors earned Rotary Citizenship Athlete Awards this season. From left are Natalie Ickes and Jay Sizemore and St. Paul seniors Kelly Timmerman and Dan Pugh.

New London rolls past Flyers for win No. 15 of the season

NEW LONDON — New London defeated St. Paul 11-1 Tuesday in Firelands Conference baseball action.

The Cats (15-8 overall) and 11-2 in the FC) wrap up their season Thursday at home against Crestview.

St. Paul ends at 11-12 overall 8-6 in the FC — good for third place behind South Central (13-0) and the Cats.

Kevin Johnson went the distance on the mound for the Cats, allow-

ing one earned run on five hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

Kurt Beatty pitched the first four innings for St. Paul and took the loss, allowing six earned runs on seven hits with no walks and two strikeouts.

Brian Wechter finished up and also paced the Flyer offense with two hits, including a home run. Scott Brutsche, Mike Morrow and Derek Kline each had one hit.

Jared Moffitt went four for four to pace the Cats, followed by Ben Pack and Andy Smiley with two hits apiece. Josh Merrill had a home run in final at-bat and now has at least one hit in every game this season. Pack and Jon Nossie each homered.

"Kevin (Johnson) did a heck of a

job," said New London coach Glen Morse. "He's been outstanding all year."

"We have eight losses and six were by one run. If we would have won half of those ... especially if they were the right half. We started out 2-5 and to be at this point (13-3 over last 16 games) is pretty good. We have 11 seniors on this team and I know they want to go out with a win."

"I was not satisfied with the year," said Flyer coach Jim Carper.

"We didn't meet all of the goals we set. But what I am most proud of is even when we were out of contention and the tournament the kids kept playing. They really enjoyed the game and that's what baseball is all about."

FC JUNIOR HIGH TRACK MEET

Girls' team standings — 1. Crestview, 83.2; 2. St. Paul, 79.3; 3. New London, 78.4; 4. Morrowville, 49.5; 5. Western Reserve, 46.6; 6. Plymouth, 41.7; 7. Mapleton, 34.8; 8. South Central, 32.

Shot put — 1. Sally Schmeidler (SPI), 32-11 1/2; 2. Julie Schaefer (SPI), 31-11; 3. Ashley Mathes (MON), 31-10 3/4; 4. Sara Holter (MON), 29-10; 5. Jenny Thirney (WRI), 28-8; 6. Michelle Ony (SC), 27-8 1/2.

Discus — 1. Sally Schmeidler (SPI), 104-8; 2. Jenny Thirney (WRI), 91-4; 3. Kayla Hendrick (MON), 83-3; 4. Julie Schaefer (SPI), 86-4; 5. Sara Holter (MON), 83-7; 6. Laura Ford (SC), 82-6.

Long jump — 1. Holly Ames (MON), 14-10 3/4; 2. Annie Bockath (SPI), 13-10 1/4; 3. Kelly Whitm (MON), 13-7 1/2; 4. Shannon Geist (NL), 13-6; 5. Gail Henry (C), 13-4 3/4; 6. Stephanie Dearth (NL), 12-10.

High jump — 1. Stephanie Dearth (NL), 4-8; 2. Stephanie Cunningham (S), 4-6; 3. Ila Jordan Centers (SPI) and Jessica Haller (C), 4-2; 5. Joanne Douglas (C), 14-0; 6. Brooke Skidmore (NL), 14-1.

100-meter hurdles — 1. Kelly Graham (NL), 17-7; 2. Ashley Reynolds (S), 17-7; 3. Angela Ebberson (MAP), 18-4; 4. Rebecca Bemerl (WRI), 18-4; 5. Jenna Donahue (C), 18-6; 6. Jenny Farley (MON), 18-9.

1600-meter run — 1. April Schwaderer (S), 5:15.6; 2. Amanda Hayes (SC), 6:16.7; 3. Daniela Welfe (SP), 6:19.4; 4. Shannon Geist (NL), 6:29.3; 5. Melissa Patricia (C), 6:31; 6. Jessica Belmont (MAP), 6:31.1.

400-meter relay — 1. Crestview, 55:2; 2. New London, 56:6; 3. Morrowville, 57:3; 4. St. Paul, 58:1; 5. Western Reserve, 59:2; 6. Shiloh, 59:2.

400-meter dash — 1. Halle Gorman (MAP), 1:05.2; 2. Holly Robuck (NL), 1:05.2; 3. Maricle Buck (WRI), 1:07.8; 4. Kim Stal (SPI), 1:09; 5. Emily Honeycutt (SC), 1:10; 6. Alison Wallace (WRI), 1:10.1.

800-meter relay — 1. Crestview, 2:01.4; 2. Shiloh, 2:01.7; 3. New London, 2:04.8; 4. St. Paul, 2:07; 5. Morrowville, 2:08; 6. Mapleton, 2:13.9.

200-meter hurdles — 1. Kelly Lierenz (WRI), 32.7; 2. Wendy Kyser (C), 32.7; 3. Jenna Donahue (C), 32.8; 4. Ashley Reynolds (S), 33.5; 5. Jenna Farley (MON), 33.7; 6. Kelly Graham (NL), 34.3.

800-meter run — 1. Emily Honeycutt (SC), 2:43.6; 2. Sarah Surar (NL), 2:55.6; 3. Daniela Welfe (SP), 2:56.4; 4. Alison Wallace (WRI), 3:00.2; 5. Katie M. Jagan (C), 3:03; 6. Mara Lea Albright (WRI), 3:04.9.

200-meter dash — 1. Holly Thomas (C), 28.0; 2. Halle Gorman (MAP), 28.1; 3. Ashley Thomas (C), 28.5; 4. Alicia Palmer (SC), 29.0; 5. Maricle Buck (WRI), 29.6; 6. Chandra Cross (NL), 30.0.

1600-meter relay — 1. St. Paul (Candi Gibson, Tiffany Woodstra, Kim Stolt, Angie Camp), 4:40.8; 2. New London, 4:41.2; 3. Crestview, 4:51.4; 4. South Central, 5:02.2; 5. Shiloh, 5:05.2; 6. Mapleton, 5:05.3.

Boys' team standings — Mapleton, 97.2; St. Paul, 88 1/2; 3. Crestview, 76.4; 4. New London, 69 1/2; 5. Plymouth, 65; 6. Western Reserve, 22; 7. South Central 14; 8. Morrowville's, 3.

Shot put — 1. Frank Linder (SP), 41-0; 2. Josh Hahn (NL), 40-8; 3. Jonas Burns (C), 40-4; 4. Rodney Dewalt (WRI), 39-9; 5. Matt Dick (C), 39-6; 6. Michah Stryker (SC), 39-0.

Discus — 1. Jeff Burgess (WRI), 131-8; 2. Rodney Dewalt (WRI), 130-1; 3. Matt Cooksey (SPI), 125-2; 4. Steve Gore (NL), 120-6; 5. Jonathan Wilson (NL), 112-11; 6. Sam Kramer (MAP), 112-10.

Long jump — 1. Steve Gore (NL), 17-6; 2. Graham Ketchum (SC), 16-6; 3. Dan Coletta (SP), 16-5 1/2; 4. Craig Thurston (S), 16-5; 5. Heath Hamilton (NL), 16-3; 6. Mark Ballinger (MAP), 16-1.

High jump — 1. Josh Barker (C), 6-4; 2. Craig Thurston (S), 6-3; 3. Cy Wheeler (SC), Josh Meeks (MAP) and Steve Gore (NL), 4-9; 6. Shane Hightengale (NL) and Craig Brown (SPI), 4-9.

100-meter dash — 1. Josh Barker (C), 10-0; 2. John Stuart (C), 9-8; 3. Clay Meyer (MAP), 8-0; 4. Jordan Eastman (NL), 8-0; 5. Jacob Kinney (MAP), 7-0; 6. Eric W's (NL), 7-0.

110-meter hurdles — 1. John Stuart (C), 16-9; 2. Marcus Gordon (MAP), 17-3; 3. Eric Wells (NL), 18-0; 4. Cy Wheeler (SC), 18-4; 5. Hyan Wilson (NL), 13-8; 6. Chad Kirkpatrick (S), 18-8.

Rough start for Dwight Gooden

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Dwight Gooden hasn't seen the results he'd like on the scoreboard during four rehab starts with Cleveland's top farm club, but he said Monday night that how he feels is most important.

The 1985 National League Cy Young winner, trying to battle back from tendinitis, was surprisingly upbeat after being shelled for seven runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings by Richmond of the International League.

"It felt good," he said. "The location wasn't where I wanted it to be. To me, it was the best I've felt so far. The results don't show it."

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