

Royals Erase 9-0 Deficit Without Skip

Boone Berates Replacement Umps Over Non-Call; Yank Turns Unassisted Triple Play

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Kansas City manager Bob Boone had another heated argument with replacement umpires, and the Royals came back from a nine-run deficit to beat the Reds 10-9 Monday.

Boone argued with home plate umpire Bill Davis and first base umpire Bob Jones for several minutes in the sixth, when Cincinnati scored six times to go ahead 9-0.

Boone contended that Deion Sanders ran into the ball as he headed to first base on a full-count wild pitch, letting Reggie Sanders score from third. Boone went back and forth between Davis and Jones, finally relenting only after going nose-to-nose with the first base umpire.

"The guy hit the ball. You can't do that intentionally or unintentionally," Boone said. "(The umpire) said he didn't see it. This guy (the other umpire) walked out and said it was unintentional. I said it doesn't matter if it was intentional or not."

Boone also had a prolonged argument with umpire Joe Caraco over the weekend in a game at Lakeland.

The Reds (4-1) got three-run doubles from Reggie Sanders and Bret Boone to build the 9-0 lead, then watched Kevin Jarvis — competing for a job in the rotation — and Hector Carrasco give it away.

Michael Tucker, who joined the team Monday as a non-roster player, doubled to start the eight-run eighth and singled home the go-ahead run off Carrasco. Joe Vitiello had a two-run pinch-double in the inning as the Royals (3-2) piled up seven hits and two walks.

New York (AL) 7, Los Angeles 2

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Randy Velarde had an unassisted triple play for the Yankees in the ninth inning of a 7-2 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday.

Reggie Williams was running from second and Eddie Pye from first when Mitch Webster hit a soft liner that Velarde snared near second base. He touched the bag and then tagged out Pye.

"You've got runners at first and second, and you've got guys moving," said Velarde, who was playing shortstop. "Obviously, the ball was tailor made."

Hideo Nomo gained the victory in his first decision for Los Angeles, allowing one hit in four scoreless innings. He walked three and struck out one.

Mike Piazza and Todd Hollandsworth keyed a 14-hit attack. Piazza went 3 for 4 with three RBI and Hollandsworth hit a three-run homer in a four-run seventh inning off rookie reliever Andy Croghan.

Only 10 major leaguers have had unassisted triple plays in regular season games. The last was by John Valentin of Boston last July 8 against Seattle.

Chicago (AL) 11, Pittsburgh 0

SARASOTA, Fla. — Alex Fernandez and four relievers combined on a five-hit shutout and Robin Ventura and Brandon Wilson homered, leading the Chicago White Sox to an 11-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday.

Rob Dibble, Rod Bolton and Atlee Hammaker followed Fernandez with one scoreless inning apiece. Roberto Hernandez pitched the final two innings.

Fernandez gave up three hits over four innings and has pitched seven scoreless innings against Pittsburgh (2-3) this spring. The White Sox (2-3) took a 4-0 lead in the first against rookie Esteban Loaiza, who was added to manager Jim Leyland's four-man rotation prior to the game.

Texas 8, Minnesota 6

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Dave McCarty had two doubles off the wall in left-center Monday as the Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 before the second-smallest exhibition game crowd in the history of Hammond Stadium.

Only 1,230 fans showed up on an 87-degree afternoon, surpassing only the 1,040 who saw the March 6 replacement game against the Rangers. The Twins sold 1,454 tickets for Monday's game, their lowest total since moving to Fort Myers in 1991.

The teams combined for 23 hits. Pedro Munoz, Jerald Clark and Pat Meares had two hits and two RBI each for the Twins.

Baltimore 11, Boston 2

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Cal Ripken took three called third strikes and had words with replacement plate umpire Jim Paylor as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 11-2 Monday.

Ripken had words with Paylor, then took another called third strike in the sixth. Red Sox manager Kevin Kennedy, who complained Saturday that replacements were instigating arguments, got into a shouting match with Paylor in the second.

Baltimore took a 2-0 lead in the first when Ripken hit a run-scoring single and Harold Baines hit an RBI double. Jeff Manto added a two-run homer in the fifth.

Detroit 4, St. Louis 0

LAKELAND, Fla. — Sparky Anderson got a glimpse of the future and liked what he saw Monday as the Detroit Tigers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0.

Five pitchers, including rookies Sean Bergman, Jose Lima and Rick Greene, held the Cardinals to three hits, and recently acquired Chad Curtis led off the first with a homer.

The Tigers scored all their runs against St. Louis ace Ken Hill, acquired from Montreal 2 1/2 weeks ago.

Hoax Adds Mischief to Today's Farewell to Montana

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Eddie DeBartolo will be there, ready to cry at the drop of a Super Bowl ring. So will Ronnie Lott, Dwight Clark and a lot of the other San Francisco 49ers who helped Joe Montana bring San Francisco four titles.

But Steve Young, who thought the hoax would be at Montana's retirement party, won't be there.

It turns out that the person who invited him wasn't Montana's agent, Peter Johnson, but an unidentified 49er, adding a bit of mischief to the much ballyhooed event and ruffling the somewhat stiff feathers of the International Management Group.

"I didn't call Steve, it was all a hoax," Johnson said Monday night after IMG's public relations consultants denied he had issued an invitation to the quarterback whose presence led DeBartolo to trade Montana to Kansas City and whose relationship with Montana has been anything but cordial.

"The only ones from the 49ers I invited were Eddie, Dwight and Carmen Policy," said Johnson, who is at the top of the IMG hierarchy. "Joe invited a few other of his old teammates but not Steve, certainly not Steve."

But if the hoax added a touch of the

comic to what has become a rather staid occasion, it shouldn't take away from Montana's Day on Tuesday. It's likely to be far more emotional than the day five summers from now in Canton, Ohio, when Montana's automatic induction into the pro football Hall of Fame is made official.

For in a city where being different is an art form, an ordinary guy named Joe brought the city four NFL titles in nine seasons and is without question its most popular citizen.

And if, in fact, Montana left his heart in San Francisco during his two seasons in Kansas City, it's also true that San

Francisco's heart went with him.

"I don't feel weird about Joe's retirement because I was hoping it would come a little sooner. It was so hard to watch him play somewhere else," says Clark, who made "The Catch" after "The Throw" in the 1981 NFC title game to start the 49ers on their Super Bowl run.

While Lott, Clark, Jerry Rice, Roger Craig and many others made major contributions, those first four titles were regarded in the San Francisco area as "property of Joe Montana."

So if various friends and relatives from Montana's first hometown, Monongahela,

Pa., will be there along with the brass from the Chiefs, with whom he ended his career, this is San Francisco's treat.

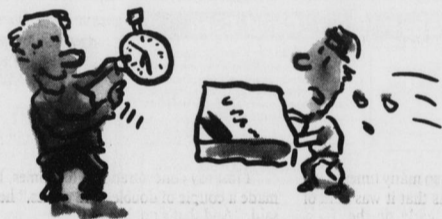
IMG made that clear when it organized the celebration, leaving Wednesday as the day for a second, lower-key tribute in Kansas City.

With Young or without him, there is certain to be plenty of sentiment, particularly for the 49ers' front office.

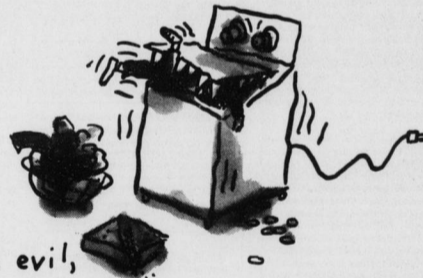
"We are," says Carmen Policy, the team president and DeBartolo's closest friend, "like a tight Italian family. All tears, all emotion. Letting Joe go was the hardest thing we've had to do."

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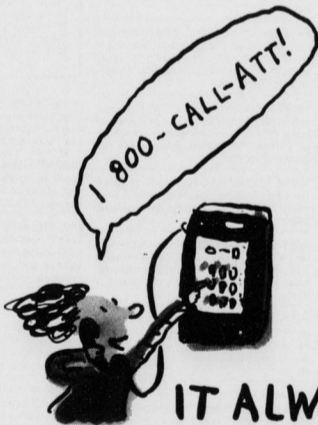
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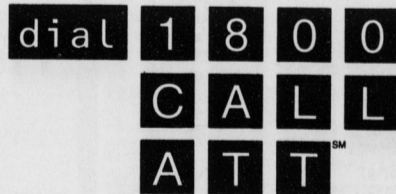
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