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**Reds rally in 10th after Romano's strong start
Votto's bases-clearing triple fuels 4-run rally against Royals
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KANSAS CITY -- Sal Romano would have loved to get a win for the Reds on Tuesday night, but he still got what he absolutely needed personally vs. the Royals -- a strong performance.

Romano pitched a season-high eight innings, but he didn't get the run support until after he departed the Reds' 5-1 win in 10 innings at Kauffman Stadium. During the top of the 10th, Cincinnati sent nine men to the plate and scored four runs with Joey Votto's bases-clearing triple snapping the 1-1 tie. Eugenio Suarez capped the rally with an RBI single.

"Definitely a good day. A better team win than my performance," Romano said.

David Hernandez pitched the scoreless bottom of the ninth for the victory. In a no-decision, Romano gave up four hits and a walk with two strikeouts. The only run he allowed was on a home run by Hunter Dozier leading off the bottom of the fifth.

The eight innings from Romano set a new season high for Cincinnati that topped Homer Bailey's seven innings vs. the Cardinals on April 15, while Bryan Price was still manager. The last eight-inning start the Reds got was also from Romano on Sept. 16, 2017, vs. the Pirates.

"He trusted his fastball and didn't care who the hitter was," said Reds catcher Tucker Barnhart, who hit the tying home run in the ninth inning. "He was going to go and pitch to his strengths. He was phenomenal. We were out there grinding for him trying to get him some runs. He pitched so well and he deserved that win. Just glad the team came up with a victory today."

According to Statcast™, 64 of Romano's 106 pitches were sinkers -- also known as two-seam fastballs. Upon picking up Jorge Soler's inning-ending double play in the first, Romano enjoyed a stretch where he retired 10 of 11 batters.

"I thought he was aggressive," Votto said. "He seemed to go after guys and pretty much let them know, 'Hey, you guys are going to have to beat me with the barrel.' I thought he threw well today."

Dozier attacked a 94-mph 3-2 pitch up in the strike zone and lifted it into the left-field seats.

"You'd like to think 'don't be the first one to break.' I was the first one to break giving up that solo homer. I wanted to come back and keep throwing zeros," Romano said.

Romano recovered and retired 12 of his last 14 batters. He had 84 pitches through six innings and 93 through seven. But he wasn't looking over his shoulder for interim manager Jim Riggleman, who has had only one pitcher pitcher work into the seventh inning since he took over for Price on April 19.

"I knew it was my game," Romano said. "I really wanted to stay in there. That's what you live for as a starting pitcher, to go the distance. I was really fortunate enough to make some quality pitches and get some ground balls and fly balls, and keep the guys off-balance there. It was a really good day, overall."

How badly did Romano need this start? The right-hander came in 1-4 with a 10.72 ERA (27 earned runs over 22 2/3 innings) in his previous five starts. Overall, he is 3-7 with a 5.67 ERA in 14 starts and knew if things didn't change soon -- he could be in danger of losing his spot in the rotation.

"I was really impressed that he stayed strong on a humid night out here," Riggles said. "Sal is a sinkerball pitcher and there were a few balls in the air that we made some big plays on. The next step for Sal was to make sure we're getting some ground balls there and really move it along in that direction."

MOMENTS THAT MATTERED

Barnhart's big homer: Royals closer Kelvin Herrera took over for Ian Kennedy in the ninth and blew the save when Barnhart hit a leadoff homer into the right-field bullpen on a 2-2 pitch. It was his third career homer in the ninth inning or later and the first that tied or gave his team a lead.

"Just honestly trying to get on base," Barnhart said. "I got to two strikes there pretty quick. At that point, just trying to battle and kind of work the count [and] obviously get on for Joey there. Had a pitch up in the zone and was able to stay through long enough to get it up in the air and get it out of here."

Votto snaps the tie: Following a wild play by Billy Hamilton to avoid a tag in a rundown and load the bases, the Royals had to bring the infield in. Votto followed with his triple through the gap in right-center field. It was his first go-ahead hit in extra innings since a walk-off single on April 8, 2015, vs. the Pirates in the 11th inning.

"You can't hit the ball on the ground there," Votto said. "You can't hit it too shallow obviously. I happened to get a pitch and put a good swing on it"

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS

Following a Scott Schebler single that put runners on the corners in the top of the 10th, Barnhart grounded to reliever Kevin McCarthy who looked to second base before he fired to the plate as Hamilton broke for home. It started a rundown, but after three throws, Hamilton was somehow able to dodge Alcides Escobar's tag as he scampered back to third base.

"Billy is Billy. That goes down as one of the more crazy things I've seen him do," Barnhart said. "I say it all the time, but I'm glad he's on my team."

Royals manager Ned Yost argued that Hamilton's evasive maneuver took him out of the base line. But the call on the field was not eligible to be reviewed.

"In their judgment, he didn't leave the baseline," Yost said. "I said [to third-base umpire Jeff Nelson], in my judgement, he did. He checked with [home-plate umpire Laz Diaz], and Laz was of the same opinion [as Nelson]. You don't really have much of an argument there. It's not reviewable. I haven't looked at the replay.

"I think there's a lot of things that should be reviewable. There's a lot of things that could go on that reviewable list, yes."

HE SAID IT

"It was so athletic. It's funny, I think one of the reasons I like baseball so much is because we're very much a skill sport, but every now and then you see a guy who could probably be a DB in the NFL or could be a rugby player, could play in the NHL, could fight in the UFC or could do something special, maybe Olympic caliber. He's out here on a ballfield making outstanding plays. That's really the fun part of baseball in my opinion. We get to see it very often because he plays center field for us." -- Votto, on Hamilton's play in the 10th inning

UP NEXT

Right-hander Tyler Mahle will make the start as the Reds wrap up their brief two-game series against the Royals at 8:15 p.m. ET on Wednesday at Kauffman Stadium. Mahle gave up three runs (two earned) with six hits over five innings in a no-decision against the Rockies on Thursday. He hasn't pitched more than five innings in his past three starts. Veteran right-hander Jason Hammel is scheduled to start for Kansas City.

Bailey labors during rehab outing at Louisville
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KANSAS CITY -- Reds starting pitcher Homer Bailey's first rehab assignment start for Triple-A Louisville did not go well on Monday. Bailey lasted three innings and gave up five earned runs on six hits over three innings with one walk and one strikeout. He threw 68 pitches.

All five runs and five of the hits came during the top of the third inning.

"I talked to [Louisville manager] Dick Schofield. He basically said his first two innings looked good and then he got hit hard," Reds interim manager Jim Riggleman said on Tuesday. "That about summed it up."

Bailey hadn't pitched since his May 28 start for the Reds vs. the D-backs. On June 1, following a demotion to the bullpen, he went on the 10-day disabled list with right knee inflammation. His knee apparently had bothered him for at least a month.

Riggleman said there were no reports of knee issues for Bailey on Monday. He also noted that sometimes it's hard to read the results of rehab games for big leaguers and recalled a story of when former Reds closer Aroldis Chapman pitched on a rehab assignment for him at Louisville in 2014.

"When I had Chapman down there, two days in a row he could not complete an inning," Riggleman said. "He was throwing 101, 102 [mph] and left-handed hitters -- one guy rifled a ball by his ear. We were shocked how hard he got hit. He went two days in a row, threw over 30 pitches each day and did not complete an inning. Then in his first appearance back in the big leagues, he struck out the side. It's really a mystery with some of those situations."

The date and location of Bailey's next rehab start were not revealed.

Draft picks signed

The Reds agreed to terms with several of their 2018 Draft picks. They include third-round outfielder Bren Spillane, fifth-round pitcher Ryan Campbell, sixth-round pitcher Yomil Maysonet, seventh-round catcher Jay Schuyler, eighth-round pitcher Matt Pidich, ninth-round pitcher Andrew McDonald, 10th-round pitcher Alex Moore, 18th-round pitcher Alberto Gonzalez and 29th-round pitcher John Schenider.

According to MLB.com's Jim Callis, Spillane was signed with a \$600,000 bonus. Callis also reported that second-round pick and pitcher Lyon Richardson received a \$2 million bonus when he signed on Friday. Competitive Balance Round B pick and pitcher Josiah Gray was given a bonus of \$775,000 when he signed on Monday.

Cincinnati has signed 17 of its 41 selections. Still unsigned is fifth overall pick and third baseman Jonathan India, who is playing for the University of Florida in the College World Series.

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

Sal Romano pitches 8 innings, Joey Votto lifts Reds to win over Royals in extras

Bobby Nightengale, Cincinnati Enquirer

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KANSAS CITY, MO. – For the first time this season, a Reds starting pitcher made it into the eighth inning.

It just took a few more innings to turn it into a victory.

Joey Votto hit a bases-clearing, three-run triple in the top of the 10th inning Tuesday and the Reds salvaged Sal Romano's best outing of the season in a 5-1 win over the Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium.

Romano, who entered Tuesday with a 10.72 ERA in his last five starts, was aggressive with his fastball and pounded the strike zone. He forced 11 groundouts.

When Reds interim manager Jim Riggleman asked if Romano wanted to continue after the seventh inning, Romano responded, "Send me back out."

"He trusted his fastball and didn't care who the hitter was," Reds catcher Tucker Barnhart said. "He was going to go pitch to his strengths. He was phenomenal."

As well as Romano pitched, he needed late heroics to avoid a loss.

Enter Barnhart.

Trailing by a run in the top of the ninth inning, Barnhart drilled a game-tying solo home run to right field against Royals closer Kelvin Herrera, forcing extra innings.

Before the homer, Herrera had only allowed two runs in 24 2/3 innings while converting 14 of his 15 save opportunities.

"Definitely a good day," said Romano after players blasted the song "Look Alive" by BlocBoy JB and Drake in the clubhouse. "A better team win than my performance."

In the 10th inning, the Reds loaded the bases through a single and a pair of fielder's choices – one that included the magic of Billy Hamilton escaping an 11-second rundown between third base and home plate, juking around a tag by swinging his body backward.

"It was astounding," Votto said. "It was so athletic."

Votto followed with his second triple of the season in the right-center gap as the ball rolled to the wall. Eugenio Suarez added a single to score Votto.

The only pitch that separated Romano from a shutout performance was a two-seam fastball in the bottom of the fifth inning against Royals first baseman Hunter Dozier.

Entering the at-bat against Dozier, Romano had retired 10 of the last 11 hitters he faced. He had Dozier in a 0-2 count before giving up a full-count, solo homer to left field. It was the second home run of the season for Dozier.

"I thought (Romano) was aggressive," Votto said. "He seemed to go after guys and pretty much let them know, 'Hey, you guys are going to have to beat me with the barrel.'"

Dozier's solo home run was the only negative mark in perhaps the best outing by a Reds starter this season. Romano allowed four hits and one walk, striking out two.

Romano matched his career high of eight innings, a mark he hit against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sept. 16, 2017.

"I really wanted to stay in there," Romano said. "That's what you live for as a starting pitcher, to go the distance."

Before Barnhart's home run, the Reds only had three hits through the first eight innings. Against Royals starter Ian Kennedy, they lost their best opportunity to score in the pitcher's duel on the basepaths.

In the second inning, the Reds (24-43) loaded the bases with one out via a single from Scooter Gennett and two walks. Jose Peraza hit a medium depth fly ball to Royals (22-45) center fielder Abraham Almonte, while Gennett tried to tag from the third base.

Almonte's throw bounced a few feet in front of the plate and Royals catcher Salvador Perez secured the ball before Gennett had much of a chance to slide.

Kennedy clapped and held his glove in the air, saluting Almonte who running toward the dugout.

After the play at the plate, Kennedy retired the next 11 batters with three strikeouts. He finished with eight shutout innings, walking three.

"When you're grinding a little bit and their guy is mowing you down, it's tough to have a ton of confidence," Barnhart said. "But we stuck together and we stuck to our team approach and pulled one out."

Cincinnati Reds Notebook: Homer Bailey roughed up in rehab start; 21 draft picks sign
Bobby Nightengale, Cincinnati Enquirer
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI – Homer Bailey made his first rehab start Monday after he was placed on the 10-day disabled list with right knee inflammation and his final inning didn't go well.

At Triple-A Louisville, Bailey allowed five runs on six hits in three innings. He walked one and struck out one in 68 pitches.

All five runs scored in the third inning, which required 42 pitches from Bailey in the frame.

Reds interim manager Jim Riggleman talked with Louisville manager Dick Schofield afterward, but Riggleman said results in rehab starts can sometimes "be a mystery."

"I think his knee felt good," Riggleman said. "There had been some talk of maybe changing some things up with his delivery. I don't know how that went or if he even did that. That could play into it too."

Bailey hasn't pitched in a Major League game since May 28.

HAMILTON SPEAKS UP: Speaking in front of more than 40 African-American teenage baseball players at the Kansas City Urban Youth Academy, Billy Hamilton admitted he was nervous.

Hamilton was comfortable taking questions from youth players at the Breakthrough Series, which highlights players from underserved communities nationwide. He even had the opportunity to meet two kids from his home state, Mississippi.

But speaking in front of the entire group was different.

"Just to give encouraging words, for me, it meant a lot to me," Hamilton said. "I was nervous myself talking to the kids that are younger than me and looking up to me. I feel like I should be the one all hyped about it but I'm nervous just sitting there thinking, 'This is where I was at one point.'"

Hamilton spoke at the event Tuesday afternoon alongside Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar. Former Major Leaguers George Brett, Dmitri Young, Tom Gordon and LaTroy Hawkins were among the Breakthrough Series coaches, an instructional camp and showcase in front of scouts that lasted four days.

"It was just amazing to be around those kids," Hamilton said. "Just give them confidence, give them a boost, give them the leeway to be able to want to play and want to continue to do it after high school."

DRAFT SIGNINGS: The Reds announced they had signed 21 of their draft picks Tuesday, including nine of their first 11 selections. That includes second-rounder Lyon Richardson (right-handed pitcher), Competitive Balance round choice Josiah Gray (right-handed pitcher) and fourth-round pick Bren Spillane (outfielder).

First-round pick Jonathan India, a third baseman at Florida, is unable to sign until he concludes his college baseball season. The Gators advanced to the College World Series with an extra-inning victory over Auburn on Monday. India hit a solo home run in the first inning.

MLB Network's Jon Heyman reported the Reds have agreed to a \$2 million deal with prep outfielder Mike Siani, their fourth-round pick, but the team has yet to announce the signing. Siani was committed to play college baseball at Virginia.

RIGGLEMAN NO FAN OF DH: Playing in an American League ballpark Tuesday and Wednesday, the Reds moved to a three-man bench by using a designated hitter.

If Riggelman had a vote, all of baseball would be played by National League rules.

"The bunting, the hit-and-running, the things that used to take place more in the National League than they do now," Riggelman said, "I think all that is interesting.

"In the big leagues, I've done both. Believe me, your stomach is not churning as much during games in the American League game."

Jim Riggelman says Cincinnati Reds outfielder Jesse Winker reminds him of Mark Grace
Bobby Nightengale, Cincinnati Enquirer
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI – There's something about pressure situations that brings out the best in Jesse Winker in the batter's box.

Playing off the bench against the Colorado Rockies last week, Winker hit a walk-off home run in the 13th inning.

On the following night, Winker hit a game-tying, RBI single in the ninth inning against St. Louis Cardinals closer Bud Norris.

With runners on base, Winker owns a team-best .367 batting average. It was one of the reasons interim manager Jim Riggelman placed Winker lower in the batting order. Batting fifth or sixth, he receives more RBI opportunities hitting behind Joey Votto, Scooter Gennett and Eugenio Suarez.

"I just try to take it day by day, to be honest with you," Winker said. "I try not to put too much on one day whether it's good or bad. Once the day's over, it's over. You come back to the yard the next day and you get to play ball again."

At the end of May, Winker briefly found himself on the outside of the Reds' four-man outfield rotation. In a five-game stretch, he was benched three times.

Returning to a regular role, Winker entered Tuesday batting .355 in nine games this month, recording a .444 on-base percentage.

“What we’re seeing now, I think, is just continuation of what Jesse has been,” Riggleman said. “He’s always been a professional hitter. He knows the strike zone. He doesn’t swing at a lot of bad pitches. He takes his walks.”

Considered one of the top prospects in the Reds’ organization before he made his Major League debut last season, Winker hasn’t flashed as much power with this year.

He hit seven homers and seven doubles in 47 games last year. Entering Tuesday’s series opener against the Kansas City Royals, he’s up to 10 doubles and three home runs through 57 games.

“One of my favorite players I’ve ever managed is Mark Grace,” said Riggleman, referring to the three-time All-Star. “(Winker) is kind of a Mark Grace type guy. He really knows the strike zone. Potential to be a .300 hitter like Mark and hit 12-15 home runs a year like Mark.”

The biggest question for Winker will continue to be his defense. Defensive metrics rank him last on the team by a large margin.

During the last homestand, Winker worked with third-base coach Billy Hatcher in the outfield before games. Winker has played 29 games in right field, 21 in left.

But if he can keep hitting at a high level, it's easier to keep him in the lineup each day.

“Had a little stretch there for two or three weeks where he was struggling a little bit, but everybody goes through that,” Riggleman said. “I think what we’re seeing is kind of the norm. Nobody is going to be hitting .480 or whatever, but I think the good at-bats and a lot of base hits is what you’ll continue to see from Jesse Winker throughout his career.”

Where do Cincinnati Reds players stand in MLB All-Star Game fan voting?

Bobby Nightengale, Cincinnati Enquirer

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Attempting to earn a spot in the MLB All-Star Game for the first time, Reds second baseman Scooter Gennett sits in third place in the fan voting.

In the first National League fan voting update, provided by MLB on Monday, Gennett trails Atlanta’s Ozzie Albies by about 89,000 votes for the lead among second basemen. Chicago’s Javier Baez ranks second, roughly 51,000 votes ahead of Gennett.

Entering Tuesday, Gennett was tied for first in the NL in batting average (.347), second in RBI (47) and ninth in homers (12).

Reds third baseman Eugenia Suarez, the NL leader in RBI (48) and slugging percentage (.568), is fourth in third baseman voting. Suarez is more than 400,000 votes behind Colorado’s Nolan Arenado.

At first base, Joey Votto is fifth in the voting. He’s about 550,000 votes behind the league’s leading vote-getter Freddie Freeman, of Atlanta.

The Braves have three players in the eight potential starting slots. Only position players are selected through fan voting.

Gennett, Suarez and Votto are the only Reds in the Top 5 at their position.

The fan voting will continue until 11:59 p.m. on July 5. The All-Star Game will be played July 17 at Nationals Park in Washington D.C.

THE ATHLETIC

Masterful Sal Romano just misses elusive complete game, but Reds eke out win

By C. Trent Rosecrans

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Tucker Barnhart cost Sal Romano the Reds’ first complete game of the season on Tuesday against the Royals – but it wasn’t a bad thing.

The Reds’ catcher was thinking about the complete game after Romano got Mike Moustakas to ground out to first to end the Royals’ eighth.

With Kansas City up 1-0 heading into the ninth inning at Kauffman Stadium, Romano had a chance to record the team's first complete game since Lisalverto Bonilla threw an eight-inning complete game in San Francisco on May 13, 2017.

Romano had just completed his eight innings, having thrown 106 pitches and allowing just one run on a fifth-inning home run by Hunter Dozier.

"I was thinking about that when he finished the eighth, he's got a CG," Barnhart recalled. "'I want him to get a CG,' that's what I was thinking."

The Royals, who entered the game with a worse record than the Reds, were thinking about a win – and an Ian Kennedy masterpiece. The Reds managed just three hits in eight innings against the Royals' starter before closer Kelvim Escobar was brought in for the ninth.

Like the Reds, the Royals have an elite closer that lacks save opportunities. But here it was, a lock-down closer who hadn't given up a run in nearly a month.

But it was Barnhart, the catcher who so wanted a complete game for his starter, that ruined it, hitting a 2-2 changeup into the Royals' bullpen to tie the game and force extra innings. The Reds then scored four in the 10th for a 5-1 victory.

"It's OK, I'd rather have the ND next to my name," Romano said afterward.

He might not have had a W or an L next to his name in the boxscore, but he was impressive – eight innings pitched, four hits, one run, one earned run, one walk, two strikeouts and one home run. He threw 106 pitches, 68 for strikes.

"It was by far the best I've seen him," Barnhart said. "I told him he needed to get a copy of that game and save it and if he's ever feeling off, he should just go watch what he did."

Romano, who had lost to the Rockies on Wednesday, said he used the extra day of rest from Monday's off day to squeeze in another bullpen.

He wanted to work on keeping his pitches down in the zone, especially the fastball.

"I've left a lot of balls up lately the last month and I've gotten hurt," he said.

Romano was 2-3 with a 3.83 ERA in his first eight starts of the season, but had gone 1-4 with a 10.72 ERA in his last five starts, starting May 14.

He threw 69 fastballs on Tuesday, 51 for strikes, according to BrooksBaseball.net.

"He can pitch in the heart of the strike zone with the quality of stuff he has. When he doesn't trust it is when he gets into trouble," Barnhart said. "Tonight he didn't care who the hitter was, he was going to challenge guys. For me, it just reaffirms how good his true stuff is. He threw a ton of fastballs tonight, but he threw a ton of strikes with it."

Barnhart said none was bigger than his 21st pitch in the first inning. After an error and a single, Romano faced cleanup hitter Jorge Soler with two on and one out. He threw two fastballs to Soler, one for a called strike and one fouled off, to get ahead 0-2.

"We could have thrown a chase breaking ball, maybe get him a swing-and-miss, but he'd already thrown 20 pitches," Barnhart said. "Get a swing and miss, and sure, you've got two outs, but then you have to face another guy instead of going to a pitch that could quite possibly get you a ground ball. He threw a really good fastball, got a ground ball, got a double play and got out of the inning and he was lights-out from there on out."

Soler did just what they'd hoped – a grounder to shortstop José Peraza for two outs and ending the inning with 21 pitches.

"I think when Sal gets in trouble is when he tries to get too fine or he tries to get chases so much as opposed to pitching more of a weaker contact," Barnhart said. "For instance, that double-play ball in the first. Instead of trying to punch the guy out, sure we could've gotten a punch out with the fastball, but the probability of getting a ground ball instead was a lot higher. It's just things like that, it's hard.

"Strikeouts are the sexy thing, everybody wants to punch guys out, but you also want to pitcher deeper into games, you want to be able to have hitters honor the fact that you throw strikes."

Romano gave up a single in the third and then Dozier's homer in the fifth. But he retired the Royals in order in four innings and didn't walk a batter until the eighth.

No Reds pitcher had gone more than seven innings this season – Homer Bailey reached seven innings on April 15. In the 48 games coming into Tuesday under interim manager Jim Riggleman, the longest outing had been 6 1/3 innings – Tyler Mahle on May 29. Only four times had a starter even seen the seventh inning.

While Riggleman has a reputation of a quick hook, the Reds starters have earned it, putting up a 5.87 ERA in those 48 starts under the interim manager, averaging more than a home run allowed per game.

So, when Riggleman asked Romano after the seventh how he felt, the pitcher told him he felt good – and that was an accomplishment on par with a win, if not greater.

“It was my game – I was really, really excited he had the trust in me to go out there and finish the job,” Romano said. “From a personal standpoint, it was a big thing for me. You want to gain trust from the manager, for him to be able to send me out there in a 1-0 ballgame, I really appreciated it and I was glad I was able to finish it.”

DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Reds top prospect heating up in Triple-A

By Marcus Hartman

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Cincinnati Reds top prospect Nick Senzel appears to be back on track after a spell of vertigo wiped out most of his May.

The infielder was hitless in his first two games for the Triple-A Louisville Bats after returning from the disabled list, but he has a hit in 10 of his 11 games since.

Recently the former University of Tennessee star has also added batting leadoff to his resume.

After going 2 for 4 in Louisville's loss to Columbus on Tuesday night, Senzel is hitting a brisk .571 (8 for 14) at the top of the order.

In 35 games this season, Senzel is hitting .289 with three homers, 16 RBIs and seven stolen bases. His OPS is .820.

Also of note from Tuesday night: left-handed pitching prospect Cody Reed notched arguably his best start of the season for the Bats.

He struck out 11 in 7.2 innings (both season highs) but was still saddled with the loss as the Clippers scored five runs (four earned) off of him.

Reed, who appeared in four games early in the season for the Reds, has endured more downs than ups in the first half of the year in Louisville. He is 0-5 with a 4.69 ERA in nine starts. He has averaged almost a strikeout per inning (44 Ks in 48 IP) and walked 17, but opponents are hitting .294 against him.

The big blow for Columbus came from a name familiar to Reds fans: Adam Rosales.

The 35-year-old hustle king clubbed a 2-run homer in the third inning to start the scoring.

What the Reds listen to: A list of walk-up songs

From Jay-Z to the Doobie Brothers: A wide variety of artists provide the soundtrack of the season

By David Jablonski

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CINCINNATI — If you have a hard time identifying the music that plays when different Cincinnati Reds batters approach the plate or when pitchers take the mound, you're not alone.

Only small snippets of the walk-up music are played during the short walk from the batter's box to the plate, and often they are new songs.

The Reds released a list of all the songs on Monday. Here's what the Reds are listening to:

Christian

Michael Lorenzen: "Amazing Grace."

Country

Homer Bailey: "It Ain't All Flowers," by Sturgill Simpson.

Tucker Barnhart: "Getting Warmed up," by Jason Aldean.

Adam Duvall: "Burning Man," by Dierks Bentley featuring Brothers Osborne.

Electronic

Brandon Dixon: "Start A Fire," by Stephen, featuring IN-Q.

Pop

Matt Harvey: "Ain't That a Kick In The Head," by Dean Martin (RJD2 Remix).

Rap/Hip

Alex Blandino: "'03 Bonnie & Clyde" by Jay-Z featuring Beyonce.

Anthony DeSclafani: "Encore," by Jay-Z.

Amir Garrett: "God's Plan," by Drake.

Billy Hamilton: "I'm Upset," by Drake; and "Air Forces," by Young Jeezy.

Scooter Gennett: "Psycho," by Post Malone, featuring Ty Dolla Sign.

David Hernandez: "Now It's Personal," by Kid Ink.

Raisel Iglesias: "Superbien," by El Taiger.

Wandy Peralta: "Dura," by Daddy Yankee.

Sal Romano: "I Get the Bag," by Gucci Mane; and "Lemon," by N.E.R.D. featuring Rihanna.

Jesse Winker: "Wasted," by Lil Wayne.

Joey Votto: "Hard Knock Life," by Jay-Z.

Reggaeton/Latin Pop

Luis Castillo: "X (Equis)" by Nicky Jam, featuring J. Balvin; and "Mi Forma De Ser," by Ala Jaza.

Wandy Peralta: "Danza Kuduro," by Don Omar.

Jose Peraza: "Siguelo Bailando," by Ozuna.

Eugenio Suarez: "Bandolero," by Don Omar, featuring Tego Calderon; "Criminal," by Natti Natasha, featuring Ozuna; and "No Te Vas," by Nacho.

Rock/Metal

Austin Brice: "My Own Summer," by Deftones.

Curt Casali: "Safari Song," by Greta Van Fleet.

Matt Harvey: "It's Your Thing," by the Isley Brothers.

Tyler Mahle: "Rooster," by Alice In Chains.

Scott Schebler: "Listen to the Music," by the Doobie Brothers; and "One Foot," by Walk the Moon.

Soul/R&M

Billy Hamilton: "Before I Let Go," by Frankie Beverley & Maze; "Return of the Mack," by Mark Morrison.

Vallenato (Colombian folk music)

Jose Peraza: "Por Un Beso de Tu Boca," by Silvestre Dangond.

Associated Press

Votto 3B follows Hamilton's rundown magic, Reds top Royals

Today

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Billy Hamilton eluded a rundown tag, and the Cincinnati Reds escaped with a victory.

Joey Votto hit a bases-loaded triple in the 10th inning after Hamilton slipped out of a rundown, and the Reds beat the Royals 5-1 on Tuesday night.

"Billy showed his athleticism and got out of that jam there and set it up for Joey," Reds manager Jim Riggleman said.

Hamilton got hung up between third and home when pitcher Kevin McCarthy (4-3) tipped Tucker Barnhart's line drive with his glove. McCarthy picked up the ball behind the mound and threw home, and Hamilton looked done until he sidestepped Alcides Escobar's tag and dived back safely into third base to leave the bases loaded with one out.

"I see the guy running back toward third base, I said, 'Gimme the ball,'" Escobar said. "When I tried to tag him I thought, 'Oh my God, where did the guy go?'" That was a great move right there."

Hamilton's speed and maneuvering set up the victory.

"That goes down as one of the more crazy things I've seen him do," said Barnhart, who homered in the ninth to tie it.

Royals manager Ned Yost argued with third base ump Jeff Nelson that Hamilton ran out of the base path.

"In their judgment he didn't leave the baseline," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "I said, 'In my judgment he did. Can you check with Laz (Diaz, plate umpire)?' Laz was of the same opinion. You don't really have much ground there."

Votto then tripled on a 2-1 count to the right-center wall, and Eugenio Suarez singled home Votto.

"I was looking for a quality pitch that I could put a little air on," Votto said. "Can't hit the ball on the ground there. Can't hit it too shallow. I got a good pitch and put a good swing on it."

Dave Hernandez (2-0) hit a batter and struck out two.

Barnhart drove a 2-2 pitch by Kelvin Herrera over the right-field fence into in the Royals' bullpen to lead off the ninth.

It was Herrera's second blown save in 16 opportunities.

After Barnhart's home run, Herrera walked Votto for his first walk of the season in his 27th relief appearance. He also walked Jesse Winker with two outs before retiring Adam Duvall on a groundball to end the inning.

Ian Kennedy, who has won one of his last 27 home starts, pitched eight scoreless innings, allowing three singles. He was removed after 104 pitches and the Royals holding a 1-0 lead.

"I leave it up to the staff to make that decision, not me," Kennedy said on coming back for the ninth. "I kind of felt like Kelvin has been so good this year I imagined that was probably my last inning."

Kennedy retired 12 straight after navigating his way out of a bases-loaded jam to end the second.

The Reds loaded the bases in the second inning on Scooter Gennett's leadoff single and walks by Suarez and Duvall. Kennedy got out of that jam when Jose Peraza flied out to center fielder Abraham Almonte, who threw out Gennett attempting to score.

Hunter Dozier led off the fifth with a 425-foot homer to left on a 2-2 pitch by Sal Romano.

That was the only hiccup for Romano. He allowed only three singles outside of Dozier's home run in eight innings.

The Royals have dropped eight of nine and have lost 22 of 32 home games.

SPELLING LESSON

The Kaufman Stadium scoreboard spelled the opposing team as "Cincinatti."

ROSTER MOVES

Royals: RHP Justin Grimm (low back stiffness) was recalled from his minor league injury rehab with Triple-A Omaha and activated. The Royals optioned rookie RHP Trevor Oaks to the Storm Chasers. OF Jorge Bonifacio, who is finishing an 80-game suspension, will begin a minor league rehab assignment Tuesday with Omaha. Major League Baseball suspended Bonifacio for testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Reds: RHP Homer Bailey (right knee inflammation) allowed five runs on six hits in three innings in a rehab start Sunday for Triple-A Louisville. All the runs scored in the fifth when Bailey allowed two doubles and a triple. "I talked to (Louisville bench coach) Dick Schofield and he basically said the first two innings looked good and then he got hit hard," Reds interim manager Jim Riggleman said.

Royals: Jorge Soler (bruised left big toe) returned to the lineup for the first time since Friday.

UP NEXT

Reds: RHP Tyler Mahle has allowed two earned runs over 10 innings in his first two June starts, going 1-0.

Royals: RHP Jason Hammel is 2-1 with a 2.59 ERA in his past four starts.

Transactions

06/13/18

Atlanta Braves designated RHP Luke Jackson for assignment.
Atlanta Braves activated RHP Mike Soroka from the 10-day disabled list.

06/12/18

Seattle Mariners signed LHP Nick Wegmann.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Penn Murfee.
Seattle Mariners signed 2B Zach Scott.
Seattle Mariners signed LHP Rigo Beltran.
Seattle Mariners signed OF Cody Staab.
Seattle Mariners signed SS Bobby Honeyman.
Seattle Mariners signed 2B Cash Gladfelter.
Seattle Mariners signed 3B Cal Hernandez.
Seattle Mariners signed 2B Connor Kopach.
Seattle Mariners signed SS Nicholas Rodriguez.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP J.T. Salter.
Seattle Mariners signed SS Cesar Trejo.
Seattle Mariners signed LHP Holden Laws.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Matthew Willrodt.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Tyler Suellentrop.
Seattle Mariners signed OF Charlie McConnell.
Seattle Mariners signed 2B Ryne Ogren.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Damon Casetta-Stubbs.
Seattle Mariners signed SS Matt Sanders.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Joey Gerber.
Seattle Mariners signed C Jake Anchia.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Joey O'Brien.
Seattle Mariners signed RHP Nolan Hoffman.

Seattle Mariners signed LHP Michael Plassmeyer.
Seattle Mariners signed OF Josh Stowers.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed OF Alek Thomas.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed OF Jake McCarthy.
Pittsburgh Pirates signed OF Luke Mangieri.
Pittsburgh Pirates signed LHP Cam Allred.
Pittsburgh Pirates signed RHP Michael Lopresti.
San Diego Padres sent C Austin Hedges on a rehab assignment to Lake Elsinore Storm.
Los Angeles Angels recalled RHP Jaime Barria from Salt Lake Bees.
Los Angeles Angels selected the contract of SS David Fletcher from Salt Lake Bees.
Los Angeles Angels transferred RHP Blake Wood from the 10-day disabled list to the 60-day disabled list. Right elbow posterior impingement
Los Angeles Angels placed 1B Jefry Marte on the 10-day disabled list. Left wrist sprain.
Los Angeles Dodgers placed RHP Walker Buehler on the 10-day disabled list. Right rib microfracture.
Los Angeles Dodgers recalled LHP Caleb Ferguson from Oklahoma City Dodgers.
Milwaukee Brewers recalled RHP Jorge Lopez from Colorado Springs Sky Sox.
Milwaukee Brewers placed RHP Matt Albers on the 10-day disabled list. Right shoulder injury.
Colorado Rockies released RHP Jairo Diaz.
Los Angeles Angels optioned RHP Eduardo Paredes to Salt Lake Bees.
Kansas City Royals activated RHP Justin Grimm from the 10-day disabled list.
Texas Rangers signed SS Jayce Easley.
Baltimore Orioles recalled LHP Donnie Hart from Norfolk Tides.
Baltimore Orioles placed RHP Andrew Cashner on the 10-day disabled list retroactive to June 9, 2018. Lower back strain.
Texas Rangers signed RHP Mason Englert.
New York Mets recalled 1B Dominic Smith from Las Vegas 51s.
Texas Rangers signed SS Jonathan Ornelas.
Tampa Bay Rays sent CF Kevin Kiermaier on a rehab assignment to Charlotte Stone Crabs.
New York Mets selected the contract of 2B Ty Kelly from Las Vegas 51s.
Texas Rangers signed RHP Owen White.
Texas Rangers signed RHP Cole Winn.
New York Mets designated C Jose Lobaton for assignment.
Seattle Mariners traded RF Eric Filia to Boston Red Sox.
Cleveland Indians optioned C Francisco Mejia to Columbus Clippers.
Cleveland Indians recalled RHP Adam Plutko from Columbus Clippers.
Tampa Bay Rays signed LHP Matthew Liberatore.
Detroit Tigers recalled C Grayson Greiner from Toledo Mud Hens.
Toronto Blue Jays signed C Francisco Ruiz.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP John Schneider.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Alberto Gonzalez.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP A.J. Moore.
Cincinnati Reds signed OF Brenden Spillane.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Joey Pulido.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Cobi Johnson.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Cre Finck.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Will McAffer.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Mike Pascoe.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Gage Burland.
Toronto Blue Jays signed C Troy Squires.
Toronto Blue Jays signed SS Vinny Capra.
Toronto Blue Jays signed CF Adrian Ramos.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Troy Watson.
Toronto Blue Jays signed 3B John Aiello.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Brad Wilson.
Toronto Blue Jays signed LHP Nick Allgeyer.
Toronto Blue Jays signed CF Hunter Steinmetz.
Toronto Blue Jays signed CF Cal Stevenson.
Toronto Blue Jays signed 1B Jake Brodt.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Joey Murray.
Toronto Blue Jays signed 2B Nick Podkul.
Toronto Blue Jays signed SS Addison Barger.
Toronto Blue Jays signed C Christopher Bec.
Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Sean Wymer.

Toronto Blue Jays signed RHP Adam Kloffenstein.
Toronto Blue Jays signed SS Jordan Groshans.
Chicago White Sox sent RF Avisail Garcia on a rehab assignment to Charlotte Knights.
San Diego Padres signed RHP Jake Sims.
St. Louis Cardinals signed free agent RHP Tommy Parsons to a minor league contract.
Pittsburgh Pirates signed RHP Aaron Shortridge.
Washington Nationals optioned SS Adrian Sanchez to Syracuse Chiefs.
Washington Nationals activated 2B Daniel Murphy from the 10-day disabled list.
Kansas City Royals signed free agent RHP Daniel Duarte to a minor league contract.
Colorado Rockies optioned LF Mike Tauchman to Albuquerque Isotopes.
Colorado Rockies recalled C Tom Murphy from Albuquerque Isotopes.
Minnesota Twins sent 1B Joe Mauer on a rehab assignment to Rochester Red Wings.
New York Mets sent 1B Wilmer Flores on a rehab assignment to St. Lucie Mets.
Cincinnati Reds signed C Edward Guzman.
Cincinnati Reds signed C Robert Boselli.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Justin McGregor.
Cincinnati Reds signed LHP Jacob Wyrick.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Ricky Salinas.
Cincinnati Reds signed 1B Brandt Stallings.
Cincinnati Reds signed LHP Connor Curlis.
Cincinnati Reds signed C Hunter Oliver.
Cincinnati Reds signed 2B Brian Rey.
Cincinnati Reds signed OF Drew Mount.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Andrew McDonald.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Matt Pidich.
Cincinnati Reds signed 1B Jay Schuyler.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Yomil Maysonet.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Josiah Gray.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Ryan Campbell.
Cincinnati Reds signed RHP Lyon Richardson.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Kyler Stout.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed free agent LHP Ryan Ricci to a minor league contract.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed free agent LHP Trevor McKenna to a minor league contract.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Ethan Larrison.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Josh Green.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Brian Christian.
Pittsburgh Pirates sent LHP Enny Romero on a rehab assignment to Bradenton Marauders.
Philadelphia Phillies signed OF Trent Bowles.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP Austin Ross.
Philadelphia Phillies signed C Nick Matera.
Philadelphia Phillies signed OF Ben Aklinski.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP Tyler Carr.
Philadelphia Phillies signed LHP Jaylen Smith.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP Eric White.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP Adam Cox.
Philadelphia Phillies signed OF Corbin Williams.
Philadelphia Phillies signed C Logan O'Hoppe.
Philadelphia Phillies signed 3B Luke Miller.
Philadelphia Phillies signed 3B Connor Litton.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP Mark Potter.
Philadelphia Phillies signed 3B Matt Kroon.
Philadelphia Phillies signed SS Jose Mercado.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP James McArthur.
Philadelphia Phillies signed SS Seth Lancaster.
Philadelphia Phillies signed SS Logan Simmons.
Philadelphia Phillies signed OF Matt Vierling.
Philadelphia Phillies signed RHP Alec Bohm.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed IF Zack Shannon.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Landon Whitson.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Andy Toelken.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Jacob Stevens.
Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Bryan Menendez.

Arizona Diamondbacks signed free agent RHP Matthew Ladrech to a minor league contract.

Arizona Diamondbacks signed free agent LHP Tyler Jandron to a minor league contract.

Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Justin Garcia.

Arizona Diamondbacks signed RHP Erin Baldwin.

Minnesota Twins signed free agent RHP Matt Belisle.

Minnesota Twins designated SS Gregorio Petit for assignment.

Baltimore Orioles signed RHP Grayson Rodriguez.

Pittsburgh Pirates signed RHP Brad Case.

Pittsburgh Pirates signed C Zach Susi.

Pittsburgh Pirates signed RHP Logan Stoelke.

Pittsburgh Pirates signed LHP Zach Spears.

Pittsburgh Pirates signed OF Brett Kinneman.

Pittsburgh Pirates signed RHP Michael Flynn..