

# Rangers fall to Royals, lose ground in wild card

□ Texas still leads Milwaukee by 3 1/2 games for the final playoff spot.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tom Goodwin had a triple and a two-run single and Jason Jacome shook off a bad start to win his third straight decision Thursday night as Kansas City stopped Texas 5-3.

Jacome (3-2) gave up a run in the second and had runners at second and third with none out, but escaped further damage. The left-hander, obtained in a trade with the New York Mets, gave up six hits and two runs in seven innings, walked one and struck out three. Jeff Montgomery pitched the last two innings for his 22nd save.

Kevin Gross (7-12) retired the first 10 batters but gave up a one-out triple to Goodwin in the fourth. The speedy Goodwin, who leads the AL in stolen bases, made it 2-1 on Wally Joyner's infield out. With two out, Gary Gaetti hit his 28th home run for a 2-2 tie.

With two out in the fifth, Jon Nunnally beat out a high hopper to third and took second on a throwing error by Luis Ortiz. Brent Mayne, who had missed the three previous games with an injured left hand, then singled into right to score Nunnally with the go-ahead run.

Rookie Johnny Damon followed with a ground-rule double down the right-field line, then Goodwin's line drive scored both runners and gave

the Royals a 5-2 lead. Gross, who was riding a personal three-game winning streak, got handed a quick lead by the Rangers, who entered the game leading Milwaukee by 3 1/2 games for the wild-card spot. Juan Gonzalez doubled in the second and scored on Ivan Rodriguez's double. In the third, Otis Nixon bunted safely, took second on Jacome's throwing error and eventually scored on Wally Clark's sacrifice fly.

## Royals 5, Rangers 3

TEXAS		KANSAS CITY	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Nixon cf	4 1 1 0	Damon cf	4 1 1 1
Frye 2b	4 0 2 0	Goodwin lf	4 1 1 1
Clark 1b	3 0 0 1	Joyner 1b	3 0 0 1
Gonzalez dh	4 2 2 1	Gaetti 3b	4 1 1 1
Tettleton rf	3 0 0 0	Lohrman 2b	3 0 0 1
Rodriguez c	4 0 2 1	Cookin ph	1 0 0 1
Greer lf	4 0 0 0	Howard 2b	0 0 0 1
L Ortiz 3b	3 0 0 0	Tucker dh	3 0 0 1
Gil ss	3 0 0 0	Vitello dh	1 0 0 1
		Gagne ss	1 0 0 1
		Nunnally rf	1 1 1 1
		Mayne c	2 1 1 1

Totals 32 3 7 3 Totals 32 5 11

Texas 011 000 001—3  
Kansas City 000 023 00x—5

E—Nixon (3), Tettleton (2), L Ortiz (8), Jacome (1)  
DP—Kansas City 1, LOB—Texas 4, Kansas City 2  
2B—J Gonzalez (12), I Rodriguez (24), Damon (2)  
HR—J Gonzalez (19), Gaetti (28), SF—Nixon (1)

IP H R ER BB SO  
Texas  
Gross L, 7-12 7 7 5 5 0 5  
Cook 1 1 0 0 1 1

Kansas City  
Jacome W, 3-2 7 6 2 1 1 3  
Montg S, 22 2 1 1 0 1 1

Umpires—Home, Reilly; First, Garcia; Second, Pitt  
Third, Young

T—2:30. A—17,449.

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