Grand slam helps K.C. sweep Fish

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The Kansas City Monarchs (18-9) completed a series sweep of the Winnipeg Goldeyes (11-16) on Sunday afternoon at Shaw Park with a 7-0 victory.

A grand slam in the fifth inning put the game out of reach, and it wasn't overly competitive for the remainder of the game.

For the eighth consecutive contest, Winnipeg surrendered the first run of the game. A single by Micker Adolfo of the Monarchs in the second inning scored Edwin Diaz to make it 1-0.

MONARCHS GOLDEYES

Kansas City added to its lead in the fourth inning, with first ba seman Jan Hernandez scoring on a Gavin Collins double to left field.

The Monarchs appeared to be pressing for more runs, but a strange double play that caught two Monarch runners in between their bases ended the inning, limiting the damage.

The Goldeyes were unable to muster any offence with runners on base, stranding four runners through the first three innings, and eight in total.

The Monarchs broke the game wide open in the fifth, effectively putting it out of reach. Catcher Chris Herrmann crushed a ball over the rightfield fence for a grand slam, which put Kansas City up 6-0.

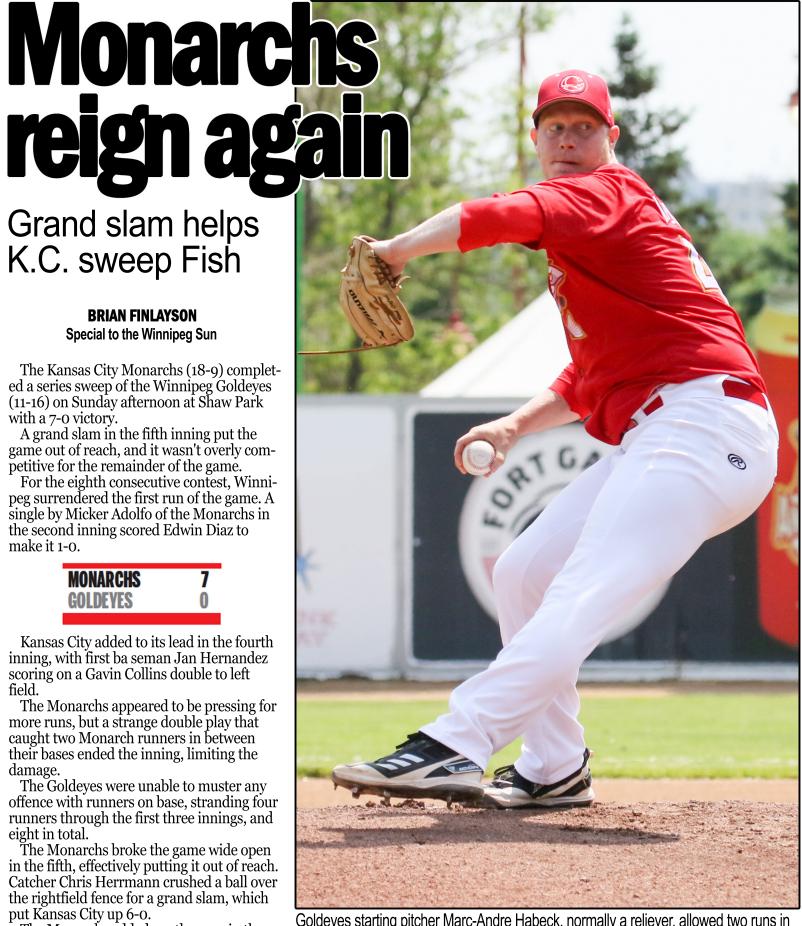
The Monarchs added another run in the ninth inning, courtesy of a Dylan Rosa home run to left field.

It was a tale of two series for the Goldeyes on the home stand. In the first three, they swept the Chicago Dogs, but would then see their fate reversed against the Monarchs.

This is the third time in two weeks that Winnipeg has been the victim of a sweep, and the Goldeyes will need to have a strong road trip to remain in an already contested American Association playoff race.

A silver lining for the Goldeyes was the extension of third baseman Dayson Croes' hit

It stands at 24 games, which trails the team record by three (27) and the league record by 10 (34).



Goldeyes starting pitcher Marc-Andre Habeck, normally a reliever, allowed two runs in four innings against the Kansas City Monarchs yesterday. DAVID MAHUSSIER/WINNIPEG GOLDEYES

Along with Croes, shortstop Andy Armstrong was the only other member of the Goldeyes to find any success off of Monarchs starting pitcher Jalen Miller. He went 1-3 with a double and a walk.

Miller pitched seven strong innings for his fourth win of the season, allowing no runs and just three hits. Reliever Beaux Bonvillain pitched the final two innings.

Goldeyes starting pitcher Marc-andre Habeck (0-1) took the loss. Habeck, who has functioned as a reliever for most of this season, went four innings, allowing two runs on four hits while striking out two.

The Goldeyes now hit the road to take on the Sioux Falls Canaries on Tuesday at 6:35 p.m. The Canaries will send Chris Hardin (0-1, 4.38) to the mound, while the Goldeyes have yet to announce their starters for the upcoming series.

All Goldeyes home and road games can be heard on CJNU 93.7 FM or streamed on AAbaseball.tv, the official streaming service of the American Association.