



Royals outfielder Bo Jackson is tired of answering football questions. He says baseball is his first love.

Bo's best is baseball

KANSAS CITY, MO — Kansas City's Bo Jackson is off and running this season. The Heisman Trophy winner isn't running with the ball, he's running the bases. Jackson is baseball's most famous running back.

Jackson's first love is baseball. He turned down a multi-million dollar pro football contract last year to play minor league baseball for the Kansas City Royals. This year Jackson caught a salary of \$333,000.

Jackson spent only half the season in the minors before the Royals pulled him up into the majors. Jackson is finding his place in the majors this season. His hot bat is making print in the American League RBI list and to date he has had an errorless performance in left field.

Teammate George Brett calls him "something else." When Jackson connects on a home run, he breaks the bat or he hits

infield shots and beats out the throw to first.

The Kansas City fans love Jackson's streak. The fans have called left-field seats "Bo's Left Field Lounge." And between innings they shout, "Bo, Bo, Bo." Here are some of Jackson's feats the fans are shouting about:

- He tied a Royals' record by hitting seven RBIs in one game.
- He was the Royals' first rookie in the team's history to hit a grand slam.
- In the American League he is tied for second with 13 RBIs.
- Jackson was co-leading his team with a hot .452 batting average.

Jackson brought one bad habit with him from the minors — his strikeouts. He tops the Royals' strikeout column with 14 to date, but batting coaches have worked with him and like Jackson's improvement.

Base bolters

Fastest players from home plate to first base

Player (teams)	Time in seconds
Miguel Dilone (Cubs, Pirates, A's, Indians)	3.4
Mickey Mantle (Yankees)	3.5
Bo Jackson (Royals)	3.6
Vince Coleman (Cardinals)	3.7
Tim Lincecum (Expos)	3.8

Regulars line up for NBA playoffs

The NBA regulars are showing up for this year's playoffs.

Philadelphia has made the playoffs for their 12th straight time. But the 76ers have only reigned as NBA champs once in those 11 seasons and finished in second place three times.

The L.A. Lakers are making their 11th straight playoff appearance. In the last 10 seasons they've hauled away three NBA titles and two runner-up trophies.

The team with only eight straight NBA playoff appearances and three NBA crowns and one runner-up finish is Boston. The Celtics are defending their '86 championship title.

Spectacular sports

Kathy Zimmerman, 13, from Denver, Colorado, won the 13-and- younger badminton title at the U.S. Junior Badminton Championships. She also won the mixed doubles title, teaming with Pat Murphy of New York, New York.

Senior discus thrower Kamy Keshmiri from Reno High (Reno, NV), broke his own U.S. high school boys' record with a throw of 224 feet and 2 inches. His old record was 214 feet and 11 inches. His best shot put throw is 65 feet and 2 inches.

David Wyss, a junior at Dobson High (Mesa, AZ), tied a national high school baseball record with two grand slams in the same inning.

Paul Vandegrift, from Archbishop Kennedy High (Conshohocken, PA), holds the best high school boys' times in the United States for the 1,500 meters (3:49.67) and the mile (4:11.2). He has the second-best time in the 800 meters (1:52.32).

Thomas Jefferson High's boys' team in Federal Way, Washington, set a U.S. high school record after winning their 66th consecutive soccer game.

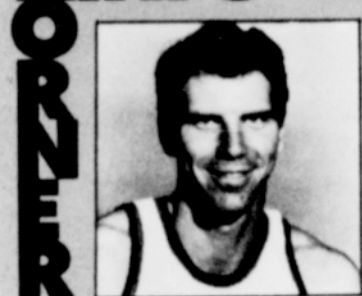
Heather Heaton from Alton, Utah, won the girls' 12-13 title in the Elks National Hoop Shoot free throwing contest in Indianapolis.



Terri Mann grabs one of 2,256 rebounds she collected during her high school career.

Terri Mann, a senior at Point Loma High (San Diego, CA), was named girls basketball player of the year by *USA Today*. She grabbed a career-high 2,256 rebounds to set a new high school girls' record. More Mann stats: she averaged 36.7 points a game, averaged 24 rebounds per game, had 652 steals in her career and added 120 assists this season. She will play for Western Kentucky University next year.

KIKI'S



Kiki Vandeweghe

you would know because you always tie your tennis shoes at your basketball games.

Your friend,
Eric

Dear Eric,

Learning how to tie your shoes is a challenge. Don't give up. Once you learn, you'll never forget!

Good luck,
KiKi

Dear KiKi,

I love sports, and I play at least one sport every year in school. I do my best in all of the sports I play. But I have a hard time getting good grades. What can I do?

Sincerely,
Julie

Dear Julie,

Mixing sports and school is a good idea because if you're getting some exercise, you will feel really good. Both sports and school can take a lot of time.

Spend time every night with your homework. Then after you're done, reward yourself by playing sports.

From,
KiKi

To all of my readers,
This is my last column for this season. Thanks for sending me all of your letters and questions. I really like to read them.

From,
KiKi

Dear KiKi,

When I play any sport the other players call me names or get mad at me. When people call me names, sometimes I believe them. What should I do, ignore them? That's what people always tell me.

Sincerely,
Paul

Dear Paul,

It hurts when someone calls you a name. It is really hard to ignore. When someone makes a bad remark about you, remember something good about yourself. Maybe a friend or teacher said something nice about you. Think of that and maybe you can forget about the mean remark or name.

Good luck,
KiKi

Hi KiKi,

I always have trouble tying my shoes. What should I do? I thought