

Former Pro Baseball Player Dies in Crash

MARYVILLE, Mo (AP). — Kerry Owen Compton, 27, Kansas City, a former professional baseball player, was killed Wednesday when three cars collided on U.S. 71 about seven miles south of Maryville.

The Highway Patrol said Compton tried to pass a tractor-trailer truck. When he saw an oncoming truck, he pulled back and clipped the trailer. His car spun to the center of the highway and was struck by the oncoming truck.

Compton was a star high school athlete at Raytown, Mo., and played for farm clubs of the New York Yankees and the Oakland Athletics. He returned to Kansas City in 1969 and worked as a salesman.

Kerry Compton

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