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Royals Reliever To Consider Options

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) _ Kansas City Royals closer Joakim Soria will take a few days to consider his options after receiving a second opinion on his elbow injury.

The club said Wednesday he had damage to the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow. Soria had reconstructive elbow surgery in 2003 to replace the same ligament. He was examined Tuesday by Dr. Lewis Yocum in Los Angeles.

Soria, a two-time All-Star, has 160 career saves, including a career-high 43 in 2010. Even if the 27-year-old Soria chooses not to have surgery, he would likely miss three months.

Manager Ned Yost says Jonathan Broxton, Greg Holland and Aaron Crow are candidates to close games.

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