

Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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Every time I've seen the ESPN talking head discuss football this week, I've changed the channel. As I was putting together today's sports section, I scanned for stories that weren't about football before giving in and dropping a Vikings story, a Broncos story and a couple other football-related items on the pages. I watched Syfy channel Monday night rather than watching the Monday Night Football game.

No, I am not anti-football, but even though my mom was. (Why else do you think a 6-1, 180-pound freshman would run across country?) But I will admit that I am not very close to doing it for it to be here.

So why am I avoiding football as much as possible? Because football means fail.

Sorry, But I'm Not Ready For Some Football Yet

The stack of preview forms that remain untyped and schedules that remain unprocessed tell me that I am not ready for fall yet. I am sure those boys and girls whose names appear on those preview forms — while probably ready for his or her sport to begin — could handle a week or two more of summer vacation before the books are opened up once again.

But like those students and student-athletes who will break out those books because the schedule says it's time, I will get my act together some time in the next few days, and the *Press & Dakotan* Fall Sports Preview will make it to the printers in time for its Friday, Aug. 24 release.

By the way, if you're a high school coach of a fall sport, you can help that happen by getting your team information to the P&D. Drop it in an email to sports@yankton.net or fax it to 1-605-665-1721.

P&D Sports Chat Wednesday

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimburek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoek will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons.

The weekly event, which will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest.

Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live_chat

South Dakota's Starr Named To College Sports Journal Preseason All-American Team

VERMILLION — South Dakota junior defensive end Tyler Starr has been named to the 2012 College Sports Journal Preseason FCS All-America second team, Sports Illustrated on Tuesday. Starr is one of 12 players from the Missouri Valley Football Conference to earn honors from the CSSJ.

Starr (Little Rock, Iowa), had a breakout season in 2011, recording 14 sacks for 96 yards, ranking in the top 10 in the nation in that category. He led the Great West Conference in tackles for loss with 19, and finished with 51

total tackles on the year. He was a first-team all-conference selection as well.

The junior also was named to the College Sporting News Preseason All-American third team in July and was named to the MVFC Preseason first team earlier this month.

The Coyote football team opens the season on Sept. 1 at Montana.

Wayne State Men's Basketball Team To Play Exhibitions In Canada

WAYNE, Mich. — Wayne State College men's basketball head coach Paul Combs announced today that the Wildcats will journey north of the border for three games with colleges in Canada over Labor Day weekend.

The Wildcats will play the University of Winnipeg on Saturday, Sept. 1, the University of Manitoba on Sunday, Sept. 2 and will complete the trip with another contest against the University of Winnipeg on Monday, Sept. 3.

This trip allows the Wildcats to have 10 practice days under NCAA rules leading up to the trip.

Wayne State College returns four starters from a team

that was 10-17 last season, finishing eighth in the North-east Division with a 9-13 league mark. The Wildcats open the season Nov. 9 against Southwest Baptist in the Southwest Baptist Tip-off Classic in Bolivar, Mo. They open the home portion of their season Nov. 15 against Neb.-Kearney.

Bonte Named to USA Football News Preseason Third Team All-America Squad

ROSELAND, N.J. — USA Football's news third team All-America squad.

Members of the selection committee included coaches, sports information directors, certified players' agents, professional scouts, national media reporters and USA Football News staff members.

Bonte was named as one of the "NSIC Defensive Players to Watch" earlier this summer. He started all nine games for the Cougars in 2011 and tallied seven or more tackles in five contests. Bonte earned first team All-Dakota Transition accolades. The Garretson product led the Cougars with three forced fumbles and 12 tackles for a

loss and was third on the squad with 56 tackles.

A second team All-GPAC honoree in 2010, Bonte finished his sophomore campaign with 48 tackles (8 TFL), two sacks, two interceptions, three pass deflections, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles.

USF finished 2011 with an overall mark of 5-4. The Cougars began fall camp on Saturday and will open the 2012 season on August 30 at St. Cloud State.

Riverboat Days Parking Passes Available From Two Groups

Two organizations are offering parking passes for lots near Riverboats Park for this weekend's Riverboat Days festivities.

— The Yankton Baseball Association is selling parking passes during Riverboat Days festivities. Passes are available at JJBenji and First Chiropractic. The parking area is located in the old Gurney's parking lot.

For more information, contact Jeff Benjamin at 661-6351 or Marcia Walter at 660-6564.

— The Yankton club high school soccer program are selling parking passes for near Riverboats Park for during the Riverboat Days festivities.

Passes are available at Slumberland and the Scrap-

book Store. The parking area is located near the Scrapbook Store, 315 E 3rd Street.

For more information, contact Deb Lillie at 661-1296.

South Dakota State Baseball Camps Coming Up

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State University baseball coaching staff will conduct a pair of one-day camps this fall for high school prospects.

The first camp will be for high school seniors and will be held Saturday, Sept. 8 at Erv Huether Field on the SDSU campus. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A camp for underclassmen is set for Saturday, Oct. 6, and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Erv Huether Field.

For more information, call the Jackrabbit baseball office at (605) 688-5778.

Fall Softball Leagues Forming

The fall coed softball league is now forming.

Games will be played on Sunday afternoons in September and October. Contact Kathy Shelburg at 661-9483 by Aug. 17.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

AVCA DIVISION II PRESEASON POLL

	Pts	2011	Pvs
1. Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	32-4	1
2. Cal State San Bernardino	760	33-2	3
3. Cal State San Bernardino	700	32-1	2
4. Nebraska-Kearney	660	32-2	9
5. Central Missouri	642	29-5	4
6. Southwest Minn. State	624	25-7	8
7. Minnesota Duluth	608	28-4	6
8. Washburn	608	32-3	7
9. West Texas A&M	484	34-3	13
10. Lewis (Ill.)	458	33-2	5
12. Indiana State	458	24-8	15
10. Wayne State (Neb.)	420	23-8	10
13. Metro State	374	24-7	11
14. Ferris State	358	28-4	12
15. Angelo State	322	31-6	19
16. Flagler	296	31-7	14
17. UC San Diego	280	22-6	16
18. Lewis (Ill.)	242	25-7	20
19. Eckerd	215	27-5	22
20. BYU-Hawaii	191	19-4	NR
21. Wingate	170	32-1	18
22. Rollins	148	24-11	NR
23. Minnesota State	105	20-9	20
24. Sonoma State	89	23-7	24
25. Cal. School of Mines	60	19-11	NR
26. Wheeling Jesuit	60	36-4	23

Others Receiving Votes and Listed on two or more ballots: Fresno Pacific 42; Armstrong Atlantic State 39; West Florida 33; Missouri S&T 24; Seattle Pacific 24; Emporia State 20; Western Washington 20; Arkansas-Fort Smith 14; Alaska-Anchorage 11; Grand Valley State 11; Truman State 10; Florida Southern 7; Arkansas Tech 5.

FOOTBALL

NFL PRESEASON

Saturday's Games

Houston 26, Carolina 13
Seattle 27, Tennessee 17

Sunday's Game

Indianapolis 38, St. Louis 3

Monday's Games

Detroit 8, Oakland 0

Thursday, Aug. 16

Cincinnati at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17

Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Jacksonville at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7 p.m.

Miami at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18

N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 7 p.m.

Kansas City at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19

Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20

Philadelphia at New England, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	69	47	.595	—
Tampa Bay	63	52	.548	5 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	64	53	.547	—
San Francisco	63	53	.543	1/2
Arizona	58	58	.500	5 1/2
San Diego	52	66	.441	12 1/2
Colorado	42	71	.372	20

Monday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 4, Miami 0
San Diego 4, Atlanta 1
Chicago Cubs 7, Houston 1
Colorado 9, Milwaukee 6
Washington 14, San Francisco 2

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 11, Pittsburgh 0

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 15

GOLF, BOYS' Dakota Valley Inv. at Two Rivers GC (Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Vermillion) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, August 16

No activities scheduled

Friday, August 17

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Paradise Valley Inv. at Casper, Wyo.

SOCCER, BOYS' Custer at Vermillion
TENNIS, GIRLS' R.C. Stevens/Water-town at YHS (1 p.m.)

Saturday, August 18

Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 1, Miami 0
Atlanta 6, San Diego 0
Houston 10, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 8, Arizona 2
Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Halladay 6-6) at Miami (Buehrle 9-11), 11:40 a.m.
Houston (B.Norris 5-9) at Chicago Cubs (Germano 1-2), 1:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (M.Rogers 8-4) at Colorado (Mossico 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 13-5) at San Francisco (Lincecum 6-12), 2:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-6) at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 7-11), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 15-3) at Cincinnati (Leake 4-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Volquez 7-8) at Atlanta (Maholm 10-7), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 6-8) at St. Louis (Wainwright 10-10), 7:15 p.m.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 8, Texas 2
Toronto 5, Chicago White Sox 2, 11 innings
Minnesota 9, Detroit 3
Cleveland 6, L.A. Angels 2
Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 1

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 7, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 3, Toronto 2
Detroit 8, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 5, Oakland 0
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Scherzer 11-6) at Minnesota (De Vries 2-3), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 7-7) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-5), 2:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 6-7) at N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 6-5), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 8-9) at Toronto (R.Romero 8-9), 6:07 p.m.
Oakland (McCarthy 6-3) at Kansas City (W.Smith 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (R.Hernandez 0-0) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 5-10), 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Washington 72, Oakland 62
Atlanta 67, 49 578
New York 55, 61 474
Philadelphia 54, 62 466
Miami 52, 65 444

Friday's Games

Cincinnati 70, 46 603
St. Louis 64, 52 552
Pittsburgh 63, 53 543
Milwaukee 52, 62 456
Chicago 45, 70 391
Houston 39, 79 331

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles 64, 53 547
San Francisco 63, 53 543
Arizona 58, 58 500
San Diego 52, 66 441
Colorado 42, 71 372

Sunday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 4, Miami 0
San Diego 4, Atlanta 1
Chicago Cubs 7, Houston 1
Colorado 9, Milwaukee 6
Washington 14, San Francisco 2

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L.A. Dodgers 11, Pittsburgh 0

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Pennington: Jets Can Succeed With Tebow, Wildcat

CORTLAND, N.Y. (AP) — Chad Pennington thinks the New York Jets, Tim Tebow and the wildcat are a perfect fit.

The former NFL quarterback would certainly know. He was part of the tricky offensive scheme in Miami, when he played with the Dolphins under current Jets offensive coordinator Tony Sparano.

"If the wildcat allows you to win and be more successful," Pennington said Tuesday, "you should be all for it as a player."

Pennington spent his first eight NFL seasons with the Jets before being released in 2008 when New York acquired Brett Favre. The former first-round pick signed with Miami and was there when Sparano dusted off the wildcat offense and took the NFL by storm.

For Pennington, that was a big change after working in a conventional offense his whole career — just as current starting quarterback Mark Sanchez has.

"If you are totally focused on winning," Pennington said, "there is no adjusting."

While some fans and media think the wildcat may have become ineffective as defenses have caught up to it, Jets coach Rex Ryan insists it's still difficult to prepare for. Ryan said adding an athletic quarterback such as Tebow makes it even tougher, something Pennington completely agrees with.

"Well, obviously Tim adds another threat with the ability to do zone-read concepts as well as being able to throw the football, and that changes the defense's perspective," Pennington said.

Pennington spoke to Sanchez after the Jets (No. 17 in the AP Pro32) traded for Tebow in March and tried to lighten the mood a bit.

"I told him: 'Guess what? Look on the bright side. You don't have to do as many interviews,'" a smiling Pennington said.

While a major story line during training camp has been whether Sanchez and Tebow will be able to co-exist, Pennington has no doubts that the two quarterbacks will be able to do so. He also doesn't think Sanchez will have his rhythm affected — something wide