

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

S.D. STATE AMATEUR

CLASS A

Aug. 9-11 at Rapid City, Aug. 15-18 at Sioux Falls (All times local)

Thursday, Aug. 15
S.F. Saints 9, R.C. Angels 0, forfeit, Angels eliminated

Friday, Aug. 16
Pierre 3, Vermillion Red Sox 1, Red Sox eliminated

Saturday, Aug. 17
GAME 32: S.F. Saints vs. Pierre, 11 a.m.

GAME 34: Game 32 winner vs. S.F. Brewers, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 18
CHAMPIONSHIP: Renner vs. Game 34 winner, noon

CLASS B

Aug. 7-18 at Sioux Falls Stadium

SECOND ROUND

Sunday, Aug. 11
Akron 8, Wynot 5

Winner-Colome 10, Lesterville 3

Monday, Aug. 12
Dell Rapids PBR 4, Salem 1

Dimock-Emery 3, Colman 2

Tuesday, Aug. 13
Alexandria 7, Groton 0

Larchwood 11, Irene 0, 7 innings

Wednesday, Aug. 14
Canova 4, Crofton 2

Parkston Mudcats 5, Tabor 0

QUARTERFINALS

Thursday, Aug. 15
Winner-Colome 4, Akron 1

Dimock-Emery 2, Dell Rapids PBR 1, 12 innings

Friday, Aug. 16
Alexandria vs. Larchwood, 6 p.m.

Canova vs. Parkston Mudcats, 8 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Saturday, Aug. 17
Winner-Colome vs. Dimock-Emery, 1 p.m.

Alexandria vs. Canova-Parkston Mudcats winner, 7:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, Aug. 18
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W L Pct GB

Boston 72 52 .581 —

Tampa Bay 69 51 .575 1

Baltimore 65 56 .537 5 1/2

New York 63 58 .521 7 1/2

Toronto 59 66 .469 15

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Detroit 71 51 .582 —

Cleveland 65 56 .537 5 1/2

Kansas City 64 57 .529 6 1/2

Minnesota 54 65 .454 15 1/2

Chicago 46 74 .383 24

West Division

W L Pct GB

Texas 70 51 .579 —

Oakland 68 52 .567 1 1/2

Seattle 55 65 .458 14 1/2

Los Angeles 54 66 .450 15 1/2

Houston 39 81 .325 30 1/2

Thursday's Games

L.A. Angels 8, N.Y. Yankees 4

Oakland 5, Houston 1

Toronto 2, Boston 0

Detroit 4, Kansas City 1

Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 1

Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3

Friday's Games

Kansas City 2, Detroit 1, 1st game

Colorado 6, Baltimore 3

Kansas City 3, Detroit 0, 2nd game

N.Y. Yankees 10, Boston 3

Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 4

Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 11-7) at Boston (Lackey 7-10), 3:05 p.m.

Colorado (Bettis 0-1) at Baltimore (B.Norris 8-10), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City (W.Davis 6-9) at Detroit (Fister 10-8), 6:08 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Sale 8-11) at Minnesota (A.Albers 2-0), 6:10 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, August 17

BASEBALL, AMATEUR S.D.

State Tour. at Sioux Falls

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Black Gold Tour. at Paradise Valley GC, Casper, Wyo.

SOCCER, BOYS' Belle Fourche at Vermillion

SOCCER, GIRLS' R.C. Stevens at Yankton (1 p.m.)

SOCCER, GIRLS' JV R.C. Stevens at Yankton (11 a.m.)

Sunday, August 18

BASEBALL, AMATEUR S.D.

State Tour. at Sioux Falls

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Black Gold Tour. at Paradise Valley GC, Casper, Wyo.

SOCCER, WOMEN'S Viterbo at USD (Exhibition, 11 a.m.)

Monday, August 19

GOLF, BOYS' Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS, 11 a.m.)

Baltimore 27, Atlanta 23

Philadelphia 14, Carolina 9

Chicago 33, San Diego 28

Friday, Aug. 16

Buffalo 20, Minnesota 16

Oakland at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

San Francisco at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at New England, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Dallas at Arizona, 3:30 p.m.

Tennessee at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.

Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 6:30 p.m.

Green Bay at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Miami at Houston, 7 p.m.

Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 18

Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 19

Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 22

New England at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Carolina at Baltimore, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23

Seattle at Green Bay, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 24

Buffalo at Washington, 3:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.

Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 25

Tampa Bay at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Denver, 7 p.m.

Cincinnati at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

San Diego at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 25

New Orleans at Houston, 3 p.m.

Minnesota at San Francisco, 3 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — An-

nounced pitching coach Rick Adair is tak-

ing a leave of absence. Named bullpen

coach Billy Castro, pitching coach and

minor league rehab coordinator Scott

McGregor bullpen coach.

Detroit Tigers — Recalled RHP

Jose Alvarez from Toledo (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — As-

signed C Brett Hayes outright to Omaha

(PCL). Recalled LHP Danny Duffy from

Omaha.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Rein-

stated OF Peter Bourjos from the 15-day

DL. Optioned SS Tommy Field to Salt

Lake (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned

OF Darin Mastroianni and OF Chris Co-

labelli to Rochester (IL). Reinstated C

Ryan Doumit from the seven-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned

RHP Mickey Storey to Buffalo (IL).

Placed SS Munenori Kawasaki on pater-

ernity leave. Recalled OF Anthony Goss

from Buffalo. Reinstated LHP J.A. Hap-

pp from the bereavement list.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent LHP

Paul Maholm to Rome (SAL) for a rehab

assignment. Placed 2B Tyler Pastornicky

on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thurs-

day. Transferred RHP Christian Martinez

to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract

of INF Phil Gosselin from Gwinnett (IL).

CHICAGO CUBS — Ordered RHP

Eduardo Sanchez to Iowa (PCL). Re-

called RHP Jake Arrieta from Iowa.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent

RHP Rafael Betancourt to Colorado

Spring (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Op-

tioned SS Dee Gordon to Albuquerque

(PCL). Recalled OF Scott Van Slyke from

Albuquerque.

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP

Steve Ames to New Orleans (PCL). Re-

called RHP Arquimedes Caminero from

MVFC Outlook: Coyotes Can't Afford To Stop In Tough League

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VERMILLION — Asked about the Missouri Valley Football Conference, USD linebacker Tyler Starr instantly talks about those moments where he and his teammates start “dragging” during 29 preseason practices.

In short, the Coyotes can't afford to stop.

No longer newcomers to the 10-team league, USD will try to further distance itself from last year's 0-8 welcome to the MVFC. The Coyotes will play three non-conference games before the league opener Sept. 28 at Western Illinois.

“There's really no bad team in there,” Starr said last week during USD's media day in Vermillion. “You have to keep that in the back of your mind during fall camp, for when you start thinking about tired you are or how sore you are.

“Guys in this conference do whatever they can to win.”

And win the league does. The Missouri Valley — annually one of the best leagues in the FCS ranks — sent three teams (North Dakota State, South Dakota State, Illinois State) to the playoffs last year, the 18th straight season at least two qualified.

All three teams won at least one game, with SDSU falling in the second round, Illinois State advancing to the quarterfinals and NDSU winning its second consecutive national title.

Naturally, the Coyotes have their eyes on the Bison, who are the preseason favorite in the MVFC as well as multiple FCS polls.

“They played hard every play; they don't take plays off,” USD offensive lineman Marc Murtha said. “And that's something we don't do either. I've seen that so far this camp. We have to play each one hard, just like they do.”

On multiple occasions last year, USD head coach Joe Glenn referenced two specific areas where MVFC teams thrive: Defense and running the ball.

True to form, North Dakota State has led the nation in scoring defense each of the past two seasons, while a MVFC rusher has led the nation in yards per game in two straight years — Shakir Bell (Indiana State, 2011) and Zach Zenner (SDSU, 2012).

Defending FCS Winner NDSU Holds Media Day

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State on Friday unveiled the team that will take a run at a third straight Football Championship Subdivision title.

The Bison held their annual media day festivities at the Fargodome. Their first game is Sept. 30 at Kansas State.

Coach Craig Bohl's team compiled a 14-1 record last year en route to its second consecutive FCS crown. The Bison defeated Sam Houston State in the championship game.

NDSU returns 18 starters from a year ago.

The Bison are the preseason No. 1 pick in national rankings and the unanimous pick to repeat as Missouri Valley Football Conference champions in a poll of coaches and media members.

Senior fullback Andrew Grothmann is among the players returning. He rarely touches the ball but has been an important part of the Bison backfield since his

freshman season.

“That never was a thought coming in that I was going to be a big contributor carrying the ball,” he said Friday during media day, according to The Forum. “It wasn't that big of a transition I guess.”

The 6-foot-1, 232-pound Grothmann said true fullbacks whose main focus is to block in the running game are “somewhat of a dying breed.”

“But to run power football or anything between tackles, it's nice to have that full-back,” he said.

NDSU offensive coordinator Brent Vigen said Grothmann is similar to other fullbacks the Bison have groomed in their recent history, including Lee Vandal, Tyler Jangula and Tyler Roehl, who eventually moved to running back.

The Bison have had two running backs who rushed for more than 1,000 yards the past two seasons. Last season, it was Sam Ojuri and John Crockett. Both are returning.

“You can't just show up, you have come in ready to work.” Being competitive and winning is a fine line, though, Taverna added.

The Coyotes found that to be the case at home in the DakotaDome last season. Three losses in Vermillion came by 3, 7 and 3 points, while the showdown with NDSU was moved to Sioux Falls.

Coming to the dome this fall will be Missouri State, Indiana State, Youngstown State and SDSU.

“Every team in the conference is one we can't look over,” USD senior defensive back Aaron Swift said. “This team can compete with any team in the league, we showed that. Any team that comes in the dome, we can compete with them in some sort of way.”

Following four seasons (2008-11) and a 6-9 record in the Great West Conference, the Coyotes welcomed — and welcome — the challenge of the Missouri Valley, according to Starr.

“If you're going to win, you want to play the best,” he said. “You judge yourself by who you play.”

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Manuel Out As Phillies Manager

Philadelphia Promotes Hall Of Famer Sandberg

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With Charlie Manuel seated to his left, Ruben Amaro Jr. broke down in tears after announcing he fired his manager.

It was that emotional for the general manager and many associated with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Manuel was let go Friday after a disastrous second half, ending the most successful run in club history. Hall of Famer and former Cubs second baseman Ryne Sandberg, the Phillies' third-base coach, replaced Manuel for the start of a 10-game homestand.

“You people may not know the relationship I've had with Charlie. He's a special person. This is difficult for me. I hope he stays in our organization,” said Amaro, who took over as GM after Manuel led the Phillies to the World Series title in 2008.

The 69-year-old Manuel, the winningest manager in club history, was in the final year of his contract and wanted to manage another two or three seasons.

“I never quit nothing and I didn't resign,” Manuel said, making it clear he was pushed out the door.

Manuel had been a folksy presence in the Phillies' dugout since the beginning of the 2005 season. He wasn't a popular choice in Philadelphia when former GM Ed Wade hired him to replace Larry Bow, but he became a beloved figure in a tough city.

“I think we're all a little upset, a little sad,” Chase Utley said. “It's not easy to see the guy you play for, for nine years, not behind the batting cage right now watching batting practice. It's difficult.”

“Charlie brought out the most in his players. He was a man you could walk up to and he was the same every day. He was always going to give that positive energy and a lot of times that translated to the field.”

Sandberg managed the Phillies' Triple-A team at Lehigh Valley the previous two seasons. He was part of

one of the most lopsided trades in sports history when the Phillies traded him and Bow to the Cubs for shortstop Ivan DeJesus in 1982.

“I must say that, for me, I recognize this day as Charlie Manuel Day,” Sandberg said at his first news conference. “What he's meant to the Philadelphia Phillies' organization, what he's meant to the fans, the championships, the World Series, he's tops in the organization for what he did here. I really enjoyed my nearly three years with him in spring training and being here in Septembers, and this year especially being with him on a daily basis. I wish Charlie the best with whatever he intends to do, and he left a big footprint here in Philadelphia.”

Amaro said Sandberg takes over on an interim basis and would be evaluated after the season. Sandberg inherits a team that's 5-19 since the All-Star break and is 20 1/2 games out of first place.

“These guys are professional players, they're getting paid well,” Sandberg said. “Sometimes players have to dig deeper, play with pride, play with heart and for the name on the front of the uniform.”

Manuel won his 1,000th game as manager on Monday in Atlanta. Two days later, he sat in the dugout knowing it would be his last game after Amaro informed him of the decision not to extend his contract.

“I think sometimes people forget how much I love to win,”