

# Dempster Suspended Five Games For Hitting A-Rod

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Boston's Ryan Dempster was suspended for five games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally hitting Yankees star Alex Rodriguez with a pitch last weekend.

The penalty was announced Tuesday by MLB senior vice president Joe Garagiola Jr., two days after Dempster hit A-Rod in the second inning at Fenway Park. Yankees manager Joe Girardi was fined for arguing with plate umpire Brian O'Nora.

Dempster's fine was \$2,500 and Girardi's was \$5,000, people familiar with the discipline told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the amounts were not announced.

Dempster won't appeal the decision.

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Dodgers, but now could be pushed back to next Tuesday's homestand opener against Baltimore. He will throw a simulated game on Friday.

Earlier Tuesday, Girardi insisted it would be "open season" on Rodriguez if MLB failed to suspend Dempster.

"I think I made my feelings pretty clear then," he said after the suspension was announced.

Dempster threw one pitch behind A-Rod's knees and two more inside during the second inning. Then his 3-0 pitch struck Rodriguez's left elbow pad and ricocheted off his back.

Girardi sprinted onto the field, screaming at O'Nora for not ejecting the pitcher. Girardi was tossed as the benches and bullpens emptied, and Rodriguez homered off Dempster to spark a sixth-inning rally that lifted New York to a 9-6 win.

Dempster maintained he was pitching inside and wasn't trying to hit Rodriguez.

"That baseball is a weapon. It's not a tennis ball.

Or it's not an Incrediball that's soft. It's a weapon, and it can do a lot of damage to someone's life," Girardi said before a doubleheader against Toronto. "And that's why I was so upset about it. You can express your opinion and be upset with someone, but you just can't start throwing baseballs at people. I mean, it's scary."

Girardi said his profane rant at O'Nora probably was the angriest he's been on a ball field.

Rodriguez was suspended for 211 games on Aug. 5 for violating baseball's drug and labor agreements but is playing while he appeals. Red Sox pitcher John Lackey criticized the rules last week for allowing A-Rod to play.

Girardi said prior to the announcement that if Dempster wasn't punished, it would make Rodriguez "open season for people, and that can't happen. It's not fair. If a player is suspended for throwing at someone, they're going to get their appeal. Are we just going to throw that out, too?"

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# Hansen

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Hansen's ability to bring more people into the fold was a part of what allowed the Haas Tournament to grow to its current stature, said YBI president Curt Roth, a former coworker of Hansen's at Wilson Trailer.

"I started working out there 19 years ago, and he got me started with the tournament within the first year," Roth said. "After the first couple of years, he asked me if I wanted to be more involved. I got on the board, became vice president and have been president now for five years."

Hansen's personality also convinced longtime Mount Marty College athletic director Chuck Iverson to join the YBI board for a time.

"His enthusiasm was contagious. What a great person to have on your side," Iverson said. "You'd look at all the energy he spent on what he believed in, and how could you not be motivated to do the best you could as well."

Hansen also had a way of getting sponsors involved in the event.

"He had a way of making businesses feel like they needed to contribute," Stotz said. "He could always twist people's arms that way."

That positive attitude was evident, not only to those working around him, but the players who benefited from the opportunity to play.

"It seemed like he knew every player," said Yankton graduate Mark Vig, who volunteered as a coach and referee after his playing days in the youth tournament were over. "He would come to our youth games. He was always very personable, very selfless."

# What Others Said

"Ole Hansen was a great advocate for basketball but more importantly for kids. Ole's willingness to help others along, with his pure joy for life, should be an inspiration for all of us. The Bucks' basketball team has Ole's family in our thoughts and prayers."

**CHRIS HAYNES**  
YHS Boys' Basketball Coach

"Ole Hansen — great for the community, great supporter for all athletics. A wonderful guy whose heart was in the right place. He was a guy who was always trying to do good for the community."

**ARLIN LIKNESS**  
YHS Head Football Coach, Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach

Besides bringing energy and enthusiasm, Hansen brought an eye for detail. "You'd never guess it," Hovland said. "Every year (when tournament planning began), he would show up with a brand new green notebook. He would start writing on the cover, and as he'd put ideas down, there'd be another new page."

"When it came time to implement those ideas, he would just turn right to the page."

Once the tournament was underway, Hansen would bounce between the sites, making sure everything was running smoothly.

"He would make sure everything was in place," Hovland said. "He would look in, look around, and if somebody was out of place, he would know."

"He had an eye for it." Hansen also played a role in what has become a tradi-

tion with the Haas Tournament, its post-tournament volunteer gathering.

"Our men's and women's basketball teams run the courts and Mount Marty, and he would come up and make sure they players knew they were invited," Iverson said. "He made everyone feel so welcome, so needed."

Hansen also put that energy and enthusiasm into other activities he organized, like bus trips to watch former Yankton Buck Colton Iverson play in college, first at the University of Minnesota and then at Colorado State University.

"I told him he should quit his job and be a bus tour organizer," Nelson joked. "He was great at getting people to go and making sure they had things to do."

Hansen was diagnosed with cancer in August of 2010, a month before his daughter was to be married.

"He wasn't sure he would make it to Emily's wedding," Kulbel said. "When it came time for the father-of-the- bride toast, he didn't use the stairs, he jumped on stage."

Hansen not only made it through the wedding, but also lived long enough to see Emily and Keiron Taylor have their first two children. He and his wife, Barb, also made several trips to Pierre to see their son, Adam, his wife Megan and their children. Up until the end, Hansen displayed the energy and optimism he was known for.

"Right to the end, this was just a 'bump in the road,'" Nelson said of Hansen. "Even to the last day."

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# SCOREBOARD

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55-59: Mike Kabeseman 74, Kent Peterson 76, Quay Hansen 76, Terry Frick 78

60-64: Jim Binder Jr 71, Merlyn Schmuck 74, Don Edwards 80, Tom Brady 81

65-69: Red Loecker 78, Bob Bowker 79, Dennis Wentz 82, Butch Hanson 84

70-74: Bob Boone 77, Glen Schneider 77, Darrell Sundleaf 79, John Ehret 79

75-OVER: Cal Carlson 86, Ron Johnson 88, Ray Koostira 90, Bob Born 92

**Net Divisions**

50-54: Joe Sparks 65, Roger Grode 66, Dwight Devries 67, Marty Schievelbein 70

55-59: Bob Zacher 61, Jake Hoffner 63, Randy Bylander 64, Kurt Ternansen 66

60-64: Jim Anderson 62, Wayne Johnson 66, Gerry Ebel 67, David Selcher 69, John Pooter 69

65-69: Harland Durkin 63, Mike Groelken 66, Ron Rucker 66, Bob Ulrich 67

70-74: Bob Solomon 62, Clark Lewison 64, Dick Weidenbach 65, Dick Erickson 67, Duane Chladek 67

75-OVER: Harry Luurs 63, Dutch Erickson 65, Boyd Jones 66, Robert Weverstad 67

# BASEBALL

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	74	53	583	—
Tampa Bay	72	52	581	1/2
Baltimore	67	58	536	6
New York	66	59	528	7
Toronto	57	69	452	16 1/2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	73	52	584	—
Cleveland	67	58	536	6
Kansas City	64	59	520	8
Minnesota	55	69	444	17 1/2
Houston	49	74	398	23

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	72	53	576	—
Oakland	71	53	573	1/2
Seattle	57	67	460	14 1/2
Los Angeles	55	69	444	16 1/2
Houston	41	83	331	30 1/2

**Monday's Games**

N.Y. Mets 6, Minnesota 1  
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3  
Texas 16, Houston 5  
Cleveland 5, L.A. Angels 2  
Oakland 2, Seattle 1  
Boston 7, San Francisco 0

**Tuesday's Games**

N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 4, 1st game  
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 3  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 2, 2nd game  
Minnesota 6, Detroit 3  
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.  
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.  
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.  
Boston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Seattle (Iwakuma 11-6) at Oakland (Griffin 10-8), 2:35 p.m.  
Boston (Doubtront 8-6) at San Francisco (Gaudin 5-2), 2:45 p.m.  
Cleveland (Masterson 13-9) at L.A. Angels (Williams 5-9), 6:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Halickson 10-6) at Baltimore (W.Chen 6-8), 6:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Dickey 9-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 8-9), 6:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Correa 8-9) at Detroit (Ani.Sanchez 11-7), 6:08 p.m.  
Houston (Bestard 3-9) at Texas (D.Holland 9-6), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 0-4) at Kansas City (Guthrie 12-9), 7:10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**

Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 12:08 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

# FOOTBALL

**NFL PRESEASON**

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

Indianapolis 20, N.Y. Giants 12

**Monday, Aug. 19**

Washington 24, Pittsburgh 13

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**

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.  
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, 11:40 a.m.  
Washington at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.  
Colorado at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.  
Atlanta at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

# TRANSACCIONS

**BASEBALL**

**MAJOR LEAGUE** BASEBALL—Suspended Boston RHP Ryan Dempster five games and fined him for hitting N.Y. Yankee 3B Alex Rodriguez with a pitch during Sunday's game. Fined N.Y. Yankee manager Joe Girardi for his argument over the same incident with home plate umpire Brian O'Nora.

**American League**

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Released RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Designated LHP Wander LeBlanc for assignment. Placed Carlos Corporan on the seven-day DL. Selected the contracts of RHP David Martinez from Oklahoma City (PCL) and C Max Stassi from Corpus Christi (TL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released RHP Kyle Gibson to Rochester (IL). Recalled RHP Michael Tonkin from Rochester. Agreed to terms with 3B Brad Boyer on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Recalled RHP Preston Claiborne from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Extended their player development contract with Stockton (Cal) through the 2016 season.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Assigned INF Ryan Roberts outright to Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Alex Ogando on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 14. Selected the contract of LHP Travis Blackburn from Round Rock (PCL). Recalled RHP Matt West from Myrtle Beach (Carolina) and placed him on the 60-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Recalled RHP Thad Weber from Buffalo (IL).

**National League**

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Sent 2B Willie Bloomquist to the AZL Diamondbacks for a rehab assignment.

NEW YORK METS—Optioned C Anthony Recker to Las Vegas (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHPs Mitch Talbert and Daryl Thompson and assigned them to Las Vegas (PCL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Optioned LHP Raul Valdes to Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled RHP Tyler Cloutier from Lehigh Valley. Sent RHPs Roy Halladay to Lakewood (SAL) and Jonathan Pettibone to Lehigh Valley for rehab assignments.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Sent OF

# AREA CALENDAR

**Wednesday, August 21**

**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Oxbow Open at Oxbow, N.D.

**Thursday, August 22**

**GOLF BOYS'** Dakota Valley Inv. at Two Rivers GC (Dakota Valley, Vermillion, 9 a.m.)

**Friday, August 23**

**GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR** Bobcat Open at Fargo, N.D.

**SOCCER, WOMEN'S** Loyola at USD (4 p.m.)

**SOCCER, BOYS'** Vermillion at Hot Springs

Travis Snider to Altoona (EL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed RHP Chad Gaudin on the 15-day DL. Designated OF Jeff Francouer for assignment. Recalled LHP Mike Kickham and RHP Jean Machi from Fresno (PCL).

**American Association**

ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed C Jeremy Mayo. Released RHP Drew Gay.

**Atlantic League**

LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Signed RHP Eddy Ramos. Placed RHP Jared Lansford on the inactive list.

**Can-Am League**

QUEBEC CAPITALES—Released RHP Hugo Lalonde.

TROIS-RIVIERES AGILES—Signed DH Pete LaForest.

**Frontier League**

FRONTIER GREYS—Traded RHP Joe Zeller to Gary SouthShore (AA) for RHP Cole Stephens.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Released OF Nick DeLorenzo.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Acquired 1B Trevor Whyte from Edinburg (United) for a player to be named.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F Anthony Bennett.

UTAH JAZZ—Named Justin Zanik assistant general manager.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

NFL—Suspended Denver LB Von Miller six games for violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed WR Mike Thomas to a one-year contract.

BUFFALO BILLS—Waived OL Keith Williams. Signed FS Jarius Byrd to a one-year franchise tender.

CHICAGO BEARS—Released WR Jerrell Jackson.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released RB Brock Bolton. Voided a trade with Seattle involving OL John Moffitt and DL Brian Sanford.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Paris Lenon.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released LS Brad Madison. Claimed G Ricky Henry off waivers from New Orleans.

MIAAMI DOLPHINS—Placed TE Dustin Keller on injured reserve. Signed LB Nathan Williams.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed DE Spencer Nealy.

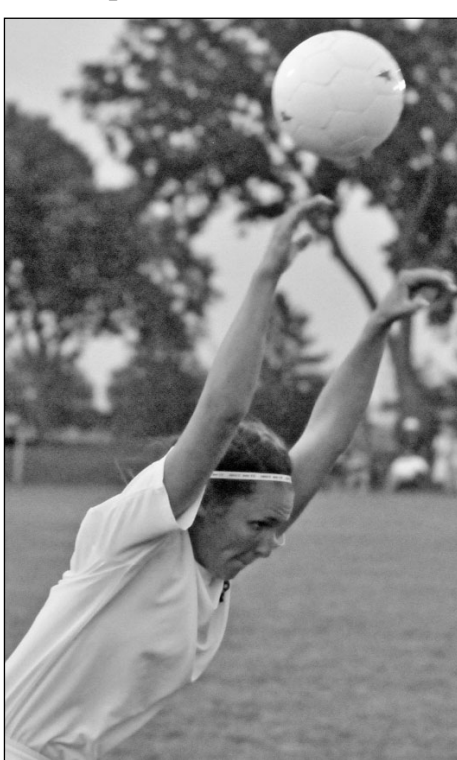
NEW YORK GIANTS—Waived WR Keith Carlos and G Chris DeGeare.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed OT Tony Hills. Claimed LB Chase Thomas off waivers from New Orleans.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released OT Ed Wang.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Traded OL John Moffitt to Denver for DT Seaver Silga.

# Up And Over



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Yankton's Amanda Gravoit throws the ball into play during the Gazelles' girls' soccer match with Brandon Valley on Tuesday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Complex. The match was not completed by presstime.

# Fenway

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Some are missing one leg; Wege (WEH'-ghee), a former Marine lance corporal, lost both to an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan Operation Enduring Freedom. Still, he was the Most Valuable Player of last month's celebrity softball game the night before the major league All-Star Game.

Outfielder Greg Reynolds had his camouflage-patterned jersey sewn shut where his left arm would be. But in the field Reynolds handled several plays flawlessly, catching the ball in his glove, flipping first the ball and then the glove in the air, and then grabbing the ball in his bare hand to make the throw back to the infield.

It's all part of the motto: "Life without a limb is limitless," a message the team wanted to spread to those who lost limbs in the Boston Marathon attacks. Van Sleet said several new amputees from the bombing attended the game and talked to the players afterward.

And the message clearly resonated with their bat boy.

"I think he gets it," said Sara McLaughlin, who watched her son with the rest of their family from the seats behind the visitor's dugout. "I think that's how he lives. But I think it's great for him to see these athletes out there doing it, too."

The team of military veterans, which has been together for about 2 1/2 years, plays about 25 weekends a year and only against able-bodied teams, according to Chris Visser, a volunteer. They win about 75 percent of the time.

"For want of a better description, they are the Harlem Globetrotters of inspirational softball," Visser said.

And for this game, their opponents were impressive as well.

John DuBeau, a lieutenant with Ladder 17, has run in 11 Boston Marathons; he didn't work this one because he worked the night before. Phil Byrne, who works on Engine 39 in South Boston, was inside the barriers on Boylston Street and made his way to the bomb sites within minutes.

Boston Police sergeant Bobby Ridge, whose leg bears the scars of an on-duty car accident when he was a rookie, was assigned the medical tent just off the marathon finish line when he heard the first explosion — and felt the shockwaves in his chest. He arrived at the bombing site as the second blast went off.

"I could see all the people stampeding away, saw some bad stuff — the worst thing I ever saw in my life," he said. "I hope I never see it again."

But the opportunity to play at Fenway is the kind of thing that helps him forget, Ridge said.

The softball field was laid out within the regular Fenway diamond, with a 50-foot pitcher's mound and 70-foot base paths. The teams lined up along the baselines for the national anthem, then remained at attention when the music was done to watch the color guard exit the field.

Red Sox groundskeeper Dave Mellor stopped by to wish the teams luck.

"I really appreciate everything you do for us," he told the first responders, "and I hope you create some good memories tonight."

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