

SPORTS DIGEST

Heritage Classic Set For Jan. 16

SIoux FALLS – Pairings have been announced for the Sanford Pentagon Heritage Classic, set for Jan. 16 at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

Four girls' games and five boys' games are scheduled in the event, beginning with the Irene-Wakonda girls against Colman-Egan at 9 a.m. Dakota Valley's girls and boys both face Rock Valley, with the girls' game at 3 p.m. and the boys' game at 4:30 p.m.

In other games, the Colman-Egan boys face Waverly-South Shore at 10:30 a.m., the Sisseton girls play Sioux Falls Christian at noon, the Fergus Falls, Minnesota, boys play Sisseton at 1:30 p.m., the Winner girls play Clark-Willow Lake at 6 p.m., the Winner boys face Aberdeen Roncalli at 7:30 p.m. and the St. Thomas More boys play Clark-Willow Lake at 9 p.m.

Yankton Football Championship Banner Reveal Set

Yankton High School will unveil the championship banner for its 2015 Class 11AA football title prior to the boys' game of the Huron at Yankton basketball doubleheader, Jan. 23 at the Summit Center.

The event will be immediately before the boys' game, approximately at 6 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

COLLEGE BOWLS

Saturday, Dec. 19

CELEBRATION BOWL: NC A&T 41,

Alcorn State 34

NEW MEXICO BOWL: Arizona 45,

New Mexico State 24

LAS VEGAS BOWL: Utah 35, BYU

28

CAMELIA BOWL: Appalachian

State 31, Ohio 29

CURE BOWL: San Jose State 27,

Georgia State 16

NEW ORLEANS BOWL: Louisiana

Tech 47, Arkansas State 28

Monday, Dec. 21

MIAMI BEACH BOWL: Western

Kentucky 45, South Florida 35

Tuesday, Dec. 22

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL:

Akron 23, Utah State 21

BOGA RATON (FLA.) BOWL: To-

ledo 32, Temple 17

Wednesday, Dec. 23

POINSETTIA BOWL: Boise State

55, Northern Illinois 7

GODDADDY BOWL: Georgia South-

ern 58, Bowling Green 27

Thursday, Dec. 24

BAHAMAS BOWL: Western Michi-

gan 45, Middle Tennessee 31

HAWAII BOWL: San Diego State 42,

Cincinnati 7

Saturday, Dec. 26

ST. PETERSBURG (FLA.) BOWL:

Marshall (9-3) vs. UConn (6-6), 10 a.m.

(ESPN)

SUN BOWL: Miami (8-4) vs. Wash-

ington State (8-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)

HEART OF DALLAS BOWL: Wash-

ington (6-6) vs. Southern Mississippi (9-

4), 2:20 p.m. (ESPN)

PINSTRIPES BOWL: Duke (7-5) vs.

Indiana (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

INDEPENDENCE BOWL: Virginia

Tech (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6), 4:45 p.m.

(ESPN)

FOSTER FARMS BOWL: Nebraska

(5-7) vs. UCLA (8-4), 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 28

MILITARY BOWL: Navy (9-2) vs.

Pittsburgh (8-4), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

QUICK LAKE BOWL: Central Michi-

gan (7-5) vs. Minnesota (5-7), 4 p.m.

(ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 29

ARMED FORCES BOWL: Air Force

(8-5) vs. California (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL: North

Carolina (11-2) vs. Baylor (9-3), 4:30

p.m. (ESPN)

ARIZONA BOWL: Nevada (6-6) vs.

Colorado State (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (TBA)

TEXAS BOWL: Texas Tech (7-5) vs.

LSU (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30

BIRMINGHAM (ALA.) BOWL: Au-

burn (6-6) vs. Memphis (11-1), 11 a.m.

(ESPN)

BELK BOWL: NC State (7-5) vs.

Mississippi St. (8-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

MUSIC CITY BOWL: Louisville (7-5)

vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

HOLIDAY BOWL: Wisconsin (9-3)

vs. Southern Cal (8-5), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31

PEACH COAST BOWL: Houston (12-1) vs.

Florida State (10-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1

OUTBACK BOWL: Northwestern

(10-2) vs. Tennessee (8-4), 11 a.m.

(ESPN2)

CITRUS BOWL: Michigan (9-3) vs.

Florida (10-3), noon (ABC)

FIESTA BOWL: Notre Dame (10-2)

vs. Ohio State (11-1), noon (ESPN)

ROSE BOWL: Iowa (12-1) vs. Stan-

ford (11-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

SUGAR BOWL: Oklahoma State

(10-2) vs. Mississippi (9-3), 7:30 p.m.

(ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 2

TAXSLAYER BOWL: Penn St. (7-5)

vs. Georgia (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

LIBERTY BOWL: Kansas St. (6-6)

vs. Arkansas (7-5), 2:20 p.m. (ESPN)

ALAMO BOWL: Oregon (9-3) vs.

TCU (10-2), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

WACATU BOWL: West Virginia

(7-5) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 9:15 p.m.

(ESPN)

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W L T Pct PF PA

12 2 0 .857 435 269

y-N. England 9 5 0 .643 344 272

N.Y. Jets 6 8 0 .429 341 336

Buffalo 5 9 0 .357 278 361

South

W L T Pct PF PA

7 7 0 .500 275 301

Houston 6 8 0 .429 285 372

Indianapolis 5 9 0 .357 343 380

Jacksonville 3 11 0 .214 269 359

Tennessee

North

W L T Pct PF PA

11 3 0 .786 378 243

x-Cincinnati 9 5 0 .643 378 287

Pittsburgh 4 10 0 .286 292 360

Baltimore 3 11 0 .214 253 387

Cleveland

West

W L T Pct PF PA

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Philadelphia 6 8 0 .429 341 336

N.Y. Giants 5 9 0 .357 278 361

Dallas 4 10 0 .286 246 324

South

W L T Pct PF PA

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Atlanta 7 7 0 .500 302 312

Tampa Bay 6 8 0 .429 311 353

New Orleans 5 9 0 .357 350 432

North

W L T Pct PF PA

10 4 0 .714 347 265

x-Green Bay 9 5 0 .643 296 272

Minnesota 5 9 0 .357 302 363

Detroit 5 9 0 .357 299 352

Chicago

West

W L T Pct PF PA

12 2 0 .857 445 269

x-Seattle 9 5 0 .643 370 248

St. Louis 6 8 0 .429 241 294

San Francisco 4 10 0 .286 202 339

x-clinched playoff spot

x-clinched division

Thursday, Dec. 24

Oakland 23, San Diego 20, OT

Saturday, Dec. 26

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:25

p.m.

YAIA Learn To Skate Program

Coming Up

The Yankton Area Ice Association will hold a "learn to skate" program on Saturdays and Wednesdays, Jan. 6-March 6. The program is designed to teach the fundamentals of skating so individuals can continue as a hockey player, figure skater or recreational skater.

There is a cost to participate, which includes skate rental and helmet. Contact Terry Pedersen at 605-660-3118 for more information. Registrations are available online at yanktonice.org.

Lancer Baseball Camps Set

The Mount Marty College baseball team has announced the schedule for its preseason hitting camps. Both will offer instruction from MMC coaches and players.

The preseason hitting camp will run Tuesdays from Jan. 26-March 1. Sessions for grades 2-3 will run from 6:15-7 p.m., with grades 4-5 from 7-7:45 p.m., middle school (grades 6-8) from 7:45-8:30 p.m. and high school from 8:30-9:15 p.m.

Participants will need to bring running shoes (no cleats) and bats, if available. Batting gloves are recommended.

There is a cost to participate. For more information or to register, go online to www.mmcbaseball.com.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, December 27		Parkston Classic (Chester Area vs. Irene-Wakonda, 10:30 a.m.; Wagner vs. Tri-Valley, noon; Webster Area vs. Winner, 1:30 p.m.; Sanborn Central-Woonsocket vs. Gayville-Volin, 3 p.m.; Ethan vs. Dell Rapids, 4:30 p.m.; Sully Buttes vs. Hanson, 6 p.m.; Parkston vs. Redfield-Doland, 7:30 p.m.); Shootout On The Elkhorn at Wisner (Ponca); Verdigris Booster Club Holiday Tour, (Osmond vs. Bloomfield, 2:45 p.m.; Niobrara-Verdigris vs. Langford Area, 5:30 p.m.); Wayne Holiday Tour, (Laurel-Concord-Coleridge vs. West Point-Beemer, 9:30 a.m.; Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Pender, 4 p.m.); Lennox at Dakota Valley, Scotland vs. Corsica-Stickney at Stickney
Sunday, December 28		BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD vs. Florida Gulf Coast at Sioux Falls (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, ESPN3.com, MidcoSN)
Monday, December 29		BASKETBALL, BOYS' Aberdeen Classic (Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, 8 p.m.); Langford Classic (Platte-Geddes vs. Langford Area, 5:30 p.m.); Shootout On The Elkhorn at Wisner (Ponca); Verdigris Booster Club Holiday Tour, (Osmond vs. Bloomfield, 4:30 p.m.; Niobrara-Verdigris vs. Allen, 8 p.m.); Wayne Holiday Tour, (Laurel-Concord-Coleridge vs. West Point-Beemer, 11 a.m.; Hartington Cedar Catholic vs. Pender, 5:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, December 30		BASKETBALL, GIRLS'

Saturday, Dec. 27		Houston at Tennessee, noon	
Sunday, Dec. 28		Cleveland at Kansas City, noon	
Monday, Dec. 29		New England at N.Y. Jets, noon	
Tuesday, Dec. 30		Indianapolis at Miami, noon	
Wednesday, Dec. 31		San Francisco at Detroit, noon	
Thursday, Jan. 1		Dallas at Buffalo, noon	
Friday, Jan. 2		Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon	
Saturday, Jan. 3		Carolina at Atlanta, noon	
Sunday, Jan. 4		Pittsburgh at Baltimore, noon	
Monday, Jan. 5		Jacksonville at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m.	
Tuesday, Jan. 6		St. Louis at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.	
Wednesday, Jan. 7		Green Bay at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.	
Thursday, Jan. 8		N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.	
Friday, Jan. 9		Monday, Dec. 29	
Saturday, Jan. 10		Cincinnati at Denver, 7:30 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 11		Monday, Dec. 30	
Tuesday, Jan. 12		Oakland 23, San Diego 20, OT	
Wednesday, Jan. 13		Washington at Philadelphia, 7:25 p.m.	

Nebraska Hopes To Cap A Down Season With Bowl Win Over UCLA

BY JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — With four losses in the final 10 seconds of regulation or overtime sending Nebraska to a losing record, Mike Riley's first year as the Cornhuskers' coach didn't quite go as planned.

But with Nebraska (5-7) getting a chance to play in a bowl despite winning just five games, Riley has a head start on Year 2.

With not enough six-win teams to fill all the bowl slots, the Cornhuskers got a reprieve based on their high graduation rate and received a spot in the Foster Farms Bowl on Saturday night against UCLA (8-4).

While the opportunity to end a down season on a high note is nice, the biggest benefit of playing in a bowl, according to Riley, is the extra practice time.

"I always contend if you get the chance to play in a bowl game, it's the end of one season and the beginning of another," he said.

Riley spent the first two bowl practices working on the basics instead of planning for the Bruins. The first-string defense faced the first-team offense and the younger players got their own sessions.

Even when practices shifted to game preparation mode, Riley still took time for extra workouts for underclassmen expected to fill roles next season.

"It's a learning experience for us and the coaches," quarterback Tommy Armstrong said. "We had a lot of ups and downs. It was more just finding out what we were good at this year. It was about putting things together with the coaching staff."

The Bruins learned plenty about their team too that can carry over to 2016. The most notable development was the emergence of freshman quarterback Josh Rosen. He stepped in right away and proved he was up to the tough task.

Rosen threw for 3,349 yards and 20 touchdowns and most importantly remained steady during the ups and downs of the season.

UCLA Seniors Who Began Jim Mora Era Look To Go Out With A Bowl Victory

BY ZACH HELFAND

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SAN FRANCISCO (TNS) — All the way into the morning hours of Feb. 1, 2012, national signing day, Jordan Payton spoke on the phone with UCLA football Coach Jim Mora, discussing Payton's future.

About five and a half weeks earlier, when Mora had become UCLA's coach, he said the staff made a choice. The coaches could accept a class hardly ranked in the top 50 nationally and focus their efforts on 2013. Or they could concentrate their resources on a last-minute surge.

"Our option, our only option was we were going to attack 2012," Mora said at the time. "We were going to go after players all over the country that we thought could come in here and help us win football games."

By the morning of national signing day, the surge was working. UCLA had procured a class ranked in the top 15, a solid foundation for Mora's tenure. It already had secured commitments from Paul Perkins, Devin Fuller, Ishmael Adams, Randall Goforth