

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Catching Some Air



Los Angeles Angels' Erick Aybar hurdles New York Yankees' Brett Gardner (11) and throws to first base to catch New York Yankees' Derek Jeter for a double play to end the fifth inning at Yankee Stadium in New York on Tuesday. (John Dunn/Newsday/MCT)

AREA DIGEST

Regional Schools Named To WBCA Academic Top 25

ATLANTA, Ga. — A number of schools with regional ties were named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Academic Top 25 for the 2009-10 school year. The University of South Dakota ranked 16th in NCAA Division I. Ryan Williams's team posted a cumulative GPA of 3.368. Great West Conference rival Utah Valley led the nation with a 3.63 GPA, followed closely by former North Central Conference and future Summit League rival South Dakota State (3.622). Creighton was fifth (3.506), Northern Iowa seventh (3.464), North Dakota 10th (3.442) and North Dakota State 12th (3.427). In the NAIA, Mount Marty ranked 20th. Coach Tom Schilling's team posted a 3.365 cumulative GPA. Dana College, which closed three weeks ago, led the NAIA with a 3.727 team GPA, followed by Valley City State (3.688). Also on the list were Concordia (6th, 3.532), Northwestern (7th, 3.506), South Dakota Tech (15th, 3.407) and Midland Lutheran (18th, 3.391). Michigan Tech led NCAA Division II with a 3.732 team GPA, followed by Chadron State (3.641), Wayne State was 18th (3.454). Winona State 20th (3.446) and Nebraska-Omaha 25th (3.403). Carnegie Mellon led NCAA Division III with a 3.616 team GPAC. Sheridan College led the junior college/community college division with a 3.575 team GPA.

Yankton Soccer Car Wash July 24

The Yankton High School club soccer teams will be holding a fundraiser car wash on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of Ace Hardware. Local sweet corn will also be sold.

YHS Girls' Soccer Tryouts Aug. 9-11

Tryouts for the Yankton High School girls' club soccer team will be held Aug. 9-11 at the HSC soccer fields. Students in grades 8-12 are invited. Soccer attire is recommended. All players must be registered with Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YWSA) before tryouts. For more information, contact Kevin Buckman at 660-4254.

Gazelles Softball Meetings July 22, 27

The Yankton Gazelles fastpitch softball teams will be holding informational meetings and registrations on Thursday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 27 at the Summit Activities Center meeting rooms. Meetings for girls in grades 6-8 will be at 6:45 p.m. and for girls in grades 9-12 will be at 8 p.m. All girls in grades 6-12 interested in participating on any of the Gazelles softball teams this fall and their parents need to attend one of these meetings. These will be the only meetings and registration times. Your attendance is required at one of these meetings if you want to play this fall. For more information, call Bernie at 665-8145 or Bob at 665-5747.

P&D Sports Live Chat Wednesday

Press & Dakotan sports editor James D. Cimburek and assistant sports editor Jeremy Hoeck will host a live chat on Wednesday afternoons. The weekly event, which will run from 3-4 p.m., will cover local and regional high school and college sports, as well as some topics of national interest. Also, listen to the "Live Chat Review" on 1450 AM KYNT radio from 3:45 to 4 p.m. Go online to http://www.yankton.net/live\_chat

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 21
BASEBALL LEAGION Region 2A Tour at Valley Springs (Yankton vs. Valley Springs, 7 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tour at Lennox
BASEBALL VFW TEENER Yankton Black Sox at Pierre (DH, 5 p.m.); Yankton Grey Sox at S.F. Central (DH, 5 p.m.)
Thursday, July 22
BASEBALL AMATEUR District Tournament at Crofton
BASEBALL LEAGION Region 2A Tour at Valley Springs (Yankton); S.D. State Class B Tour at Lennox
BASEBALL VFW TEENER Yankton Lakers at Mitchell Black (DH, 5 p.m.); Yankton Reds at Mitchell White (DH, noon)
GOLF DAKOTAS TOUR Olive Grove Pro-Am at Olive Grove GC, Crofton
Friday, July 23
BASEBALL AMATEUR District Tournament at Crofton
BASEBALL LEAGION Region 2A Tour at Valley Springs (Yankton); S.D. State Class B Tour at Lennox
GOLF DAKOTAS TOUR Western Printing Pro-Am at Moccasin Creek CC, Aberdeen

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CUBS

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"It's got to be a lot of pressure," All-Star outfielder Marlon Byrd said. "It's got to take a toll. Everybody wants to come here and win a championship. You assume you're going to do it, you're going to be the guy to come in here and help this team win it. ... It can take a toll on you, but at the same time, he hasn't given up — not one bit."

A right-handed outfielder, Piniella was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1969 after batting .282 with 11 homers and 68 RBIs with the Royals. He was traded to the Yankees in 1973 and ended his playing career with New York in 1984. In all, he played 18 years in the majors — 11 with the Yankees — and was a career .291 hitter. Piniella began managing in 1986 with the Yankees and lasted three years, including a stint as general manager. He managed the Reds from 1990-92, leading them

to a World Series championship in his first season. He also got national attention for a clubhouse wrestling match with reliever Rob Dibble. Dibble, part of the "Nasty Boys" bullpen, said Piniella "was one of us." He downplayed their 1992 tussle as overblown. "We butted heads once. It's way more famous than it should be. We've been family ever since," Dibble said. "During batting practice every day, Lou would go to every guy just to see how you were doing — not as a player, but as a person. I'll always respect him for that. I always thought that was one of the best qualities about him, that he always cared about you as a person first, a baseball player second."

After Cincinnati, Piniella had a long run in Seattle, where his teams won at least 90 games four times. The Mariners went 116-46 in 2001, but lost in the AL championship series to the Yankees. His 1995 and 2000 Mariners teams also fell in the ALCS. "For me, he's obviously a Hall of Fame manager and a great player," said Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez, who played for

SDGA Golf

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
July 19-20 at Fox Run Golf Course, Yankton
GIRLS' 14-15
Claire Jansa, Sioux Falls ... 83-78-161
Katie Grenier, Sioux Falls ... 85-85-169
Abby Perronault, Sioux Falls ... 88-81-169
Kali Trautman, Clear Lake ... 84-86-170
Styler Funk, Dakota Dunes ... 87-84-171
Cassidy Volmer, Hot Springs ... 89-89-171
Mae Meierhenry, Sioux Falls ... 84-88-172
Abbie Grenier, Sioux Falls ... 82-87-179
Liz Day, Belle Fourche ... 91-84-185
Charley Claussen, Rapid City ... 106-94-200
Sydney Nielsen, Irene ... 128-117-245
Baley Zivahr, Sioux Falls ... 125-130-255
BOYS' 14-15
Jordan Rohlfed, Sisseton ... 75-77-152
P.J. Wetzel, Hot Springs ... 77-76-153
Cameron Huff, Aberdeen ... 78-76-154
Jake Steen, Brookings ... 77-77-154
Andrew Wilk, Aberdeen ... 79-78-155
Ian Rinken, Sioux Falls ... 84-76-160
Peyton Sanders, Dak. Dunes ... 79-82-161
Katie Dirksen, Lead ... 84-80-164
Mitch Schillingman, Yankton ... 83-81-164
Tate McVay, Sturgis ... 85-79-164
Justin Ackerman, Milbank ... 80-85-165
Mike Casey, Sioux Falls ... 82-85-165
Jayden Bruun, Winner ... 81-85-166
Ben Jensen, Yankton ... 84-82-166
Michael Goens, White ... 82-85-167
Rob Neswick, N. Sioux City ... 87-82-169
Michael Duch, Aberdeen ... 80-79-169
Adam Beaker, Mitchell ... 83-83-170
Alex Shattuck, Sioux Falls ... 88-83-171
Colton Sierra, Batesland ... 87-88-175
Trevor Hill, Aberdeen ... 86-88-178
San Frost, Rapid City ... 89-89-178
Tanner Wehrkamp, Brandon ... 94-84-178
Drew Mahowald, Watertown ... 101-77-178
Zach Hagen, Aberdeen ... 89-89-178
Ben Rogers, Sioux Falls ... 95-85-180
Brandon Frick, Yankton ... 95-94-189
GIRLS' 16-18
Megan Mingo, Yankton ... 77-79-156
Rachel Patrone, Milbank ... 77-80-157
Kristin Sabers, Mitchell ... 79-78-157
Kylie Gaughenbaugh, Canton ... 84-81-165
Kelsey Goens, White ... 82-81-166
Brittany Riddet, Huron ... 85-83-168
Ashley Hendricks, Brookings ... 85-83-168
Alex Merry, Sioux Falls ... 85-84-169
Jordan Bickel, Lake Area ... 85-84-169
Jordan Borman, Parkston ... 85-85-170
Lauren Fitch, Brookings ... 84-87-171
Molly Ritzch, Rapid City ... 82-83-175
Courtney Luckert, Marion ... 83-81-184
Kelsey Emme, Piedmont ... 95-84-179
Ellen Brown, Vermillion ... 91-89-180
Emma Wynia, Sioux Falls ... 89-89-180
Sylvia Wetzel, Hot Springs ... 94-90-184
Katie Kesch, Sioux Falls ... 99-99-195
Stephanie Beaman, S.F. ... 112-123-234
BOYS' 16-18
Josh Wesmanna, Watertown ... 71-71-142
Eli Kaprielian, Rapid City ... 73-73-144
Shane O'Brien, Rapid City ... 73-71-144
Brett Rozenboom, Sioux Falls ... 73-74-147
Zach Hagen, Aberdeen ... 75-75-148
Arron Lickteig, Marion ... 74-74-148
Miles Schock, Pierre ... 73-76-149
Mac Young, Rapid City ... 74-75-149
Michael Skokke, Sioux Falls ... 78-78-152
Ryan Medhaug, Vebien ... 79-71-150
Tyler Burr, Belle Fourche ... 73-75-151
Blake Swan, Sioux Falls ... 74-77-151
Austin Hieb, Aberdeen ... 75-76-151
Derek Dillon, Garrison ... 78-73-151
Treston Lee, Pine Ridge ... 75-75-152
Coby West, Watertown ... 77-77-152
JP Schmitt, Mitchell ... 79-79-152
Seth Stadel, Pierre ... 81-79-152
Collin Hammer, Sioux Falls ... 77-76-153
Chris Holmquist, Brookings ... 78-75-153
Zachary Smalley, Pierre ... 74-80-154
Drew Trautman, Clear Lake ... 78-76-154
Tommy Anderson, Onida ... 79-76-155
Blake Beebe, Rapid City ... 79-76-155
Clay Koppin, Piedmont ... 77-75-156
Ryan Patone, Milbank ... 77-79-156
Cory Willadsen, Sioux Falls ... 77-79-156
Jared Jambor, Piedmont ... 78-78-157
Tyler Zahn, Aberdeen ... 77-81-158
Miles Brudigan, Sioux Falls ... 82-76-158
Alex Finney, Dakota Dunes ... 82-80-158
Brook Hanken, Goodwin ... 80-80-160
Anthony Husker, Winner ... 81-79-160
Austin Smer, Sioux Falls ... 85-77-162
Nicholas Plick, Huron ... 82-80-162
Taylor Hymonius, Sioux Falls ... 81-79-162
Tony Doherty, Sioux Falls ... 81-79-162
Josh Atkins, Tea ... 82-82-164
Eric Hurley, Aberdeen ... 84-81-165
Chris Whempner, Sioux Falls ... 80-80-168
Alex Steen, Harrisburg ... 83-86-169
Ethan Metz, Sioux Falls ... 83-86-169
Jake Rogers, Sioux Falls ... 86-84-170
Alex Kindrop, Watertown ... 82-82-170
Andrew Thares, Aberdeen ... 87-83-170
Dylan Clark, Brandon ... 93-83-176
Ryan Shindler, Yankton ... 92-86-178
Montana Sierra, Batesland ... 98-81-179

Legion Baseball

S.D. STATE CLASS B TOURN.
July 21 at Lennox
Wednesday, July 21
GAME 1: Howard-Salem-Canova vs. Garrison, 10 a.m.
GAME 2: Groton or Redfield vs. Belle Fourche, 20 minutes after Game 1
Thursday, July 22
GAME 3: Alexandria vs. Beresford, 5 p.m.
GAME 4: Big Stone City vs. Lennox, 20 minutes after Game 3
Friday, July 23
GAME 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10 a.m.
GAME 6: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 20 minutes after Game 5
GAME 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 5 p.m.
GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 20 minutes after Game 7
Friday, July 23
GAME 9: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 loser, 12:30 p.m.
GAME 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 5 p.m.
GAME 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 20 minutes after Game 10
Saturday, July 24
GAME 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 3 p.m.
GAME 13: Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 20 minutes after Game 12
NOTE: Pairings for Games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary
Sunday, July 25
GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 1 p.m.
NOTE: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 will automatically advance to Game 15.

REGION 2A LEAGION TOURNEY
July 20-23 at Valley Springs
Tuesday, July 20
GAME 1: S.F. East 7, Valley Springs 6, 10 innings
GAME 2: S.F. West 3, Yankton 2
Wednesday, July 21
GAME 3: S.F. East vs. S.F. West, 4 p.m.
GAME 4: Valley Springs vs. Yankton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 22
GAME 5: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.
GAME 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 23
GAME 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser (if first loss), 5 p.m.

THE NWBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
W L Pct GB
Indiana 13 7 .650 —
Atlanta 14 8 .636 —
Washington 12 7 .632 1/2
Connecticut 12 9 .571 1 1/2
Chicago 11 11 .500 3
New York 10 10 .500 3
WESTERN CONFERENCE
W L Pct GB
Seattle 19 2 .905 —
San State, Pierre 12 4 .750 1
Minnesota 7 12 .368 11
San Antonio 7 13 .350 11 1/2
Los Angeles 5 15 .268 13
Tulsa 4 17 .190 15
Tuesday's Games
Seattle 80, San Antonio 83
Los Angeles 86, Tulsa 83
New York 82, Connecticut 74, OT
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Washington, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday's Games
Los Angeles at Indiana, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

ML Soccer
EASTERN CONFERENCE
W L Pct GF GA
Columbus 9 3 4 .31 22 13
New York 8 6 2 .28 18 19
Toronto FC 6 5 2 .22 18 17
Chicago 4 5 1 .17 18 19
Kansas City 4 8 4 .16 13 20
Philadelphia 4 8 2 .14 18 28
New England 3 12 1 .08 28 28
D.C. 3 11 3 .12 12 28
WESTERN CONFERENCE
W L Pct GF GA
Los Angeles 12 2 3 .39 27 8

THE NL

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CARDINALS 7, PHILLIES 1: ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chris Carpenter worked eight dominant innings and St. Louis got homers from Randy Winn and Matt Holliday in their seventh consecutive victory. Phillies 47-year-old starter Jamie Moyer strained his elbow and lasted only one inning. The Phillies have lost five of six since the All-Star break and demoted another starter earlier in the day, sending Kyle Kendrick to Triple-A Lehigh Valley. Carpenter (11-3) allowed a run and five hits. Andrew Carpenter (0-1) pitched three innings in relief of Moyer, yielding three runs and five hits. ROCKIES 10, MARLINS 0: MIAMI (AP) — Melvin Mora drove in five runs and Jeff Francis pitched seven crisp innings to lead Colorado to the victory. Bating in the No. 3 spot for only the second time this season, Mora hit a bases-clearing double to highlight a six-run third inning. He also hit a two-run homer off Nate Robertson (6-8) in the fifth and finished with three hits, matching a season high. Francis (3-3) allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked none while lowering his ERA from 5.14 to 4.63. Robertson gave up eight runs, seven earned, and six hits in five innings for Florida, which had won three straight. It was the Marlins' only two-inning loss of the season. DIAMONDBACKS 3, METS 2: PHOENIX (AP) — Barry Enright pitched eight effective innings and Arizona gave interim manager Kirk Gibson his first winning streak. Enright (2-2) retired 14 straight hitters after escaping a tight spot in the first inning and struck out a career-high eight. He also had his first career RBI and Justin Upton hit his 16th homer off R.A. Dickey (6-4), giving Arizona consecutive wins for the first time since Gibson became manager on July 2. New York's Josh Thole hit his first career homer off Enright in the eighth inning and Angel Pagan hit another solo shot off Juan Gutierrez in the ninth before the right-hander closed out his third save in five chances.

SCOREBOARD

Real Salt Lake 9 4 3 30 28 13
FC Dallas 6 2 7 25 19 13
Colorado 6 4 5 23 17 14
San Jose 6 4 4 22 18 16
Houston 5 7 19 21 22
Seattle 5 8 4 19 18 24
Chivas USA 4 9 2 14 17 21
Toronto 4 6 11 21 22
Chicago 4 4 4 22 18 16
Pittsburgh 5 7 19 21 22
West Division
W L Pct GB
Milwaukee 43 51 457 912
Chicago 42 52 447 1012
Houston 38 55 409 14
Seattle 32 60 348 19 1/2
Florida 9 10 3 18 17
San Diego 54 37 593 —
San Francisco 51 42 548 —
Colorado 50 42 543 4 1/2
Los Angeles 49 44 527 6
Arizona 35 58 376 20
Monday's Games
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 4
Florida 9, Colorado 9
Cincinnati 7, Washington 2
Houston 11, Chicago Cubs 5
Arizona 13, N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 2
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Washington at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Houston (Myers 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lilly 3-8), 1:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Duke 3-9), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hammel 7-4) at Florida (Nolasco 9-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Garland 9-6) at Atlanta (Hanson 8-6), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 4-2) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 8-6), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 3-5) at St. Louis (L. Garcia 8-4), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 6-4) at Arizona (Haren 7-8), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 8-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Gillies 7-5), 9:10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Colorado at Florida, 11:10 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Cincinnati, 11:35 a.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

American League

East Division
W L Pct GB
New York 58 33 637 —
Tampa Bay 56 36 609 2 1/2
Boston 53 40 570 6
Toronto 47 46 505 12
Baltimore 29 63 315 29 1/2
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Chicago 51 41 554 —
Detroit 48 43 527 2 1/2
Minnesota 49 44 527 2 1/2
Kansas City 40 52 435 11
Cleveland 39 54 419 12 1/2
West Division
W L Pct GB
Texas 54 39 581 —
Los Angeles 50 45 526 5
Oakland 46 47 495 8
Seattle 36 57 387 18
Monday's Games
Texas 8, Detroit 6, 14 innings
Cleveland 10, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 5, Toronto 4, 10 innings
Boston 2, Oakland 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 1
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Boston at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay (J.Shields 7-9) at Baltimore (Berenson 3-7), 11:35 a.m.
L.A. Angels (Pineiro 10-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 7-7), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 6-5) at Minnesota (Lirio 7-7), 12:10 p.m.
Toronto (Rzepczynski 0-0) at Kansas City (Greene 5-9), 1:10 a.m.
Boston (Buchholz 10-4) at Oakland (Gonzalez 8-6), 2:35 p.m.
Texas (C. Lewis 9-5) at Detroit (Scherzer 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 5-8) at Seattle (F. Hernandez 7-6), 9:10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

National League

East Division
W L Pct GB
Atlanta 49 44 527 5 1/2
New York 48 44 527 5 1/2
Philadelphia 48 44 527 5 1/2
Los Angeles 45 47 489 9
Houston 40 53 430 14 1/2
Central Division
W L Pct GB
St. Louis 52 41 559 —
Cincinnati 52 42 553 1/2

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended for 60 days minor league OF Cristian Santana (Hickory)
SALE 50 games after testing positive for performance-enhancing substance
Activated RHP Adrenal Cabrera from the 60-day DL. Designated RHP Jensen Lewis for assignment.
DETROIT (Wesbrook) — Placed 3B Brandon Inge on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Casey Fien from Toledo (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Recalled RHP Sean O'Sullivan and Zachary Lutz from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Cory Adkridge to Salt Lake.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed LHP Andy Pettitte on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Jonathan Abadajo from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP

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LSU, Florida and Alabama have captured the last four national titles — with the Gators winning two. "That's an extraordinary achievement," Slive said. "It's particularly extraordinary when you

THE AL

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Elvis Andrus hit Galarraga's first pitch for a single and Kinsler's triple and Hamilton followed with a sacrifice fly. David Murphy's solo homer in the second put Texas up 3-0. BLUE JAYS 13, ROYALS 1: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Toronto's Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 26th home run and drove in five runs to back Jesse Litsch, who picked up his first victory since 2008. The Blue Jays have won four of their past five games, while the Royals have lost seven of eight. Bautista hit a two-run homer in the first inning. He has homered in six of his last 13 games. His single in the second scored John Buck, who had three doubles. Bautista's double in a five-run eighth gave him five RBIs to match his career high. Litsch (1-4) was 0-5 with a 7.08 ERA in eight starts since beating Baltimore on Sept. 18, 2008. He made only two starts last season before season-ending elbow surgery. Litsch allowed one run and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings with no walks or strikeouts. He improved to 3-1 in four career starts against the Royals. ORIOLES 11, RAYS 10, 13 Innings: BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's Julio Lugo single in the winning run in the 13th inning, and the teams combined for seven solo home runs. The Orioles trailed by four runs in the seventh and 10-9 in the 12th before rallying to end a four-game skid. Cesar Izturis led off the 13th by drawing a walk from Lance Cormier (3-2). After a sacrifice, Lugo grounded a single inside the first-base line to bring home Izturis. Luke Scott, Ty Wigington and Adam Jones hit successive homers off Matt Garza

Dustin Nippert on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Doug Mathis from Oklahoma City (PCL). NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — Announced the retirement of manager Lou Piniella, effective at the end of the 2010 season. Recalled RHP Jeff Stevens from Iowa. Signed QB Jody Eliason. HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
CAROLINA — HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with D Brent Barnes on a one-year contract. MONTREAL — CANADIENS — Signed G Cedrick Desjardins and F Ryan Russell to one-year contracts. Named Randy Cunyworth coach and Randy Ladouceur assistant coach of Hamilton (AHL). PHOENIX — COYOTES — Named Norm Gosselin amateur scout. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Named Daniel Larocq and Martin Raymond assistant coaches. SOCCER
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
MLS — Signed MF Sam Zizzo. KANSAS CITY WIZARDS — Agreed to terms with D Nikos Koukouris. COLLEGE
DIVISION II ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — Named Virginia Union athletic director Michael Bailey to the board of directors. BRIDGEPORTR — Named Stephanie Del Preore women's basketball and cross-country coach. COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named Annette Medaille athletic department business manager. GREENSBORO — Named Zachary Gottfried, Maurice Hart and Aaron Hill assistant football coaches. ILL.-CHICAGO — Announced the retirement of men's basketball coach Jimmy Collins, effective Aug. 31. LEES-MOORE — Named Phillip Greene community relations manager for athletics. NEW MEXICO — Signed men's basketball coach Steve Alford to a contract extension through the 2019-20 season. ST. NORBERT — Named Jamie Kivi women's assistant hockey coach. SOUTHERN CAL — Announced athletic director Mike Garrett will be replaced by Pat Haden on Aug. 3. TUSCULUM — Named Suzanne Byrd cross country coach.

Armstrong Shows Grit In Bid For Win

PAU, France (AP) — In his final days of his final Tour de France, Lance Armstrong showed some of the old fire. The seven-time champion, knowing full well he no longer stands above all others in his sport, fought from beginning to end in the hopes of going out with a stage victory high in the Pyrenees. It was not to be. Armstrong finished sixth after breaking away early in the 16th stage and holding his own through four major climbs of the Tour's most demanding leg. But he lost in a final sprint, with Frenchman Pierrick Fedrigio winning the 124-mile ride. Alberto Contador was almost seven minutes behind, his Astana team asserting control over the field. The defending champion from Spain kept the overall lead, eight seconds ahead of Andy Schleck of Luxembourg. The two rode a day after Contador apologized for the way in which he took the yellow jersey. On Tuesday, Armstrong, broke away on his own at one point before he was caught by a small group of riders. All of which was a bit of a change for the 38-year-old Texan.

Big Ten. "I can't put myself in somebody else's shoes, but clearly our championship game over the last several years has been of significant benefit to our league," Slive said. "And last year, with the 1-2 teams playing in our game, all of a sudden we found ourselves with a plus-one. Not the kind of plus-one that I had envisioned but we're still talking about a plus-one."

Elvis Andrus hit Galarraga's first pitch for a single and Kinsler's triple and Hamilton followed with a sacrifice fly. David Murphy's solo homer in the second put Texas up 3-0. BLUE JAYS 13, ROYALS 1: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Toronto's Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 26th home run and drove in five runs to back Jesse Litsch, who picked up his first victory since 2008. The Blue Jays have won four of their past five games, while the Royals have lost seven of eight. Bautista hit a two-run homer in the first inning. He has homered in six of his last 13 games. His single in the second scored John Buck, who had three doubles. Bautista's double in a five-run eighth gave him five RBIs to match his career high. Litsch (1-4) was 0-5 with a 7.08 ERA in eight starts since beating Baltimore on Sept. 18, 2008. He made only two starts last season before season-ending elbow surgery. Litsch allowed one run and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings with no walks or strikeouts. He improved to 3-1 in four career starts against the Royals. ORIOLES 11, RAYS 10, 13 Innings: BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's Julio Lugo single in the winning run in the 13th inning, and the teams combined for seven solo home runs. The Orioles trailed by four runs in the seventh and 10-9 in the 12th before rallying to end a four-game skid. Cesar Izturis led off the 13th by drawing a walk from Lance Cormier (3-2). After a sacrifice, Lugo grounded a single inside the first-base line to bring home Izturis. Luke Scott, Ty Wigington and Adam Jones hit successive homers off Matt Garza

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