

Astro To Install New AstroTurf Field At DakotaDome

VERMILION — The University of South Dakota announced Thursday that it is installing a new AstroTurf field at the DakotaDome. The cost of the new AstroTurf field is in the millions of dollars, but the university says it is a long-term investment that will pay for itself in the long run.

Athletic Director David Saylor knows that the addition of the new AstroTurf field will pay dividends to the athletic program and the university as a whole.

"The new AstroTurf field at the DakotaDome will give us an overall improvement in the football program and with our facilities," said Saylor. "It will also provide us with a new and improved level of safety and performance for our student-athletes, as well as demonstrate our commitment to the program."

Senior Associate Athletic Director David Herbstster was heavily involved in the decision-making process.

"We looked at numerous options," said Herbstster. "We chose AstroTurf because of their breadth of experience and the facilities the product has been installed in. Our confidence in their body of work was extremely important. Also important were price and customer service. We felt like AstroTurf provided us with exactly what we needed."

Herbstster visited several facilities, but was sold when he visited the indoor practice facility at the University of Kansas. The Jayhawks had the same kind of system that USD was looking for.

"When we saw the field at Kansas, we knew we wanted to have that in the DakotaDome," said Herbstster.

The surface will be AstroTurf PureGrass, a knitted nylon product that provides exceptional, all-around performance. PureGrass was designed as a premium, multi-purpose, extra-plush turf with a high fiber density. The PureGrass system at the DakotaDome will not contain infill and is designed to be a portable system, which will rest on an 8mm pad.

The system will employ the AstroHopper conversion system, which is designed to allow for removal and storage of the field in a timely and cost-effective manner, to allow the DakotaDome to convert for other types of events.

The AstroHopper system rolls up field panels and maximizes storage capacity by eliminating wrinkles, bagging, or telescoping which can lead to increased surface wear, tear, and damage.

This summer, the three largest indoor sports facilities in the Upper Midwest are getting new AstroTurf surfaces. Not only is the DakotaDome updating its AstroTurf surface, the FargoDome in North Dakota and the Alerus Center in

Grand Forks, N.D., are also getting new AstroTurf fields.

The DakotaDome project will be complete in time for the Coyotes to take the field for their home opener against Colgate on Sept. 8.

FLW Walleye Tour Making Stop In South Dakota

PIERRE (AP) — Some of the world's best walleye anglers are battling it out on Lake Oahe (oh-AW'-hee) in South Dakota.

The Dakota Open FLW Walleye Tour event is being sponsored by Pierre's Chamber of Commerce Thursday through Saturday. Top prizes total \$63,000 in the pro division and \$10,500 in the amateur division.

Pro Tackle Takasaki (tah-kah-SAH'-kee) of Sioux Falls says the lake is "full of hungry, biting fish" but they seem skinnier this year. He says anglers won't have any problem catching their limits, and the tournament will come down to who lands the bigger, fatter walleye.

Final weigh-in is at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Pierre Wal-mart.

BHCC Four-Man Tour. Saturday

Bon Homme Golf Course will host a four-man scram-

ble golf tournament on Saturday. Start time is scheduled for 9 a.m.

For more information, contact BHCC at 589-3186.

NU's Long, Baker Steinkuhler On Out-land Trophy Watch List

LINCOLN, Neb. — Two Nebraska football players are on the initial Outland Trophy watch list released Thursday morning. Offensive guard Spencer Long and defensive tackle Baker Steinkuhler are among the 71 players on the watch list for the nation's top lineman as voted on by the Football Writers of America.

Long earned a breakout season in 2011, starting every game and helping Nebraska rank 15th nationally at 217.2 yards per game. He helped the Huskers top 200 yards rushing on seven occasions, including three games of at least 300 rushing yards. He was a second-team All-Big Ten selection by the media in 2011 and an honorable-mention All-Big Ten choice by the league's coaches.

A two-year starter for the Blackshirts, Steinkuhler started all 13 games for Nebraska in 2011, totaling 40 tackles, including a pair of sacks from his defensive tackle spot. The 6-foot-6, 290-pounder has started 26 games for the Huskers over the past two seasons, earning honorable-mention all-conference recognition in both 2010 (Big 12) and 2011 (Big Ten).

The Outland Trophy winner is chosen from three finalists who are part of the FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the entire membership, selects the 25-man team and eventually the three Outland finalists to be named on Nov. 19.

Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner. The Outland Trophy, presented annually since 1946, is the third

oldest award in major college football. The winner of the 67th Outland Trophy, named after the late John Outland, an All-America lineman at Penn and Kansas at the turn of the century, will be announced on The Home Depot College Football Awards on Dec. 6 on ESPN.

The Outland Trophy presentation banquet, sponsored by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee, will be held on Jan. 10, 2013, in Omaha, Neb.

Huskers Add Howell For 2013

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska baseball team announced on Thursday that Colton Howell has signed a National Letter of Intent to start playing baseball for the Huskers in 2013 season. A product of Fort Zumwalt West High School in O'Fallon, Mo., Howell is a pitching prospect and can also play the infield. He played at the same high school as former Husker and 2011 fourth-round MLB draft pick Cody Asche.

This past season at Fort Zumwalt West, Howell earned multiple honors, as he was a first-team Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Class 4 selection, was named the Gateway South Conference Player of the Year and was a first-team St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro pick.

In 2012, Howell hit .483 with nine doubles, one triple, one home run and a slugging percentage of .840. The 6-2 right hander also worked 13 innings on the mound with 21 strikeouts and five saves. He works a fastball that touches the low 90's, as well as a cut fastball and a change-up.

On Monday, June 18, 2012, Howell was in the third-annual PNC Bank High School Baseball Showcase at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Howell was selected to Missouri's Pitcher as a pitcher to play against the top talent from Illinois. Howell threw one inning of scoreless relief in the game, as Missouri won the game, 14-1.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

S.D. AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION JUNIOR OLYMPICS TOURN.

SIoux FALLS — Here is the Friday schedule for the 2012 South Dakota Amateur Softball Association Junior Olympics Tournament, being held July 13-15 at Hammond Park and Sherman Field in Sioux Falls. Teams are listed by age group, and with respective city, where available.

10-UNDER A

Games at Hammond Park
GAME 1: Storm vs. Diamonds Steel, 4:30 p.m., Field F
GAME 2: Spearfish Toxic vs. Diamonds Fury, 6 p.m., Field F

10-UNDER B
Games at Hammond Park
GAME 1: Blasters vs. S.F. Stars, 10:30 a.m., Field E

Field E
GAME 2: Brookings Blast Blue vs. Brandon Dynamite, 10:30 a.m., Field G
GAME 3: Yankton Shamrocks vs. Brandon Blaze, noon, Field E

Field G
GAME 4: Brandon Valley Shock vs. Watertown Prime Time Sliders, noon, Field F
GAME 5: Hurricanes Bronz vs. Blast Bombers, noon, Field G

Field G
GAME 6: Brandon Valley Crushers vs. Panthers, 1:30 p.m., Field E
GAME 7: Yankton Twists vs. Hartford Heaters, 1:30 p.m., Field F

Field F
GAME 8: Vermillion Flamez vs. Bazookas, 3 p.m., Field E
GAME 13: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3:30 p.m., Field F

Field F
GAME 14: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field E
GAME 15: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m., Field E

Field E
GAME 16: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field E

12-UNDER A

Games at Hammond Park
GAME 1: Diamonds Ice vs. Xtreme, 1:30 p.m., Field B

Field B
GAME 2: S.F. Diamonds Elite vs. Xtreme, 3 p.m., Field B
GAME 3: S.F. Fusion Millennium vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field B

12-UNDER B

Games at Hammond Park
GAME 1: Brandon Blast vs. Spearfish Toxic, 10:30 a.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 2: DA Girls vs. BV Fire, 10:30 a.m., Field D
GAME 3: Yankton Xtreme vs. Hurricanes, noon, Field C

Field C
GAME 4: SF Angels vs. SF Shock, noon, Field D
GAME 5: Maraunders vs. Tigers, 1:30 p.m., Field D

Field D
GAME 9: Game 1 winner vs. SF Xtreme, 1:30 p.m., Field C
GAME 6: Madison Flash vs. Outlaws, 3 p.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 10: Brookings Red Blast vs. Game 1 winner, 3 p.m., Field D
GAME 7: Smash vs. SD Flash Attack, 4:30 p.m., Field C

Field D
GAME 8: Sizzle vs. Lennox Orange Krush, 4:30 p.m., Field D
GAME 19: Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 20: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 win-

ner, 6 p.m., Field D
GAME 17: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 18: Game 9 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field D

12-UNDER C

Games at Hammond
GAME 1: Venom vs. Tea Area Lightning, 10:30 a.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 2: Young's Primetime vs. Vermillion Koble Electric, 10:30 a.m., Field B
GAME 3: Dairy Queen vs. Platte II, noon, Field G

Field G
GAME 4: KFF Canton vs. Risk, noon, Field B
GAME 5: Platte I vs. DV Panthers, 1:30 p.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 9: Power vs. Game 1 winner, 1:30 p.m., Field G
GAME 6: Wagner TNT vs. Chaos, 3 p.m., Field G

Field G
GAME 10: Brookings Blast Blue vs. Game 2 winner, 3 p.m., Field A
GAME 7: Flandreau vs. Parkston, 4:30 p.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 11: Game 3 winner vs. Pierre Power, 4:30 p.m., Field B

Field B
GAME 12: Hurley vs. Game 4 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field G
GAME 8: Vermillion Dakota Bandits Green vs. Mitchell Mustangs, 6 p.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 21: Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 6 p.m., Field B
GAME 23: Game 7 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 6 p.m., Field G

Field G
GAME 22: Game 10 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field A
GAME 24: Game 8 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field G

14-UNDER A

Games at Hammond
GAME 1: Diamonds Thunder vs. Brandon Blaze, noon, Field E

Field E
GAME 2: Kraze-98 vs. Blades, noon, Field G
GAME 3: Stealth vs. Drake Orthodontics, 1:30 p.m., Field E

Field G
GAME 5: Kraze-97 vs. Diamonds White, 3 p.m., Field E
GAME 6: SF Diamonds Xtreme vs. Brandon Rage, 3 p.m., Field G

Field G
GAME 7: Vermillion Dakota Bandits vs. Game 1 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field E
GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field G

Field E
GAME 9: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m., Field G
GAME 10: Brookings Outlaws vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field G

14-UNDER B

Games at Hammond
GAME 1: BV Stingers vs. Mauraunders, 10:30 a.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 2: Hurricanes White vs. Wild, noon, Field C
GAME 3: Rapid City Swat vs. Fusion Orange-98, 1:30 p.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 5: RC Rebels vs. Game 1 winner, 3 p.m., Field A
GAME 6: Brookings Blast vs. Game 2 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field B

Field B
GAME 4: Yankton Yellow Jackets vs. Hurricanes Black, 6 p.m., Field D
GAME 11: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field C

14-UNDER C

GAME 1: Harrisburg Tigers vs. Tripp Wildcats, 10:30 a.m., Sherman E

Field E
GAME 2: Huron Premier Bankcard vs. Fuzion Blasters, 10:30 a.m., Sherman H
GAME 3: Madison Gold vs. Vortex, noon, Sherman H

Field H
GAME 4: Madison White vs. Tea Area Titans, 1:30 p.m., Sherman H
GAME 9: Pierre Pride vs. Game 1 winner, 3 p.m., Sherman H

Field H
GAME 5: Brandon Wolf Heat vs. Wagner, 4:30 p.m., Sherman H
GAME 6: Scotland Valley Pack vs. Cyclones, 6 p.m., Sherman E

Field E
GAME 10: Game 2 winner vs. Muth Technology Fusion, 6 p.m., Sherman H
GAME 7: Montrose vs. Sioux Falls Explosion, 7:30 p.m., Sherman E

Field E
GAME 8: Platte vs. Irene-Wakonda Eagles, 7:30 p.m., Sherman H

16-UNDER A

Games at Sherman Field
GAME 1: RC Flames vs. Brandon Crush, 1:30 p.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 2: SD Fusion vs. RC Rebels, 3 p.m., Field C
GAME 3: SD Fusion White vs. Unleashed, 4:30 p.m., Field B

Field B
GAME 5: SD Flash vs. Game 1 winner, 6 p.m., Field G
GAME 4: Midwest Dirt Devils vs. Diamonds Gold, 7:30 p.m., Field G

16-UNDER B

Games at Sherman Field
GAME 1: DV Panthers vs. Venom, 10:30 a.m., Field I

Field I
GAME 2: Sizzle vs. SF Stinger, noon, Field I
GAME 3: Yankton Lightning vs. Cyclones, 1:30 p.m., Field I

Field I
GAME 4: Lennox Sunshine vs. Emery Freeze, 3 p.m., Field I
GAME 5: Cars for Les Trojans vs. Game 1 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field I

Field I
GAME 6: Wild Fastpitch vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m., Field I
GAME 7: Hurricanes Silver vs. Game 3 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field I

16-UNDER C

Games at Sherman Park
GAME 1: Rockers vs. Riot, 10:30 a.m., Field D

Field D
GAME 2: Dairy Queen vs. Winner, noon, Field D
GAME 3: Hurley vs. Harrisburg Tigers, 3 p.m., Field G

Field G
GAME 4: Tea Titans vs. Game 1 winner, 3 p.m., Field B
GAME 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m., Field B

18-UNDER A

Games at Sherman Field B
GAME 1: SF Impact vs. Hurricanes, 4:30 p.m., Field B

Field B
GAME 2: Diamonds Black vs. Yankton Spitfire, 6 p.m., Field C
GAME 3: Vermillion Dakota Bandits vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field C

18-UNDER B

Games at Sherman Field B
GAME 1: Primetime Fastpitch vs. Venom, 1:30 p.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 2: Explosion vs. VooDoo, 4:30 p.m., Field C
GAME 3: Velocity vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 p.m., Field C

18-UNDER C

Games at Sherman Park
GAME 1: Trashers vs. Wagner, 10:30 a.m., Field C

GAME 2: Lesterville Broncos vs. Viborg, noon, Field A

Field A
GAME 3: Scotland vs. Action, noon, Field B
GAME 4: Tyndall Electric vs. Tripp Hale's Angels, noon, Field C

Field C
GAME 5: Diamond Divas vs. Tabor Lady Bluebirds, 1:30 p.m., Field A

Field A
GAME 7: Clearfield Sandburs vs. Dells Ice, 1:30 p.m., Field C
GAME 7: Springfield Reckerz vs. Game 1 winner, 3 p.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 4:30 p.m., Field C
GAME 9: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m., Field C

Field C
GAME 10: Game 6 winner vs. Burke Royals, 7:30 p.m., Field C

BASEBALL

SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Yankton | 15 | 2 | .882 | — |
| Crofton | 15 | 2 | .882 | — |
| Wynot | 11 | 6 | .649 | 4 |
| Tabor | 10 | 6 | .625 | 4.5 |
| Irene | 10 | 7 | .588 | 5 |
| Avon | 9 | 7 | .563 | 5.5 |
| Scotland | 4 | 13 | .235 | 11 |
| Freeman | 4 | 13 | .235 | 11 |
| Lesterville | 4 | 13 | .235 | 11 |
| Menno | 2 | 15 | .118 | 13 |

Thursday, July 12

Crofton 10, Yankton 9
Irene 20, Freeman 4 (6)
Lesterville 12, Scotland 6
Wynot 16, Menno 3 (7)

Tabor at Yankton
Freeman at Lesterville
Irene at Menno
Tabor at Crofton
Wynot at Scotland

End of Regular Season

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| New York | 52 | 33 | .612 | — |
| Baltimore | 45 | 40 | .529 | 7 |
| Tampa Bay | 45 | 41 | .523 | 7 1/2 |
| Boston | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 |
| Toronto | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 1/2 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Chicago | 47 | 38 | .553 | — |
| Cleveland | 44 | 41 | .518 | 3 |
| Detroit | 44 | 42 | .512 | 3 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 37 | 47 | .440 | 9 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 36 | 49 | .424 | 11 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Texas | 52 | 34 | .605 | — |
| Los Angeles | 48 | 38 | .558 | 4 |
| Oakland | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 |
| Seattle | 36 | 51 | .414 | 16 1/2 |

Tuesday's Game

NL All-Stars 8, AL All-Stars 0
Detroit (Fister 2-6) at Baltimore (Hammel 8-5), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Undecided) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 8-7), 6:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Masterson 5-8) at Toronto (Romerio 8-4), 6:07 p.m.

Boston (F.Morales 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 4-5), 6:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 4-1) at Kansas City (B.Chen 7-8), 7:10 p.m.

Oakland (Griffin 0-0) at Minnesota (Liriano 3-7), 7:10 p.m.

Texas (D.Holland 5-4) at Seattle (Millwood 3-6), 9:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 12:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 6:10 p.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 6:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 12:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Washington | 49 | 34 | .590 | — |
| Atlanta | 46 | 39 | .541 | 4 |
| New York | 46 | 40 | .535 | 4 1/2 |
| Miami | 41 | 44 | .482 | 9 |
| Philadelphia | 37 | 50 | .425 | 14 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Pittsburgh | 48 | 37 | .565 | — |
| Cincinnati | 47 | 38 | .553 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 46 | 40 | .535 | 2 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 40 | 45 | .471 | 8 |
| Chicago | 33 | 52 | .388 | 15 |
| Houston | 33 | 53 | .384 | 15 1/2 |