

Baseball: Torre, La Russa, Cox On Hall Of Fame Expansion Era Ballot

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Retired managers Joe Torre, Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox will join holdovers George Steinbrenner and Marvin Miller on the Hall of Fame expansion era committee ballot next month.

Dave Concepcion, Steve Garvey, Tommy John, Billy Martin and Ted Simmons also are held over from the 2010 ballot, while Dave Parker and Dan Quisenberry have been added. Vida Blue, Ron Guidry, Al Oliver and Rusty Staub have been dropped.

The committee will gather at the winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and its vote will be announced there Dec. 9.

Torre and Cox retired as managers after the 2010 season and La

Russa after leading the St. Louis Cardinals to the 2011 World Series championship.

Torre led the New York Yankees to World Series titles in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and finished with a 2,326-1,997 record as a big league manager, also spending time with the New York Mets, Atlanta, St. Louis and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

La Russa is third in wins among managers with a 2,728-2,365 record that also included time with the Chicago White Sox and Oakland. He won World Series titles with the Athletics in 1989 and the Cardinals in 2006 and '11.

Cox, who led Atlanta to the 1995 Series title, is fourth in career wins with a 2,504-2,001 record that also included time with Toronto. He led

the Braves to 14 straight division titles from 1991-05.

Steinbrenner was the New York Yankees owner from 1973 until his death in July 2010, and the team won seven World Series championships, 11 AL pennants and 16 AL East titles during his reign. He appeared on the ballot for the first time that December and received fewer than eight votes. The panel elected former Toronto general manager Pat Gillick, who appeared on 13 of 16 ballots.

Miller, the pioneering head of the players' association from 1966-81, died in November 2012 at 95. He will be appearing on a committee ballot for the sixth time.

When all Hall of Famers could vote, Miller received 44 percent in

2003 and 63 percent in 2007. After the Hall downsized the committee, he received 3 of 12 votes in 2007, 7 of 12 in 2009 and 11 of 16 in December 2010 — one shy of the required 75 percent.

This year's committee includes Hall of Famers Rod Carew, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Herzog, Tom Lasorda, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Phil Niekro and Frank Robinson; Toronto Blue Jays President Paul Beeston; retired club executive Andy MacPhail; Philadelphia Phillies President Dave Montgomery; Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf; Steve Hirdt of the Elias Sports Bureau; Bruce Jenkins of the San Francisco Chronicle; Baseball Writers' Association of American Secretary-Treasurer Jack

O'Connell; and retired Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter Jim Reeves.

This year's ballot, chosen by a BBWAA-appointed historical overview committee, covers baseball's expansion era. Players, managers, umpires, executives whose most significant impact was from 1973 on were considered as part of a three-year cycle. The golden era (1947-72) will be voted on in 2014 and the pre-integration era (1871-1946) will be judged in 2015.

Anyone elected will be inducted into the Hall during ceremonies in Cooperstown on July 24 with any players chosen by the BBWAA. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Frank Thomas are among the newcomers to the BBWAA balloting, which will be announced Jan. 8.

Avon

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However, the Cardinals maintained their intensity on the defensive side and forced Avon into a 3-and-out.

The visitors responded by embarking on another drive sparked by a pass-interference penalty on the Pirates.

However, the drive stalled when Mudder arrived to drill a St. Mary's receiver as the ball arrived to break up a 4th-down pass by the Cardinals.

"We had some penalties and we dropped some passes, but I think if we had scored on that second possession, it would have been a different game," St. Mary head coach Ross Flemmer said.

From there, the Pirates maintained possession and ran the ball at will.

Avon regained the lead at 14-8 with 4:16 to play in the first half when Mudder snuck into the endzone from a yard out and Devin Tolsma ran in the conversion.

The Cardinals had an opportunity to answer as Heinrichy found an open receiver running down the middle of the field, but the pin-point pass was dropped, opening the door for Avon to score again before the break.

A 2-yard punt by DRSM set up a Kocmich touchdown of 11 yards with 54 seconds left to play in the half. Mudder converted, and suddenly the Pirates were in control at 22-8.

The Cardinals all but walked the plank in attempting a fake-punt at their own 36 after their initial 2nd-half possession.

Avon defensive end Jacob Knodel sniffed out the fake punt and tackled Bunkers for a 1-yard loss, setting the Pirates up for a 35-yard touchdown from Tolsma on the



Avon's Alex Balvin, 34, pursues Dell Rapids St. Mary quarterback Wes Heinrichy during their Class 9B quarterfinal on Monday in Avon. Avon held Heinrichy to just 3-9 passing for 27 yards in the contest.

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ensuing play that left the home team firmly in control with a 30-8 lead.

"We had scouted the fake punt and were looking for it, but we didn't think they'd do it that deep in their own territory," Culver said. "Jake Knodel made a great play on it."

Tolsma added a pair of 1-yard TD runs for the 46-8 final.

Though he ran for 147 yards on 13 carries and scored three times, Tolsma's impact on the game came in

the form of his 11.5 tackles from his linebacker spot.

"He is their defense," Flemmer said of the sure-tackling junior. "He reads everything and attacks the play; we didn't get him blocked all night."

Tolsma and company had to stiffen to meet St. Mary's early challenge.

"They came out tough and we just regrouped," Tolsma said. "We had to get low up front; give a lot of credit to the line because they did that

and that keeps them off of the backers."

Kocmich ran for 157 yards on 21 carries as Avon racked up 374 rushing yards on the night.

Brown ran for 83 yards on 18 carries to lead the Cardinals as Bunkers had 73 yards on eight carries.

The Pirates hope to reserve their spot in the DakotaDome when they host Wall Saturday.

Parkston

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down to make it 7-0 with 6:37 left in the first quarter.

The Wildcats (7-3) had another drive going before Mitch Heisinger intercepted Glazier at the Parkston 23. Custer then forced a three-and-out before Dvorak, who doubles as Parkston's punter, ran a fake punt for 32 yards. Heisinger (6 carries, 47 yards) capped the drive a couple plays later with a 34-yard touchdown run.

Custer then had its best possession of the first half, reaching the Parkston 3 before turning the ball over on downs. Taking over in the shadow of their own end zone, the Trojans knew what they had to do.

"Just keep scoring. Keep driving, we don't want to stop," Dvorak said. "Just keep scoring on them."

That's what they did, as Dvorak's 30-yard option keeper made it 21-0 with 5:23 to play in the first half.

After a Custer three-and-out, Parkston went 59 yards in 9 plays to extend its lead to 28-0 on Miles Semmler's 3-yard touchdown run in the final 20 seconds before halftime. The Trojans amassed 289 yards rushing in the opening half.

"They're a big, physical team," Custer coach Russ Bailey said. "It's not easy to get off a block against a team like that. They have guys who are 260 (pounds) and can bench a house."

Parkston went up 34-0 on when junior Brady Reiff (5 carries, 24 yards) scored from 3 yards out with 8:19 remaining in the third quarter. Custer got its lone touchdown with 3:51 to play in the period when Glazier found Graysen Trandem in the back of the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown.

Huskers

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that, after four-plus seasons spent mostly on the sidelines, Kellogg would be involved in a moment that goes down as one of the most memorable in the 90-year history of Memorial Stadium.

"Just proves that every other walk-on who's on this team can have their number called at an important time," he said, "and that's something you should never doubt yourself about."

Kellogg said his only full scholarship offer when he was coming out of Westside High in Omaha in 2009 was from South Dakota State from the Championship Subdivision. He chose to walk on at Nebraska because of the school's academic program and the fact his parents were so impressed with Tom Osborne, the coaching great who was athletic director at the time.

Coach Bo Pelini put Kellogg on scholarship for the first time this year. He's never been a serious contender for the starter's job that Taylor Martinez has owned since 2010. Kellogg redshirted in 2009 and didn't get into a game the next two seasons. He threw a total of 11 passes in four mop-up appearances last year.

When Martinez got hurt in September, the coaching staff decided to go with redshirt freshman

Tommy Armstrong Jr. and have Kellogg rotate in every few series. After Armstrong threw three interceptions Saturday, there was no hesitation to turn to Kellogg for the final 1:14.

"Tommy struggled a little bit, and there were some things that were taking place coverage-wise," offensive coordinator Tim Beck said. "I was concerned going into this two-minute drill that these guys had shown a variety of different coverages, and I wanted to go with the more veteran quarterback at that point."

On the last play, Kellogg held off the pass rush for what he said felt like an eternity and then heaved the ball to the end zone. Once Westerkamp made the catch and started getting mobbed by teammates in the south end zone, Kellogg turned tail and sprinted north.

"I blacked out," Kellogg said, not quite able to explain why he ran away from the celebration.

Coach Bo Pelini joked, "I don't know where he went. Maybe he had a dinner to get to."

His mom, Latrice Kellogg, and a brother and sister were in the stadium. His father, Ron Kellogg Jr., an All-Big Eight basketball player at Kansas in the 1980s, whooped it up so much at a sports bar in Omaha that he almost was asked to leave.

Before Kellogg left the field, he and Martinez embraced for what Kellogg said seemed like "35 minutes."

"It was a total bromance mo-

Crofton, Cedar Advance To Sub-Dist. C2-9 Final

WAUSA, Neb. — Crofton will play Hartington Cedar Catholic in the Sub-District C2-9 finals after semi-final wins in volleyball action Monday.

Crofton beat Niobrara-Verdigre 25-9, 27-25, 25-13 in the semifinals. Niobrara-Verdigre beat Plainview 25-16, 25-18, 25-14 in game one.

HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC DEF.
CREIGHTON 17-25, 25-19, 25-14, 25-22: In the win for Hartington Cedar Catholic, Emily Feilmeier had 39 assists and made 12 digs. Karly Noeker had 14 kills and seven digs and Bailey Steffen had 11 kills.

Sub-District D2-5

PLAINVIEW, Neb. — Wymot will play Wausa in the finals of the Sub-District D2-5 finals after semi-final wins Monday.

Wausa beat Osmond 25-23, 25-14, 25-17; and Wymot beat Elkhorn Valley 25-14, 25-12, 25-14 in the semifinals.

Elkhorn Valley beat Santee 25-11, 25-11, 25-18 in the opening round.

Sub-District D1-4

Hartington 3, Bloomfield 0

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington advanced to the semifinals of the Sub-District D1-4 Volleyball Tournament with a 25-19, 25-18, 25-17 victory over Bloomfield in the opening round on Monday.

For Bloomfield, Kenna Fiedler had six kills and six solo blocks to lead the way. Amanda Goeden had eight assists.

Bloomfield finishes with an 8-17 record
BLOOMFIELD (8-17)19 18 17
HARTINGTON (17-11)25 25 25

MMC JV Women Win Opener

Jill Jandreau posted 11 points and seven rebounds to lead a balanced Mount Marty attack in a 65-45 victory over Dordt in junior varsity women's basketball action on Monday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Brittni Bormann had nine

points, and Erica Dreckman and Sam Blake each had eight points for MMC, which had all 11 players score. Kellie Winckler finished with nine points and four steals. Blake also had seven rebounds, and

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then we did another great upset. It was a win-win for us."

Homan emphasized there were many positives the team will build on from this season.

"Offensively, we put up some yards, defensively, we played some good games," he said. "It's just the little things we need to fix going into next year. We're just going to keep building on as a team."

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look like I was 280," he said. "It adds 10 pounds... plus the camera."

Kellogg will be back on the sideline at the start of this week's game at Michigan. Pelini already has said Armstrong will start, unless Martinez is somehow able to play.

Pelini said Kellogg has never complained about his role.

"That's not easy to do, especially in this society today, which is kind of an 'I' society, 'what can you do for me?'" Pelini said. "He's what you look for in a teammate and I'm happy for him. That was a great moment for Ron."

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