

Vikings' Adrian Peterson Accused Of Child Abuse

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Star Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson has been indicted in Texas on a charge of child abuse after using a branch to spank his son, and was swiftly benched by the team on Friday for this weekend's game against New England.

Peterson's attorney, Rusty Hardin, said that the charge in Montgomery County accuses Peterson of using a branch, or switch, to spank one of his sons, whose age was not disclosed. Hardin said Peterson has cooperated with authorities and didn't mean any harm.

"Adrian is a loving father who used his judgment as a parent to discipline his son. He used the same kind of discipline with his child that he experienced as a child growing up in east Texas," Hardin said.

"Adrian has never hidden from what happened. He has cooperated fully with authorities and voluntarily testified before

the grand jury for several hours. Adrian will address the charges with the same respect and responsiveness he has brought to this inquiry from its beginning. It is important to remember that Adrian never intended to harm his son and deeply regrets the unintentional injury."

The Vikings, about an hour after issuing a statement acknowledging the case but deferring questions to Hardin, said Peterson would be on the inactive list for their home opener against New England.

A warrant has been issued for Peterson's arrest, and he will have to turn himself in. There is no timeline for when he will appear in Texas, his attorney said.

"We are just obligated to try to get it done as soon as possible, which we intend to honor," he said.

The allegations came during a week in which the NFL has

been under heavy criticism and scrutiny for the way it handled a domestic violence case involving former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice and his then-fiancee. An independent investigation headed by former FBI director Robert Mueller has been convened to look into the handling of the Rice situation. Commissioner Roger Goodell initially suspended Rice for just two games. After a longer version of security video surfaced on Monday showing Rice punching her in the face, the Ravens released Rice and the league suspended him indefinitely.

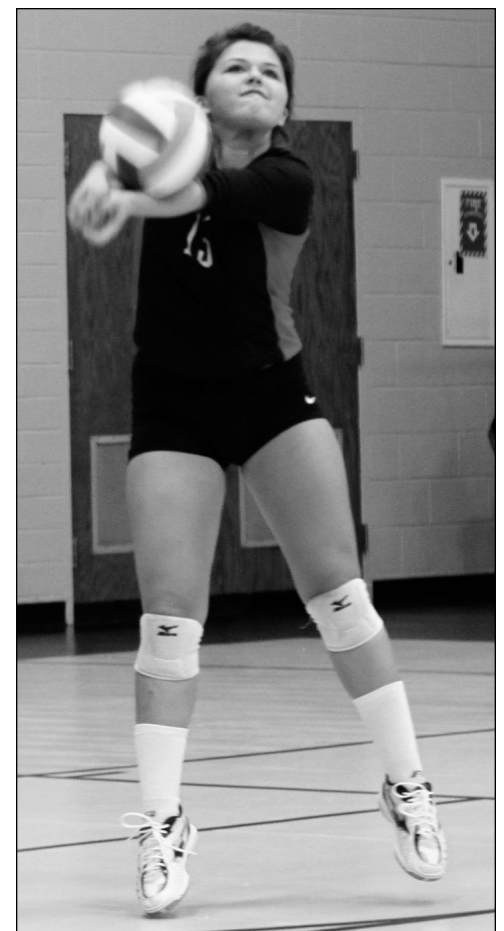
Critics are also closely watching how the league proceeds in the cases of Carolina Panthers defensive end Greg Hardy and Ray McDonald of the San Francisco 49ers, both still playing with domestic abuse cases pending. Hardy was convicted July 15 of assaulting a woman and communicating

threats, but is appealing. San Jose police are still actively investigating an Aug. 31 incident involving McDonald.

The NFL didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Peterson's situation.

A man who identified himself as Peterson's uncle, Chris Peterson, answered the door at the running back's home in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and said Peterson wasn't there and that the family had no comment.

Peterson is in his eighth season, all of them with the Vikings. Widely considered the best running back in the league, he has rushed for 10,190 yards and 86 touchdowns in his career. Peterson did not practice on Thursday because of what coach Mike Zimmer called a "veteran day," allowing experienced players to rest, but Peterson was at the team facility that day and spoke to reporters about the upcoming game against the Patriots.



BROOKE CERSOSIMO/MITCHELL REPUBLIC
Yankton's Haley Mines digs the ball during the second set of an Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball match against Mitchell on Friday in Mitchell.

Football

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Joey Eickman, and Tim Gassman had a 1-yard touchdown run.

In the loss for the Cavaliers (1-2), Hunter Young rushed for 40 yards, Carter Mecham ran for 15 yards and Brendan Bares led the defense with eight tackles.

Next week, MCM hosts Beresford in Salem and Bon Homme hosts Tri-Valley for homecoming.

Burke-South Central 35, Andes Central 0

BONESTEEL — Zach Sebern accounted for 210 yards and three touchdowns to lead Burke-South Central past Andes Central 35-0 on Friday night in Bonesteel.

Sebern passed for 141 yards and a touchdown, and also rushed four times for 69 yards and two scores. Rain Liewer added 84 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Sebern also led the BSC defense with 12 tackles.

In the loss for the Eagles (1-2), Cedric Cournoyer rushed for 100 yards and led the defense with 10 tackles. Leo Hopkins had 61 yards passing and 26 yards on the ground.

Next week, BSC (2-1) hosts Gayville-Volin and Andes Central visits Scotland.

Randolph 66, Bancroft-Rosalie 22

BANCROFT, Neb. — Randolph downed Bancroft-Rosalie 66-22 Friday night in Bancroft.

No stats were reported for Randolph.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Hartington-Newcastle receiver Tanner Fischer gets behind the defense of Niobrara-Verdigre's Schyler Forman, 24, and Jacob Johnson for a catch during their eight-man football game on Friday in Hartington, Nebraska.

In the loss for Bancroft-Rosalie, Carsten Tietz ran for 131 yards and had two touchdowns. He also passed for 76 yards and one touchdown.

Tietz totaled 15 tackles for Bancroft-Rosalie, and Easton Weborg took down seven more.

Next Friday, Bancroft-Rosalie hosts Osmond, and Randolph hosts Emerson-Hubbard.

Madison 48, Dakota Valley 6

MADISON — The Madison Bulldogs had a 259-55 edge in rushing yards to remain unbeaten with a 48-6 victory over Dakota Valley on Friday night.

Mitch Hansen accounted for three touchdowns for the Bulldogs (3-0), while Mason Hemmer, Brodie Frederiksen, Mason Leighton and Isaac

Schubert all added rushing touchdowns.

In the loss for the Panthers (0-3), Brady Dam scored on a 4-yard touchdown for the first score of the game. Quarterback Luke Schmitt completed 8-of-16 passes for 79 yards.

Next week, Madison visits Sisseton and Dakota Valley hosts Elk Point-Jefferson.

Tri-Valley 41, Sioux Valley 22

COLTON — Nick Buchmann rushed for 142 yards and three touchdowns to lead Tri-Valley past Sioux Valley 41-22 on Friday night in Colton.

Matt Prather added 71 yards and two touchdowns for the Mustangs, who led 14-6 at halftime. Alex Gonzalez and Logan O'Hara each had seven tackles on defense.

In the loss for the Cossacks, Hayden Hall rushed for 93 yards,

while Cole Hauge had a rushing touchdown. Collin Kramer passed for 34 yards and a touchdown, while Hauge had a 78-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

SIUX VALLEY.....6 0 8 8 -22
TRI-VALLEY.....7 13 14 -41

Chamberlain 12, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 8

EAGLE BUTTE — The Chamberlain Cubs out-rushed Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 232-59 on the way to a 12-8 victory Friday night in Eagle Butte.

Shawn Foote rushed for 97 yards and a touchdown, while Parker Evans completed 11-of-15 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown.

All of the scoring was done in the first half.

CHAMBERLAIN (1-2).....0 12 0 0 -12
CHEYENNE-EAGLE BUTTE (1-2).....8 0 0 0 -8

Fresno State Faces Huskers In Home Opener Today

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

Nine months after celebrating a Mountain West championship in their final home game of 2013, Fresno State returns to Bulldog Stadium with little to feel good about.

The post-Derek Carr era has gotten off to a rough start with lopsided road losses to powerhouse Southern California and fellow Pac-12 team Utah. Things don't figure to get much easier in the home opener Saturday night when the Bulldogs (0-2) host another national power in Nebraska (2-0).

"You get punched in the nose twice, you have to respond," Fresno State coach Tim DeRuyter said. "Last year, we didn't have a whole lot of adversity."

The Bulldogs have allowed the most points in the

nation through two weeks (11), having lost 52-13 to USC and 59-27 to Utah.

The Cornhuskers faced their own kind of test last week when McNeese State of the lower-division FCS played Nebraska to a tie until the final minute of a 31-24 loss.

That dropped Nebraska from No. 19 in the Associated Press poll to unranked. Since the AP poll expanded to 25 teams in 1989, no team ranked as high had ever dropped out after a win.

"I think our guys will respond very well," coach Bo Pelini said. "I'm not worried about what's happened to Fresno, what their record is or how they've played. Our challenge is to play and execute at a high level. Our focus is on us. On the way we'll get ready for Fresno."

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