

Briefly

KU extends Brown's contract

LAWRENCE (AP) — The contract of University of Kansas basketball coach Larry Brown has been extended for two years through the 1989 season, athletic director Monte Johnson said Monday.



Brown

Chiefs change time for Rams' game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs are adopting a good neighbor policy with the Kansas City Royals and changing the starting time of their National Football League game Oct. 20 against the Los Angeles Rams.

The Royals, who share a parking lot at the Harry S. Truman Complex with the Chiefs, are hoping to host a World Series game on Oct. 20. The World Series contest would start shortly after 7 p.m.

The Royals open the American League playoffs Tuesday against Toronto. A Chiefs spokesman said the kickoff will remain at noon even if the Royals fail to make the World Series.

Gooden wins Seagrams' award

NEW YORK (AP) — Pitcher Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets received the Seagrams' Baseball Player of the Year award Monday.



Gooden

First baseman Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees came in second with a 75.93 points, third baseman George Brett of Kansas City wound up third with 75.73 and outfielder Rickey Henderson of the Yankees was fourth with 72.94.

Gooden was awarded with the Seagrams' Trophy and a check for \$10,000. He also was the second pitcher to win this award in its 11-year history.

Gooden finished the season with a 24-4 record, 1.53 ERA and 268 strikeouts, making him the seventh pitcher in major league history to lead the league in these categories.

Danforth plugs All-Missouri Series

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may only be wishful thinking, but Sen. John Danforth of Missouri delivered his predictions Monday for baseball's playoffs.

Danforth, in a brief speech on the Senate floor, called it this way: Kansas City over Toronto in the American League and St. Louis over Los Angeles in the National League.

"The Dodgers and the Blue Jays will be formidable opposition in the division playoffs. I am confident, however, that St. Louis and Kansas City will come through victorious, and I look forward to savoring an all-Missouri World Series — one that surely will be dubbed 'Show-Me Series.'"

Danforth, a Republican, praised both teams and said "Missouri could not be more proud" of them.

"For those of my colleagues who are sad to see the baseball regular season come to an end, come on out to Missouri. We'll be playing for a couple more weeks," said Danforth.

IOC alters events for NBC-TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Watson, president of sports for NBC-TV, said Monday that the International Olympic Committee's willingness to alter the schedule of events for the 1988 Seoul Olympics sealed the contract between his network and the organizers for television rights to the Games.

NBC paid a minimum of \$300 million for "all media rights, including television, radio and cable, in the United States," Watson said. The network, which has never done a Summer Olympics and last did the Winter Games in 1972, could wind up paying as much as \$500 million in the unique risk-sharing agreement — if advertising revenues substantially increase in the next three years over those currently projected.

Jaworski back as No. 1 quarterback

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles said Monday they are returning veteran quarterback Ron Jaworski to his starting role and rehiring former Coach Sid Gillman to put some spark in an offense that is starting to show signs of life.



Jaworski

Gillman, 73, a former National Football League head coach and former offensive coordinator for the Eagles, will be on the job Tuesday to direct quarterbacks, Coach Marion Campbell said.

Jaworski came off the bench in Sunday's 23-21 loss at New Orleans to throw for three touchdowns in place of rookie Randall Cunningham, who had trouble moving the team.

Campbell said he could not say how long Jaworski would have the starting job.

Before Jaworski stepped in Sunday, Philadelphia trailed the Saints 20-0 in the second quarter and had scored only one touchdown in four games. Jaworski completed 23 of 40 passes for 274 yards and three TDs.

Regular umpires to work playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The baseball playoffs, threatened with a walkout by major league umpires, will begin Tuesday with regular officials on duty, Richie Phillips, attorney for the union, said Monday.

"We are going to work Tuesday in Toronto," Phillips said. "I won't say anything beyond that."

Jim Evans, Dave Phillips, Ted Hendry, Vic Voltaggio, Darryl Cousins and Dale Ford are assigned to the series between Kansas City and Toronto.

The umpires' contract calls for coverage of best-of-five playoffs, the format baseball has used since 1969. With the playoffs expanded to a best-of-seven this year, the umpers are seeking increased fees for the extra games.

Fort Hays players earn honors

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Receiver Eric Busenbark and line-backer Randy Jordan of Fort Hays State were named players of the week in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference on Monday.

Busenbark, a 6-foot-1 senior from Larned, Kan., was named offensive player after catching 10 passes for 220 yards in a 33-28 victory over Kearney State. He had touchdown receptions of 89 yards and 33 yards.

Jordan was named defensive player after making 15 tackles. The 8-foot junior from Hays also blocked a punt in the waning minutes of the game, setting up the Tigers winning touchdown one play later.

Beloit football back on track

By TIM HOSTETTER Sports Writer

Beloit High football of the 1970s spoke for itself, with three consecutive state championships (1975-76-77) and a 33-game winning streak.

The Trojans haven't been as outspoken in the '80s. With the exception of a brief state playoff appearance in 1982, Beloit has climbed and slipped to a 26-20 record in the first half of this decade. The Trojans were 5-4 in '80, 4-5 in '81, 8-2 in '82, 6-3 in '83, and 3-6 last season.

Those numbers aren't what the football-hungry fans of Beloit are accustomed to. Head coach Geary Labuary knew that when he took over last season.

Labuary promptly instigated a solid weight-lifting program — something barely existent before. He then recruited Pete Caldwell from the junior high to work with the offensive line and special teams.

"Pete coached on the state championship teams of the seventies and has really been good with the line," Labuary said. "It is remarkable that they never lifted weights consistently here. So the coaches and I got together and decided to employ a good program. We especially stressed it with our offensive linemen."

With that blueprint well in construction, the Trojans are off to a 4-0 start — 3-0 in the North Central Activities Association — this season with victories over Minneapolis, Belleville, Sacred Heart and — last Friday — a 10-0 win over previously fourth-ranked (4A) Clay Center.

Labuary admits he never had experienced a season like last year. The Trojans made it a habit of losing

Salina Journal's prep football rankings

Table with columns for CLASS 6A, CLASS 5A, CLASS 4A, CLASS 3A, CLASS 2-1A, and EIGHT-MAN I and II. Lists schools and their records.

ing close games. According to Labuary, the main reason for the narrow defeats was youth. Beloit started eight sophomores a year ago.

"Those sophomores are now juniors and have a good group of seniors in front of them," Labuary said. "That's the biggest difference this season along with the better attitude."

Whipping a Larry Wiemers-coached team at Clay Center is historically a stellar effort. Shutting out the Tigers is unheard of. Clay Center never threatened against the stingy Beloit defense.

"You have to remember that we returned eight starters on defense," Labuary said. "We have allowed some yards this season but haven't allowed many points. I just thank God we beat Clay Center and got back to Beloit safely because they are tough."

Beloit, which has 12 starters back from last season, got all the points it needed in the second quarter

when junior quarterback Mike Maxwell scored on a 32-yard run off an option play.

Offensively, running backs Jason Vetter and Eric Widrig (also used at receiver) have been the workhorses in back of the rejuvenated Trojan line, but the improvement of Maxwell has also been a key to success.

"Mike had some problems running the option as a sophomore, but he has grown and made some changes and is doing a good job for us this year," Labuary said.

Labuary isn't about to downgrade his defense's effort last Friday, but he credits much of the victory to his offensive line.

"The line failed to relinquish a quarterback sack and we ran the ball 47 times (237 yards) and didn't have a loss," Labuary said.

Labuary and his staff aren't about to put a label of "unbeatable" on their team. They well know that high school football isn't always predictable.

"I don't really know if we can measure how good our team is on the Clay Center game. In high school football, a team can beat a top team then come back and get beat by a lesser team," Labuary said. "We are going to have to be just as up for Smoky Valley this week."

Clay Center dropped out the 4A rankings along with Thomas More Prep-Marian — a 34-0 loser to Hays High. Santa Fe Trail moved back into the top five along with Colby. Top-ranked Mulvane edged Goddard in overtime and second-ranked Norton whipped Victoria, 33-6. No. 3 Shawnee-Aquinas defeated Excelsior Springs, Mo., 34-7.

Seneca-Nemaha Valley remains No. 1 in 3A after whipping Hiawatha, 28-6. Burlington dropped out of the top five after losing, 33-0, to Neodesha. Clifton-Clyde moved up to fourth and unbeaten Smith Center jumped into the fifth position.

There are no changes in 2A-1A. Pittsburg-Colgan routed Riverton, 42-6, to hold on to the No. 1 spot.

Almena-Northern Valley and Midway-Denton are still No. 1 in Eight-Man I and Eight-Man II respectively. The only newcomer this week is Greensburg in Eight-Man I. Rexford-Golden Plains fell out of the top five after losing to Utica, 26-20.

Kansas City-Summer replaced Liberal — a 49-32 loser to Dodge City — in the 5A rankings.

Dodge City jumped into the 6A rankings. Emporia fell out of the top five after losing to Topeka-Seaman, 10-3.

Astros dismiss Lillis

HOUSTON (AP) — Bob Lillis, who guided the Houston Astros to a winning record in three full seasons as manager but never to the playoffs, was dismissed Monday and offered a top-level job in the organization, General Manager Dick Wagner announced.



Lillis

A replacement for Lillis, a member of the Astros organization since 1962 when the franchise formed, would be announced later this month, Wagner said.

Wagner said he hoped Lillis would remain in the organization but felt that a change needed to be made because the Astros had not risen far above the .500 level under Lillis' direction.

"I don't want to be critical of Bob, but the fact that Houston played at the .500 level over three years was a big part of it," Wagner said. "We've got to look for a team that is more aggressive on the field."

Lillis was not immediately available for comment.

Wagner said coaches Denis Menke, Les Moss and Matt Galante had agreed to 1986 contracts and coaches Cot Deal and Jerry Walker would be offered posts in the Astros minor league organization.

"Bob has been asked to take over the vacant position as head of baseball operations," Wagner said.

"While this is a behind-the-scenes job, it is one of substance and importance to the Astros."

Lillis, 55, took over the Astros in 1982, following the dismissal of former manager Bill Virdon and led the Astros to a 28-23 record. In his first full season as manager, the Astros finished third in the West Division and last season tied for second place.

Pitcher Nolan Ryan, reached at his home near Houston, said he was not aware of Lillis' dismissal but said he was not surprised.

"I think with the new general manager it was to be expected," he said.

The Astros never were in contention this season after a disastrous July in which they posted an 8-18 mark.

"Bob Lillis has worked hard for the Astros," Wagner said. "However, as we go forward with plans for 1986, new field leadership is a necessity."

Wagner said he did not know if Lillis would accept the new job.

"We had a talk today and it was not the kind you relish but we're given him some time to think over the offer," Wagner said.

Wagner said his next assignment would be to hire Lillis' replacement.

"Some of the people we want to talk with are still working so we'll have to get permission to speak with them," Wagner said. "We should know something this month."

Pirates fire Tanner

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chuck Tanner, the ever-optimistic manager who skipped the Pittsburgh Pirates to a world championship and three second-place finishes in nine years, was fired Monday as part of a shakeup that will put a local public-private partnership in control of the team.



Tanner

Tanner said the decision was "mutual," but made it clear he was ousted not by current club President Dan Galbreath, but by a new ownership group headed by Malcolm "Mac" Prine.

"They didn't want me and I didn't want them," Tanner said. "I plan to remain in baseball as a manager for another 10 to 15 years. I'll be somewhere and it's going to be good. I want to win more world championships."

Prine, the chairman of Ryan Homes Inc., indicated last week when his group signed a letter of intent to buy the financially ailing Pirates that he favored a "clean sweep" approach that would bring in not only new owners, but also new management.

Tanner, 56, was asked to step down with two years left on his

contract after the Pirates' worst season in 32 years. He said he hopes to begin talking to as many as six major league clubs within days.

"All the clubs know now that I'm available. I'm going to be with a club that's going to do well," Tanner said. "I have a lot of alternatives and I'll do what's best for me overall. I want to work for an owner who I can be loyal to, like I was to Dan Galbreath."

"My loyalty is to the Galbreaths. The game has lost a lot by the loss of the Galbreath family. I know the game has to go on."

Tanner, who managed the Chicago White Sox and Oakland A's before taking over a contending Pirates' club in 1977, has been mentioned in connection with vacancies or possible managerial openings with the Houston Astros, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves and San Diego Padres.

One rumor has current Dodgers Manager Tom Lasorda moving up to general manager, with Tanner then taking over as manager.

"Tommy's great," Tanner said. "If he ever became the GM, I'd definitely become the manager."

College football standings

Large table showing college football standings for various conferences including Atlantic Coast, Ivy League, Big Eight, Big Ten, Big Sky, Gateway Athletic, and others. Columns include conference, all games, and individual game results.