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TV LISTINGS

Sunday, Aug. 30

AUTO RACING

3 a.m. — GP2 Championship Series, at Francorchamps, Belgium (SPEED)
4:30 a.m. — Formula One, Belgium Grand Prix, at Francorchamps, Belgium (SPEED)

11:30 a.m. — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, NAPA Auto Parts 200, at Montreal (ESPN2)

Noon — American Le Mans Series, Grand Prix of Mosport, at Bowmanville, Ontario (SPEED)

AVP VOLLEYBALL

11:30 a.m. — Crocs Cup Tour Championship, women's championship match, at Chicago (NBC)

GOLF

6 a.m. — European PGA Tour, Johnnie Walker Championship, final round, at Perthshire, Scotland (TGC)

9 a.m. — PGA Tour, The Barclays, final round, at Jersey City, N.J. (TGC)

11 a.m. — PGA Tour, The Barclays, final round, at Jersey City, N.J. (CBS)

1 p.m. — LPGA, Safeway Classic, final round, at Cornelius, Ore. (ESPN)

1 p.m. — USGA, U.S. Amateur Championship, final match, at Tulsa, Okla. (NBC)

4 p.m. — Champions Tour, Boeing Classic, final round, at Snoqualmie, Wash. (TGC)

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
8 a.m. — World Series, third place game, teams TBA, at South Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN)

Noon — World Series, championship game, teams TBA, at South Williamsport, Pa. (ABC)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

10 a.m. — Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees (TBS)

11:10 a.m. — N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs (WGN)

5 p.m. — Atlanta at Philadelphia (ESPN)

1 p.m. — Houston at Arizona (FSN, KNTR AM 980)

MOTORSPORTS
Noon — MotoGP World Championship, Indianapolis Grand Prix (FOX)

3 p.m. — MotoGP 250, at Indianapolis (SPEED)

NFL FOOTBALL
5 p.m. — Preseason, Chicago at Denver (NBC)

SOCCER
2:30 p.m. — Women's Professional Soccer, All-Star Game, at Fenton, Mo. (FSN)

Schedule subject to change and/or blackout.

PREPS

Tuesday
Volleyball
Havasu at Kingman — 4/5/6 p.m.
Parker at Tonopah — 4/5/6 p.m.

Wednesday
Football
Havasu Freshmen at Kingman — 6 p.m.

Golf
Havasu boys vs. Yuma Gila Ridge, Yuma, at The Courses at London Bridge Golf Course — 3:30 p.m.
Havasu girls vs. Yuma Gila Ridge, Yuma, at The Courses at London Bridge Golf Course — 3:30 p.m.

Swimming
Havasu at Kingman — 3:45 p.m.

Volleyball
Havasu vs. River Valley, at LHHS — 4/5/6 p.m.

QUICK READ

NEWSPAPER: MICHIGAN FOOTBALL VIOLATING NCAA RULES

DETROIT (AP) — Several Michigan football players have told the Detroit Free Press that the program regularly violates NCAA rules limiting how much time they can spend on training and practice sessions.

Players from the 2008 and 2009 teams talked to the newspaper for a story published on its Web site on Saturday. They spoke to the newspaper on condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from coaches.

Coach Rich Rodriguez and the university's compliance director, Judy Van Horn, both denied that the football program was violating NCAA rules.

Those rules allow eight hours a week for mandatory workouts during the off-season. However, players told the newspaper that they spent two to three times that amount on required workouts.

CALIF., TAIWAN ADVANCE TO LITTLE LEAGUE TITLE GAME

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Andy Rios hit a grand slam in a nine-run first inning and Chula Vista, Calif., routed San Antonio, Texas, 12-2 on Saturday night to advance to the Little League World Series title game.

Meanwhile Taiwan beat Mexico 9-4 to advance.

PREP FOOTBALL

Offense gets good grade

Defensive 'mistakes' to be corrected

By DAVID BELL
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Normally, seven touchdowns and 452 rushing yards are enough to win a football game.

Only against Yuma Friday, those numbers by the Lake Havasu High School varsity offensive unit came up five points short, as Yuma won 50-45.

But the loss didn't stop Havasu head coach Karl Thompson from praising his offense Saturday.

"We watched the film and offensively our guys did a great job," Thompson said. "Running back Max Delia was out sick as of Thursday and Blake (Garcia) stepped up to the starter's position and was amazing. Doug (Greene, quarterback) did an awesome job reading the zones and hitting the holes, and Javaree (Thompson) gave us a couple of great runs."

YUMA 50, HAVASU 45

Passing
 Greene 3-of-5, 15 yards, 1 INT

Rushing
 Garcia 19 carries, 215 yards, 3 TD

Greene 15 carries, 192 yards, 4 TD

Thompson 4 carries, 45 yards

Receiving
 Holtzen 2 catches, 3 yards

Olson 1 catch, 13 yards

Interceptions
 Fender (1)

Fumble Recoveries
 Greeley (1)

Tackles
 Dodds 19

Dreager 11

McCraw 10

Hertz 9

Lake 8

Olson 7

Bracamonte 5

Fender 4

Jordan 3

Mireles 3

Eckhaus 3

Poggemeyer 3

Twardowski 2

Greeley 2

Ewald 2

Culwell 1

Garcia 1

O'Tool 1

Casso 1

Ray 1



David Bell/News-Herald Photo

Havasu quarterback Doug Greene turns the corner into the endzone for one of his four rushing touchdowns against Yuma Friday.

the Havasu defense.

"They pursued so fast it actually opened some cut back lanes for me," Baker said. "And IO had great blocking from my line."

Sophomore linebacker Connor Dodds led the Knights with 19 tackles — three solo and 16 assisted tackles — followed by Max Dreager with 11 and Brad McCraw with 10.

The Knights' secondary forced two turnovers — an interception by Brad Fender and a fumble recovery by Grant Greeley — while Havasu gave the ball away twice on fumbles by Garcia and

Dylan Cullwell on kick returns and an interception of a Greene pass in the endzone in the closing seconds of the first half.

The INT was one of just five passing attempts by Greene in the game.

"We didn't have to go to the air," Thompson said. "We do have that capability we just didn't need to with our rushing game working so well."

Fox agreed and echoed Thompson in his evaluation of the Yuma defense.

"We have to play better defense," he said.

MLB

Gonzo retires, joins D-back's front office

By ANDREW BAGNATO
AP SPORTS WRITER

PHOENIX — A tearful Luis Gonzalez announced his retirement as a player Saturday and joined the Arizona Diamondbacks as a special assistant in the front office.

"Obviously, when you're a professional athlete, it's tough to close a book on something that you love to do," Gonzalez.

In his new role, Gonzalez will assist Diamondbacks president and CEO Derrick Hall and other departments throughout the organization.

"Whatever they ask me to do, I'm open and willing to do that," Gonzalez said.

The most popular player in the franchise's 12-year history, "Gonzo" will always be remembered for hitting the winning single off New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera in Game 7 of the 2001 World Series, Arizona's only



Jillian Danielson Photo/Special to News-Herald

Luis Gonzalez, left, with daughter Megan, watches a video tribute Saturday night at Chase Field.

major sports championship. "My biggest thrill in my career was winning a world championship," Gonzalez said.



Jillian Danielson Photo/Special to News-Herald

Mark Reynolds watches his homerun in the third inning Saturday against the Houston Astros. The Diamondbacks won 9-0.

Reynolds hits 40th dinger

PHOENIX (AP) — Mark Reynolds hit his 40th homer, Jon Garland threw seven sharp innings and the Arizona Diamondbacks routed the Houston Astros 9-0 on Saturday night.

With his two-run shot in the third inning, Reynolds became the second Diamondbacks player in the franchise's relatively brief history to homer 40 times in a season. The first was Luis Gonzalez, who was honored in a pregame ceremony after announcing his retirement following 19 big league seasons.

Garland (8-11) was masterful, giving up only five hits and a walk. He struck out five and did not let a runner reach third.

NFL

Loss stings defending NFC champion Cardinals

By BOB BAUM
AP SPORTS WRITER

GLENDALE — There's no more talk about it being "just pre-season."

The dismal performance by the Arizona Cardinals' starters Friday night was strong evidence that all is not right with the defending NFC champions.

"One thing you worry about when a team has success (is) that you think you can just show up and beat anybody," coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "That's a lesson we learned tonight. Part of that goes on me. Obviously we weren't coached well enough tonight."

Green Bay opened up a 38-10 halftime lead before holding off a rally led by Matt Leinart against the reserves for a 44-37 Packers victory.

"I'm glad of two things," Whisenhunt said. "I'm glad, No. 1, it's a preseason game, and No. 2, that maybe this is a wake-up call for our guys."

The Cardinals are 0-3 and have struggled in all three games, the first two mainly on offense. There were offensive breakdowns against Green Bay, too, but the defense was the biggest problem.

"We've got to go back to the drawing board," linebacker Karlos Dansby said. "We messed up on a lot of technique, mental errors and stuff like that, and it caused them to have big plays and



Ross D. Franklin/AP Photo

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Jerheme Urban, bottom, gets the ball tipped away by Green Bay Packers safety Atari Bigby, top, in Friday's preseason loss to the Packers in Glendale.

allowed them to get points on the board."

Whisenhunt made his displeasure known in the locker room at halftime.

"But that's something I don't think he has to express," running back Tim Hightower said. "We've

got to take it upon ourselves, that if we want to be a good team this season, we can't put ourselves down 30 points and have to come back against good teams."

Whisenhunt believes coach Mike McCarthy brought the Packers to Arizona "on a mission

to accomplish exactly what they did. That was to come in here and set a tone."

"I'm disappointed that we're not a more mature team that we could raise our level to meet that," Whisenhunt said.

Kurt Warner, who hasn't thrown a touchdown pass in the preseason, said the game was a continuation of what has plagued the team through the three games, failure to do the "little things."

"It's been three games so far and we haven't done those things," he said. "It's starting to get a bit frustrating. You get to the point where there really needs to be a sense of urgency moving forward. Everyone has got to feel it and everybody has to understand and everybody has to take it upon themselves not to let it happen again."

Warner said the players could take a lesson from the way first-round draft pick Beanie Wells played. Against the Packers, in his NFL debut, Wells gained 46 yards in seven plays and scored twice. His shifty 20-yard scoring run in the first half was the first touchdown Green Bay's starting defense has allowed in the preseason.

"After a couple of off, coming back from an injury, he wants to prove himself," Warner said. "That's how we all need to be playing."