

Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw resigns

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The upheaval inside the Baylor athletic department continued Monday as athletic director Ian McCaw announced his resignation. Baylor released a statement from McCaw, a former University of Maine athletic administrator, that read, “After much reflection and prayer, I have decided that a change in athletics department leadership is in Baylor University’s best interest in order to promote the unity, healing and restoration that must occur in order to move forward. I have always sought to put the University’s needs ahead of my own.” Earlier in the day, reports surfaced that former Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe would take over as interim

football coach for the upcoming season, replacing Art Briles who was fired last week. Briles had eight years left on his contract when he was let go on May 26 amid detailed and damning findings that revealed the football program turned a cold shoulder to alleged victims of sexual assault and violence. His dismissal was prompted by the findings of independent law firm Pepper Hamilton, LLP, which conducted an investigation into how the school handled numerous alleged sexual assaults, including incidents involving several Baylor football players. On that same day, McCaw, who hired Briles from Houston, was placed on probation and sanctioned by the uni-

versity. Details of the report potentially led back to McCaw as responsible for oversight within his program. Several incidents of sexual assault were included in Hamilton’s report. Among those: defensive end Tevin Elliott, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually assaulting a Baylor student in 2012; defensive end Sam Ukwuachu, a transfer from Boise State, who was convicted of sexual assault; defensive end Shawn Oakman who is being investigated for sexual assault. A recent investigation by ESPN’s Outside the Lines alleged that Baylor players Tre’Von Armstead and Shamycheal Chatman were named as suspects in a sexual assault that took place

more than two years ago but never were charged. The Baylor Board of Regents released the following statement late Monday afternoon: “We understand and accept this difficult decision by Ian McCaw to resign as Athletic Director and are grateful for his service to Baylor University. We also appreciate Ian’s commitment and involvement in bringing a person of integrity such as Jim Grobe to the University before making this decision.” With McCaw overseeing Baylor athletics since the 2003-2004 athletic year, the Bears enjoyed success in many programs. Under Briles, the football team won two conference championships, the school

celebrated two National Championships in women’s basketball and two Elite Eights and a Sweet Sixteen by the men’s basketball program. The Baylor baseball team also claimed a Big 12 Championship in the 2011 season. McCaw worked at UMaine from 1986 to 1992. He progressed to the roles of assistant sports information director (1986-87), sports information director (1988-90), assistant athletic director for external affairs (1990-91) and associate athletic director for external affairs (1991-92). Ken Starr will no longer serve as university president at Baylor but will remain at the school in the role of chancellor and as a law school professor. David Garland will serve as inter-

im president. “I applaud the Board for its transparency,” Starr said in a statement. “It must be known, however, that I was not privy to any of the allegations regarding interpersonal violence until the fall of 2015, at which time I immediately launched an internal investigation before recommending to the Board an independent external investigation, which the Board then commissioned with Pepper Hamilton. ... “To those victims who were not treated with the care, concern and support they deserve, I am profoundly sorry.” Additional administrative and athletic department personnel were relieved of their duties but weren’t identified by the university.

Braves’ d’Arnaud balances playing baseball and music

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ATLANTA — Chase d’Arnaud’s music career is taking off at the same time that the Atlanta Braves utilize his baseball career is enjoying a revival. The Chase d’Arnaud Band will play the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Tennessee on June 9 — an off day for the Braves. Can success come in both worlds? “I believe it can,” d’Arnaud said. “Obviously, the baseball schedule is difficult to maneuver around for the musical side.” The band, formed over the winter, has recorded 14 songs for a forthcoming album, and playing Bonnaroo could be its first big break. D’Arnaud, whose younger brother Travis is a catcher for the Mets, is never far from his guitar, which he keeps with him on the team charter rather than check it with baggage. The 29-year-old played in parts of four seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies prior

to this season, but he spent most of his time in the minors until being promoted from Triple-A Gwinnett on May 2. D’Arnaud had a career-best three-hit game May 21 at Philadelphia and has made starts at third base, second base, shortstop and right field. The right-handed hitter reached base safely in 13 of his 16 games and is batting .367 with a .421 on-base average and two stolen bases despite going 0-for-4 Sunday in the Braves’ 7-3 loss to the Miami Marlins. “To have gotten opportunities like I have the past couple of weeks is what I’ve been waiting for the last few years,” he said. “I’ve gone out there and shown them what I can do.” Bonnaroo will be a big opportunity for the band. “Once I’m up there, I’m sure I’ll be taking it all in and feeling the adrenaline like I my first big-league at-bat,” he said. “It will be an exciting day.”

Astros’ Altuve adapting
ANAHEIM, California — Anyone seeking a reason behind Jose Altuve’s offensive success could have found it in

the Houston Astros’ clubhouse before Saturday night’s game against the Los Angeles Angels. Altuve spent time playing chess with a teammate more than 2 1/2 hours before the first pitch. That methodical approach explains Altuve’s excellence despite being moved from the leadoff spot to the second slot in the Astros’ batting order. In his sixth game batting behind George Springer, Altuve tied a career best with four hits while raising his average to .323, good for seventh place among the American League’s best hitters. Altuve begins this week not only leading all American League second basemen in hitting but also in hits (65), doubles (18), steals (15), on-base percentage (.403) and OPS (.951). Those statistics reflect Altuve’s ability to adapt to the demands of batting second. “Refining his strike zone has been very key for him,” manager A.J. Hinch said. “When he’s choosing good pitches to swing at, he’s an even better hitter than the hitter who led the league in hitting or the hitter who rou-

tinely puts up 200-hit seasons.” Yet for Altuve, those adjustments accompany the never-ending chess match between pitcher and hitter. “It’s been a pleasure to watch him continue to try to get better as a hitter,” Hinch said, “despite being one of the top hitters in the league, already.” **Indians’ Carrasco improving**
Cleveland Indians starting right-hander Carlos Carrasco threw a bullpen session Monday and could be activated off the disabled later this week. Manager Terry Francona said the Indians are “keeping the door open” for Carrasco to be activated, and, in all likelihood, start Friday’s game vs. Kansas City. He has been sidelined with a strained hamstring since late April. The return of Carrasco will be a welcome one. In four starts prior to getting injured he was 2-0 with a 2.45 ERA, while holding opposing hitters to a .200 batting average. He seems to be emerging into co-ace status with Corey Kluber.

Cormier triple sparks Patriots past Wolverines

EAST MILLINOCKET — Jon Cormier smacked a three-run triple to help lead the Bangor Christian Patriots by the high school roundup Wolverines 12-1 in high school baseball action Monday. Dean Grass, Tyler Welch and Eric Gorczok each chipped in with two singles for Bangor Christian. Sheldon Crawford singled twice for Schenck and Garrett Neal added an RBI single. **BC (9-7) 000 160 5 — 12 9 0 SHS (5-10) 000 000 1 — 14 4** **Orono 10, Dexter 0**
At Orono, the Red Riots scored five runs in the first three innings to put the game away early with Jackson Coutts getting a triple, two singles, an RBI and scoring a run en route to the shutout over Dexter. A walk by Nate DeSisto during the first inning led to Coutts scoring on the play when DeSisto got in a run-down between first and second. A walk by Connor Robertson, a bases-loaded walk by Schylar Cyr, a groundout by Evan Kenefic and an RBI-single by DeSisto in the second inning fueled Orono’s offense. Dennis Farnham gave up only three Dexter hits over five innings to earn the win for the Red Riots. Michael Pratt singled twice for Dexter and Matt Richards added a single.

Softball
Sumner 14, DI-Stonington 7
At East Sullivan, Brittany Dyer smacked a triple, double and single to help lead

the Tigers by the Deer Isle-Stonington Mariners. Ashley Church chipped in with a single and double for the Tigers. Jessalyn Gove notched three singles for the Mariners. **DIS 103 002 1 — 7 9 5 Sumner 151 142 x — 14 11 2** Knowlton and Gray; Perry and Hanna **Orono 12, Dexter 0**
At Orono, Lilly Leland homered and drove in two runs to lead the Red Riots past Dexter. Tianna Milton pitched a complete game from the circle to earn the shutout. Maiah Cyr added two singles and a double for Orono while Lizzie White had three hits. For the Tigers, Abby Webber doubled and singled while Megan Peach chipped in two singles. **Orono 010 371 — 12 Dexter 000 000 — 0** **How to report games FOR BASEBALL and SOFTBALL**, we ask for the repeat hitters, including whether the hits were doubles, triples, home runs, etc. We also ask for the score by innings (line score) for each team, along with total hits and errors. Please list each pitcher, and include the inning in which the relievers entered the game, and a notable number of strikeouts and walks, along with the catchers. **FOR POSTPONED GAMES**, we ask that coaches and athletic directors email us the rescheduled date as soon as possible to above email address. Thank-you for taking the time to report your games and events.

French Open suffers rare washout

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PARIS — Persistent rain accompanied by a flood warning washed out an entire day’s play at the French Open on Monday for the first time since 2000, throwing an unwelcome spotlight on delayed plans to build a retractable roof over Center Court. The abandonment also created a scheduling headache for organizers, who called off play shortly before 2 p.m. local time, pushing 10 fourth-round singles matches, including those featuring world number ones Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams, back to Tuesday. While the three other grand slams — Wimbledon, U.S. and Australian Opens — all have at least one showcourt with a roof, Roland Garros fans will have to wait till 2020 or later before any covering appears. French Open director Guy Forget said Monday’s non-event — coming on top of four rain-affected days earlier in the tournament — proved that installing a roof as soon as possible was essential. Roland Garros’s redevelopment plans have been put on hold by environmental



GONZALO FUENTES | REUTERS
Spectators use umbrellas on Monday to protect themselves from the rain.

activists looking to protect nearby greenhouses. “For those in our country who still have doubts and who ask themselves ‘do we absolutely need to modernize our stadium?’, look at the facts. Today offers proof that this is absolutely necessary,” Forget told reporters. Monday’s flood warning from the French national weather was at orange — the second highest alert level — and covered parts of northern France including Paris and surrounding areas, and said heavy rains could continue until Tuesday afternoon. Instead of staging just four quarterfinals on Tues-

day, organizers — who told soggy and disappointed fans to apply for refunds from the tournament’s website — will have to clear the backlog of last-16 matches first. Now only two men’s quarter-finals will take place on Tuesday, defending champion Stan Wawrinka’s showdown with Albert Ramos Vinolas and second seed Andy Murray’s highly-anticipated duel with French favourite Richard Gasquet. The delays will also affect competitors as those hoping to win the title will have to play matches on successive days if the tournament is to finish on Sun-

day as scheduled. More than 50 first-round matches were held over during the previous washout on May 30, 2000. That tournament finished on time. Rain forced the postponement of the 2012 men’s final between Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, which was held over two days and finished on the Monday. While a handful of sodden spectators sat hunched under umbrellas on Court Philippe Chatrier on Monday watching a replay of Gasquet’s emotional win over Japanese fifth seed Kei Nishikori a day earlier, thousands of others took shelter by cramming into the corridors under the main showcourts. Americans Dot Hillegass and daughter Kim McGeorge had tickets for Chatrier — on what was to have been a highlight of a six-day trip to Europe and their first experience of live professional tennis. Told the washout was the tournament’s first since 2000, Kim McGeorge remained philosophical. “What are the odds on that? It was obviously not meant to be,” she said. “It’s a disappointment. They need a retractable roof,” said her mother, unwittingly tapping into the day’s hot debate.

base on a passed ball and scored when Kemble grounded a two-out single up the middle. Colford led off the Bangor sixth with a wind-blown triple deep down the left-field line and scored on a wild pitch to extend the margin to 4-0. Corey and Kobe Rogerson were the game’s lone repeat hitters, each with two singles for Brewer.

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do that the chances definitely go up of having a quality inning,” said DeLaite, who picked off one runner and also finished the night with nine strikeouts. Brewer senior Matt Pushard (3-2) took the loss despite yielding just one earned run

on five hits with 10 strikeouts and just one walk while throwing 98 pitches. Bangor scored two unearned runs in the bottom of the first to stake DeLaite to a 2-0 lead. Kyle Stevenson led off with an opposite-field single to right and Derek Fournier drew a one-out walk, then Jesse Colford advanced them to third and second bases with a groundout to

second base. Peter Kemble then hit a grounder just to the right of the mound that Pushard couldn’t handle, and when Pushard then tried to scoop the ball up and direct it toward first baseman Jack Corey it got away again as both runners scored. Bangor made it 3-0 in the third as Fournier reached on an infield hit to shortstop with one out, took second

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The New York Giants and Jets have informed the NFL they are interested in hosting another Super Bowl at MetLife Stadium when the showcase games are awarded in 2018. According to Gary Myers of the New York Daily News, Giants co-owner John Mara told the newspaper that the Giants and Jets have let the league know of their desire in hosting either Super Bowl LVI in 2022 or Super Bowl LVII in 2023 at the stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. “We have informed them of our interest in both games,” Mara said. “We hope to pursue another Super Bowl. We’re not sure yet of the date.” The Giants and Jets hosted Super Bowl XLVIII on Feb. 2, 2014 when Seattle beat Denver 43-8. At the NFL meetings last week, owners approved host sites for Super Bowls LVII, LIV and LV, the theme being all three cities are unwrapping brand new stadiums or rebuilt venues. Atlanta, which will soon roll out Mercedes-Benz Sta-

dium, was awarded Super Bowl LII in 2019, and Miami, which is undergoing more than \$400 million in renovations at Sun Life Stadium, will get Super Bowl LIV in 2020. Los Angeles, now the home of the Rams, was awarded Super Bowl LV, which will be played at owner Stan Kroenke’s \$2.6 billion privately funded stadium and entertainment complex in Inglewood, Calif. Next year’s Super Bowl LI will be played in Houston, and the 2018 game, Super Bowl LII, will be played in the Minnesota Vikings’ new stadium that opens this season in Minneapolis. Cities and teams have been notifying the NFL of their interest in hosting future Super Bowls. In the fall of 2017, the Super Bowl Advisory Committee will pick which cities will be eligible to bid. Tampa and New Orleans were finalists for Super Bowls awarded last week and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell sent letters to the Buccaneers and Saints, urging them to keep bidding for future games.

Giants, Jets want to host another Super Bowl