

SPORTS

UC Davis trying to reawaken its football program

Fargo

The University of California Davis, believe it or not, once was a football school. The Aggies won 20 straight conference championships. They regularly made the national playoffs. They beat an undefeated North Dakota State team in the playoff semifinals and advanced to the national championship game.

Unfortunately, all of that is long forgotten — or unknown — history to most associated with today's UC Davis program. It happened during the school's time in NCAA Division II, which ended when the Aggies moved to Division I Football Championship Subdivision in 2004.

Since the move to FCS, UC Davis football has become a surprising afterthought. Yes, the Aggies won a couple of titles in the old Great West Football Conference — sort of an Island of Misfit Toys



MIKE McFEELY
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Commentary

FCS FRIDAYS

A look at what's happening in the Football Championship Subdivision

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Above: Concordia senior Gunnar Kollman, right, proposes to Addy Johnson after last Saturday's football game against Hamline at Jake Christiansen Stadium. Below: Concordia's Gunnar Kollman and Addy Johnson embrace after she said yes to his proposal.

Decent proposal

Cobbers defensive lineman pops the question after football game

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Moorhead

When Concordia defensive lineman Gunnar Kollman grabbed Addy Johnson's hand last Saturday at Jake Christiansen Stadium, Johnson knew something significant was about to happen.

"What are you doing?" Johnson said in a video that captured the moment.

The rest was a blur for Johnson. The 6-foot, 260-pound Kollman got on one knee, while taking an engagement ring from his helmet, moments after the Cobbers earned a victory against Hamline. Fans in the stands cheered and Kollman's football teammates jumped up and down in jubilation as Kollman proposed to his longtime girlfriend.

She said yes.
"It was better than any other

(proposal) video on Pinterest or anything else that I've ever seen," said Johnson, who said she's a big fan of public proposals.

The major life event also started one of the bigger week's in Kollman's Concordia football career. The Cobbers host No. 3-ranked St. Thomas at 1:10 p.m. Saturday at Jake Christiansen Stadium in Minnesota

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USA TODAY Sports

Dan Hawkins, the second-year head coach at UC-Davis, has his Aggies off to a 3-1 start this season.

It's a pilgrimage for two Texans from 'Fargo South' to 'Frisco North'

Fargo

About the only thing missing from the itinerary of Jamey Holmes and David Miller in their trip from Texas to Fargo this weekend is a Bison tracker app for the smartphone. Only in reverse.



JEFF KOLPACK
The Forum

Everything is in reverse for the two college football fans from the Lone Star state. They took a liking to the onslaught of North Dakota State football fans at FCS title games in Frisco in the last several years to the point they had to see the Bison play in Fargo for themselves. So this weekend, when the Bison host South Dakota State on Saturday at Gate City Bank Field at the Fargodome, it's a "reverse Bison pilgrimage to Frisco North."

We're not sure if they drove here in reverse, also.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
48 / 32 Partly to mostly cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower.	46 / 36 Cloudy. Areas of drizzle in the afternoon.	49 / 41 Cloudy. A few sprinkles.	52 / 42 Cloudy. A few spotty showers.	56 / 44 Mostly cloudy.	52 / 36 Mostly cloudy.	47 / 35 Cloudy. A few spotty showers.
Wind (mph): NW 15-25 mph	Wind (mph): S 5-15 mph	Wind (mph): N 5-15 mph				

'Frost' and 'freeze' can be confusing terms

The definitions of frost and freeze in the National Weather Service lexicon are confusing due to the facts that frost does not always form on surfaces that are freezing, and it is possible for frost to form when the air temperature is above freezing.

Air temperature is officially measured at 2 meters (about 6 feet) above the ground. On a clear and calm night, the ground temperature can be colder than the air at 2 meters. Other surfaces, such as roofs or car windows, may be even colder than the ground, depending on the radiative properties of

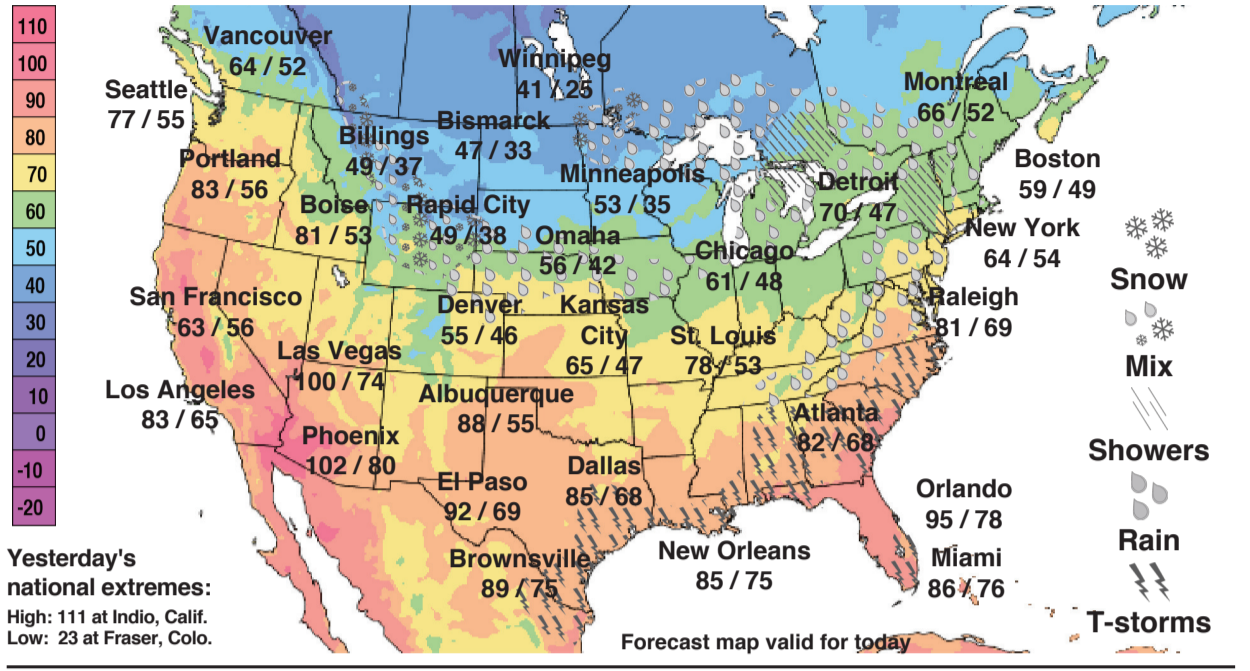
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the various surfaces. Further complicating the matter is the fact that if the air is too dry, frost will not form even at temperatures well below freezing. Moisture saturation must occur in the air in order for water vapor to freeze onto surfaces.

The National Weather Service issues a Frost Advisory when temperatures of 32 degrees are expected to occur in scattered areas and a Freeze Warning when most areas will go well below 32 degrees.

- John Wheeler

TODAY'S NATIONAL WEATHER



FARGO-MOORHEAD ALMANAC

Statistics through 6 p.m. Yesterday

Temperature	High	Low
Yesterday	55	47
Normal	66	43
Record	95 in 1952	21 in 1893

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.04"
Month to date	2.47"
Normal month to date	2.34"
Year to date	17.16"
Normal year to date	18.37"

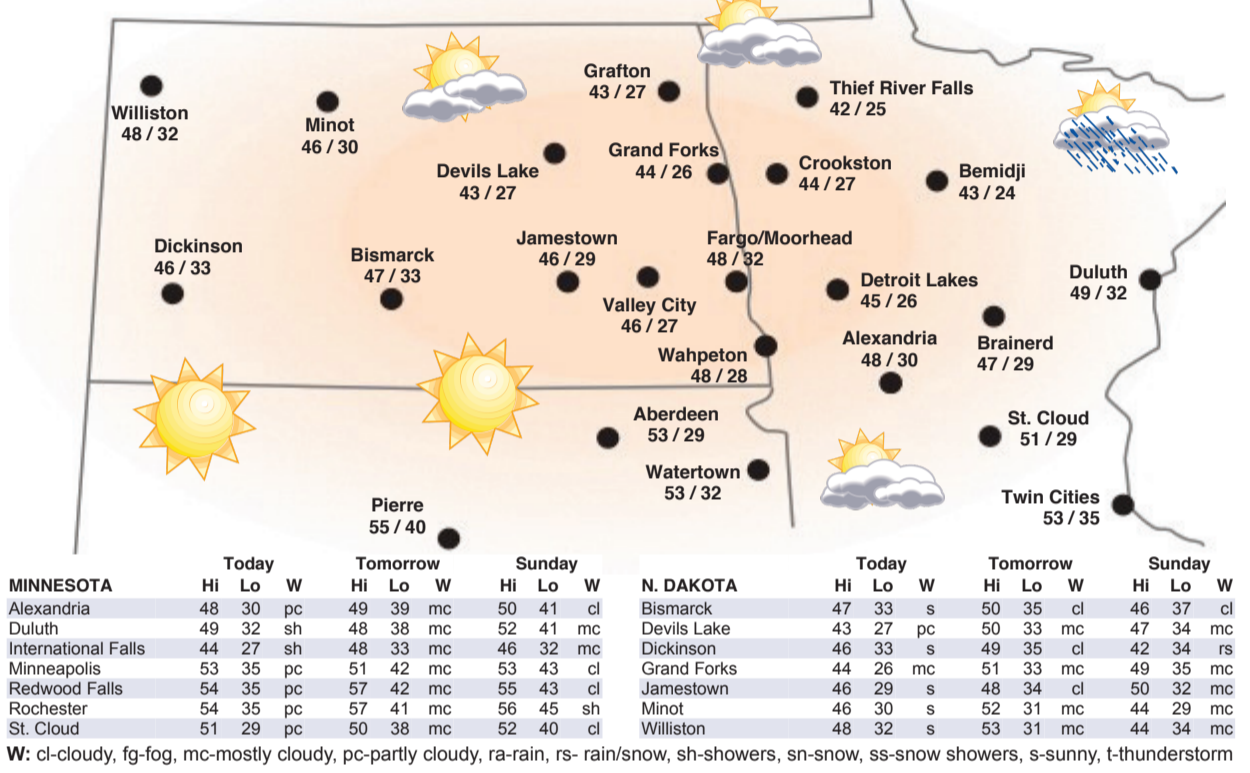
Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:21 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
Saturday	7:23 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Sunday	7:24 a.m.	7:08 p.m.

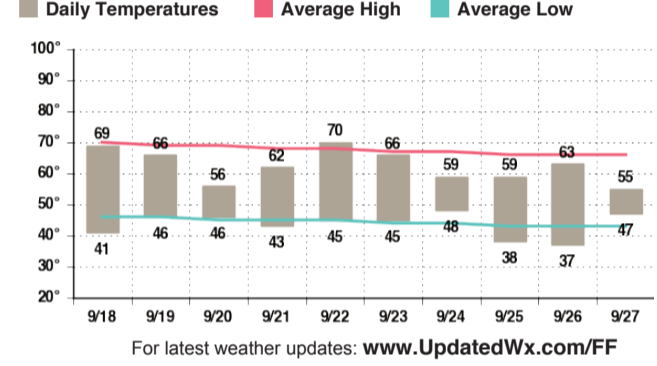
Red River

Level 7 p.m. Yesterday	14.22'
Flood Stage 18', Moderate Flood Stage 25', Major Flood Stage 30'	

TODAY'S REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



TEMPERATURES THE PAST 10 DAYS



PROPOSAL

From Page D1

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

The Cobbers (3-1, 2-0 MIAC) haven't defeated St. Thomas (3-0, 1-0) since 2007. The Tommies have won the past 10 meetings with Concordia.

"Every game matters just as much as the other, but there are a couple that you just look forward to," said Kollman, a Fargo Davies graduate. "I personally don't try to build it up too much. It does add a little bit even if you try to contain it."

Kollman said he first approached Cobbers head coach Terry Horan about his proposal plans during fall camp, and Horan gave the OK. Kollman told his teammates last Friday so they weren't caught off guard.

Kollman also alerted his family and Johnson's family of his plans.

"It was kind of funny how she didn't even know because a lot of our friends from high school just so happened to all come to this one game," Kollman said.

In hindsight, Johnson said she should have known something was in the works with the

UP NEXT

- **Who:** St. Thomas at Concordia
- **When:** 1 p.m. Saturday
- **Where:** Concordia's Jake Christiansen Stadium
- **Radio:** 970-AM, 93.1-FM

amount of family and friends at the game.

"Everyone was there," Johnson said. "He really threw me for a loop. I just had no idea. He played it so cool."

Kollman said he kept the engagement ring in his locker during the first half of the Hamline game. At halftime, he gave the ring to sophomore running back Zach Wolf, who was not dressed for the game.

Prior to the postgame handshake, Wolf gave the ring to Kollman, who then put it in his helmet. Like the team usually does after games, it huddled with Horan on the track in front of the student section. Instead of talking about the game, Horan made sure Kollman was ready to propose.

"I said 'Well big fella, are you ready to go?' And he just had this grin on his face," Horan said. "I think it made things real. Football is important and it's a big deal for us, but



Sheldon Green / Concordia Athletics
 Concordia defensive lineman Gunnar Kollman (69) has three sacks this season.

having something like this made it for a great collegiate-type day."

After the team broke the huddle, Kollman found Johnson, grabbed her hand and proposed. She put her hands over her face, overcome with emotion in the moment.

"I was shocked," Johnson said. "I really didn't know what was going on and I didn't remember much until I went back and watched the video. ... I don't know if I even had time to be nervous or be anything."

Johnson said her

favorite part of watching the video was seeing how excited Kollman's teammates were.

"It was so special and really meant so much to see how excited they got," Johnson said. "You could just feel the love and support."

Johnson and Kollman have been dating for nearly seven years, starting in high school at Fargo Davies. Johnson said watching Kollman's football career has been a big part of their relationship so it was a fitting venue for the proposal. Johnson added Kollman supported her when she competed on dance teams in both high school and in college.

"It means so much to the both of us," said Johnson, who was on the North Dakota State dance team for two years. "There is something about watching someone you care about doing something that they absolutely love."

Both Johnson and Kollman are on track to graduate from Concordia in the spring.

Johnson said she has hinted in the past to Kollman that she wanted a public proposal. He delivered while keeping it a surprise.

"I was excited while it was happening, he actually listened," Johnson said with a laugh. "I love surprises. I love public proposals. Not only for us to share, but our family and friends. ... I just loved it."

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BRIDGE

Play earns a veto

"Using a lot of Latin phrases to sound smart is my modus operandi." -- graffiti

Some players "talk a good game," but their results don't back them up. At today's 3NT, South took the ace of clubs and led the A-K and a third spade, hoping for a 3-3 break. Instead, East took the ten and queen and led another club.

South next led a diamond to dummy's ace. East's queen fell, but South still had only eight tricks in toto: two spades, three diamonds, two clubs and a heart.

UNLUCKY

In the postmortem, South asserted that his approach was bona fide; he went on ad nauseam about being unlucky, et cetera.

"The status quo applies," North grumbled.

South should have been saying "mea culpa"; his play in diamonds was wrong per se. South needs four diamond tricks

and will finesse with the jack. But to take the ace first is wrong, costing if East has the singleton queen. Ergo, South should lead a heart to dummy and return a low diamond, thus avoiding being persona non grata.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ Q 10 8 7 ♥ K J 10 7 ♦ Q ♣ K 10 8 4. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids 1NT. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: This situation demands aggression. You have only 11 high-card points, but your hand is worth much more because of your three tens and other high spots. Especially if your side is vulnerable, bid 3NT. It's hard to see what suit the defenders will be able to use to beat that contract.

South dealer
 Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ A 6 4 3
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ A 9 6 3
 ♣ 7 2

WEST
 ♠ J 9
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ 10 8 7 4
 ♣ J 9 6 5 3

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 8 7
 ♥ K J 10 7
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K 10 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K 5 2
 ♥ 9 4 3 2
 ♦ K J 5 2
 ♣ A Q

South 1♦ West Pass North 1NT East Pass All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 5

SUDOKU

Yesterday's answer

9	2	5	6	7	3	8	4	1
7	8	3	2	4	1	9	5	6
1	6	4	5	9	8	7	2	3
3	1	9	4	6	7	2	8	5
4	5	6	3	8	2	1	7	9
2	7	8	1	5	9	3	6	4
5	9	2	7	3	6	4	1	8
8	4	1	9	2	5	6	3	7
6	3	7	8	1	4	5	9	2

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

9/28 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★