

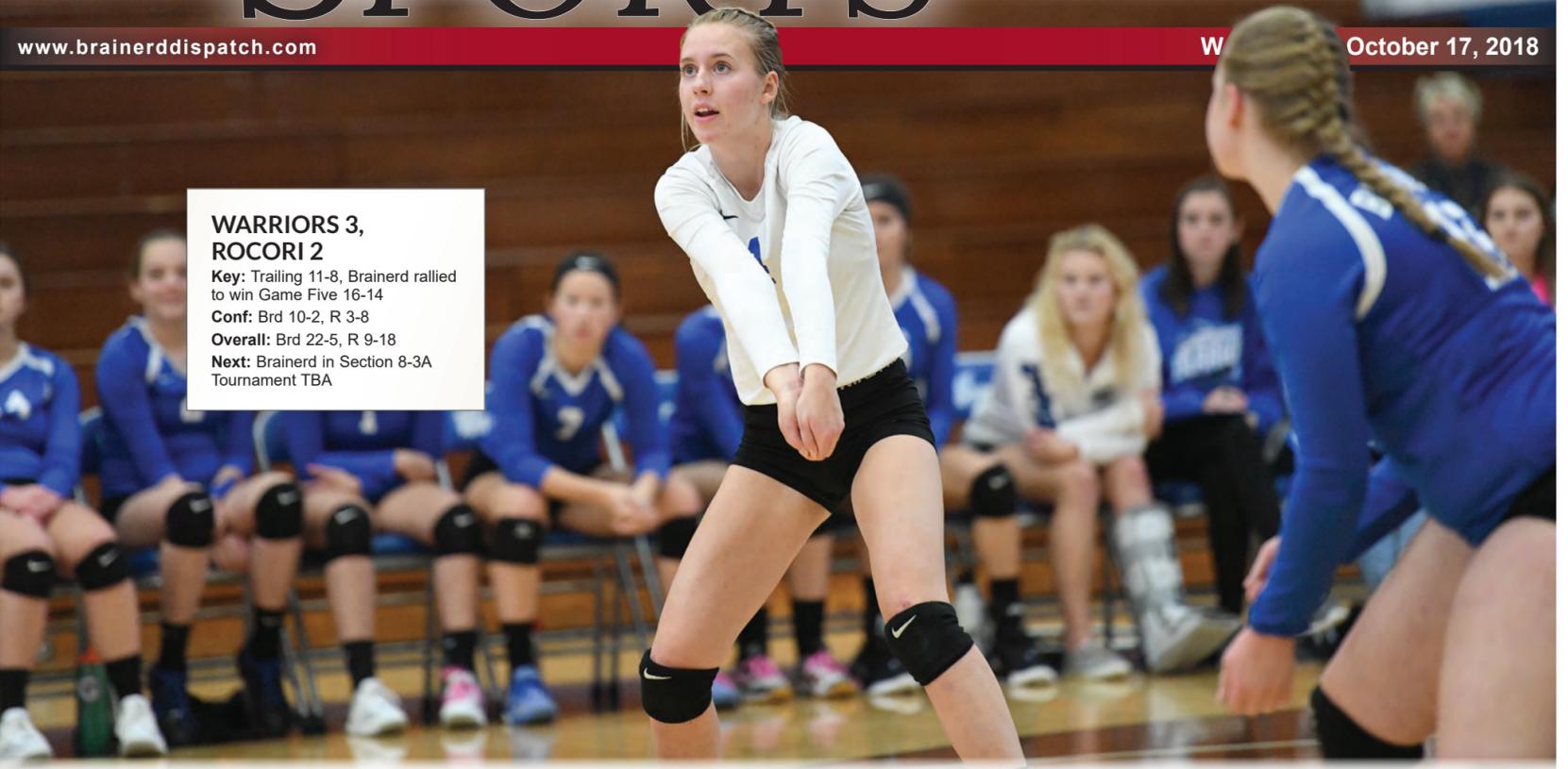
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WARRIORS 3, ROCORI 2

Key: Trailing 11-8, Brainerd rallied to win Game Five 16-14

Conf: Brd 10-2, R 3-8

Overall: Brd 22-5, R 9-18

Next: Brainerd in Section 8-3A Tournament TBA

Brainerd Warrior Jenna Meyer bumps the ball against the Rocori Spartans at Brainerd High School Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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Warriors gut out 3-2 win over Rocori

By Jeremy Millsop
Sports Writer

Ellie Peabody might appear quiet as a church mouse, but she made some noise Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The senior middle hitter finished with only two kills in the Central Lakes Conference clash with the Rocori Spartans at Brainerd High School, but her last kill handed the Warriors a 14-13 edge in Game 5 and the Warriors went on to win 16-14 for a 3-2 victory in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Warriors head coach Rick Kuehlwein called Peabody's hit the kill of the match, but Avery Eckman led the Warriors with 27 and Courtney Russell added 17 in a roller coaster match that saw Brainerd win Game One with ease at 25-11 before struggling to 27-25 and 26-24

losses in the next two games.

"This game didn't mean anything to us and it meant everything to them and they showed it," Kuehlwein said. "They got everything up. They dug things our kids just couldn't believe. For us, we had way too many errors — way too many errors. In the second set alone, we gave them 17 points. That's a lot of points."

Brainerd beat Rocori 3-0 Sept. 13 in Cold Spring, but nobody in the Brainerd gym would have guessed that Tuesday.

Rocori jumped out to a 16-6 lead in Game 2 before three-straight Russell kills and an ace serve by Kealy Johnson halted the bleeding. Johnson finished with 28 set assists. The Warriors cut Rocori's lead to 18-16 and the teams battled back and forth before the Spartans won the match on back-to-back

Warrior errors.

"Their offense was all right, but their defense was awesome," Brainerd's Jenna Meyer said. "They were picking up every ball and they were outthrusting us for sure."

"We didn't come to play. We weren't hustling. We just didn't play our game."

Brainerd regrouped to win Game Four 25-19. Brainerd jumped out to 8-4, and 21-13 leads before closing out the game with a block. Delaney Schaeffer led the Warriors with six blocks and Karlie Anderson finished with five.

Meyer added 25 digs and three set assists. "We stepped it up in the fourth and fifth sets," Meyer said. "We needed the win. We needed to gut it out to get the win."

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Warrior girls 6th, boys 7th in CLC race

WILLMAR — Bridget Collins and Thomas Ruhl were the top finishers for Brainerd in the Central Lakes Conference Championships which was also the final meet of the regular season for the Warriors Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Collins finished 24th for the girls team which placed sixth and Ruhl was 33rd for the seventh-place Warrior boys.

Boys results
Team scores: 1-Willmar 34, 2-Sartell 64, 3-Alexandria 76, 4-St. Cloud Apollo 83, 5-St. Cloud Tech 152, 6-Sauk Rapids-Rice 183, 7-Brainerd 186, 8-Rocori 192, 9-Fergus Falls 200
Individual winner: Sam Ringger (SRR) 16:43.8
Brainerd results: 33-Thomas Ruhl 18:33.7, 34-Maxim Osborne 18:40.3, 37-Nick Porisch 18:46.4, 42-Evan Storbakken 18:59.5, 43-Hunter Turcotte 19:03.1, 48-Michael Kuehn 19:20.5
Girls results
Team scores: 1-Willmar 40, 2-Alexandria 52, 3-Rocori 56, 4-Sartell 80, 5-Fergus Falls 157, 6-Brainerd 171, 7-St. Cloud Apollo 214, 8-St. Cloud Tech 230
Individual winner: Ingrid Buiceag-Arama (Sar) 19:18.2
Brainerd results: 24-Bridget Collins 21:03.4, 35-Carson Biegen 21:56.3, 39-Payton Lillo 22:09.5, 41-Grace Erholtz 22:33.5, 42-Abigail Dahl 22:35.5, 44-Elizabeth Selisker 22:57.8, 46-Emma Storbakken 23:07.2
Next: Brainerd in Section 8-2A meet at Thief River Falls 3:30 p.m. Oct. 25.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Warriors end regular season at winless Sartell Wednesday, Oct. 17

By Mike Bialka
Sports Editor

When his team hosts the Brainerd Warriors Wednesday, Oct. 17, Sartell Sabres head coach Scott Hentges hopes to turn back the clock.

The 0-7 Sabres are in the midst of a 17-game losing streak. Their last win? Oct. 29, 2016, when they drilled Brainerd 35-0 in the section playoffs.

"I would like that (a victory) as opposed to what happened to us last year up at Brainerd," Hentges said of Sartell's 54-0 loss to the Warriors in the final game of the 2017 regular season. "It's a short week, but we think we know what Brainerd has. They're very good as usual. They have a couple losses, one was to a Buffalo team that's fantastic and Brainerd played them really well. They lost to St. Cloud Tech early in a good game."

"Even the games they've lost, I'm sure coach (Ron) Stolski felt they had a pretty good chance in those. We know they're a good team. It's going to take a great effort by us to beat them."

The Sabres have been outscored 246-93 (an average of 35.1 to 13.3) but two of those losses were by a combined seven points. In the first three weeks, they lost to Alexandria 17-16 and to St. Cloud Apollo 27-21.

"At times we've been real competitive this year," Hentges said. "We had a couple games early that we had pretty good chances to win — the Alexandria and Apollo games. Most of the

others we've been competitive in.

"The last two (37-17 loss to Moorhead and 50-6 to Bemidji) we had for the most part pretty good first halves, then we would come out and turn the ball over and not be able to stop teams in the second half. Putting together a full 48 minutes is still something we're trying to figure out."

Quarterback Ryan Giguere is a dual threat for Sartell. He leads the Sabres in rushing with 367 yards and five touchdowns and has thrown for 781 yards and eight TDs.

"(Giguere) was our running back last year," Hentges said, "so he's learning a new position. He was a wide receiver all the way coming up. We moved him to running back Week Three last year and he's taken over the quarterback duties so it's been a little bit of a learning curve for him."

"He's one of our best athletes. He's the reason we've been in a lot of games."

Dom Hagy is Sartell's top receiver with 28 catches for 408 yards and five scores.

"Hagy has really developed a good rapport with Ryan," Hentges said. "He's kind of our go-to guy through the air."

With a victory, Brainerd (4-3) has an opportunity to lock up a high seed for the Section 8-5A playoffs, a first-round bye and at least one home playoff game. Since an 0-2 start, the Warriors have won four of their last five.

"The message to our kids is you never stop

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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Brainerd Warriors end regular season with victory

MELROSE — Brainerd's Madelynn Gibbons and Jenna Host won individual events as the Warriors won 101-85 over the Melrose Dutchmen in the final dual meet of the regular season Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Gibbons won the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:26.16. Host paced the 500 freestyle for the 8-2 Warriors.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Teagan Rudstrom, Hannah Tatge, Madelynn Gibbons, Jacquilyn Rude also took first with a time of 1:44.02.

Brainerd 101, Melrose 85
200 medley relay: 1-Melrose (Revering, Rosenberger, Drossel, Berscheit) 2:00.03; 2-Brainerd (Isabelle Prozinski, Gabby VanHorn, Macey Whitlock, Chandler Niemeyer) 2:02.19; 3-Brainerd (Sophie Exsted, Anna Just, Hollie McFarlin, Ellie Mattson)
200 freestyle: 1-Savana Blitz (M) 2:01.81, 2-Jenna Host (Brd) 2:10.87, 4-Hannah Tatge 2:12.15
200 individual medley: 1-Madelynn Gibbons (Brd) 2:26.16, 2-Gabby VanHorn (Brd) 2:27.27, 3-Macey Whitlock (Brd) 2:29.18
500 freestyle: 1-Makenzie Herzog (M) 25:14, 2-Jacquilyn Rude (Brd) 25:74, 3-Teagan Rudstrom (B) 26:58

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Staal, Granlund score to lead Wild past scuffling Coyotes

Field Level Media

ST. PAUL — Eric Staal and Mikael Granlund each scored their second goals of the season, and Devan Dubnyk made 31 saves as the Minnesota Wild beat the Arizona Coyotes 2-1 on Tuesday in St. Paul.

Staal slipped the puck into an open net after a scramble in front of the goal at 6:18 of the third period following a hard shot by Ryan Suter for the winning goal in a game that featured strong play by goaltenders Dubnyk and Darcy Kuemper.

Brendan Perlini scored on a power play for the Coyotes, who are last in the league with three goals and have not scored an even-strength goal in five games this season. They have been shut out three times.

Dubnyk made a pad save on a point-blank shot by Oliver Ekman-Larsson to protect the Wild's lead with seven minutes remaining.

Kuemper had 26 saves in his first start of the season. The Coyotes out-shot the Wild 32-28 and have out-shot their opponents in all five games this season.

Perlini scored on a power play at 13:12 of the first period for a 1-0 lead. Perlini skated in on the right side and flipped a wrist shot that glanced off Dubnyk's left shoulder and into the top of the net from a severe angle on the right side.

Granlund tied the game at 1 at 3:40 of the second period, beating a partially screened Kuemper high on his glove side with a shot from high in the slot.

Kuemper kept the game tied with two sprawling saves in the second period, stopping Staal on a 3-on-1 break eight minutes into the period and denying Zach Parise from point-blank range with four minutes remaining.

The Wild played without center Mikko Koivu, whose wife went into labor Tuesday afternoon. Koivu has three assists and four points. They suited up only 11 forwards and were down to 10 when center Matt Hendricks left with an apparent left leg injury with 55.6 seconds remaining in the first period and did not return. **See box score on B4.**



USA TODAY Sports
Minnesota Wild forward J.T. Brown attempts to shoot on Arizona Coyotes goalie Darcy Kuemper Tuesday during the first period at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Despite all their drama, Timberwolves believe they can be good

ByJace Frederick

St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — An offseason filled with discontent, a massive contract extension and a high-profile, hyper-public trade request officially comes to an end for the Timberwolves on Wednesday night, Oct. 17, when they open the 2018-19 season in San Antonio.



Butler

And Jimmy Butler is slated to be there for it.

Minnesota ended a play-off drought last spring that weighed the franchise down for the better part of 14 years, but the Wolves are saddled with so much more baggage this fall. This drama doesn't figure to end when the Wolves finally play a game that counts, but rather flips to the next chapter in what feels like a never-ending saga.

The question is whether the Wolves' undeniable talent will be enough to outweigh the disdain and distractions present in and around the franchise as the team embarks on another 82-game journey.

It certainly wasn't in the preseason, an exhibition campaign in which the Wolves won just one game and rarely looked competitive as players fielded as many questions regarding Butler's trade situation as anything they did on the court.

"It's awfully tough to have situations like they are having right now and not allow it to impact your team," ESPN analyst and former NBA coach Mark Jackson said on a conference call. "So that's the concern. They're still talented enough to win games, but it wears on you."

Wolves coach Tom Thibodeau has downplayed the effects of any such distractions in training camp, but that's no surprise.

"It's rare to get a reaction out of him," guard Derrick Rose said. "With him, he's been calm. We haven't talked about it, it don't seem like it's bothering him much."

Not much usually does, besides a question from a reporter Tuesday asking Thibodeau about discrepancies between accounts of exactly when the All-NBA guard asked to be traded. Thibodeau said it was just before training camp; Butler told ESPN it was days after last season ended.

"We're not going to keep getting into that. We're going to talk about the Spurs, that's what we're going to talk about," Thibodeau said. "I mean, you guys want to keep the drama going. We're not going there."

Thibodeau's plan seems simple: Put your head

down, keep working and charge forward. Will it work? It has to if Minnesota is to keep pace in the high-powered Western Conference. The truth is the Wolves' chances of doing just that are better with Butler on the roster, regardless of any distractions that may come with his presence.

The team has vowed to continue to look for a trade for Butler, but until then, the Wolves have their leader back on the floor, which is probably a positive for their short-term prospects.

"I want to help everybody be better," Butler said Sunday. "I want y'all to win games. My name is still attached to this thing, I'm still here, so we better win."

Thibodeau said he's sure Butler will give the team everything he has while he's in a Wolves' uniform. Teammate Anthony Tolliver isn't sure Butler is capable of anything less.

"It's not in his DNA to slack," Tolliver said. "He only knows one way. No matter what's going on off the court, whatever, once he's between the lines and has our jersey on, he's going to play and everything is going to be about winning and that's it."

Butler's mere presence figures to help raise the Wolves' play from their anemic preseason performance. Tolliver said the

Wolves didn't take the preseason as seriously as they should have — an inexcusable mentality for a team that has still accomplished so little. But Butler's energy and intensity is a likely antidote for the lifelessness the Wolves put on display for most of the exhibition season.

As for the team's current chemistry, which was questioned for much of last season and highlighted this summer, Rose said there's "room for growth."

"We don't even have an identity of how we're going to play offensively and defensively. So you've just got to build those things along the way," Rose said. "We all know it's going to take some time. It's going to take all of us being on the same team and fighting through the hard times together."

The situation Minnesota

finds itself in appears to be an uphill battle, but the Wolves remain confident they're a better team than what they've shown to this point.

"I think we've come and we've made some adjustments, we've fixed some things and we've been able to work on ourselves more," center Karl-Anthony Towns said. "I feel very confident."

Not just in Minnesota's ability to compete, but to contend.

"Teams could be who they are and where they're from, I don't care. We're here in the north, we're chilling here in Minnesota and we're expected to bring that competition and that hunger to every single team we play," Towns said. "Where we stand? I feel we stand next to anyone in this league, and that's how I truly feel."

That's a bold statement for a team that has no

idea how many minutes or what type of play it's going to get from it's All-NBA wing — or how long said wing is going to be around. Thibodeau was asked how Butler will gel with the starters after just re-entering practice last week.

"That's a great question," he answered. "We'll see when we get there."

It's hard to find a situation with more uncertainty than the one the Wolves are entering this season. Yet Towns' faith is resolute. Regardless of the distractions, feuds and unknowns, in his mind, the Wolves will be a good team this season.

"I feel confident in the guys we have in the locker room, I feel confident in the competition that's here in practice, I feel confident in everyone's talents," Towns said. "So I feel very confident going in. We've just got to do what we need to do."

Bradley, Red Sox slam Astros for 2-1 ALCS lead

Field Level Media

HOUSTON — Jackie Bradley Jr. crushed a two-out grand slam in the eighth inning, and the Boston Red Sox stunned the Houston Astros 8-2 on Tuesday in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

The Red Sox grabbed a 2-1 series lead in the best-of-seven set with Game 4 set for Minute Maid Park on Wednesday. The Astros have dropped consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 30-31 against the Los Angeles Angels.

Bradley capped a nightmarish outing for Astros closer Roberto Osuna, who made his series debut and his first appearance in 10 days. Osuna was at first undone by bad luck, with Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts reaching on a swinging bunt with one out before Rafael Devers added a single with two outs on an 0-2 count.

Osuna, who entered seeking to keep the deficit at 3-2, then grazed pinch hitter Brock Holt on the left foot with a 1-2 pitch to load the bases. He followed by hitting another pinch hitter, Mitch Moreland, with another two-strike pitch to force in a run and extend the deficit to 4-2.

Bradley then drilled a 1-1 fastball into the right field seats, an 386-foot blast.

Red Sox right-hander Nathan Eovaldi (1-0) limited the Astros to two runs on

six hits and two walks over six innings. He struck out four. Four Boston relievers blanked the Astros while allowing just one hit total over the final three innings.

Astros left-hander Dallas Keuchel survived a rocky start to his outing, allowing two runs on four hits and two walks over five innings despite surrendering three consecutive hits to open the top of the first inning.

Boston's Mookie Betts, Andrew Benintendi and J.D. Martinez reached in succession to open the game, with Martinez plating Betts with an opposite-field double to right. Benintendi scored on an RBI groundout from Bogaerts, but Keuchel held the line there.

In the third inning, Houston got a sensational leaping catch at the wall from left fielder Tony Kemp to rob Steve Pearce of a two-RBI hit.

Pearce got his revenge in the sixth, launching a 456-foot solo home run to left off Astros right-hander Joe Smith (0-1), snapping a 2-2 tie in the process.

Eovaldi allowed back-to-back-to-back homers in his previous outing at Minute Maid Park, as a member of the Tampa Bay Rays earlier this season. On Tuesday, he surrendered only an RBI single to Marwin Gonzalez in the first inning and a run-scoring double by Alex Bregman in the fifth.

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AREA CROSS-COUNTRY

W-DC's Loer, Motschenbacher runners-up, Wolverines 2nd

WADENA — Bereket Loer and Abby Motschenbacher of Wadena-Deer Creek were runners-up in the Park Region Conference Meet where Wolverine boys and girls teams finished second Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Loer finished second in the boys race with a 17:32.9 run followed closely by teammate Lucas Hinojos who placed third. Other top 10 Wolverine boys finishers were Jayson Young in eighth and Isaac Ries in 10th.

Motschenbacher's second-place run of 20:51.7 was followed by Johanna Brunsberg in sixth, Alexandra Pavek in seventh and Sam Malone in ninth to place the Wolverine girls second.

The Pillager girls finished fourth with their top run coming from Allie Watson who finished 13th. Nate Blake finished 31st and the Pillager boys were eighth.

Mara Adams of Pine River-Backus finished 14th as the Tiger girls team was incomplete. Jacob Schnoor of PRB finished 24th and the Tiger boys were seventh.

Boys results

Team scores: 1-Ottertail Central 33, 2-Wadena-Deer Creek 34, 3-United North Central 126, 4-Parkers Prairie 129, 5-New York Mills 139, 6-Brandon-Evansville 142, 7-Pine River-Backus 193, 8-Pillager 200.

Individual winners: 1-Allie Watson (OTC) 17:24.8

Pillager results: 31-Nate Blake 20:45.9, 43-Dray Turner 21:30.4, 45-Garrett Olson 21:49.9, 58-Gabe Grimsley 22:55.8, 62-Ezra Notch 23:33.3, 68-Gunner Casuse 24:31.1, 69-Brenden Brichacek 25:01.0

Pine River-Backus results: 24-Jacob Schnoor 20:12.4, 35-Marcus Lukanen 20:54.7, 38-Nathan Nations 21:16.5, 47-Louis Bueckers 21:56.8, 49-Caleb Travis 22:20.9, 50-Jordan Tiedell 22:23.1, 51-Tyler Peterson 22:23.4, 53-Kade Schneider 22:32.1, 54-Austin Beavers 23:37.8, 59-Keenan Dahl 23:12.7, 60-Andrew Bueckers 23:15.1, 64-Tyler G 23:46.0.

Wadena-Deer Creek results: 2-Bereket Loer 17:32.9, 3-Lucas Hinojos 17:50.2, 8-Jayson Young 18:45.1, 10-Isaac Ries 19:00.0, 11-Joshua Tabery 19:06.0, 18-Eli Bervig 19:34.0, 22-Miyatt Peterson 19:55.7, 25-Cody Wolff 20:13.2, 30-Cole Dunker 20:39.9, 52-Paul Kim 22:31.4, 56-Phillip Ross 22:46.1

Girls results

Team scores: 1-United North Central 35, 2-Wadena-Deer Creek 41, 3-Ottertail Central 64, 4-Pillager 90, 5-Brandon-Evansville, 10-Pine River-Backus

Individual winner: 1-Annika Aho (UNC) 20:21.5
Pillager results: 13-Allie Watson 22:47.3, 15-Lillian March 22:52.2, 18-Sienna Swanberg 23:41.4, 19-Elisie Turner 23:55.2, 25-Jessica Kimmman 25:07.8, 26-Emma Reader 25:15.2, 28-Karly Cjyne 25:22.4, 33-Rachael Sheehan 26:06.7, 34-Ally Smith 26:07.4, 37-Hannah Christie 26:17.1, 39-Coryne Lange 26:29.1, 42-Lidny Cordes 27:19.3, 45-Jenna Woidyla 27:54.9, 46-Kylee Wilson 28:41.6, 48-Ziya Pulak 30:12.7, 51-Kasey Anderson 31:06.6, 53-Jaelyn Jordahl 32:50.9, 54-Olivia Notch 35:55.1, 55-Ariana Lunow 37:43.4, 56-Laci Gibbs 37:52.0
Pine River-Backus results: 14-Mara Adams 22:52.2, 24-Laura Penkhus 25:06.6, 29-Anna Secherer 25:26.9
Wadena-Deer Creek results: 2-Abby Motschenbacher 20:51.7, 6-Johanna Brunsberg 22:17.8, 7-Alexandra Pavek 22:25.0, 9-Sam Malone 22:37.4, 17-Sophie Krecklau 23:19.9, 20-Emma Ries 24:02.8, 21-Eve Collins 24:08.7, 35-Hailey Peterson 26:08.3

S-M girls finish 3rd

BEMIDJI — Kira Sweeney and Kyanna Burton finished third and fourth for Staples-Motley pacing the Cardinal girls to third place out of 14 teams at the Bemidji Invite Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Tucker Ringhand was the 17th runner to cross the line for the boys leading Crosby-Ironton to fifth and the eighth-place C-I girls were led by Sara Bostrom's 18th place.

Boys results

Team scores: 1-Perham 44, 2-Moorhead 57, 3-Bemidji 71, 4-East Grand Forks 72, 5-Crosby-Ironton 182, 6-Bagley Fosston 197, 7-Roseau 210, 8-Thief River Falls 213, 9-Ada-Borup/Norman County 230, 10-Hawley 271, 11-Warroad 289, 12-Pelican Rapids 307, inc-Cass Lake-Bena, Fisher

Individual winner: Zach Johnson (Mrhd) 16:17.0
Crosby-Ironton results: 17-Tucker Ringhand 17:34.1, 29-Seth Letfleur 18:06.9, 33-Caleb Bugnacki 18:30.5, 48-Carson Turk 19:38.0, 62-Evan Miller 20:21.4

Girls results

Team scores: 1-Perham 43, 2-Moorhead 57, 3-Staples-Motley 86, 4-Bemidji 127, 5-East Grand Forks 130, 6-Pelican Rapids 169, 7-Hawley 199, 8-Crosby-Ironton 218, 9-Warroad 232, 10-Thief River Falls 240, 11-Roseau 277, inc-Ada-Borup/Norman County, Bagley/Fosston, Crookston

Individual winner: Katherine Geist (Crook) 19:34.5
Crosby-Ironton results: 28-Sara Bostrom 21:24.0, 37-Lily Peterson 21:54.8, 52-Ella Dwyer 23:34.6, 54-Karli Nixon 23:44.7, 64-Anna Bostrom 24:47.6

Staples-Motley results: 3-Kira Sweeney 20:04.6, 4-Kyanna Burton 20:05.8, 18-Addison Lorber 21:09.7, 29-Ashley Robben 21:26.6, 39-Addisyn Cichos 22:04.3, 59-Abby Brown 24:11.9, 66-Madysen Hull 25:08.2

LF girls 5th, girls 6th

ZIMMERMAN — Little Falls' Grant Jackson, Courtney Loeffler and Katie Corbett earned All-Granite Ridge Conference honors in the GRC Meet Tuesday, Oct. 16.

AREA VOLLEYBALL

Semmler records 1000th career kill in PR-B victory

PINE RIVER — Alyssa Semmler recorded her 1,000th career kill and finished with 11 kills for the Pine River-Backus Tigers in a 3-0 victory over Walker-Hackensack-Akeley in a Northland Conference match Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Class 1A's sixth-ranked Tigers were coming off only their second loss of the season as they fell to Brainerd in the championship match of the Big Axe Tournament Oct. 13.

Walker-Hackensack-A 14 24 14

Pine River-Backus 25 26 25

Pine River-Backus statistics

Gabby Rainwater 6 digs, 8 kills
Bailey Wynn 1 set assist, 6 digs, 9 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace serve
Anna Downie 1 kill
Ellie Smith 2 digs
Anna Felthous 1 kill

Jaime Johnson 5 digs, 2 kills, 1 block, 1 ace serve
Olivia Adkins 4 digs
Claire Dahl 2 digs
Alyssa Semmler 11 kills, 4 blocks
Rylie Hirschey 29 set assists, 6 digs, 1 block, 1 ace serve
Emma Barchus 7 digs, 1 ace serve

Conference: PRB 7-0. Overall: PRB 25-2. Next: Pine River-Backus in North Subsection 5-1A playoffs TBA.

Wolverines defeated the Menahga Braves 3-0 in a Park Region Conference match Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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Wadena-Deer Creek 25 25 25

Menahga 15 22 16

Wadena-Deer Creek statistics

Mackenzie Carsten 3 digs, 12 set assists
Madison Carsten 6 kills, 9 digs, 2 ace serves
Mari Grendahl 3 digs, 1 ace serve
Ashley Adams 13 kills, 12 digs, 3 ace serves, 16 set assists
Courtney Warren 15 kills, 1 ace serve, 2 set assists
Kennedy Graville 12 kills, 1 dig, 1 block
Kyla Ness 6 digs, 1 set assist
Laura Krause 1 kill
Kylee Hopp 6 kills, 3 digs
Summer Pettit 1 block

Conference: WDC 5-2. Overall: WDC 11-8. Next: Wadena-Deer Creek at Moorhead Tournament 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19

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Jackson finished 10th leading the boys to sixth place. Loeffler and Corbett placed 11th and 15th, respectively, as they paced the girls to fifth place.

The top 15 finishers earn all-conference and runners in places 16-20 receive honorable mention.

Boys results

Team scores: 1-Mora 26, 2-Becker 64, 3-St. Cloud Cathedral 76, 4-Foley 90, 5-Albany 126, 6-Little Falls 141, 7-Zimmerman 212, 8-Milaca 222

Individual winner: Cooper Lennox (Mora) 17:09.9
Little Falls results: 10-Grant Jackson 17:47.1, 26-Simon Park 18:32.1, 34-William Ritters 18:51.1, 35-Braden Jackson 18:57.3, 36-Wyatt Baum 19:03.3, 39-Connor Grant 19:27.1, 43-Ben Peterson 19:48.6

Girls results

Team scores: 1-Becker 43, 2-Zimmerman 53, 3-Albany 82, 4-Mora 86, 5-Little Falls 117, 6-Milaca 134, 7-St. Cloud Cathedral 162, 8-Foley 232

Individual winner: Cheresa Bouley (Zim) 19:40.4
Little Falls results: 11-Courtney Loeffler 20:40.8, 15-Katie Corbett 21:02.4, 28-Claire Zack 22:14.1, 31-Adrienne Kresha 22:35.4, 32-Kali Schirmers 22:43.3, 36-Kylie Tervo 23:06.5, 37-Maddy Marquette 23:12.8

Pierz boys 4th, girls 5th

COKATO — Jake Andres was runner-up and Carissa Andres eighth for the Pierz Pioneers who finished fourth in the boys race and fifth in the girls meet in the Central Minnesota Conference Meet Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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AREA GIRLS TENNIS

Pequot's Boller bounces into state tournament

VIRGINIA — Courtney Boller will take her 32-4 season record to the Class 1A state individual tournament.

The Pequot Lakes junior, who played No. 3 singles all season for the Patriots, finished second in the Section 7-1A individual singles tournament Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Boller opened the tournament as the South's No. 2 seed and eliminated Duluth Marshall's Brenna Bollins 6-0, 6-2 in the opening round.

Boller then batted Virginia's Mary Skorich in the semifinals for a

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Minnesota Golden Gophers running back Shannon Brooks (23) celebrates after a 17-12 win over the Washington State Cougars Dec 27, 2016, at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

Gophers coach P.J. Fleck says Shannon Brooks' status with team 'is evolving'

By Andy Greder
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Gophers running back Shannon Brooks and his surgically repaired knee were cleared to play for the first time Saturday, Oct. 20, against Nebraska, but an ongoing Minneapolis city attorney's office investigation into allegations of domestic assault against him have put that season debut in serious doubt.

"His status is evolving each day," Gophers coach P.J. Fleck said Tuesday.

After Brooks was released from jail Monday as the city attorney's office declined to press charges over a fight with his male roommate Sunday, he returned to the team but did not practice on Tuesday. It doesn't appear Brooks will practice until the city attorney's office comes to some resolution in its investigation.

"One thing that we are always going to make sure is that we have every bit of information that we possibly can before we make decisions," Fleck said. "Shannon understands that, and I know our administration understands that as well."

Fleck said a decision on Brooks' playing status will be made jointly by him and athletics director Mark Coyle. Fleck said he had no timeline to make a decision about Brooks' status for Saturday, but "there comes a

time where a kid doesn't practice, you're not going to play him in games."

The Gophers (3-3, 0-3 Big Ten) play the Cornhuskers (0-6, 0-4) at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

On Tuesday, Fleck made it a point to reiterate a few things about the incident: no charges were filed, no injuries were reported and the incident was between two males.

"I just want to make sure that I continue to reiterate that," Fleck said.

Brooks was arrested early Sunday morning after a 911 caller reported a domestic assault at a Minneapolis apartment where he and his roommate live. The Minneapolis police report stated there were no injuries.

"The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the case and will not be filing charges, the office said in a statement released when Brooks was released from jail Monday. "... There will be further investigation and pending the results of that investigation, a decision to file charges will be reviewed again."

The Gophers are expected to start Mohamed Ibrahim at running back against the Cornhuskers on Saturday. He won Big Ten freshman of the week for 23 carries for 157 yards and two touchdowns in Minnesota's 30-14 loss to second-ranked Ohio State on Saturday.

AREA EVENTS

Wednesday

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Brainerd at Sartell 7 p.m.
Aitkin at Moose Lake-Willow River 7 p.m.
Crosby-Ironton at Pine City 7 p.m.
Little Falls at Milaca 7 p.m.
East Grand Forks at Pequot Lakes 6 p.m.
Rockford at Pierz 7 p.m.
Staples-Motley at Pillager 7 p.m.
Verndale at Wheaton 7 p.m.
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle at Wadena-Deer Creek 7 p.m.

Thursday

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
Crosby-Ironton, Pequot Lakes at Fergus Falls Tournament
Pierz, Staples-Motley at Upsala Tournament 9 a.m.
Verndale at Underwood Tournament 9 a.m.

TV AND RADIO

Wednesday

Women's College Volleyball:
Rutgers vs. Penn. State, 6 p.m., BTN
Golf:
LPGA Legends Tour: Senior LPGA Championship, 3 p.m., GOLF
PGA Tour: CJ Cup at Nine Bridges, 9 p.m., GOLF
NBA:
New Orleans vs. Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN
Minnesota vs. San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSN, KJIN-FM (94.3), KFGI-FM (101.5), WCCO-AM (830)
Dallas vs. Phoenix, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB Playoffs
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 4:05 p.m., FS1, if necessary
Boston at Houston, 7:39 p.m., TBS

NHL:
New York Rangers vs. Washington, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Boston vs. Calgary, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN

Soccer:
CONCACAF 2019 World Cup Women's: Final, 7 p.m., FS1

Thursday

Boxing
Golden Boy Boxing, 9 p.m., ESPN2
College Football:
Stanford vs. Arizona State, 8 p.m., ESPN

College Soccer:
Women's: Ohio State vs Purdue, 5 p.m., BTN
Women's: Iowa vs. Minnesota, 7 p.m., BTN

Golf:
European Tour: Andalucia Valderrama Masters, 5 a.m., GOLF
European Tour: Andalucia Valderrama Masters, 8:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: CJ Cup at Nine Bridges, 9 p.m., GOLF

NBA:
Chicago vs. Philadelphia, 7 p.m., TNT
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT

MLB Playoffs
Boston at Houston, 7:09 p.m., TBS, if necessary

NFL:
Denver vs. Arizona, 7 p.m., FOX

FOOTBALL

Table with NFL American Football Conference and National Football Conference standings. Columns include Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA.

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BASKETBALL

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SWIM

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Diving: 1-Camryn Brinkman (M) 209.90, 2-Emma Korhonen (BrD) 209.45, 3-Izzy Olson (B) 202.65
100 butterfly: 1-Gracie Drossel (M) 1:05.60, 2-Madelynn Gibbons (BrD) 1:07.86, 3-Halle Kruse (BrD) 1:12.99, 4-Libby Zemke (BrD) 1:13.93

100 freestyle: 1-Makenzie Herzog (M) 55.25, 3-Jacquilyn Rude (BrD) 56:17, 4-Hannah Tatge (BrD) 58.58, 5-Teagan Rudstrom (BrD) 58:63
500 freestyle: 1-Jenna Host (BrD) 5:45.74, 2-Macey Whitlock (BrD) 5:52.74, 5-Shelby Miller (BrD) 6:11.09
200 freestyle relay: 1-Brainerd (Teagan Rudstrom, Hannah Tatge, Madelynn Gibbons, Jacquilyn Rude) 1:44.02; 3-Brainerd (Gabby VanHorn, Sidney Miller, Chandler Niemeyer, Jenna Host) 1:51.84
100 backstroke: 1-Leah Berscheid (M) 1:07.28, 2-Isabelle Prozniski (BrD) 1:07.44, 3-Elle Mattson (BrD) 1:07.96, 5-Sophie Exsted (BrD) 1:07.99

100 breaststroke: 1-Gracie Drossel (M) 1:14.36, 2-Gabby VanHorn (BrD) 1:16.40, 3-Anna Just (BrD) 1:17.60, 5-Halle Kruse (BrD) 1:18.95
400 freestyle relay: 1-Melrose (Herzog, Nathe, Berscheid, Bitz) 3:50.19; 2-Brainerd (Rudstrom, Tatge, Gibbons, Rude) 3:56.16; 3-Brainerd (Whitlock, Exsted, Host, Mattson) 4:07.11
Overall: BrD 8-2. Next: Brainerd in Central Lakes Conference Championships at Willmar 10 a.m. Oct 27.

VOLLEYBALL

From Page B1
Seeding for the Section 8-3A playoffs will take place Sunday, Oct. 21, and the section will use the Quality Results Formula. Prior to Tuesday's match-up, Brainerd owned the No. 2 QRF spot in Section 8-3A with Willmar, who beat Brainerd twice this season, owning the top spot. The Warriors will get a first-round bye and will face the winner of the No. 7 and No. 10 seed at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in Brainerd. "The girls are going to

get five days off now," Kuehlwein said. "They did it. I need it. We're going to have a good four days of practice and I just told them, 'You're not going to get out of the first round of the playoffs if you play like this and that's just the way it is."

"We have a goal. We really hope it's Willmar and us at the end. We need to work a lot harder than what we did tonight."

The Warriors would have home-court advantage all the way through the section tournament until the finals, which are played at a neutral site. The Warriors finished the regular season with

an 11-1 record at home and haven't lost in Warrior country since the first match of the season.

"If we play like we did tonight, we won't have many more matches," Meyer said. "We're going to practice this whole next week. We'll get a bye because the top four teams get a first-round bye. We'll practice up and we'll play our game."

Brainerd finished with a 7-2 record against section opponents with those two losses to Willmar being the only blemishes.

Rocori finishes the regular season 9-18, but they didn't play like it Tuesday. "I think it's an awak-

ening for the kids, which is good because they can't take anything for granted," Kuehlwein said. "These kids, they read the stats just like anybody else. They saw Rocori was ranked 50th. Well, they saw what happened tonight."

Rocori 25 25 24 25 16
Brainerd 11 27 26 19 14
Brainerd statistics
Courtney Russell 17 kills
Jenna Meyer 3 set assists, 25 digs
Avery Eckman 27 kills
Kealy Johnson 28 set assists, 6 digs
Eleanor Peabody 2 kills, 3 blocks
Delaney Schaeffer 6 kills, 6 blocks
Ashlyn Sellnow 17 set assists
Karl Anderson 5 blocks

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WARRIORS

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improving," Stolski said. "There are a lot of aspects of our game that we can improve on. I have been pleased particularly with the progress of the defensive unit. I think we've been playing pretty solid football there, but still, in high school football, there are so many areas where you can get better. "One of them is retaining consistent effort. That's difficult sometimes for a high school kid and I don't know why. One thing we have focused on the last two days, even though it's a short week for everybody, is retaining consistent effort."
Paying attention to fundamentals, Stolski said, is one way to retain consistent effort. "Our theory has been for a long time, when you stop getting better you stop being good," Stolski said. "That's how we have to focus on this game. We've been around way too long to think there are any gimmicks. There are no gimmicks."

WR: 8-Pat Gervenak, 35-Levi McDonald, 24-Gabe Smith, 23-Owen Davis, 43-Harry Carlson, 10-Brett Besenfelder, 36-Jon Nelson, 84-Renzen Caughey
OL: 66-Jason Jenette, 64-Cameron Olson, 75-Brady Seidl
G: 60-Isaac Chappuis, 57-Garret Gardiepy, 64-Cameron Olson, 56-Nate Bessingpas
C: 53-Brett Hague, 60-Isaac Chappuis
DEFENSE
T: 45-Morgan Gibson, 57-Garret Gardiepy, 66-Jason Jenette, 71-John Berry, 90-Mannie Ukelegbe, 67-Logan Thede
NC: 78-Nick Moline, 95-Elias Lies, 93-Isaac Winter, 58-Fletcher DeRosier, 96-D'Khorri Sturkey
OLB: 5-Taylor Ludwig, 2-Braden Kramer, 28-Josh McLain, 30-Tom Fickett
ILB: 17-Jacob Drietz, 40-Forrest Gibson, 28-Josh McLain, 55-Simon Nelson
CB: 35-Levi McDonald, 15-Jack Olson, 44-Devlin Lamke, 31-John Barr, 47-Calvin Foss, 16-Joey Wisnow, 26-Davon Stuckey
SS: 8-Pat Gervenak, 22-Ben Staehling, 41-Mark Boran, 27-Devin Emslander, 32-Caleb Nagel
FS: 20-Brady Anderson, 23-Owen Davis
SPECIAL TEAMS
P: 25-Joe Klang, 23-Owen Davis
K: 81-Zach Henke
LS: 15-Jack Olson
H: 7-Sam Miller
Returns: 20-Brady Anderson, 26-Davon Stuckey, 22-Ben Staehling, 8-Pat Gervenak, 23-Owen Davis, 25-Joe Klang

Sartell Sabres (0-7)
OFFENSE
WR: 18-J.T. Rogers
WR: 14-Dom Hagy
WR: 27-Cody Lantis
TE: 22-Jacob Bjellend
TB: 20-Cody Neitzke
QB: 32-Ryan Giguere
LT: 78-Drake Lalim
LG: 76-Matt Wiemo
C: 55-Carter Hemmesch
RG: 57-Cameron Boe
RT: 75-Luke Wolfe
DEFENSE
DT: 58-Cole Fibranz
DE: 59-Jack Engle
DE: 50-Cymon Murtley
LB: 42-Nick Pelach
LB: 82-Jameson Weide
LB: 9-Brody O'Hara
FS: 2-Adam Magarian

SS: 3-Brady Schmitz
CB: 26-Derrick Olson
CB: 15-Alex Virnig
SPECIALISTS
Long snapper: 57-Cameron Boe
Punter: 2-Adam Magarian
Punt return: 2-Adam Magarian, 3-Brady Schmitz
Kicker: 2-Adam Magarian
Kick return: 20-Cody Neitzke, 27-Cody Lantis, 30-Dylan Gerdes
PAT holder: 32-Ryan Giguere

Warriors schedule
REGULAR SEASON
Aug 31, at Buffalo — Lost 38-28
Sept 7, St. Cloud Tech at St. John's University — Lost 32-26
Sept 14, Alexandria — WON 36-7
Sept 21, Sauk Rapids — WON 34-14
Sept 28, at Bemidji — Lost 12-7
Oct 6, Becker — WON 35-21
Oct 12, Moorhead — WON 35-21
Wednesday, Oct 17, at Sartell 7 p.m.
Section 8-5A Playoffs
Tuesday, Oct 23, opening round: No. 5 seed at No. 4
Saturday, Oct 27, semifinals
Friday, Nov 2, championship
NORTH CENTRAL RED SUBDISTRICT SUBDISTRICT RECORDS
Sauk Rapids 5-1, Bemidji 4-1, St. Cloud Tech 4-1, Brainerd 3-2, Alexandria 1-4, Moorhead 1-4, Sartell 0-5
Results Friday, Oct. 12
Moorhead at Brainerd
Sauk Rapids at Alexandria
Tech at Princeton
Bemidji at Sartell
Wednesday, Oct. 17, Games 7 p.m.
Brainerd at Sartell
Sauk Rapids at Hutchinson
Bemidji at Tech
Moorhead at Alexandria

BASEBALL

Professional
Postseason Baseball Glance LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Houston 1, Boston 1
Saturday, Oct. 13: Houston 7, Boston 2
Sunday, Oct. 14: Boston 7, Houston 5
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Boston 8, Houston 2
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Boston at Houston, 7:39 p.m.