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BASEBALL



Brainerd's Brady Anderson (left) slides into third Thursday, May 2, against Sartell at Adamson Field in Brainerd.

Kelly Humphrey / Brainerd Dispatch - Gallery and Video

Warriors, Sabres split CLC twin bill

The Brainerd Warriors completed one rally, but couldn't make it two as they split with the Sartell Sabres winning 4-3 and falling 9-5 in the second game of a Central Lakes Conference doubleheader Thursday, May 2, at Adamson Field.

In Game One, Eric Martin

struck out three and allowed three runs, two earned, on six hits and four walks. Four Warrior errors didn't hurt as Martin forced Sartell to strand eight runners.

It was a two-run seventh inning that lifted the Warriors to the win. Brady Anderson went 2-3 with two runs and

an RBI. Michael Laber was 2-3 and Broc Peterson and Mason Argir each drove in a run for the Warriors.

Trailing 4-0 in Game Two, Brainerd racked up three runs in the top of the fourth. Sartell answered with two in the bottom half to build a 6-3 edge. Brainerd's Colby Watland scored in the fifth, but the

Sabres added two more in the fifth.

Peterson finished 2-3 with an RBI and Watland was 2-3 with a run scored. Sam Miller, Renzen Caughey and Laber all doubled for the Warriors.

Miller took the loss. He allowed eight runs on eight hits and four walks. He struck out six in 4 2/3 innings of work.

For more photos, go to

<https://bit.ly/2Y3c2eh>.

Game One
Sartell 3 6 2

Brainerd 4 7 4

WP: Eric Martin, LP: Jake Schelonka, 2B: Brd-Renzen Caughey, Sar-Justin Houge, Riley Ahmrdt.

Game Two
Sartell

Brainerd

WP: D Notsch, LP: Sam Miller, 2B: Brd-Miller, Caughey, Michael Laber, Sar-Schelonka, Ahmrdt, Jarron Walther. Conference: Brd 5-2, Overall: Brd 6-2. Next: Brainerd hosts Eden Prairie 4 p.m. and St. Cloud Tech 7 p.m. Friday, May 3.

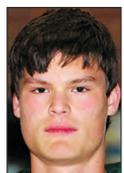
BOYS TENNIS

Sabres grab win over Warriors

SARTELL — Patrick Moraghan and Beck Barber posted singles victories for the Brainerd Warriors who suffered their second loss of the season, 4-3 to the Sartell Sabres in a Central Lakes Conference match

Thursday, May 2.

Clay Jambor and Tenny Kelm also won for the Warriors at No. 3 doubles.



Moraghan

Junior varsity singles winners were Logan Severson, John Pecarich and Jalen Emslander.

JV doubles winners were Jonathon Larson and Jay Petrie, Noah Madsen and Holden Siekas, and Ben Hoberg and Thomas Ruhl.

Sartell 4, Brainerd 3
Singles
No. 1: Patrick Moraghan (B) def. Yash Hindka 6-4, 6-2
No. 2: Austin Adelman (S) def. Garrett Goeden 6-7, 6-4
No. 3: Ben Hoeschen (S) def. Keenan Hodge 6-2, 6-0
No. 4: Beck Barber (B) def. Eli Lawson 7-6(4), 6-2
Doubles
No. 1: Max Fesenmaier-Thomas Connolly (S) def. Ian Aadland-Evan Storbakken 6-2, 7-6(7-2)
No. 2: Eddie Hamilton-Patrick Stalboerger (S) def. Layton Rivard-Noah Spitzley 6-3, 7-5
No. 3: Clay Jambor-Tenny Kelm (B) def. Mo Alkhatib-Devin Peterson 6-2, 7-5
Conference: Brd 3-2, Overall: Brd 4-2. Next: Brainerd hosts Moorhead 1:30 p.m.; Detroit Lakes 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3.



Brad Rempel / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Twins catcher Jason Castro celebrates with outfielder Byron Buxton after hitting a home run against the Houston Astros in the third inning Thursday, May 2 at Target Field.

Castro, Twins pummel Astros

Field Level Media

Jason Castro homered, doubled and drove in four runs and Jose Berrios won his fourth consecutive start as the Minnesota Twins cruised to an 8-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday afternoon in Minneapolis.

Jorge Polanco doubled and tripled and Marwin Gonzalez and Jonathan Schoop also had two hits for Minnesota which won three of four games in the series with the Astros. Castro, who finished

2-for-4 and scored twice, tied his career-high with the four RBIs.

Berrios (5-1) improved to 4-0 at Target Field this season, allowing two runs on seven hits over seven innings. He struck out five and didn't walk a batter while also snapping a personal three-game losing streak against the Astros.

Alex Bregman homered and Aledmys Diaz had two hits for Houston. Brad Peacock (2-2) suffered the loss for the Astros, allowing seven runs on eight hits

in 3 2/3 innings. Peacock dropped to 0-4 in five career starts against the Twins.

Bregman gave the Astros a 1-0 lead in the first with his sixth home run of the season but Minnesota came back to tie it in the third on Castro's third homer of the season and second in 11 days against Peacock, a 426-foot drive deep into the bullpen in left-center.

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BOYS GOLF

Quinn, Warriors make mark in Presection

PARK RAPIDS — Evan Quinn fired a 2-over-par 74 to place sixth and lead the Brainerd Warriors to first place Thursday, May 2, in the Section 8-3A Pre-section meet at Headwaters Golf Course.

Danny Olson hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation and carded a 77 to place ninth. Gavin Metz shot 78 to finish 11th.

The Warriors finished with a team score of 308 which tied them with Alexandria. Each team's fifth scorer was used to break the tie. Cody Evans and Erik Stoxen each shot 79s, while Alexandria's fifth scorer fired an 82.

Team scores: 1-Brainerd 308, 2-Alexandria 308, 3-Buffalo 311, 4-Sartell 317, 5-Bemidji 317, 6-Moorhead 322, 7-St. Cloud Tech 334, 8-Monticello 347, 9-Becker 360, 10-Willmar 379, 11-Sauk Rapids
Individual medalist: Ian Simonich (Moor) 73
Brainerd results: 6-Evan Quinn 74, 9-Danny Olson 77, 11-Gavin Metz 78, 12-Cody Evans 79, 13-Erik Stoxen 79, 33-Cole Proctor 85
Next: Brainerd in Blaine Invite at Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 3.



Quinn

BOYS GOLF

Metz on short list

Brainerd senior Gavin Metz was one of 15 student athletes on the 2019 Mr. Minnesota Golf Watchlist announced Thursday, May 2 by the Windsong Farm Golf Club and the Ms. and Mr. Minnesota Golf Committee.

A statewide committee chaired by Phillip Ebner and comprised of high school coaches and Minnesota golf leadership will select eight girls and eight boys based on their respective performance in the 2019 high school tournament season. From the group of finalists, two individual golfers will be chosen as Ms. Minnesota Golf and Mr. Minnesota Golf and presented with the award, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 9 at the Windsong Farm Golf Club in Independence.



Metz

Metz, who is coming off a victory at The Cardinal Invite at The Vintage at Staples Saturday, April 27, is joined by Joe Adams (Waconia), Nate Adams (Maple Grove), Brady Arnett (St. Thomas Academy), Cecil Belisle (Red Wing), Noah Boraas (Alexandria), Muzzy Donohue (St. Thomas Academy), Trey Fessler (St. Michael-Albertville), Will Frazier (Eastview), Will Freeman (St. Cloud Cathedral), Conner Glynn (Waconia), Carson Haley (Mankato East), Khrystjan Peterson (Bethlehem Academy), Walker Reyes (Mankato East) and Caleb VanArragon (Blaine).

ATHLETICS



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Skiba, Kapsner honored

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Criteria for the athlete of the year award includes, must be a senior, participated in at least two sports and not had a Minnesota State High School League violation. The award is voted on by all the 2018-19 Pierz letter-winners.

The student-athlete of the year criteria includes, must be a senior, must have at least a 3.0 grade-point average, participate in two or more sports and not have a MSHSL violation. This award is voted on by the Pierz coaches.

Three-sport athlete honors went to Jacob Andres (cross country, wrestling, track and field), Austin Dickmann (football, wrestling, baseball), Luke Girtz (football, wrestling, baseball), Kapsner (football, wrestling, baseball), Charles Pekar (cross country, basketball, baseball) and Skiba (tennis, basketball, softball).

GIRLS LACROSSE

Warrior girls on win streak

Josie Kramer scored three goals and Macey Peterson added two as the Brainerd Warriors secured their first winning streak thanks to a 6-4 victory Thursday, May 2, over the Becker Bulldogs at Adamson Field in Brainerd.

Brainerd grabbed its first victory in program history Saturday, April 27.

Jenna Nieman scored the Warriors other goal. Emma Booth and Alyssa Copham grabbed assists and Macy Peterson secured 16 saves on 20 shots.

Brainerd improves to 2-3 overall and will face the Bison 7 p.m. Friday, May 2 in Buffalo.

BOYS LACROSSE



Kelly Humphrey / Brainerd Dispatch - Gallery and Video

Blake Cummings looks to pass the ball Thursday, May 2, against Buffalo at Adamson Field in Brainerd.

Buffalo bounces Brainerd

Gabe Smith and Jayce Schroeder scored goals for the Brainerd Warriors in an 18-2 loss against the Buffalo Bison Thursday, May 2, at Adamson Field in Brainerd.

"Buffalo started off strong," said Warrior head coach Adam Extrand. "They are incredibly skilled and well coached. Buffalo had complex plays and it was hard for our defense to figure out. Luckily, we developed as

the game went on. I have to give Jayce lots of credit. He really brought the team together in the second half, after that we had lots of fun."

For more photos, go to <https://bit.ly/2HozraH>.

Buffalo 18
Brainerd 2
Third quarter: Gabe Smith (Brd)
Fourth quarter: Jase Swoeder (Brd)
Goals: Brd-Greg Peterson, Tanner Karsnia. Next: Brainerd at Becker 7 p.m. Friday, May 3.

Game Winner is favorite at Derby

Field Level Media

Game Winner is a 4-1 favorite to win the Kentucky Derby after Omaha Beach was scratched from Saturday's race at Churchill Downs.

One of three Bob Baffert-trained colts in the top three among the newly stacked list of favorites, Game Winner was 9-2 on Wednesday night as news of Omaha Beach's status broke. He was 4-1 on Thursday morning.

Improbable and Roadster, the other Baffert horses, each are now listed at 5-1 odds after opening at 6-1.

"I think anyone could win it," Baffert said. "You have to get the trip, and the post is important. Last year we came in with Justify, and he was a man amongst boys, and American Pharoah. This year is different. With them I knew I had the horse and felt like I needed a little luck. Now I've got three nice horses, and there's a lot of parity. It's wide open."

Maximum Security and Tacitus moved up to 8-1; Code of Honor and Win Win Win are 12-1.

After cruising to a win at the Breeders Cup Juvenile in November, Game Winner was recognized as a threat to win this race, and even Baffert put that label on the thoroughbred.

"He's that kind of horse," Baffert said.

Game Winner was undefeated until a loss to Omaha Beach at the Rebel Stakes on March 16. Game Winner finished second.

"The main thing is that the 3-year-olds, they worked well. They're coming up there," Baffert



Mark Zerof / USA Today Sports

Game Winner, trained by Bob Baffert, receives a bath after morning workouts Sunday, April 28, at Churchill Downs.

said after that race.

Baffert would become the second to win the Kentucky Derby six times with a victory by one of the top three favorites Saturday.

Game Winner will go off from the 16th post, with Roadster outside at No. 17.

Entering the race as the favorite

has become a gold star in the Derby since the points-based qualifying system began in 2013. Six consecutive favorites — Orb (2013), California Chrome (2014), American Pharoah (2015), Nyquist (2016), Always Dreaming (2017) and Justify (2018) — have won the Kentucky Derby.

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Women won't play pro hockey without changes

Field Level Media

A group of more than 200 female hockey players announced Thursday, May 2, they will not play in any pro hockey league until changes are made.

"We cannot make a sustainable living playing in the current state of the professional game," said a statement from the group, released by individual players on social media Thursday. "Having no health insurance and making as low as two thousand dollars a season means players can't adequately train and prepare to play at the highest level."

"Because of that, together as players, we will not play in ANY professional leagues in North America this season until we get the resources that professional hockey demands and deserves."

The group includes players such as Team USA stars Kendall Coyne Sheffield and Hilary Knight, as well as Marie Philip-Poulin of Team Canada.

The future of professional women's hockey has moved to the forefront since the Canadian Women's Hockey League

announced in March that it would fold in May after 12 years in operation, citing financial reasons.

ESPN reported Thursday that players hope their stand will urge the NHL to take action to support women's professional hockey.

The U.S.-based National Women's Hockey League now is the only professional hockey league for women in North America.

"As long as elite women hockey players have professional opportunities, it is not an environment we are prepared to wade into in any formal way," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told ESPN when the CWHL folded. "We have always supported professional women's hockey, and we plan to continue to do so. That doesn't mean we need to form or directly subsidize an existing professional league."

The NHL previously gave \$50,000 a year to each of the women's pro leagues in North America. It raised its contribution to the NWHL to \$100,000 with the announcement of the folding of the CWHL, according to ESPN.

AREA BASEBALL

Rangers, Cards split

STAPLES — Staples-Motley's Ben Olander and Crosby-Ironton's Jonathan Jacobson were the winning pitchers in a Mid-State Conference doubleheader as the Cards won the opener 6-2 and C-I bounced back for a 4-3 victory Tuesday, May 2.

Olander struck out eight, walked two and allowed four hits over four innings in the opener. Joshua Kossan went 2-4 with an RBI and two runs for S-M and Connor Fox doubled.

In the second game, Jacobson struck out seven over 6 2/3 innings and allowed all three runs before giving the mound to Carter Holtzleicher for the final out. Logan Grittner was 2-3 with an RBI for the Rangers.

Olander and Damon Halvorson doubled and Thomas Kossan tripled for S-M.

Game One
Crosby-Ironton 2 4 5
Staples-Motley 6 7 1
WP: Ben Olander. LP: Adam Christopher. 2B: SM-Connor Fox.
Game Two
Staples-Motley 3 10 1
Crosby-Ironton 4 7 1
WP: Jonathan Jacobson. LP: Joshua Kossan. 2B: SM-Ben Olander, Damon Halvorson. 3B: SM-Thomas Kossan. Conference: SM 2-3. Overall: SM 3-5. Next: Crosby-Ironton vs. Hill City/Northland at Remer 4 p.m. Friday, May 3. Staples-Motley at Park Rapids 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 (2).

Little Falls 9, Mora 1

MORA — Travis Wenzel was the winning pitcher and went 3-3 at the plate with a double, two RBIs and two stolen bases to lead the Little Falls Flyers past the Mora Mustangs 9-1 in a Granite Ridge Conference game Tuesday, May 2.

Wenzel struck out six, walked three and allowed four hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Ben Peterson contributed two hits and drove in three runs for the Flyers.

Game One
Little Falls 9 7 1
Mora 1 4 2
WP: Travis Wenzel. LP: Lucas Athey. 2B: LF-Wenzel. Next: Little Falls vs. New Ulm at St. Cloud Tournament 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3.

Pierz wins 2

ST. CLOUD — Jonah Prokott pitched a no-hitter and the Pierz Pioneers swept a Central Minnesota Conference doubleheader defeating the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Lakers 15-2 and 11-0 Thursday, May 2.

Prokott struck out nine over five innings and didn't walk a batter in the second game. The only base runner for the Lakers reached on an error.

Jack Suska, Luke Girtz, Derek Schommer, Brandon Stuckmayer and Isaac Otte all had multiple hits for Pierz. Girtz and Peter Schommer ripped triples and Reese Kapsner doubled.

Peter Schommer won the opening game. He struck out six, walked one and allowed six hits over five innings.

Suska finished 3-4 with two doubles, three RBIs and two runs. Kapsner and Girtz turned in multiple hits and Austin Dickmann added a double.

Game One
HLWW 2 7 2
Pierz 15 10 1
WP: Peter Schommer. LP: Cody Christensen. 2B: Prz-Jack Suska 2, Austin Dickman 1.
Game Two
HLWW 0 0 1
Pierz 11 13 1
WP: Jonah Prokott. LP: Brandon Karels. 2B: Prz-Reese Kasner. 3B: Prz-Luke Girtz, Peter Schommer. Conference: Prz . Overall: Prz . Next: Pierz hosts Royallton 4 p.m. Monday, May 6.

W-DC 5, Sauk Centre 1

SAUK CENTRE — Payton Rondesvedt was solid on the mound and at the plate for the Wadena-Deer Creek Wolverines who remain undefeated with a 5-1 non-conference victory over the Sauk Centre Mainstreeters Thursday, May 2.

Rondesvedt struck out 11, walked none and allowed four hits. At the plate, he finished 3-4 with a double and two runs.

Justin Dykhoff doubled twice and Colby Schertler added a two-bagger for the 10-0 Wolverines.

Game One
Sauk Centre 1 4 3
Wadena-DC 5 8 1
WP: Payton Rondesvedt. LP: Preston Sorenson. 2B: WDC-Rondesvedt 2, Justin Dykhoff, Colby Schertler. Overall: WDC 10-0. Next: Wadena-Deer Creek hosts Sebek 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3.

Pequot Lakes 21, Northland 3

REMER — Austin Meister finished 3-5 with three RBIs and a triple to lead the Pequot Lakes Patriots to a 21-3 non-conference win over Hill City-Northland Thursday, May 2.

Marcus Klein went 2-4 with two doubles and three RBIs and Grant Kotaska nailed a doubles for the 3-3 Patriots.

Dylan Messenbrink struck out eight and allowed two hits and three earned runs for PL.

Game One
Hill City-Northland 3 2 4
Pequot Lakes 21 12 3
WP: Dylan Messenbrink. 2B: Marcus Klein(2), Grant Kotaska. 3B: Austin Meister. Overall: PL 3-3. Next: Pequot Lakes at Hibbing 10:40 a.m. Friday, May 3 (2).

Blackduck 10, PRB 0

BLACKDUCK — Logan Gordon and Irvin Tulenchik provided the only hits for the Pine River-Backus Tigers in a five-inning 10-0 Northland Conference loss to the Blackduck Drakes Thursday, May 2.

Game One
Blackduck 10 9 2
Pine River-Backus 0 2 6
WP: Sawyer Nendick. LP: Torry Hirschey. Next: Pine River-Backus hosts Cass Lake-Bena 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

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Pequot Lakes sweeps Aitkin

PEQUOT LAKES — Morgan Eckes struck out five and finished 3-3 with two RBIs and two doubles to lead the Pequot Lakes Patriots to a 12-8 and 5-3 Mid-state Conference doubleheader sweep over the Aitkin Gobblers Thursday, May 2.

Afton Crocker went 2-4 with four RBIs and Miriah Rickard added a double for the Patriots. Aitkin's McKenna McDonald slammed a home run in Game One.

In Game Two, Kaitlyn Geschwell pitched eight innings and struck out six to record her first win for the Patriots.

Kailey Plekkenpol went 2-4 with a double for the Gobblers.

Game One
Aitkin 8 8 5
Pequot Lakes 12 11 3
WP: Morgan Eckes. LP: Kailey Plekkenpol. 2B: PL-Miriah Rickard, Afton Crocker, Morgan Eckes (2). HR: A-McKenna McDonald.
Game Two
Aitkin 3 4 3
Pequot Lakes 5 6 7
WP: Kaitlyn Geschwell. LP: Kailey Plekkenpol. 2B: A-Kailey Plekkenpol. Conference: A 2-2, PL 2-4. Overall: A 2-5, PL 4-4. Next: Aitkin hosts Nashwaak-Kewatin 4 p.m. Monday, May 6; Pequot Lakes hosts Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3.

C-I takes two from S-M

CROSBY — Gwen Rosecrans struck out 13 in Game Two as the Crosby-Ironton Rangers defeated the Staples-Motley Cardinals

15-5 and 12-3 in a Mid-State Conference doubleheader Thursday, May 2.

In Game One, Caitlyn Gutzman went 1-3 with two RBIs and a double for the Rangers and Staples-Motley's Valeria Lonzo finished 1-3 with two RBIs and a double.

Jasmine Brarth slammed a triple in Game Two to pace S-M.

Emma Sanford and Mya Decent nailed doubles to pace the Rangers.

Game One
Staples-Motley 5 9 5
Crosby-Ironton 15 10 1
WP: Emma Sanford. LP: Amyah Converse. 2B: CI-Caitlyn Gutzman, SM-Valeria Lonzo.
Game Two
Staples-Motley 3 3 1
Crosby-Ironton 12 9 1
WP: Gwen Rosecrans. LP: Mikayla Richards. 2B: CI-Emma Sanford, Mya Decent. 3B: SM-Jasmine Brarth. Conference: CI 2-4, SM-0-6. Overall: CI 5-6, SM 0-9. Next: Crosby-Ironton hosts McGregor 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3. Staples-Motley hosts Pequot Lakes 4 p.m. Monday, May 6.

Becker 6, Little Falls 0

BECKER — Seventh-inning singles by Little Falls' Savea Zimmerman-Cameron and Madison Segler ended Becker's Corrie Weise's bid for a no-hitter in the Flyers 6-0 Granite Ridge Conference loss to the Becker Bulldogs Thursday, May 2.

Game One
Little Falls 0
Becker 6
WP: Corrie Weise. LP: Allie Steinmetz. Conference: LF 1-6. Overall: LF 1-9. Next: Little Falls vs. Alexandria at Alexandria Tournament 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4.

AREA TRACK AND FIELD

Pillager girls win home event

PILLAGER — Pillager's Jordyn VanVickle and Pierz's Mathias Algarin each won three individual events in the John Reimer Classic Thursday, May 2.

VanVickle won the long and triple jumps and the 400-meter dash to lead the Huskies to first in the eight-team field. She placed second in the 200 dash.

Julia Johnson captured the pole vault and high jump and Amelia Williams was second in the discus for the Huskies.

Algarin topped the podium in the 100 and 200 dashes and long jump leading the Pierz boys to second place.

Zachary Becker and Alex Gross turned in second-place finishes in the 300 hurdles and long jump respectively.

The third-place Pillager boys received firsts from Ben Ole in the discus and Jack Bentson in the shot put.

Hunter Klimek won the 1600 run and Emmet Anderson outran the field in the 3200 to lead the sixth-

place Staples-Motley boys.

The seventh-place Crosby-Ironton boys were led by Peter Nierenhausen's first in the pole vault and Tucker Ringhand's second in the 3200.

Jayden Smieja won the 100 hurdles and Breanna Andres the 300 hurdles for the third place Pierz girls. Ashley Kimman was second in the 100 hurdles and long jump.

Kyanna Barton had the fastest time in the 3200 run and was second in the 1600 for the fourth-place S-M girls.

Brooklyn Jones led the seventh-place C-I girls with a second in the pole vault.

Pequot sweeps W-DC meet

WADENA — Russell Pierzinski won the long jump and triple jump for the first-place Pequot Lakes Patriots boys in the Sam Kelderman Memorial Invite Thursday, May 2.

The Pequot girls also captured first Desera Engholm winning the shot and discus.

Vincenzo Spósito won the 200-

meter dash. Isaak Geroy finished first in the 800 run and Ethan Johnson won the 3200 run for the Patriots boys, who captured three of the four relays.

The Pequot girls won two relays and Mirjana Ganley (200 dash, pole vault) and Calia Chaney (800 and 1600 runs) were double winners.

Cassidy Chaney won the 400 dash and Lydia Hubbard soared to first in the high jump

Pine River-Backus' Nate Wosmek swept the hurdles.

Cooper Folkstad swept the throwing events for Wadena-Deer Creek. Cody Wheeler won the pole vault and Nathaniel Bervig captured the 1600 run for the second-place Wolverines.

Mikaela Malone secured the 100 dash and long jump for the fourth-place Wolverines.

Anna Downie claimed the 100 hurdles for Pine River-Backus.

Kaylee Baker finished second in the triple jump for the Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale Raiders, who finished in second.

AREA BOYS GOLF

PR-B's Raph, Pequot win Aitkin Invite

MCGREGOR — Pine River-Backus' Brady Raph (PRB) 73

Aitkin results: Sam Sadlowsky 78, Tyler Bill 100, Nathan Stifter 134, Jacob Espeseth 135, Thomas Gustin 140
Crosby-Ironton results: Cayden Turk 82, Colton Turk 83, Joe Stockman 82, Frank Meyer 89, Will Meyer 89
Pequot Lakes results: Tyler Seeling 81, Henry Neva 78, Brodie Olson 88, Luke Tangen 80, Ben Golden 86, Hunter Nybakken 96
Pierz results: Alex Poster 85, Lance Otrumba 94, Alex Wilson 95, Nick Scholl 101
Pine River-Backus results: Brady Raph 73, Keenan Dahl 92, Tyler DeGrote 95, Brady Bristow 103, Joe Zaskowski 101, Eli Schneider 117
Staples-Motley results: Beck Erholtz 77, Finn Erholtz 82, Alex Rosenthal 101, Alex Giza 95, Adam Oberlander 108, Jack Benson 92

Next: Pequot Lakes, Pine River-Backus in Park Rapids Invite at Headwaters Golf Course, Friday, May 3; Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, Little Falls, Pierz, Pillager, Staples-Motley in Pre-Section 6-2A Tournament at Blackberry

Team scores: 1-Pequot Lakes 325, 2-Crosby-Ironton 336, 3-Staples-Motley 346, 4-Pine River-Backus 361, 5-Pierz 375, 6-Aitkin 447, 7-Pine City 451

and Joe Stockman each finishing with 82s.

Beck Erholtz shot 77 for third individually and to lead the Staples-Motley Cardinals to third place. Fin Erholtz was 10th with an 82. PR-B was fourth followed by Pierz in fifth and Aitkin in sixth. The Gobblers' Sam Sadlowsky shot 78 for fifth individually.

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Ridge Golf Course 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4.

Pillager finishes 5th

LONG PRAIRIE — Jack Burn's 110 led the Pillager Huskies to fifth place in a Quad County Conference meet Thursday, May 2, at Long Prairie Country Club.

Team scores: 1-Ottertail Central 332, 2-Hillcrest 348, 3-Underwood 367, 4-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville 433, 5-Pillager 501

Individual medalist: Jackson Nyhus (OTC) 77
Pillage results: Jack Burn 110, Ethan Kocur 114, Owen Pantzke 121, Evan Imgrund 156
Next: Pillager in Quad County Conference meet at Tipsinah Mounds 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

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SCOREBOARD

AREA EVENTS

Friday
BASEBALL
Eden Prairie at Brainerd 4 p.m.
St. Cloud Tech at Brainerd 7 p.m.
Aitkin vs. Moose Lake-Willow River at Hinckley-Finlayson Tournament 5 p.m.
Crosby-Ironton vs. Hill City/Northland at Remer 4 p.m.
Pequot Lakes at Hibbing 10:45 a.m. (2)
Little Falls vs. New Ulm at St. Cloud Tournament 4:30 p.m.
Menahga at Pillager 4 p.m. (2)
New York Mills vs. Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale at Verndale 4 p.m. (2)
Sebekka at Wadena-Deer Creek 4:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Brainerd at St. Cloud Tech 6 p.m.
McGregor at Crosby-Ironton 4:30 p.m.
Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale at Pequot Lakes 4:30 p.m.
Foley at Pierz 4:30 p.m.
Pillager at Sauk Centre 4:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Brainerd at Wayzata Invite 3:30 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Brainerd in Blaine Invite at Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake 1:30 a.m.
Pequot Lakes, Pine River-Backus in Park Rapids Invite at Headwaters Golf Course TBD
GIRLS GOLF
Brainerd in triangular at Rich-Spring Golf Course 10 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Moorhead at Brainerd 1:30 p.m.
Detroit Lakes at Brainerd 4:30 p.m.
Eveleth-Gilbert at Aitkin 4:30 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Brainerd at Becker 7 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Brainerd at Buffalo 7 p.m.
Saturday
BASEBALL
Aitkin vs. Hinckley-Finlayson at Hinckley-Finlayson Tournament 11 a.m.
Little Falls vs. St. Cloud Apollo in St. Cloud Tournament 10 a.m.
Little Falls vs. Duluth East in St. Cloud Tournament 3 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Brainerd hosts Tournament TBD
Little Falls vs. Alexandria in Alexandria Tournament 10 a.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Little Falls at Sauk Rapids-Rice Invite 9:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Brainerd in Blaine Invite at Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake 7:30 a.m.
Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, Little Falls, Pierz, Pillager, Staples-Motley in Pre-Section 6-2A Tournament at Blackberry Ridge Golf Course 11 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Staples-Motley in Alexandria Invite at Geneva Golf Course 9:30 a.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Minnesota State at Central Lakes 1 p.m. (2)
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Rainy River at Central Lakes 1 p.m. (2)

TV AND RADIO

Friday
AUTO RACING:
NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series: JEGS 200, 4 p.m., FS1
COLLEGE BASEBALL:
Ohio State at Minnesota, 8 p.m., FS1
COLLEGE LACROSSE:
Women's Semifinal #1 TBD, 4 p.m., BTN
Women's Semifinal #2 TBD, 6:30 p.m., BTN
COLLEGE SOFTBALL:
Alabama at LSU, 6 p.m., ESPN2
GOLF:
European Tour: China Open, 1:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA Tour Champions: Insperty Invitational, 11 a.m., GOLF
PGA Tour: Wells Fargo Championship, 1 p.m., GOLF
LPGA Tour: Medihel Championship, 5 p.m., GOLF
European Tour: China Open, 11:30 p.m., GOLF
MLB:
New York Yankees at Minnesota, 6 p.m., FSN, KKKIN-FM (94.3), KUAL-FM (103.5), WYRQ-FM (92.1), KNXP-AM (1430), KWAD-AM (920)
NBA:
Playoffs, Bucks vs. Celtics, 7 p.m., ESPN
Playoffs, Nuggets vs. Blazers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
NHL:
Stanley Cup Playoffs, Islanders vs. Hurricanes, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Stanley Cup Playoffs, Stars vs. Blues, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
Saturday
AUTO RACING:
NASCAR Xfinity Series: Dover, 12:30 p.m., FS1
BOXING:
Top Rank Boxing Main Event: Beterbiev-Kaljadicz, 9 p.m., ESPN
COLLEGE BASEBALL:
Ohio State at Minnesota, 2 p.m., BTN
COLLEGE LACROSSE:
Men's Championship TBD, 6 p.m., BTN
COLLEGE SOFTBALL:
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., ESPN
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL:
Women's Beach NCAA tournament, 1 p.m., ESPN2
GOLF:
PGA: Wells Fargo Championship, noon, GOLF
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St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 3 p.m., FS1
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., FS1
NBA:
Playoffs, Warriors vs. Rockets, 7:30 p.m., ABC
NHL:
Stanley Cup Playoffs, Blue Jackets vs. Bruins, 6:15 p.m., NBC
Stanley Cup Playoffs, Sharks vs. Avalanche, 9 p.m., NBCSN
RUGBY:
Pro14 quarterfinal, 9 a.m., ESPN2
SOCCER:
MLS: Los Angeles Galaxy at New York Red Bulls, 1 p.m., ESPN
Liga MX: Puebla at Tijuana, 9 p.m., FS1

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AREA BOYS TENNIS

Falcons clip Gobblers

FOLEY — James Much's three-set win at No. 2 singles was the only win for the Aitkin Gobblers who lost 6-1 to the Foley Falcons in a Granite Ridge Conference meet Thursday, May 2.
Foley 6, Aitkin 1
Singles
No. 1: Tanner Funk (F) def. Joel Fremling 7-5, 6-6 (2-7), 10-8
No. 2: James Much (A) def. Caleb Dahlstrom 2-6, 6-4, 6-1
No. 3: Payton Baron (F) def. Owen Hagen 6-0, 6-2

No. 4: Nathaniel Vanderweyst (F) def. Josh Hagestuen 7-6 (5), 4-6 (10-6)
Doubles
No. 1: George Brenny-Jacob Hageman (F) dec. Nathan Hages-ten-Johnny Ryan 7-5, 4-6, 6-3
No. 2: Jamie Gotham-Luke Estwick (F) def. Seth Watts-Payton Berg 6-2, 6-2
No. 3: Jack Bartell-Wyatt Hams (F) def. Reagan Wilson-Arik Pietz 6-2, 4-6, 6-1
Conference: A-2-1. Overall: A-2-3. Next: Aitkin hosts Eveleth-Gilbert 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 2.

AREA GIRLS GOLF

Knoblauch, Pillager finish 2nd

LONG PRAIRIE — Bailey Knoblauch fired a second-place 97 and Abby Koel finished third with a 104 to lead the Pillager Huskies to second in a Quad County Conference meet Thursday, May 2, at Long Prairie Country Club.
Team scores: 1-Ottertail Central 454, 2-Pillager 481, 3-Hillcrest 501
Individual medalist: Adysen Tysdal (OTC) 93
Pillager results: 2-Bailey Knoblauch 97, 3-Abby Koel 104, Kennady Clyne 125, 4-Ally Smith 155
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Twins prove you don't need to run when you can mash

By Jace Frederick
St. Paul Pioneer Press
MINNEAPOLIS — Byron Buxton leads the Twins with seven stolen bases this season.

"The at-bats are getting you where you want to go, in the direction that we want to go in," he said. "And sometimes just letting the pitcher try to get you out is the best way to go. I think we've run into several situations in a bunch of games where it's played out like that."

will steal bases throughout the year. I think it is true, though, that we haven't seen very much of it yet.

Second place? Marwin Gonzalez with ... one. "Yeah," Gonzalez said, "that's funny."

Minnesota has one stolen base this season by someone not named Buxton. Even with one of baseball's fastest players on its roster, Minnesota is tied for last in the American League with eight stolen bases, joined by Toronto.

Mejia to IL, Morin up
The Twins placed relief pitcher Aldalberto Mejia on the 10-day injured list with a left calf strain Thursday, with the move retroactive to Wednesday.

The Twins currently are on pace for 45 stolen bases this season, two less than the Twins swiped in 2018. You don't have to run when you can hit.

"We swing the bats," Buxton said. "When you swing the bats, you get those extra-base hits, you ain't got to worry about stealing a base."

He's got a point. The Twins sport a Major League-leading .498 slugging percentage. Minnesota is tied for third in home runs (52) while tallying the second-fewest strikeouts (214).

Those types of numbers don't leave much need for swiping an extra bag here and there.

"The guys are hitting well, we're scoring runs like this," Gonzalez said, "so there is no point to try to force it to get a run."

"It's not an injury that we probably want to mess around with. We just want to give him an opportunity to heal up and see where we're at at that point," Baldelli said.

Twins manager Rocco Baldelli noted there are times when a team is swinging the bats well and making the pitcher work for outs. For Minnesota, that's described just about every game of late.

Unless of course, it's Buxton on base. Gonzalez noted Buxton is going just about every time. "Byron is probably on his own island," Baldelli said. "He's about as good as it gets and he has the instincts to do it and he understands the situations and the game."

As for the time frame on Mejia's return, Baldelli said the Twins "probably have to wait a little bit and see."

As for everyone else, the light appears to be yellow — if not red.

"We have good hitters throughout our lineup, which kind of makes you want to let them hit where you think this guy could hit a double or this guy could hit a home run, and give him the opportunity to do that as opposed to forcing the action," Baldelli said. "But we'll see. We'll have guys that

"I can probably say that 10 days might be a little optimistic as far as getting him back," he said, "but beyond that I'm not sure."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Woods to receive Presidential Medal of Freedom Monday

WASHINGTON — Tiger Woods will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom from U.S. President Donald Trump Monday, May 6, the White House said on Thursday.

Celtics boss Ainge suffers mild heart attack

MILWAUKEE — Danny Ainge, the Boston Celtics' president of basketball operations, suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday night, April 30, the team announced Thursday.

Woods, 43, ended an 11-year major championship drought when he won the Masters on April 14, and Trump tweeted the following day that he would present the golfer with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, "because of his incredible Success & Comeback in Sports (Golf) and, more importantly, LIFE". Woods's career was almost ended by a serious back injury, before a spinal fusion two years ago proved successful and allowed him to make a comeback. His Masters win was the 15th major title for Woods who is second only to fellow American Jack Nicklaus (18) on the all-time list of major champions. -Reuters

Ainge, 60, was stricken while the team was in Milwaukee for the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Bucks. This is the second heart attack for Ainge, who suffered his first in April 2009, CBS Boston reported. Ainge, who played baseball and basketball at BYU, played parts of three seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays (1979-81). He moved on to the NBA in 1981, playing the first half of his 14-year career with the Celtics, winning two NBA titles, before moving on to Sacramento, Portland and Phoenix. -Field Level Media

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in left-center and Nelson Cruz added an RBI double to highlight the inning, which also featured an RBI single by Schoop and a sacrifice fly by Max Kepler.

The Astros loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh with consecutive singles by Yuli Gurriel, Josh Reddick and Diaz. But Berrios avoided a big inning by getting Robinson Chirinos to strike out followed by a sacrifice fly by Tony Kemp and a fly out by George Springer to end the threat.

The Twins sent 10 men to bat in the fourth, parlaying six hits, a walk and a sacrifice fly into six runs. Castro lined a two-run double off the left field fence, Byron Buxton had an RBI triple off the bottom of the fence

Castro drove in his fourth run in the fifth to make it 8-1 with a fielder's choice that drove in Gonzalez, who had walked and advanced to third on a single by