

SPORTS

A life on skates



David Samson / The Forum

Moorhead defenseman Luke Gramer looks forward to the challenge of facing Edina at the Minnesota state hockey tournament in St. Paul.

From the backyard rink to Division I hockey, Moorhead’s Gramer has come a long way

By Chris Murphy | cmurphy@forumcomm.com
Moorhead

Before Moorhead Spuds junior defenseman Luke Gramer was playing to try to win Moorhead’s first state hockey title, he was playing for the Stanley Stump in his backyard. ¶ Gramer first started skating when he was 3 years old. At 4 years old, his dad built a rink in the backyard. That’s where Gramer says he fell in love with the game. ¶ “Skating is one of the most free feelings,” Gramer said. “I love skating around, I love scoring goals, I love making plays and trying to beat defenders. It’s always been kind of my passion.” ¶ Gramer’s dad knew he could add 15 feet to their ice rink in the backyard, but it meant cutting down an apple tree that the family had grown fond of. In remembrance of the tree, the family held on to the stump. It now serves as a trophy. ¶ Kids still play for the Stanley Stump in the Gramer backyard, as he has two younger brothers, ages 13 and 8, to carry on the tradition. **GRAMER:** Page D5

MINNESOTA CLASS 2A STATE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

- **Who:** Moorhead vs. Edina
- **When:** 6 p.m. Thursday
- **Where:** Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul
- **Radio:** 970-AM, 93.1-FM
- **TV:** Antenna TV

NORTH DAKOTA CLASS A STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Jamestown boys enter state tournament as the team to beat

By Mitchell Johnson
Forum News Service

JAMESTOWN, N.D. – Jamestown’s high school boys basketball made program history Saturday night at the Bismarck Event Center with its first-ever West Region title.

Now the Blue Jays have a chance to make even more history this weekend.

Jamestown (24-0) is the top overall seed for the Class A state boys tournament that begins Thursday in Bismarck.

“We seem loose and ready to go,” Jamestown coach Jacoby Lloyd said Monday at University of Jamestown’s Harold

Newman Arena. “It’s nice to be back at the gym. We have to clean some stuff up and prepare for three more games, hopefully.”

The Blue Jays are vying for their seventh state championship, with the last being in 1993. Jamestown’s other state titles have come in 1939, 1976, 1978, 1982 and 1987. Overall, Jamestown has made it to state 40 times with an appearance last year.

Last year, Jamestown surprised many around the state after upsetting Mandan in the first round of the West Region tournament and defeating Bismarck St. Mary’s

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With basketball in her blood, Sheyenne’s Maggie Manson carries on family legacy



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West Fargo Sheyenne’s Maggie Manson drives against West Fargo’s Abby Donarski during state qualifying play in the Eastern Dakota Conference tournament at the NDSU Scheels Center last Saturday.

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WEST FARGO – When Maggie Manson heads to the gym for a Sunday morning shootaround with members of her family, she isn’t planning for a relaxing day.

It’s not that the outings aren’t fun – the sport of basketball has always brought boundless amounts of joy to Maggie and her extended family. But playing to unwind before the start of the week is not the way the Mansons are wired.

Maggie, a senior on the West Fargo Sheyenne girls team that will be playing in the North Dakota Class A state tournament

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BRIEFS

Cobbers nearly score 30 in baseball win

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Thirty total runs crossed the plate in Wednesday’s Concordia and Penn State-New Kensington matchup. Only one of those runs didn’t belong to the Cobbers as they earned a dominant 29-1 college basketball victory in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational at Chain of Lakes Park.

Concordia totaled 20 hits and 14 different batters had at least one hit. Seventeen Cobbers tallied at least one RBI and 20 different base runners crossed the plate. Other than the first, the Cobbers scored in every inning, highlighted by a 10-run third.

Luke Schultz finished 2-for-3 with two runs and three RBIs to lead the Cobbers. Reece Kramer, Max Boran and Austin Ver Steeg each had two runs and two RBIs.

Kyle Knaeble (1-0) threw four shutout innings, giving up three hits and four walks with seven strikeouts to pick up his first win this season.

Concordia (4-0) has scored 13 or more runs in three of its first four games this season, which have all been at the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational. The Cobbers are averaging 17 runs per

game and have outscored opponents 68-9.

Bison’s Otterdahl heads to NCAA Indoors as top-ranked thrower

FARGO – North Dakota State senior Payton Otterdahl will enter this week’s NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships as the top-ranked thrower in the shot put and weight throw.

Otterdahl set the all-time college indoor record in the shot put this season with a throw of 71 feet, 6.75 inches. He owns three of the top five throws in NCAA history. His weight throw of 78 feet, 11.25 inches ranks first.

In the meet that will be held in Birmingham, Ala., Otterdahl will compete in the shot put beginning at 7:20 p.m. Friday and in the weight throw beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday.

NDSU will also have three women throwers competing at the meet. Bailey Retzlaff and Shelby Gunnells will compete in the shot put at 5:15 p.m. Friday while Maddy Niles will compete in the weight throw at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Retzlaff and Gunnells ranked 10th and 14th in the shot put while Niles ranks 14th in the weight throw.

TODAY’S LOCAL CALENDAR

Professional
National Hockey League Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Baseball Spring training: Minnesota at Boston, 12:05 p.m.
College
Baseball Concordia vs. Penn State-Abington, at Winter Haven, Fla.
Softball Minnesota State Moorhead at NTC College Games, Clermont, Fla. Concordia vs. York (Pa.), at Clermont, Fla., 10:15 a.m.
Women’s tennis Minnesota State Moorhead vs. Missouri Western, at Orlando, Fla. Concordia vs. Regis, Mass., at Orlando, Fla., 10 a.m. Concordia vs. Adrian, at Orlando, Fla., 5 p.m.
Men’s tennis Concordia vs. Regis, Mass., at Orlando, Fla., 10 a.m. Concordia vs. Adrian, at Orlando, Fla., 5 p.m.

High school

Boys basketball North Dakota Class A state tournament at Bismarck Fargo Davies vs. Bismarck Legacy, 2 p.m. Grand Forks Red River vs. Mandan, 4 p.m. Jamestown vs. Wahpeton, 6 p.m. West Fargo vs. Bismarck Century, 8 p.m. North Dakota Class B Region 1 tournament at NDSU Third place: Fargo Oak Grove vs. Central Cass, 6 p.m. Championship: Kindred vs. Richland, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball North Dakota Class A state tournament at Bismarck Devils Lake vs. Williston, 1 p.m. West Fargo Sheyenne vs. Mandan, 3 p.m. Grand Forks Red River vs. Bismarck Century, 5 p.m. Fargo Shanley vs. Bismarck Legacy, 7 p.m.
Boys hockey Minnesota Class 2A state tournament in St. Paul Moorhead vs. Edina, 6 p.m.

TODAY’S TV

College women’s basketball Big Ten Tournament: Northwestern vs. Michigan, 11 a.m., BTN Big Ten Tournament: Penn State or Wisconsin vs. Ohio State: 1:30 p.m., BTN Big Ten Tournament: Minnesota vs. Indiana, 5:30 p.m., BTN Big Ten Tournament: Purdue or Illinois vs. Nebraska, 8 p.m., BTN
College men’s basketball Iowa at Wisconsin, 6 p.m., ESPN Cincinnati at Central Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN2 Indiana at Illinois, 7 p.m., FS1 Temple at UConn, 7 p.m., CBSSN Southern Methodist at Houston, 8 p.m., ESPN UCLA at Colorado, 8 p.m., ESPN2 Southern California at Utah, 9 p.m., FS1
Golf European Tour: Qatar Masters, 1:30 a.m., GOLF European Tour: Qatar Masters, 5 a.m., GOLF PGA Tour: Arnold Palmer Invitational, 9 a.m., GOLF
High school boys basketball North Dakota Class A state tournament Fargo Davies vs. Bismarck Legacy, 2 p.m., WDAY-Xtra Grand Forks Red River vs. Mandan, 4 p.m., WDAY-Xtra Jamestown vs. Wahpeton, 6 p.m., WDAY-Xtra West Fargo vs. Bismarck Century, 8 p.m., WDAY-Xtra
High school boys hockey Minnesota Class 2A state tournament White Bear Lake vs. Blaine, 11 a.m., Antenna TV Lakeville South vs. Eden Prairie, 1 p.m., Antenna TV Moorhead vs. Edina, 6 p.m., Antenna TV Duluth East vs. St. Thomas Academy, 8 p.m., Antenna TV
Major League Baseball Spring Training: Minnesota at Boston, noon, ESPN
National Basketball Association Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., TNT Oklahoma City at Portland, 9:30 p.m., TNT
National Hockey League Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NBCSN Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., FSN

TODAY’S RADIO

High school boys hockey Minnesota Class 2A state tournament Moorhead vs. Edina, 6 p.m., 970-AM, 93.1-FM
High school boys basketball North Dakota Class A state tournament Fargo Davies vs. Bismarck Legacy, 2 p.m., 740-AM, 107.3-FM, 1100-AM Grand Forks Red River vs. Mandan, 4 p.m., 740-AM, 107.3-FM Jamestown vs. Wahpeton, 6 p.m., 790-AM, 94.1-FM West Fargo vs. Bismarck Century, 8 p.m., 790-AM, 94.1-FM North Dakota Class B Region 1 tournament Third place: Fargo Oak Grove vs. Central Cass, 6 p.m., 740-AM, 107.3-FM Championship: Kindred vs. Richland, 740-AM, 107.3-FM
High school girls basketball North Dakota Class A state tournament Fargo Shanley vs. Bismarck Legacy, 7 p.m., 1100-AM

HOCKEY

Professional
NHL Tuesday’s Games Boston 4, Carolina 3, OT Columbus 2, New Jersey 1, SO NY Islanders 5, Ottawa 4, SO Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2, OT Tampa Bay 5, Winnipeg 2 Nashville 5, Minnesota 4, SO Dallas 1, NY Rangers 0 Colorado 4, Detroit 3, OT Anaheim 3, Arizona 1 Montreal 3, Los Angeles 1 Wednesday’s Games Washington 5, Philadelphia 3 Vancouver 3, Toronto 2, OT St. Louis at Anaheim, 9 p.m. Calgary at Vegas, 9:30 p.m. Thursday’s Games Florida at Boston, 6 p.m. Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m. NY Islanders at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. NY Rangers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m. Buffalo at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. Sanjour at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Calgary at Arizona, 8 p.m. St. Louis at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m. Montreal at San Jose, 9:30 p.m. Friday’s Games Minnesota at Florida, 6 p.m. New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m. Winnipeg at Carolina, 6:30 p.m. Montreal at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Junior
Standings/results/schedule United States Hockey League Tuesday, March 5 Des Moines 3, Fargo 1 Wednesday, March 6 Cedar Rapids 5, Madison 1 Friday, March 8 Sioux Falls at Chicago, 7:05 p.m. Muskegon at Dubuque, 7:05 p.m. Omaha at Fargo, 7:05 p.m. Team USA at Lincoln, 7:05 p.m. Central Illinois at Madison, 7:05 p.m. Sioux City at Tri-City, 7:05 p.m. Des Moines at Waterloo, 7:05 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Green Bay at Youngstown, 7:05 p.m. Team USA at Chicago, 7:05 p.m. Des Moines at Dubuque, 7:05 p.m. Omaha at Fargo, 7:05 p.m. Team USA at Lincoln, 7:05 p.m. Cedar Rapids at Madison, 7:05 p.m. Sioux City at Tri-City, 7:05 p.m. Sioux Falls at Waterloo, 7:05 p.m. Muskegon at Central Illinois, 7:07 p.m. Sunday, March 10 Green Bay at Youngstown, 4 p.m.
College men
Results/schedule Big Ten Conference Tournament Best-of-three series Friday, March 8 Michigan State at Notre Dame 6 p.m. Michigan at Minnesota, 6 p.m. Wisconsin at Penn State, 7p.m. Saturday, March 9 Michigan at Minnesota, 4 p.m. Wisconsin at Penn State, 5 p.m. Michigan State at Notre Dame, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 10 Michigan at Minnesota, 4:30 p.m. (if necessary) Wisconsin at Penn State, 5 p.m. (if necessary) Michigan State at Notre Dame, 6 p.m. (if necessary) Wisconsin at Penn State, 5 p.m. (if necessary)
NCHC Friday, March 8 Western Michigan at Miami (Ohio), 6:35 p.m. Minnesota-Duluth at St. Cloud State State, 7:37 p.m. Nebraska-Omaha at North Dakota, 7:37 p.m. Colorado College at Denver, 8:07 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Western Michigan at Miami (Ohio), 6:05 p.m. Minnesota-Duluth at St. Cloud State, 6:07 p.m. Denver at Colorado College, 7:07 p.m. Nebraska-Omaha at North Dakota, 7:07 p.m.
WCHA Tournament Best-of-three series Friday, March 8 Bemidji State at Lake Superior State, 6:07 p.m. Alaska at Northern Michigan, 6:07 p.m. Michigan Tech at Bowling Green, 6:37 p.m. Alabama-Huntsville at Minnesota-Mankato, 7:07 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Bemidji State at Lake Superior State, 6:07 p.m. Michigan Tech at Bowling Green, 6:07 p.m. Alaska at Northern Michigan, 6:07 p.m. Alabama-Huntsville at Minnesota-Mankato, 7:07 p.m. Sunday, March 10 Bemidji State at Lake Superior State, 3:07 p.m. (if necessary) Michigan Tech at Bowling Green, 6:07 p.m. (if necessary) Alaska at Northern Michigan, 6:07 p.m. (if necessary) Alabama-Huntsville at Minnesota-Mankato, 7:07 p.m. (if necessary)
High school boys
Schedule Minnesota Class 2A State Tournament Thursday, March 7 At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul 1) White Bear Lake (21-4-1) vs. No. 2 Blaine (22-2-2), 11 a.m. 2) Lakeville South (14-12-1) vs. No. 3 Eden Prairie (17-9-2), 1 p.m. 3) Moorhead (21-6-1) vs. No. 1 Edina (24-2-1), 6 p.m. 4) No. 5 Duluth East (18-6-2) vs. No. 4 St. Thomas Academy (24-3-1), 8 p.m. Friday, March 8 At Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis Consolation semifinals 5) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10 a.m. 6) Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, noon At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul Championship semifinals 7) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m. 8) Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9 At Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis Fifth place: Game 5 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 11 a.m. At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul Third place: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 4 p.m. Championship: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7 p.m.
Class 1A State Tournament Wednesday, March 6 At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul No. 2 St. Cloud Cathedral 7, North Branch 0 No. 3 East Grand Forks 5, Minnesota River 2 No. 1 Mahtomedi 6, New Ulm 0 No. 4 Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin 6, No. 5 Delano 4 Thursday, March 7 At Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis Consolation semifinals 5) North Branch (19-8-2) vs. Minnesota River (20-5), 10 a.m. 6) New Ulm (17-9-1) vs. No. 5 Delano (17-10-2), noon Friday, March 8 At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul Championship semifinals 7) No. 2 St. Cloud Cathedral (25-4) vs. No. 3 East Grand Forks (21-8), 11 a.m. 8) No. 1 Mahtomedi (22-6-1) vs. No. 4 Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin (16-13), 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9 At Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis Fifth place: Game 5 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 a.m. At Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul Third place: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 9 a.m. Championship: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, noon

BASKETBALL

Professional
National Basketball Association Wednesday’s Games Miami 91, Charlotte 84 Detroit 131, Minnesota 114 Washington 132, Dallas 123 San Antonio 111, Atlanta 104 Brooklyn 113, Cleveland 107 Chicago 108, Philadelphia 107 Utah 114, New Orleans 104 Phoenix 107, New York 96 Boston at Sacramento, 9 p.m. Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m. Thursday’s Games Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Portland, 9:30 p.m. Friday’s Games

Jamestown men roll in

NAIA tournament opener

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - Terrell Alfred poured in 30 points to lead the University of Jamestown men’s basketball team to a 106-85 win over Southeastern of Florida in the first round of the NAIA Division II Tournament at The Pentagon.

Alfred, a 6-foot junior from Orlando, Fla., made four 3-pointers, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out four assists.

Brock Schrom, a 6-8 sophomore from Grand Rapids, Mich., had 24 points and 8 rebounds for the Jimmies while Kevin Oberweiser, a 6-2 senior from Drummond, Mont., had 19 points making 5-of-7 3-pointers.

Jamestown, now 29-5 overall, advances to an 8:30 a.m. game Friday against Spring Arbor (Mich.), which was an 85-50 winner over Indiana Tech Wednesday.

SE (20-10): Ross 1-2 0-0 2, Breck 3-5 0-0 6, Oppenheimer 6-12 2-2 16, Barsh 5-11 4-6 16, Celestin 2-9 0-0 4, Francis 6-13 0-1 15, Moody 3-8 3-4 9, Hill Jr. 0-0 0-0 0, Causwell 11-2 5 17, Totals: 33-71 (FG), 11-18 (FT).
UJ (29-5): Talley 3-6 2-2 9, Schrom 9-11 6-7 24, Oberweiser 6-9 2-2 19, Dobson 1-7 1-2 4, Purintun 2-7 0-2 5, Allard 1-1 0-0 3, Lund 0-2 0-0 0, Frazier 2-2 4-5 8, Alfred 11-20 4-4 30, Praska 0-0 0-2 0, Pratt 0-0 0-0 0, Rozell 0-1 0-0 0, Keller 0-0 0-0 0, Birch 1-5 2-2 4, Totals: 36-71 (FG), 21-28 (FT).
Halftime: UJ 47, SE 39. 3-point goals: SE 8-20 (Oppenheimer 2-3, Barsh 2-5, Francis 3-5, Causwell 1-4); UJ 13-30 (Talley 1-3, Oberweiser 5-7, Dobson 1-5, Purintun 1-1, Allard 1-1, Alfred 4-10). Rebounds: SE 34 (Breck 10, Causwell 8), UJ 42 (Alfred 10, Schrom 8). Assists: SE 9 (Causwell 2), UJ 22 (Purintun 4, Alfred 4). Turnovers: SE 14, UJ 10.

Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Dallas at Orlando, 6 p.m. Cleveland at Miami, 7 p.m. Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m. Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m. Toronto at New Orleans, 7 p.m. Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m. Saturday’s Games Sacramento at New York, 11 a.m. Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6 p.m. Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m. Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

Wednesday’s result Detroit 131, Minnesota 114 Minnesota 35 29 24 26 — 114 Detroit 22 38 30 41 — 131 MINNESOTA (114) Wiggins 8-15 0-0 18, Teague 5-10 3-3 15, Towns 7-14 7-7 24, Saric 3-7 0-0 8, Okogie 2-2 1-1 6, Ty Jones 1-4 3-3 5, Tolliver 4-8 0-0 10, Rose 0-1, Detroit 14-33 (Calloway 3-3, Kennard 3-7, Ellington 3-9, Drummond 1-1, R.Jackson 1-2, Maker 1-2, Robinson III 3-5 0-0 7, K.Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Calderon 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 50-93 17-22 131. DETROIT (131) Drummond 11-18 8-10 31, Griffin 4-13 1-2 9, Ellington 4-11 0-0 11, R.Jackson 2-5 1-2 6, B.Brown 2-2 0-0 4, Kennard 8-16 2-2 21, I.Smith 8-10 2-2 19, Galloway 3-4 2-2 11, Maker 4-6 1-2 10, Robinson III 3-5 0-0 7, K.Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Calderon 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 50-93 17-22 131.

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 12-27 (Towns 3-6, Saric 2-3, Teague 2-3, Wiggins 2-5, Tolliver 2-6, Okogie 1-1, Bates-Diop 0-1, Reynolds 0-1, Rose 0-1), Detroit 14-33 (Calloway 3-3, Kennard 3-7, Ellington 3-9, Drummond 1-1, R.Jackson 1-2, Maker 1-2, Robinson III 1-2, I.Smith 1-2, K.Thomas 0-1, Griffin 0-4), Fouled out: Towns. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Saric 7), Detroit 49 (Drummond 15). Assists—Minnesota 25 (Teague 8), Detroit 29 (Griffin 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 22 (Towns 6), Detroit 19 (Drummond 5). A—15,240.
College men Results/schedule

Top 25 Tuesday, March 5 No. 4 Duke 71, Wake Forest 70 No. 9 Michigan State 91, Nebraska 76 No. 14 Florida State 73, No. 15 Virginia Tech 64, OT No. 19 Buffalo 82, Ohio 79 No. 3 North Carolina 79, Boston College 66 Minnesota 73, No. 11 Purdue 69 No. 5 Tennessee 71, Mississippi State 54 No. 6 Kentucky 80, Mississippi 76 Oklahoma 81, No. 13 Kansas 68 No. 17 Nevada 90, Air Force 79 Wednesday, March 6 Seton Hall 73, No. 16 Marquette 64 No. 10 Louisiana State 79, Florida 78 Thursday, March 7 No. 20 Cincinnati at No. 25 Central Florida, 6 p.m. Iowa at No. 21 Wisconsin, 6 p.m. Southern Methodist at No. 12 Houston, 8 p.m.
Big Ten Conference Tuesday, March 5 Michigan State 91, Nebraska 76 Minnesota 73, Purdue 69 Wednesday, March 6 Penn State 66, Rutgers 65 Northwestern 68, Ohio State 50 Thursday, March 7 Iowa at Wisconsin, 6 p.m. Indiana at Illinois, 7 p.m.

Summit League Tournament At Denny Sanford Premier Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. Saturday, March 9 1) No. 1 South Dakota State (24-7) vs. No. 8 Western Illinois (9-20), 6 p.m. 2) No. 2 Omaha (19-10) vs. No. 7 North Dakota (12-17), 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10 3) No. 4 North Dakota State (15-15) vs. No. 5 Oral Roberts (11-20), 6 p.m. 4) No. 3 Purdue-Fort Wayne (17-14) vs. No. 6 South Dakota (13-16), 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 5) Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m. 6) Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 Championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8 p.m.
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament Quarterfinals At Pentagon, Sioux Falls Sunday, March 3 Northern State 79, Sioux Falls 76 Winona State 80, Minnesota-Crookston 67 SW Minnesota State 75, Bemidji State 62 Wayne State 77, St. Cloud State 76 Semifinals At Pentagon, Sioux Falls Monday, March 4 Northern State 77, Winona State 76 SW Minnesota State 84, Wayne State 78 Championship At Pentagon, Sioux Falls Tuesday, March 5 Northern State 72, SW Minnesota State 68

College women Results/schedule Big Ten Conference Tournament At Indianapolis Wednesday, March 6 No. 13 Wisconsin 65, No. 12 Penn State 57 No. 11 Purdue 72, No. 14 Illinois 60 Thursday, March 7 3) No. 8 Northwestern vs. No. 9 Michigan State, 11 a.m. 4) No. 13 Wisconsin vs. No. 5 Ohio State, 2 p.m. 5) No. 7 Minnesota vs. No. 10 Indiana, 5:30 p.m. 6) No. 11 Purdue vs. No. 6 Nebraska, 8 p.m. Friday, March 8 7) Game 3 winner vs. No. 1 Maryland, 11 a.m. 8) Game 4 winner vs. No. 4 Michigan, 2 p.m. 9) Game 5 winner vs. No. 2 Iowa, 5:30 p.m. 10) Game 6 winner vs. No. 3 Rutgers, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Semifinals Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 4 p.m. Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10 Championship Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.
Summit League Tournament At Denny Sanford Premier Center, Sioux Falls, S.D. Saturday, March 9 1) No. 1 South Dakota State (23-6) vs. No. 8 Purdue-Fort Wayne (7-21), noon 2) No. 2 South Dakota (26-4) vs. No. 7 North Dakota State (7-21), 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10 3) No. 4 Oral Roberts (17-12) vs. No. 5 Western Illinois (12-17), noon ern Illinois (17-12) vs. No. 6 North Dakota (11-18), 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 5) Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, noon 6) Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 Championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 1 p.m.

Region 7 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Dickinson Trinity No. 1 Dickinson Trinity 54, No. 5 Hazen 35 No. 2 Beulah 55, No. 3 Glen Ullin-Hebron 37 Thursday, March 7 At Dickinson Trinity Third place: No. 5 Hazen (16-8) vs. No. 3 Glen Ullin-Hebron (18-5), 5 p.m. Championship: No. 1 Dickinson Trinity (18-5) vs. No. 2 Beulah (18-4), 6:30 p.m.
Region 8 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At New Town Powers Lake 56, Stanley 40 Mandaree 72, White Shield 62 Thursday, March 7 At New Town Stanley (16-8) vs. White Shield (17-6), 6 p.m. Championship: Powers Lake (19-5) vs. Mandaree (18-6), 7:30 p.m.

Region 9 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Dickinson Trinity No. 1 Maple Grove 68, No. 8 St. Cloud Tech 32 No. 4 St. Michael-Albertville 67, No. 5 Brainerd 63 No. 2 Buffalo 85, No. 7 Elk River 66 No. 3 Moorhead 71, No. 6 Rogers 59 Saturday, March 9 At St. Cloud State

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament Quarterfinals At Pentagon, Sioux Falls Saturday, March 2 Minnesota State Moorhead 72, Winona State 67 Sioux Falls 103, Wayne State 76 St. Cloud State 85, Bemidji State 57 Minnesota-Duluth 80, Augustana 72 Semifinals At Pentagon, Sioux Falls Monday, March 4 Minnesota State Moorhead 92, vs. Sioux Falls 67 Minnesota-Duluth 68, St. Cloud State 50 Championship At Pentagon, Sioux Falls Tuesday, March 5 Minnesota-Duluth 52, Minnesota State Moorhead 48
High school boys Poll Tournament results/schedule

North Dakota Class A State Tournament At Bismarck Event Center Thursday, March 7 1) Fargo Davies (22-2) vs. Bismarck Legacy (14-11), 2 p.m. 2) Mandan (16-8) vs. Grand Forks Red River (13-11), 4 p.m. 3) Jamestown (24-0) vs. Wahpeton (14-10), 6 p.m. 4) West Fargo (19-5) vs. Bismarck Century (16-8), 8 p.m. Friday, March 8 Consolation semifinals 5) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, noon 6) Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m. Championship semifinals 7) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6:30 p.m. 8) Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9 Fifth place: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 11:30 a.m. Third place: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 3:30 p.m. Championship: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 p.m.
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Class B Region 1 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At NDSU’s Scheels Center No. 1 Richland 74, No. 4 Fargo Oak Grove 62 No. 2 Kindred 47, No. 3 Central Cass 40 Thursday, March 7 At NDSU’s Scheels Center Third place: No. 4 Fargo Oak Grove (13-10) vs. No. 3 Central Cass (15-7), 6 p.m. Championship: No. 1 Richland (20-2) vs. No. 2 Kindred (20-2), 7:30 p.m.
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Region 2 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Betty Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks No. 1 Thompson 57, No. 5 Hatton-Northwood 43 No. 2 Hillsboro-Central Valley 58, No. 3 Grafton 44 Thursday, March 7 At Betty Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks Third place: No. 5 Hatton-Northwood (17-7) vs. No. 3 Grafton (18-5), 6 p.m. Championship: No. 1 Thompson (22-1) vs. No. 2 Hillsboro-Central Valley (20-3), 7:30 p.m.
Region 3 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Jamestown Civic Center Napoleon-GS 47, Edgeley-Kulm-Montpelier 46 Carrington 50, Kipper County 43 LaMoore-Litchville-Marion 65, Linton-HMB 40 Ellendale 61, Strasburg-Zeeland 48 Thursday, March 7 At Jamestown Civic Center 5) Napoleon-GS (14-9) vs. Carrington (15-8), 6 p.m. 6) LaMoore-Litchville-Marion (18-3) vs. Ellendale (13-10), 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 8 At Jamestown Civic Center Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m. Championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Region 4 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Devils Lake New Rockford-Sheyenne 53, Dunseith 48 Four Winds-Minnewaukan 66, St. John 56 Thursday, March 7 At Devils Lake Third place: Dunseith (17-6) vs. St. John (14-10), 6 p.m. Championship: New Rockford-Sheyenne (21-3) vs. Four Winds-Minnewaukan (20-3), 7:30 p.m.
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Region 5 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Bismarck Events Center New Salem-Almont 35, Underwood 34 Shiloh 68, Christian Flasher 35 Thursday, March 7 At Bismarck Events Center Third place: Underwood (12-12) vs. Flasher (17-5), 6 p.m. Championship: New Salem-Almont (16-8) vs. Shiloh Christian (20-3), 7:30 p.m.
Region 6 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Minot State Dome Minot Ryan 61, Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 52 Minot Our Redeemers 59, Rugby 58 Thursday, March 7 At Minot State Dome Third place: Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood (17-7) vs. Rugby (19-4), 6 p.m. Championship: Minot Ryan (21-3) vs. Minot Our Redeemers (12-12), 7:30 p.m.

Region 7 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 At Dickinson Trinity No. 1 Dickinson Trinity 54, No. 5 Hazen 35 No. 2 Beulah 55, No. 3 Glen Ullin-Hebron 37 Thursday, March 7 At Dickinson Trinity Third place: No. 5 Hazen (16-8) vs. No. 3 Glen Ullin-Hebron (18-5), 5 p.m. Championship: No. 1 Dickinson Trinity (18-5) vs. No. 2 Beulah (18-4), 6:30 p.m.
Region 8 Tournament Tuesday, March 5 <

House fire has Bison assistant basketball coach thankful for support

By Jeff Kolpack
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FARGO — At 6:59 on a recent Thursday night, Kyan Brown remembers, everything in life was great. He was on his way to his son’s basketball practice in West Fargo and the North Dakota State men’s basketball assistant coach was going to watch some Bison game tape later that night.

By 7:30 p.m., everything had changed.

A fire in the Brown home destroyed virtually everything the family owned and the subsequent days have been an exercise in a community coming to the aid of a family.

“I’ve been to a lot of places and I’ve never been through a tragedy like this,” said Brown, who lives in West Fargo, “but you see the good in people. This community is top-notch, first-rate in its support and love for us.”

The family — Kyan, his wife Suzanne and their three children — were not hurt. Suzanne, the first on the scene, got their two dogs safely out of the house. The cause was determined to be a stove that was left on.

Damages are estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000, Kyan Brown said. The Browns have insurance and the house will be rebuilt.

“The whole top floor is done,” he said. “We’re still



North Dakota State assistant men’s basketball coach Kyan Brown, right, confers with Bison head coach Dave Richman during NDSU’s game at Drake University this season.

going through the inventory on what we lost. We lost a lot because of smoke damage.”

The fire was on Feb. 21. That night, the family stayed at a friend’s house but have since moved into a hotel.

“There are moments you still catch yourself — did that

really happen?” Brown said. “You’re driving home and then you realize you’re driving to a hotel.”

Brown’s sister, Meghan, started a GoFundMe page for the family that was approaching \$10,000 on Wednesday. People have come from every-

where to offer gift cards, laundry services and emotional support. Fearing sleep deprivation would endanger his driving, NDSU deputy athletic director Todd Phelps drove Kyan around town following the fire.

This week, Brown has been out of state recruiting before

returning home to help the Bison prepare for the Summit League tournament. NDSU plays Oral Roberts at 6 p.m. Sunday in the first round. He’s trying to get life back to normal as much as he can.

“My dad raised me that it’s just stuff and you can replace stuff,” Brown said.

That being said, perhaps the most valuable item he lost was the newspaper clipping of his father’s obituary.

He first learned of the fire after Suzanne called him while he was at his son’s practice. She tried putting the fire out with a fire extinguisher before immediately dialing 9-1-1. Kyan got in his car, put on his flashers and maneuvered the streets as quickly as he could.

“I’m thinking in my head, maybe it’s just a fire in the kitchen, maybe it’s not that bad,” he said. “I get eight blocks away and I could smell smoke. Oh my God.”

Brown said the firefighters and police officers were first rate in handling the situation. Bison head coach Dave Richman also arrived on the scene.

“Since, my wife and I have had a wide range of emotions,” Brown said, “from tears of sadness to tears of joy. Everything.”

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MANSON

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that begins Thursday in Bismarck, does her best to impress other family members along with brother Ben and cousin Alivia. But in an audience that often includes two state-championship winning coaches, a former North Dakota Mr. Basketball and one of the most prolific shooters in the history of North Dakota State men’s basketball, compliments are only given when they’ve been earned.

It’s been this way for as long as Maggie can remember.

The daughter of two former college basketball players, Maggie expressed interest in following in the footsteps of her parents at a young age. Knowing what it took to get to that level, Ross and Rochelle Manson implemented a difficult, shortcut-free workout regimen that occasionally pushed young Maggie’s love of the game to the brink.

“Every day I had to do 30 minutes of ball-handling and make 500 shots before I could hang out with my friends,” Maggie says. “I would get frustrated a bit.”

Though Ross understood that frustration, he knew exactly what he was doing, having gone through a similar process with his father Gene, one of the most decorated high school coaches in North Dakota history.

“I had the privilege of going to the gym with my dad when he was coaching at Minot at a very young age,” Ross said. “It’d be ‘Make 100 shots going to your left with two dribbles’ or different drills like that. Do this drill from a ball-handling perspective. We loved to be in the gym to do those things.”

Soon, Maggie did as well.

“It just became routine,” she said. “I’d wake up and be excited to get going right away in the morning. It became something I ended up loving.”

Soon, like several family members before her, that love was taken on the road.

For Ross and brothers Bart and Brian, summer vacation plans always centered around basketball. Not content to merely participate in local events, the family went all over the country, participating in camps.

“It’s been what we’ve done since we’ve been little kids,” said Bart, now the head coach of a Fargo Davies boys basketball team that will play in the Class A state tournament this week in Bismarck. “That’s what my mom and dad did. They planned their vacations around us going to camps.”

Since seventh grade, Maggie has also spent a good portion of her summers competing in out-of-state events, traveling for tournaments in Illinois, Nevada, Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin among other

Sheyenne’s Manson one of three up for Miss Basketball award

MAYVILLE, N.D. - Three finalists have been chosen for the North Dakota Miss Basketball award.

Seniors Lilly Keplin from Bismarck Century, West Fargo Sheyenne’s Maggie Manson and Mandan’s Megan Zander have been nominated by the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. The award will be announced after the Class A girls state championship game on Saturday, March 9, at the Bismarck Event Center.

Keplin, a first team all-state player last season, helped lead Century to the West Region title. Her 21 points per game placed her at the top of the WDA in the regular season. She also recorded six rebounds and two assists per game.

Manson, the all-time leading scorer at Sheyenne, was named East Region senior athlete of the year. Named an all-state first team player last year, she averaged 15.3 points, 2 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and two steals per game.

Zander averaged 19.1 points, 11.3 rebounds, and three steals. The East Region senior athlete of the year is a two-time first team all-state honoree.

All three Class A seniors have committed to play basketball at the University of North Dakota.

CLASS A GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT

At Bismarck
Thursday’s opening round
(Streamed live on inforum.com)

Devils Lake vs. Williston, 1 p.m.

Mandan vs. West Fargo
Sheyenne, 3 p.m.

Bismarck Century vs. Grand
Forks Red River, 5 p.m.

Fargo Shanley vs. Bismarck
Legacy, 7 p.m.

track at North Dakota State from 1939-41.

It has spread significantly since. Gene played two years of baseball and basketball at Mayville State, and all three of his sons played college basketball.

A 1,000-point scorer at NDSU from 1990-94, Ross is fifth in school history with 213 made 3-pointers. After two years at NDSU, Bart transferred to Minot State in 1993. In his two seasons with the Beavers, he scored 590 and 607 points, the two most prolific scoring seasons in program history at the time.

Following his 1994 graduation from Minot, Brian followed Bart to Minot State.

Maggie’s athletic genes don’t come exclusively from her paternal side. Mother Rochelle played basketball for three years at Minnesota State Moorhead before transferring to NDSU her senior year, where she met her future husband.

And now, with high school nearing its end, Maggie will not only carry on the family’s collegiate tradition playing at the University of North Dakota.

While there was some thought that she might follow her dad’s path to NDSU, one member of the family believes she’ll benefit greatly from carving out her own niche.

“With her dad playing there and Bart playing there, it’s maybe good for her to get out of town,” Gene said. “Maybe that’s good she decided (UND) was the place for her.”

Maggie knows she has a great chance to add to what has already been an exciting new chapter in the family’s athletic history.

“It’s really cool to think I come from such a basketball family and that I get to be a part of that,” she said. “It’s something we all have in common when my cousins and my brother and I (get together). We all know the game and love the game. It’s just really exciting to be a part of that.”

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The Jamestown High School boys basketball team practices Monday at the Harold Newman Arena. The WDA champions will play 6 p.m. Thursday at the North Dakota Class A state tournament in Bismarck.

JAMESTOWN

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76-62 in the semifinals. The Blue Jays lost to Bismarck Century in the region championship.

“We’ve been losing to some of those Bismarck teams since third grade,” senior Carter Moser said. “Now we’re finally playing together and better basketball.”

Nine of Jamestown’s rostered players were at state last year, including long-time senior role player Noah Wegenast. The Blue Jays lost to West Fargo in overtime, 85-81, at state and to St. Mary’s 77-68 the next day.

“We didn’t want to do that again , so we worked hard and got better,” Wegenast said. “We’re feeling pretty good, but you never know what will happen. We just have to work our hardest and see what happens.”

Jamestown kept the 2018 postseason momentum going into this season with 24 straight victories. The Blue Jays became the top-ranked team in the state on Jan. 16 and have held onto the spot ever since.

“Last year we were just happy to be (at state),” Lloyd said. “This year they have a more determined attitude about what our goal is and came in with a more focused mentality for sure.”

Boden Skunberg has also accomplished three milestones for the Blue Jays during the run. The junior scored a career-high 49 points Dec. 15 against Turtle Mountain, surpassed 1,000 career points against Dickinson on Feb. 2 and broke the single-season school scoring record of 544 points on Feb. 28 against the Midgets.

Senior Mason Walters, a University of Jamestown men’s basketball commit, has been half of the dynamic duo along with Skunberg. The 6-foot-7 center has averaged 21.5 points per game and 11.2 boards.

The rest of the Blue Jays’ nine-man rotation have all played certain roles on the team. Dawson Douty (defense), Ryder

CLASS A BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT

At Bismarck
Thursday’s opening round
(Televised on WDAY-Xtra)

Fargo Davies vs. Bismarck Legacy,
2 p.m.

Mandan vs. Grand Forks Red River,
4 p.m.

Jamestown vs. Wahpeton, 6 p.m.

West Fargo vs. Bismarck Century,
8 p.m.

Lunzman (shooter) and Jared Kallenbach (leader/point guard) have started alongside Walters and Skunberg. Jacob Hilgemann, Carson Lamp, Wegenast and Carter Moser have all played significant minutes off the bench.

“We have a lot of people step up all year that aren’t maybe Mason or Boden,” Lloyd said. “Other people have stepped up and made plays for us to win.”

Jamestown will open state tournament play against Wahpeton (14-10). West Fargo (19-5) and defending Class A state champions Bismarck Century (16-8) are in the other half of Jamestown’s bracket. No. 2-ranked Fargo Davies vs. Bismarck Legacy (13-12) and Mandan (16-8) vs. Grand Forks Red River (13-11) are the other quarterfinal matchups.

“I think everybody is going to be surprised from a standpoint of how good at basketball they are,” Lloyd said of the EDC. “They’re high-scoring, good defensively and great athletes. Everybody that comes to the event center will see four good EDC basketball teams.”

With the larger stage of state, Lloyd said the key this weekend is for the Blue Jays to stay in the moment and stay locked in on every possession.

“We have to stay in the moment of being locked in on every possession,” Lloyd said. “Offensively we have to value the basketball and win the turnover battle, obviously. We have to make the easy plays, not the fancy plays.”

Mitchell Johnson is a reporter for the Jamestown Sun

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‘Everyone doubted us against the No. 1’

Former Moorhead hockey players relive all the stories from the 2009 win over Edina

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Moorhead
Blake Kostich hasn’t skated or shot a puck since playing as a defenseman for Moorhead High School’s boys hockey team in the 2009 Minnesota state championship against Eden Prairie. He feels as though he had nothing else to give to hockey after that game, a 3-0 loss for the Spuds.

Though Kostich will remember that tournament for the loss to Eden Prairie, the seventh of eight runner-up finishes for Moorhead, most remember that tournament for Moorhead beating top-seeded Edina in the quarterfinals.

Kostich is now a 28-year-old elevator and escalator salesman in Minneapolis. Because of his profession, he loves to respond, “It has its ups and downs,” when asked how life is going. Kostich has never thought about the 2009 tournament more than he has in the last couple of days. Saturday, it was announced the current Moorhead team will open the Class 2A tournament at 6 p.m. Thursday at Xcel Energy Center against top-seeded Edina.

When the matchups were announced, Kostich sent a text message to Terry Horan, the father of current Moorhead winger Thomas Horan. Terry coached Kostich on the Concordia football team and Thomas grew up watching Kostich play hockey and football. Thomas even received Kostich’s hockey equipment when Kostich outgrew it.

“Ten years ago today everyone doubted us against the No. 1 seed Edina,” Kostich wrote in the text. “We kicked the living (expletive) out of them for three periods to create one of the biggest upsets in state hockey history. Enjoy the week. It goes by fast. Wish Tommy the best of luck.”

In 2009, it was an Edina team that had outscored opponents 127-47. It was an Edina team with current NHL forward Anders Lee. It was an Edina team that had beaten Moorhead 3-0 in the regular season. Moorhead head coach Dave Morinville said the Hornets “toyed” with the Spuds in that 3-0 loss. Despite what most thought, Sports Illustrated did not send a writer to write about Edina. He was there to write about the tournament, but his presence still added to the allure of this Edina team.

Five minutes into that quarterfinal game, Kostich didn’t care what Edina team it was.

“Screw these guys,” Kostich remembers thinking in the early minutes of that game.



Photo courtesy of Derek Montgomery Photography
Moorhead’s Alex Altenbernd celebrates his second-period goal that put the Spuds up 3-1 against Edina in the 2009 Minnesota state boys hockey tournament at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

“We can play with them.”

It was a Moorhead team that had an eight-game losing streak during the season. The worst losing streak since is five games. It was a Moorhead team with just one Division I hockey player and he was backup goalie Michael Bitzer. It was a Moorhead team in which senior captain Alex Altenbernd had missed the previous month with mononucleosis and his first game back was against Edina.

“I told our team if that game is still close by the time you get into the third period, you’ll probably have 17,000 cheering for Moorhead and 1,000 cheering for Edina,” Morinville said. “It’s not so much they love you guys, they just want Edina to lose.”

Kostich remembers when the pairings came out people telling him to just try to keep it close. Former forward Jordan Doschadis admitted, in the back of his mind, it was impossible to avoid the thoughts of possibly getting embarrassed on the big stage.

There’s a banquet the night before the tournament starts. Kostich saw Edina’s confidence.

“They were so overconfident,” Kostich said. “We were just like, ‘Hey, we know you’re better than us, but we don’t care. It’s been our childhood dream to be here too. We deserve it just as much as you do and you have to go through us.’”

Former Moorhead forward Kyle Kraemer’s favorite story from the game is at breakfast the morning of. According to Kraemer, the Moorhead players were sitting in a banquet room in T-shirts and shorts with their hair not

exactly in place waiting for food.

“We just rolled out of bed,” Kraemer said.

The Spuds were waiting for breakfast when Edina walked in single file all wearing tracksuits with their coaches. Each team has their own room for breakfast. Moorhead coaches weren’t there at the time to point the Spuds in the right direction.

“We were apparently in their breakfast room,” Kraemer said. “They kicked us out. We were like, ‘That’s it. Screw these guys. We can do this.’”

There was a lounge for players in the tunnel of Xcel Energy Center where Bauer Hockey, a manufacturer of hockey equipment, has couches, video games and equipment for players to try. Moorhead players saw Edina players in the lounge playing video games before the game.

“They were all cracking jokes,” Kraemer said. “Seeing the vibe beforehand it pisses you off as a player. It also gave us more confidence.”

When Edina scored the first goal with less than five minutes remaining in the first, Morinville admits to saying to himself, “Oh, no. Here we go.” It was an Edina miss that changed Morinville’s thinking. Lee came flying down the ice, beating everyone, but he didn’t go in front of Moorhead goalie Logan Marks and pound it in. He went around and hit the outside of the post and it went out.

“You’d think a guy that big and strong would’ve driven the puck through the guy,” Morinville said. “That was a break. The only break we

didn’t get was on that first goal that was from the blue line. Marksy was screened and that puck had eyes.”

The Spuds scored in the final minute of the first and two goals separated by 51 seconds in the second to take a 3-1 lead into the third. Morinville told current Moorhead head coach Jon Ammerman that the Xcel Energy Center really fills up for in the second and third period of the 6 p.m. game.

“They’re there to watch the 8 p.m. game, but they’ll be cheering for you for two periods,” Morinville said. “When Alex (Altenbernd) scored the power-play goal (that made it 3-1) the roof just blew off the building. Then, you start feeding off the crowd.”

Edina would cut the lead to 3-2 less than four minutes into the third, but Trent Johnson and Tyler Larson would each score their second goals of the game 40 seconds apart to push the lead to 5-2 with 4 minutes, 34 seconds remaining in the third.

“There’s just so many different emotions,” Johnson said. “We had a lot of guys who were seniors. You look back and there’s so much stuff going on, you don’t really think of anything at the time. It was a big moment.”

The plan for Morinville was to make the game a track meet. He used 11 forwards, knowing Edina would rely heavily on its top line. Kostich said Moorhead’s practice the Monday before the game was the toughest skate they ever had. Morinville said Edina head coach Curt Giles talked to him at a banquet later and told Morinville his philosophy

changed with coaching after that game.

Giles, still Edina’s head coach, could not be reached for comment.

“You learn through the process what it takes to compete — how many players it takes and what types of players,” Giles said in a recent Star Tribune story.

After the game, Morinville ran into current Fargo Force coach Cary Eades and former Fargo Force coach John Marks, who is the father of Moorhead goalie Logan Marks, who had 30 saves in the game.

“We were just looking at each other like, ‘Do you believe this really happened?’” Morinville said. “That’s the beauty of the state tournament. A lot of crazy things can happen.”

After winning, Moorhead went into the crowd to watch the second game. Players said people were staring at them wondering how they beat Edina.

The Spuds went for breakfast at a small place a block away from the Radisson they were staying at the morning of the state championship game. When Morinville went to pay the check, he found someone had already paid it. Morinville believes someone paid because his team was so polite at breakfast. Altenbernd is convinced it was because they beat Edina.

Kraemer works at Discovery Benefits in Fargo. He will watch Thursday’s game on his computer and drive down Friday if Moorhead beats Edina. Johnson works at a health care company in Fargo. He plans to follow the game and see the final score.

Altenbernd, who works in finance in the Twin Cities, and Kostich are going to the game with a couple others from the 2009 team. Doschadis, who had three assists against Edina, is thinking about paying the \$400 to fly in from Boston, where he’s a sale representative, to watch Thursday’s game.

Doschadis and Kraemer were youth coaches for the juniors and seniors on the current Moorhead team. They used to use 2009 as an example to never care what seed you’re given in a tournament.

Those juniors and seniors are now unseeded and playing top-seed Edina in the state quarterfinals.

“We used to tell them it doesn’t matter who you’re playing against, just play your game and play Moorhead hockey,” Doschadis said. “We told them eventually you want to get in the state tournament and have these moments to talk about years down the road. It’s kind of fitting this is the game they have.”

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GRAMER

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“Ever since I was younger, he and I would go out there and skate and work on different moves or we play 1-on-1,” Gramer said about his dad. “It’s one of the best things.”

Gramer comes home from hockey practice to find his dad skating in the backyard with his younger brothers. His dad is Rob Gramer, who is a 1994 Moorhead graduate. He played in the Minnesota state tournament three times, twice making it to the state championship.

Luke Gramer will play in his first state tournament in the Class 2A quarterfinals against top-seeded Edina at 6 p.m. Thursday at Xcel Energy Center. He wears No. 3 just as dad did.

“He pushes me the most and supports me through everything and tries to help me out when I need

it,” Luke said.

Rob said he always loved skating outside as a kid, so that’s why he built the rink in the backyard when Gramer was 4 and continues to do it every winter. Rob said Luke began to think of a future in hockey around the age of 9. That’s when he began seeing him spending a lot of time in the garage and on the ice.

“He began viewing himself as a hockey player outside of the neighborhood,” Rob said. “He recognized there’s a bigger world and he was driven to get there. He’s done a lot of work.”

Luke committed to play hockey for Northern Michigan last August. He had offers from Bemidji State, Michigan Tech and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, but went with Northern Michigan because of former Minnesota assistant coach Grant Potulny and former Fargo Force associate head coach Byron Pool being on

the coaching staff.

“They just kind of coach the style of play that fits me the best,” Luke said. “I’m a puck possession guy. I like to make plays and have the puck on my stick. That’s how they like to play up there.”

Gramer played 28 games as a sophomore for Moorhead and Thursday will be his 29th game as a junior. He had 13 points as a sophomore and currently has 29 points as a junior.

“He moves the puck extremely well,” Moorhead captain Kyler Kleven said. “When he gets the puck he just takes over the game every single time. He’s great to have on the back end for us.”

There’s more to Luke defensively than the points.

“I think the biggest thing that has grown from this year to last is his ability to defend,” Moorhead coach Jon Ammerman said. “He’s a much better skater this year, gets around the



David Samson / The Forum
Moorhead’s Luke Gramer carries the puck during play against Duluth East in January.

ice better. He’s made a point to defend better. Defending is really tough because it’s not sexy, it’s not something that people really talk about. It’s not

something that people acknowledge and he’s doing a lot of those things that maybe people don’t notice.”

Luke plans to practice

with Dubuque in the United States Hockey League after his high school season. He also is hoping to play with Dubuque next season before and after his senior season with Moorhead.

Rob said it’s cool each time he sees Luke skate onto the ice with a No. 3 Moorhead jersey.

“It’s really neat that he chose that number, but it’s really important he has his own experience,” Rob said. “It’s fun to have your son playing and wearing the same number and now getting to experience the state tournament.”

If Luke returns with a state championship, it will be an experience no Moorhead hockey player has ever had.

“It was a pat on the back to make the section final and prove people wrong,” Luke said. “We’re looking forward to doing it more.”

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22 / 15

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Wind (mph): S 5-15 mph

Saturday

31 / 24

Snow developing. Becoming breezy.

Wind (mph): NE 10-20 mph

Sunday

26 / 7

Snow. Becoming windy with blowing snow possible.

Monday

24 / 3

Sunny.

Tuesday

30 / 25

Cloudy.

Wednesday

34 / 30

Cloudy. Chance of snow.

Which streak is it?

WEATHER TALK

Two separate reports regarding our streak of consecutive days of freezing weather may be leaving some people confused.

Sometimes, the streak is given as the number of consecutive days below 32 degrees and sometimes as the number of consecutive days at or below 32 degrees.

In either case, the record is 86 days set back in 1965. But the runners up become jumbled due to some of the streaks having a 32-degree day stuck in there somewhere.

As of today, the current streak of days at 32 degrees or below stands at 59 and is in ninth place, while the streak of days below 32 (also at 59 days) is in sixth place. This brings up the deeper question of which is the more appropriate streak to be considering. Without consideration of air pressure, air density, solar radiation, thermometer location, the threshold of freezing and melting water is 32 degrees. So is staying below 32 or not going above 32 more significant? The bottom line here is that weather records are trivial.

— John Wheeler

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Statistics through 6 p.m. Yesterday

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Yesterday

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-7

Normal

31

15

Record

66 in 2016

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Yesterday's

Trace

Month to date

1.2"

Normal month to date

2.2"

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Normal season to date

40.2"

Red River

Level 7 p.m. Yesterday

14.48'

Flood Stage 18', Moderate Flood Stage 25', Major Flood Stage 30'

Sun and Moon

Today

6:55 a.m.

6:21 p.m.

Friday

6:54 a.m.

6:22 p.m.

Saturday

6:52 a.m.

6:24 p.m.

Moonrise

Moonset

Today

7:45 a.m.

7:27 p.m.

Friday

8:08 a.m.

8:30 p.m.

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

9:34 p.m.

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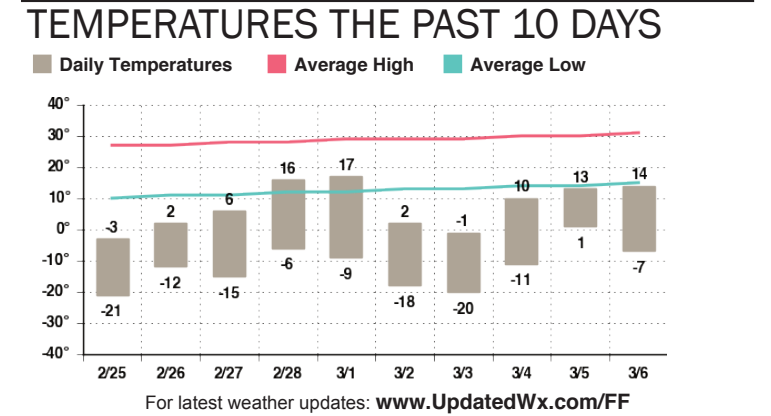
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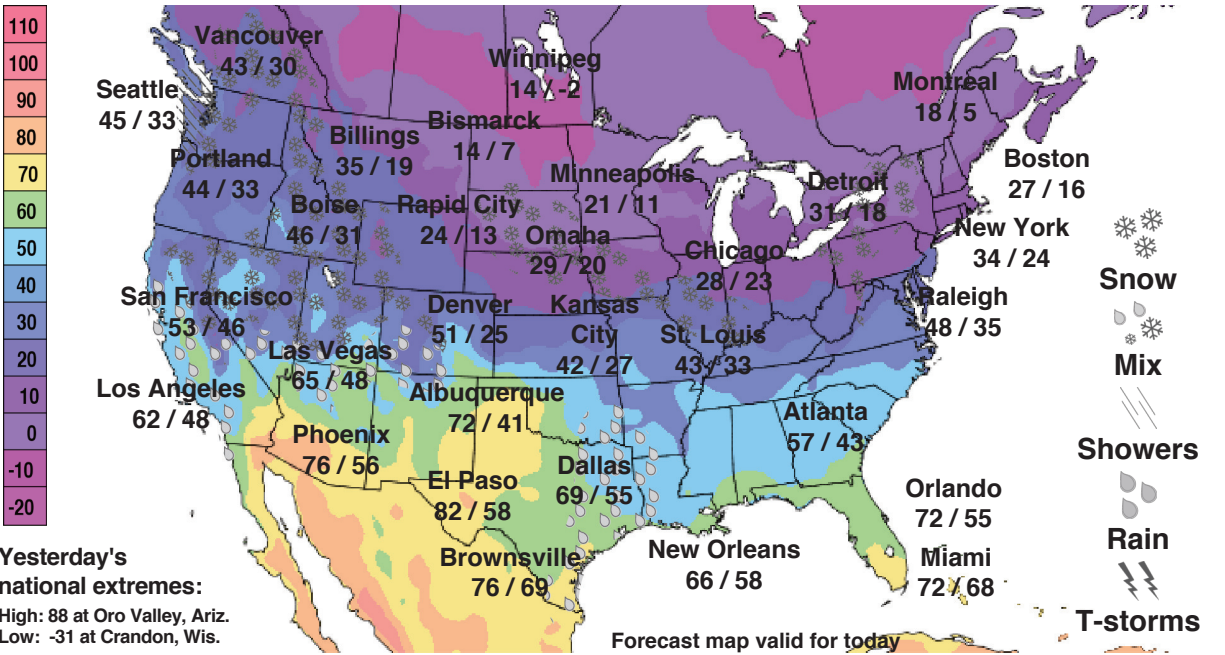
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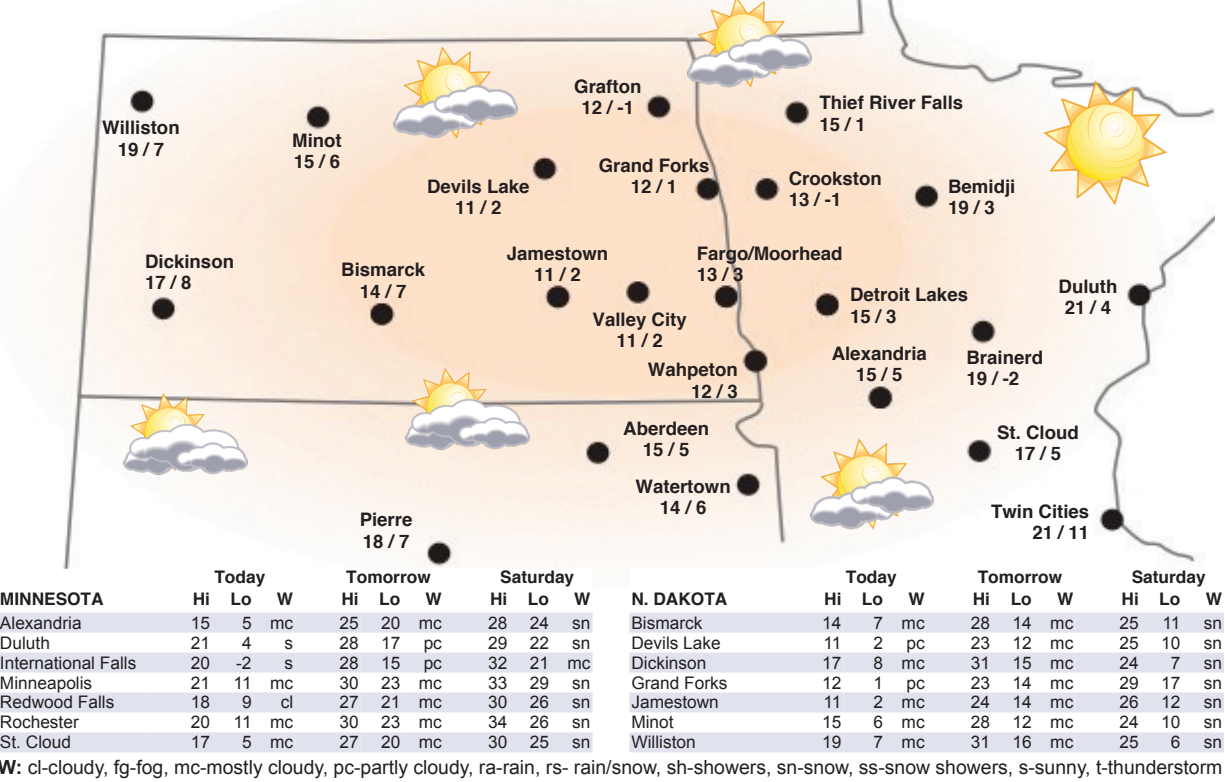
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TODAY'S NATIONAL WEATHER



TODAY'S REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



Entz pulls back a layer of his personality during D.C. trip

Washington, D.C.

The fans at Kansas State have taken an immediate liking to their new head football coach. Perhaps it's the awe-shucks humble demeanor of Chris Klieman, a trait that seemingly will work in a mid-sized town in a state that has a lot of rural to it.

Kansas is a lot like North Dakota in that regard. Maybe it was that "win the dang day" saying. Whatever the case, wherever he spoke, Klieman has been warmly received by Wildcat fans.

It's no accident. The guy is a good speaker, something that he wasn't when North Dakota State named him the head coach in 2014. Klieman quickly learned that talking to players in a locker room is vastly different than talking to boosters with big pockets.

He did it by being himself while adding some spice of voice inflection and rate of speech.

It doesn't hurt to throw in a dramatic pause once in a while.

Matt Entz is already figuring this speech thing out.

He was named the Bison head coach in December, but took over full time when Klieman left after the FCS national title game in Frisco, Texas. Like Klieman in 2014,

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Entz's wheelhouse was preaching to players in a locker room, a meeting room or on the sideline.

Now, like it or not, he's the face of the program. He's the guy who has to be one of the closers to a Daddy Warbucks getting ready to write a big check.

Entz was put to the ultimate speech test on Monday when the Bison visited the White House. He got caught off guard when President Donald Trump called him to the podium to say a few words. And when the president calls, you better figure out something to say. Fast.

"I was unprepared for that moment," Entz said. "But I need to be ready to speak at all times. Did I ever think in my wildest dreams at NDSU or anywhere else that I would be speaking in the East Wing of the White House? Probably not."

He delivered a few basic thank-you words that worked for the occasion.



Special to The Forum
North Dakota State head football coach Matt Entz, second from right, was asked by President Donald Trump to say a few words during NDSU's visit to the White House last Monday.

Later in the day, when Entz spoke at a luncheon hosted by North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven at the U.S. Capitol, we caught a glimpse that Entz will not be afraid to show his true emotions in front of people.

He had more time to prepare for this one. Granted, being called to talk in front of a room consisting mostly of his players is different than looking Trump in the eye and turning to the national television cameras in the White House. But the Capitol is a big stage nonetheless.

Entz asked the Bison seniors to stand up. His voice cracked with emotion when talking about how he wouldn't be the Bison head coach if it weren't for those players, whose last game was NDSU's seventh FCS title in eight years.

"I think the world of the kids, they know I love them to death," Entz said later in the day.

I'm not suggesting that you need to cry in front of people to be a good head coach. It's

a formula that's worked at NDSU, however, a human trait that connects to people in the Midwest. Maybe former athletic director Gene Taylor or former men's basketball coach Tim Miles started it. Taylor would cry at a touching commercial.

Klieman nearly broke down every time he mentioned a family member, especially after games.

"I think that's something Chris Klieman taught me," Entz said. "It's OK to love your players and love your coaches. You're probably better because of it if you do."

Coaching football is an emotionally-charged business. It doesn't matter if the head coach is more like stoic Craig Bohl, but hearing a voice crack sure does make him more interesting to fans. For whatever reason, it just connects with people.

On Monday, Entz pulled back a layer of his personality and revealed he's going to be more like Chris Klieman in that regard. It's probably a good script to follow.

After winning a lot of dang games, of course.

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BRIDGE

Overberried

When I watched today's deal in a penny game, South was the notorious Joe Overberry, who thinks it's nobler to go down in pursuit of overtricks than to make his bid. That gratifies his opponents and drives his partners to drink.

At four hearts (a red-suit slam would have been a fair spot), Joe took the ace of clubs, cashed the king of trumps and led to his jack. West won to continue clubs, and Joe ruffed and took the ace of trumps.

TROUBLE

When East discarded, Joe was in trouble. He led a spade to dummy and let the jack of diamonds ride, but West won and led a third club, forcing out Joe's last trump. Joe led high diamonds, but when West ruffed, he cashed two clubs for down two, and North left for the bar.

To make what he bid, Joe takes the K-A of trumps, disdaining a finesse. He

leads a spade to dummy and loses the diamond finesse. West can force with a club, but then Joe runs the diamonds. He loses a diamond and two trumps but keeps control. He is sure of 10 winners.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K 7 6 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ J 4 ♣ A 6 4 2. Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade and he jumps to three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner has six or seven good hearts and 16 or so high-card points. Slam is all but certain, and a grand slam is likely; partner might hold Q 4, A Q J 10 7 3, A 3 2, K 5. Cue-bid four clubs. If you hear four diamonds from him next, continue with a cue bid of four spades, planning to encourage a contract of seven hearts.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

SUDOKU

Yesterday's answer

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

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

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★