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Brock Spack's Illinois State football team comes to the Fargodome this week with a 5-1 overall record and a national ranking as high as No. 7.

NEW VOICES

Offseason coaching changes appear to have helped Illinois State

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Fargo

The 2014 season was historic for the Illinois State football team. It came within 1 minute, 1 second of being really historic.

That's how long it took North Dakota State quarterback Carson Wentz to lead a last-minute drive that defeated the Redbirds 29-27 in the NCAA Division I FCS national title game in Frisco, Texas. ISU followed that with a 10-3 record in 2015. But the ensuing 6-6 and 6-5 seasons didn't measure up to the standard head coach Brock Spack set for the program, so he did something about it.

He made wholesale changes in his coaching staff.

"It was mutually beneficial," said Randy Reinhardt, who covers Illinois State football for The Pantagraph newspaper in Bloomington, Ill. "I think they got a little too familiar with each other after all these years."

The results appear to be working. The Redbirds are 5-1

UP NEXT

- **Who:** Illinois State at North Dakota State
- **When:** 2:30 p.m. Saturday
- **Where:** Gate City Bank Field at the Fargodome
- **TV:** KVLV
- **Radio:** 1660-AM, 107.9-FM, 92.7-FM

overall and 2-1 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference heading into Saturday's showdown against No. 1-ranked North Dakota State at Gate City Bank Field at the Fargodome. ISU is ranked seventh in the FCS top 25 coaches poll in a season highlighted by a win at FBS Colorado State.

"I think it's pretty obvious, our mindset and mentality around the building and on the field are a lot more positive," Spack said. "I think these guys have done a great job focusing on us and not the personal stuff. It's about us and we've got the players in that same

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Brock Spack's Illinois State football team claimed a 35-19 win at Colorado State earlier this season.

Despite drama, T-Wolves believe they can be good

By Jace Frederick
St. Paul Pioneer Press

A happy group of Timberwolves stars — from left is Andrew Wiggins, Karl-Anthony Towns and Jimmy Butler — clown around during last season's media day. Butler wasn't with the team for this season's media day and has requested a trade.

MINNEAPOLIS — An offseason filled with discontent, a massive contract extension and a high-profile, hyper-pub-

lic trade request officially comes to an end for the Timberwolves on Wednesday night, Oct. 17, when they open the 2018-19 season in San Antonio.

And Jimmy Butler is slated to be there for it.

Minnesota ended a playoff drought last spring that weighed the franchise down for the better part of 14 years, but the Wolves are saddled with so much more baggage this fall. This drama doesn't figure

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Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins huddles with teammates before going out for pregame warmups before the game against the Philadelphia Eagles at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia on Oct. 7.

The perfect pregame speech, featuring Vikings QB Cousins

By Dane Mizutani
St. Paul Pioneer Press

EAGAN, Minn. — To the shock of most of his teammates, Kirk Cousins barreled into the pregame huddle a couple of weeks ago with the Vikings ready to run onto the field for kickoff against the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm changing it up today!" Cousins screamed. "I've got it, guys!"

With everyone's eyes fixated on him, the 30-year-old quarterback ripped off his helmet, fixed his hair, and dove

headfirst into a passionate 30-second sermon. The son of a preacher, he mixed fire and fury with a few choice words (sorry, Dad) following his grand entrance.

"We talked all week about finishing!" Cousins hollered as his pregame speech built toward a crescendo. "Finish every block! Finish every tackle! Finish every play! Finish the damn game!"

That got the Vikings pumped and headed

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toward a rousing 23-21 victory over the reigning Super Bowl champions. They didn't look anything like the team that lost its previous two games.

Coincidence?

Well, nose tackle Linval Joseph, who is more or less in charge of the Vikings' pregame speechifying, wasn't ready to mess with the juju. Instead, he implored Cousins to take the mic again before last week's game against the Arizona Cardinals.

"He told me on the flight back, he said, 'You got it next week,'" Cousins recalled, noting he quickly obliged. "In pregame he looked at me and pointed. That was enough for me to know I better bring it. I gave him the thumbs up."

Once again, Cousins managed to set the Vikings ablaze, this time turning his focus to the defense.

"I've been a rookie quarterback before," Cousins said, referring to Cardinals signal-caller Josh Rosen. "You can suffocate him! Make his life miserable! All game long! Get us the ball back!"

At that point, it seems, Cousins could have started speaking in tongues and it wouldn't have mattered. He was preaching to the choir. He closed sermon with an ode to legendary wrestler Dan Gable.

"I shoot, I score!" Cousins shouted, imploring his teammates to join in. "You shoot, I score!"

What followed was another stellar performance from the Vikings (3-2-1), who beat the Cardinals 27-17.

For those keeping track at home, that means the Vikings are 2-0 when Cousins gives a pregame speech. Not bad for a guy who refers to himself as "a reluctant leader" when it comes to being a vocal presence.

Maybe that's what has made the pregame speeches so effective.

"Well, a guy like Kirk he doesn't really say much, so when he gets in there, he gives us that juice," safety Jayron Kearse said. "It's like, 'Dang. This is Kirk saying this.' It's different from when a guy like Everson Griffen is saying it because he's always juiced up. It's different when it comes from a guy like Kirk because he usually doesn't say much."

While some players, including Kearse, have been surprised by Cousins' recent outbursts, left guard Tom Compton has come to expect them from one of his best friends.

"That's just Kirk," Compton said with a laugh. "He gets fired up. I've seen it before. That's just how he is on game day. He's always ready to go. He's got really good energy, and when a guy has that, he can say pretty much anything to get the guys going."

It raises the question: What is more important in a pregame speech, the words or the energy?

"Just as long as it's from the heart," receiver Laquon Treadwell said. "It has to be real. You have to feel the truth behind it. There's some guys that just got through the motions up there and say whatever. If it's from the heart, we can feel it. That's what he does a good job of. He just speaks from the heart and says what's on his mind at the time."

"It's a healthy combination of both," defensive end Stephen Weatherly added. "Sometimes guys have too much passion and their words get lost. Other times guys have the right words and not the right gusto. He has a great balance of both."

Since becoming the face of the franchise after signing a three-year, \$84 million contract in the offseason, Cousins has been navigating the best ways to lead from his new role. He praised the team for handing him the keys right away and giving him a license to lead.

lation and two, 10-minute overtime periods.

St. Michael-Albertville won the shootout 5-4 and advanced to the state tournament.

Goalie Emily Soukup recorded 28 saves for the Spuds. Entering the match, Moorhead had five consecutive shutouts.

The Spuds finished the season 15-4, tying 2004's 15-3-1 season for the most wins in program history.

Field Level Media

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

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

Bradley capped a nightmarish outing for Astros closer Roberto Osuna, who made his series debut and his first appearance in 10 days. Osuna was at first undone by bad luck, with Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts reaching on a swinging bunt with one

out before Rafael Devers added a single with two outs on an 0-2 count.

Osuna, who entered seeking to keep the deficit at 3-2, then grazed pinch hitter Brock Holt on the left foot with a 1-2 pitch to load the bases.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Bradley, Red Sox slam Astros

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Professional
Schedule/results
Major League Baseball Playoffs
League championship series
Friday, Oct. 12
Milwaukee 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 5
Saturday, Oct. 13
Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 3
Houston 7, Boston 2
Sunday, Oct. 14
Boston 7, Houston 5
Monday, Oct. 15
Milwaukee 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 0
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Milwaukee at Los Angeles Dodgers
Boston 8, Houston 2
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Milwaukee at Los Angeles Dodgers, 4:05 p.m., if necessary (FS1)
Boston at Houston, 7:39 p.m. (TBS)
Thursday, Oct. 18
Boston at Houston, 7:09, if necessary (TBS)
Friday, Oct. 19
Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee, 7:39, if necessary (FS1)
Saturday, Oct. 20
Houston at Boston, 4:09, if necessary (TBS)
Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee, 8:09, if necessary (FS1)
Sunday, Oct. 21
Houston at Boston, 6:39, if necessary (TBS)

Tuesday's result

Boston 8, Houston 2									
BOS	ab	r	h	b	HOU	ab	r	h	b
Betts rf	5	1	1	0	Springer cf	5	0	1	0
Brentntr lf	5	1	2	0	Altuve dh	3	2	2	0
Martinez dh	4	0	1	1	Bregman 3b	3	0	2	1
Bogarts ss	4	0	1	1	Gurriel 1b	3	0	0	0
Pearce 1b	4	2	1	1	Gonzalez 2b	4	0	1	1
Nunez 3b	2	0	1	0	Reddick rf	4	0	0	0
Devers pr	1	1	0	0	Correa ss	4	0	1	0
Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0	McCann c	3	0	0	0
Holt ph	0	1	0	0	White ph	1	0	0	0
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	Kemp lf	3	0	0	0
Morland ph	0	0	0	1	Gattis ph	1	0	0	0
Leon pr	0	1	0	0					
BrdlyJr cf	4	1	1	4					
Totals	35	8	9	8	Totals	34	2	7	2
Boston	200 001 050 — 8								
Houston	100 010 000 — 2								
LOB—Houston 8, Boston 5. 2B—Bregman (2). JD.Martinez (1). HR—Bradley Jr. (1), Pearce (1).									

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Evoadli W, 2-0	6	6	2	2	2	4
Brasier H, 3-0	1	1	0	0	0	1
M.Barnes	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
J.Kelly	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
E.Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Keuchel	5	4	2	2	2	0
J.Smith L, 0-1	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Sipp	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Pressly	1	0	0	0	0	2
R.Osuna	2-3	3	5	5	0	0
McHugh	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
H.Rondon	1	1	0	0	0	0
Inherited runners-scored—J.Kelly 1-0. HBP—Moreland, Holt (by R.Osuna). WP—J. Kelly (1).						
Umpires—Home, Joe West; First, Mark Carlson; Second, Chris Guccione; Third, Mark Wegner.						
T—3:52. A—43,102 (43,836)						

FOOTBALL

Professional
NFL
Week 7
Thursday's Games
Denver at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Tennessee vs L.A. Chargers, at London, England, 8:30 a.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Jets, 12 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 12 p.m.
New Orleans at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.
Monday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.
College
Schedule
Big Ten Conference
Saturday, Oct. 20
No. 6 Michigan at No. 24 Michigan State, 11 a.m.
Maryland at No. 19 Iowa, 11 a.m.
Illinois at No. 23 Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Northwestern at Rutgers, 11 a.m.
No. 18 Penn State at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Nebraska, 2:30 p.m.
No. 2 Ohio State at Purdue, 6:30 p.m.
Missouri Valley Football Conference
Saturday, Oct. 20
Indiana State at Southern Illinois, 2 p.m.
Western Illinois at Missouri State, 2 p.m.
Illinois State at North Dakota State, 2:30 p.m.
South Dakota State at Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.
South Dakota at Youngstown State, 5 p.m.
Big Sky Conference
Saturday, Oct. 13
Idaho State at Liberty, 1 p.m.
Northern Arizona at Northern Colorado, 1 p.m.
Southern Utah at Idaho, 4 p.m.
Montana State at Weber State, 5 p.m.
UC Davis at Cal Poly, 6:05 p.m.
North Dakota at Sacramento State, 8 p.m.
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Saturday, Oct. 20
Minnesota-Crookston at Concordia-St. Paul, noon
Bismarck-Mary at Augustana, 1 p.m.
Minnesota-Mankato at Bemidji State, 1 p.m.
Wayne State at Minot State, 1 p.m.
Minnesota-Duluth at Winona State, 1 p.m.
Upper Iowa at St. Cloud State, 2 p.m.
Sioux Falls at Minnesota State Moorhead, 2 p.m.
Northern State at Southwest Minnesota State, 5 p.m.
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Saturday, Oct. 20
Concordia at Bethel, 1 p.m.
Augsburg at Gustavus-Adolphus, 1 p.m.
St. Olaf at St. John's, 1 p.m.
Carleton at St. Thomas, 1:10 p.m.

High school
Polls
Minnesota
Class 6A
1. Lakeville North (5) 7-0 50
2. Blaine 7-0 43
3. Eden Prairie 6-1 42
4. Edina 6-1 34
5. Woodbury 6-1 31
6. Champlin Park 5-2 20
7. Rosemount 5-2 13
8. Wayzata 4-3 12
9. East Ridge 4-3 9
10. Buffalo 6-2 6
Others receiving votes: Cretin-Derham Hall 5, Minnetonka 4, Prior Lake 3, St. Michael-Albertville 2, Moorhead 1.
Class 5A
1. Owatonna (4) 7-0 57
2. Elk River 7-0 53
3. St. Thomas Academy (2)7-0 52
4. Robbinsdale Cooper 7-0 42
5. Chanhassen 7-0 35

6. Waconia 6-1 26
7. Sauk Rapids-Rice 6-1 23
8. Bemidji 6-1 19
9. Mankato West 6-1 12
10. Hastings 6-1 7
Others receiving votes: Spring Lake Park 4.
Class 4A
1. Holy Angels (7) 7-0 70
2. Winona 7-0 61
3. Hutchinson 7-0 56
4. Detroit Lakes 7-0 47
5. SMB-Wolfpack 7-0 42
6. Marshall 7-0 35
7. Hermantown 7-0 28
8. Providence Academy 7-0 24
9. Cloquet 6-1 10
10. Willmar 6-1 6
Others receiving votes: Fridley 4, Dassel-Cokato 2.
Class 3A
1. Pierz (6) 7-0 60
2. Rochester Lourdes 7-0 54
3. Mora 7-0 45
4. Spectrum 7-0 41
5. Breck 6-1 30
6. Fairmont 6-1 29
7. New London-Spicer 7-0 26
8. Annandale 6-1 17
9. Jordan 6-1 16
10. Albany 6-1 10
Others receiving votes: Jackson County Central 4.
Class 2A
1. Caledonia (5) 7-0 50
2. Minneapolis North 7-0 45
3. Redwood Valley 7-0 38
4. Hawley 6-1 24
5. Pipestone 6-1 23
6. Royaltown 7-0 22
7. Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 6-1 21
8. Chatfield 6-1 20
9. Barnesville 6-1 14
10. St. Charles 6-1 10
Others receiving votes: Pillager 6, St. Agnes 2.
Class 1A
1. Minneota (5) 7-0 50
2. BOLD 7-0 41
3. Mahnommen-Waubun 7-0 34
4. Blooming Prairie 7-0 33
5. Ottertail Central 7-0 31
6. United South Central 7-0 28
7. Goodhue 6-1 15
8. Ada-Borup 7-1 12
9. Dawson-Boyd 6-1 11
10. Rushford-Peterson 6-1 7
10. Fertile-Beltrami 5-2 7
Others receiving votes: Polk County West 4, Murray County Central 2.

Class 9-Man
2. Spring Grove (4) 7-0 49
2. Stephen-Argyle (1) 7-0 43
3. Verdale 7-0 37
4. Cromwell 7-0 33
5. Cook County 7-0 26
6. Mountain Lake Area 7-0 23
T7. South Ridge 7-0 18
T7. Houston 6-1 18
9. Norman County East-Ulen-Hitterdal7-0 16
10. Hills-Beaver Creek 6-1 5
Others receiving votes: Ogilvie 4, Russell-Tyler-Ruth 1, Underwood 1, Edgerton-Ellsworth 1.
Schedule/results
North Dakota
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Class 3A
Grand Forks Central at Fargo North, 7 p.m.
West Fargo Sheyenne at Fargo South, 7 p.m.
Fargo Davies at West Fargo, 7 p.m.
Bismarck Legacy at Bismarck Century
Dickinson at Bismarck
Mandan at Williston
Minot at Grand Forks Red River
Class 2A
Belcourt at Bismarck St. Mary's
Saturday, Oct. 20
Class 2A
Fargo Shanley at Devils Lake, 1:30 p.m.
Central Cass at Valley City
Grafton at Jamestown
Watford City at Wahpeton

Class 1A state playoffs
Saturday, Oct. 20
1) Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm (3-5) at Langdon Area-EM (8-0), TBD
2) Rugby (5-3) at Kindred (6-2), 2 p.m.
3) Nedrose (3-5) at Bowman County (8-0), 1 p.m.
4) Hazen (5-3) at Velva (7-1), TBD
5) Harvey-Wells County (4-4) at Hillsboro-Central Valley (8-0), TBD
6) Minnor-North Sargent (6-2) at Carrington (7-1), 3 p.m.
7) Beulah (6-3) at Minot Ryan (8-0), 7 p.m.
8) Des Lacs-Burlington (6-2) at Dickinson Trinity (6-1), TBD
9-Man state playoffs
Saturday, Oct. 13
Cavalier 34, Mayville-Portland-CG 14
Oakes 50, Four Winds 14
Kidder County 20, Hankinson 14
LaMoure-Litchville-Marion 42, Larimore 6
Surrey 32, North Prairie 28
Shiloh Christian 69, North Star 18
Richardton-Taylor 44, Divide County 0
Towner-Granville-Upham 34, Central McLean 0
Saturday, Oct. 20
9) Cavellier (6-3) at Napoleon-GS (7-0), TBD
10) Oakes (8-1) at Richland (6-1), TBD
11) Kidder County (6-3) at New Rockford-Sheyenne (8-0), TBD
12) LaMoure-Litchville-Marion (5-4) at Thompson (8-0), TBD
13) Surrey (7-2) at New Salem-Glen Ullin (8-0), TBD
14) Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood (6-2) at Shiloh Christian (8-1), TBD
15) Richardton-Taylor (6-3) at St. John (7-1), TBD
16) Towner-Granville-Upham (6-3) at Ray-Powers Lake (8-0), TBD

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Bemidji at St. Cloud Tech, 7 p.m.
Class 4A
Fergus Falls at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 7 p.m.
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Thief River Falls at Detroit Lakes, 7 p.m.
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United North Central at Frazee, 7 p.m.
Hawley at Pelican Rapids, 7 p.m.
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle at Wadena-Deer Creek, 7 p.m.
Class 1A
Pine River-Backus at Ada-Borup/Norman County West, 7 p.m.
Cass Lake-Bena at Lake Park-Audubon, 7 p.m.
New York Mills at Kimball, 7 p.m.
Fertile-Beltrami at Mahnommen-Waubun, 7 p.m.
Polk County West at Fosston, 7 p.m.
9-Man
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Staal, Granlund score to push Wild past Coyotes

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

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

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

Dubnyk made a pad save on a point-blank shot

Wild 2, Coyotes 1

by Oliver Ekman-Larsson to protect the Wild's lead with seven minutes remaining.

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

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

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

Kuemper kept the game tied with two sprawling

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

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

Arizona	1	0	0	1
Minnesota	0	1	1	2

First Period—1, Arizona, Perlini 1 (Oesterle, Hinostroza) 13:12 (pp).
Second Period—2, Minnesota, Granlund 2 (Spurgeon) 3:40.
Third Period—3, Minnesota, Staal 2 (Zucker, Suter) 6:18.
Shots on Goal—Arizona 12-12-8—32. Minnesota 8-10-10—28.
Power-play opportunities—Arizona 1 of 3. Minnesota 0 of 2.
Goalies—Arizona Kuemper 0-1-0 (28 shots-26 saves). Minnesota Dubnyk 2-1-2 (32-31).
A—18,795 (18,064). T—2:35.



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Minnesota Wild forward Mikael Granlund (64) celebrates his goal with forward Zach Parise (11) during the second period against the Arizona Coyotes at Xcel Energy Center on Tuesday night.

METRO HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP



Photos by Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor

Megan Hall of Fargo Davies celebrates a point against Fargo South during their volleyball match Tuesday, Oct. 16, at South.

Fargo Davies 3, Fargo South 0
FARGO — Fargo Davies swept Fargo South 25-16, 28-26, 25-22 Tuesday in Eastern Dakota Conference volleyball.

Morgan Hall led Davies with 13 kills and one ace. Kenzee Langlie and Maggie Krueger both tallied 20 assists and Madi Langlie added 19 digs. Natalie Hallstrom had five kills.

Maya Krause led the Bruins with 12 kills. Maya Krause and Mackenzie Walz both had two aces. Emily Jackson added 19 assists and Krause had seven. Parker Seelig had 13 digs and Walz tallied 21.

Davies rose to 24-2 overall, while South fell to 10-15.

West Fargo Sheyenne 3, Fargo North 0
WEST FARGO — West Fargo Sheyenne swept Fargo North 25-19, 25-14, 25-13.

Cady Borchardt paced Sheyenne with 12 kills, while Jadyn Feist added 10. Brooke Prochaska had 23 assists and McKenzie Newton had 19 assists with eight kills. Feist led the Mustangs defense with 17 digs, while Lexi Hoffner had 14.

Kaylee Leabo led North with nine kills and three blocks. Karlie Goschen tallied an ace, two blocks and 22 assists. Rose Soori totaled 18 digs, while Grace Miller added eight kills and two blocks.

Sheyenne improved to 20-9 overall, while North fell to 10-17 overall.

Fargo Shanley 3, Wahpeton 0
WAHPETON, N.D. — Fargo Shanley earned a 25-17, 25-19, 25-7 sweep over Wahpeton.

Reile Payne led the Deacons with 12 kills. Jordyn Stroup had 32 assists and Hailey Giauque



Ava Wild of Fargo Davies hits against Fargo South during their volleyball match Tuesday, Oct. 16, at South.

recorded six aces. Olivia Manuel totaled nine digs.

Madison Klosterman led Wahpeton with three kills, three aces and four digs. Raegan Klosterman and Haley Manson each tallied five assists. Sam Pithey added four digs.

Shanley improved to 18-10 overall, while Wahpeton fell to 2-25.

West Fargo 3, Grand Forks Central 0
GRAND FORKS — West Fargo topped Grand Forks Central

25-12, 25-15, 25-23.

Halle Erickson led the Packers with 10 kills, three aces and 21 assists. Mariah Schatz added eight kills. Lucie Holaday had three aces and Brooklyn Myrvik added seven digs.

West Fargo improved to 15-12 overall, while Central fell to 3-25 overall.

Ada-Borup 3, Moorhead Park Christian 1
ADA, Minn. — Ada-Borup defeated the Park Christian Fal-



Natalie Hallstrom of Fargo Davies hits against Fargo South during their volleyball match Tuesday, Oct. 16, at South.

cons 25-18, 23-25, 25-15, 25-18 Tuesday.

Ivy Johnson notched her 2,000th career assist for Ada-Borup.

Karley Motschenbacher led the Falcons with 11 kills. Madi Wagendorf added 10 kills. Anna Koslowsky tallied 14 assists and Molly Metzger had 13. Allison Lien and Regan Anderson paced the defense with 15 digs each. Motschenbacher finished with 12.

Park Christian fell to 15-8 overall while Ada-Borup rose to 26-1.

Moorhead 3, Detroit Lakes 0
DETROIT LAKES, Minn. — Moorhead defeated Detroit Lakes 25-14, 25-14, 25-15 Tuesday night.

Moorhead improved to 13-9 overall, while Detroit Lakes fell to 10-12 overall.

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What has to go right for the T-Wolves season to go well?

By Jace Frederick
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Timberwolves snapped a 14-year playoff drought last season, supposedly ending their fans’ suffering. Then came this off-season.

Still, after months of drama and turbulence, the Timberwolves enter this season with a possibility of making a second straight postseason appearance. But there are more than a few things that need to go their way:

Jimmy Butler stays

Let’s be clear, Butler staying in Minnesota is not good for the team’s long-term health as a franchise. The All-NBA wing has made it clear he does not plan to re-sign with the Wolves next off-season, and it wouldn’t be wise for Minnesota to let a talent like Butler walk for nothing. But, looking at just this season alone, Butler makes the Timberwolves better — more so than anything the team could get in a trade return. He reportedly told general manager Scott Layden that the Wolves can’t win without him. Minnesota’s repugnant preseason only reiterated that notion. The Wolves need

Butler’s intensity, effort and defensive prowess. He makes up for a lot of things they lack. With Butler, the Wolves are a top-eight team in the West this season. Without him, they aren’t.

Andrew Wiggins improves

Wiggins is the first to admit he didn’t play well last season. He didn’t score often or nearly efficiently enough to cover up the weaknesses in other aspects of his game. He still didn’t create enough for others, crash the glass or make enough strides defensively. This is the first season of Wiggins’ massive five-year contract extension. He’s going to have to improve by leaps and bounds to play at a level worthy of it, and move the Timberwolves forward as a franchise. Some of that stems from skill development, but a lot of it comes from his effort and intensity.

“He has great athleticism. and that’s got to translate into things,” coach Tom Thibodeau said. “Whether it’s a rebound or busting out with the ball, finishing in transition, running the floor hard — we want to take advantage of that — moving with-

out the ball, cutting. those are things that are great. When he’s attacking, he’s a special player. We have to have him in that attack mode more.”

The bench is better

The Timberwolves’ bench was a disaster for much of last season. There’s a chicken-and-egg argument of whether the reserves were bad because Thibodeau didn’t play them, or if Thibodeau didn’t play them because they were bad. Regardless, Thibodeau needs to get more out of that unit if the Wolves are to stand a chance this season. Additions in the form of Anthony Tolliver, Derrick Rose and Josh Okogie could all make a difference, in they’re given the opportunities.

Tom Thibodeau adapts

The Timberwolves need to improve and evolve throughout the season if they’re going to keep pace in the ever-improving Western Conference. If that’s going to be the case, their coach needs to do so with them. Part of that is identifying strengths and weaknesses and compensating for them correctly, and part of it might

include listening more to players and what they’re seeing on the court. Point guard Jeff Teague brought up a couple times last season where he felt as though there were things the team could be doing differently, and players in training camp suggested the positives of incorporating more switching into the Wolves’ defensive schemes. Whether they’re right or not, if the Wolves stumble out of the gates, something will need to change.

People get along

The Timberwolves are finally utilizing the same five-man starting lineup on opening night in consecutive seasons. Their head coach is starting his third season at the helm. This all suggests stability finally has arrived in Minnesota. Not quite.

But after a tumultuous offseason, Minnesota needs to find at least some level of normalcy during the regular season to keep things from spiraling further out of control. It’s tough to win games in spite of constant spats between players, coaches and front-office members. Put simply: Everyone must do their best to get along.

Easy enough, right?



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Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Tom Thibodeau reacts during the first quarter against the Los Angeles Clippers at Staples Center in Los Angeles on Oct. 3.

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to end when the Wolves finally play a game that counts, but rather flips to the next chapter in what feels like a never-ending saga.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“It’s not in his DNA to slack,” Tolliver said.

“He only knows one way. No matter what’s going on off the court, whatever, once he’s between the lines and has our jersey on, he’s going to play and everything is going to be about winning and that’s it.”

Butler’s mere presence figures to help raise the Wolves’ play from their anemic preseason performance. Tolliver said the Wolves didn’t take the preseason as seriously as they should have — an inexcusable mentality for a team that has still accomplished so little. But Butler’s energy and intensity is a likely antidote for the lifelessness the Wolves put on display for most of the exhibition season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

That’s a bold statement for a team that has no idea how many minutes or what type of play it’s going to get from it’s All-NBA wing — or how long said wing is going to be around. Thibodeau was asked how Butler will gel with the starters after just re-entering practice last week.

“That’s a great question,” he answered. “We’ll see when we get there.”

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

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



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Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jimmy Butler (23) shoots the ball in Game 1 of the first round of the 2018 NBA Playoffs against the Houston Rockets at Toyota Center.

The questions facing the Wolves this season

By Jace Frederick
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Will Jimmy Butler be traded?

It’s possible the Timberwolves’ hesitancy to deal Butler for less than what they think is an adequate deal will result in a better offer than anything they’ve had sent their way during training camp. That remains to be seen. The real question is whether Butler will be dealt at all between now and the trade deadline. At some point, Minnesota must decide if it’s worth getting something — anything — for the all-star wing, or if the team should ride out the season with Butler and live with the results, knowing he has no plans of re-signing here next offseason.

Our prediction: Yes. At some point, whether it’s because of a slow start from the team, more pressure applied by Butler or a deal that truly wows the Timberwolves, Minnesota will deal Butler. It’s hard to see the Wolves allowing such a valuable asset to walk next summer for free.

Will the Timberwolves make the playoffs?

It’s hard to picture it right now, with all the turmoil and drama surrounding the franchise, but Minnesota is still very much in the conversation for one of the Western Conference’s eight playoff spots. Yes, much will have to go right, but it’s possible. The over/under season win totals posted by Las

Vegas sports books for the Timberwolves have hovered right around the 41-win mark. If the Wolves go over that number, they’ll be right there.

Our prediction: No. If they trade Butler, it’s hard to see the Timberwolves being good enough to hang with some of the West’s top teams this season. If they keep Butler, the drama and distractions that will come with having him on the roster will be a lot for the Wolves to overcome. It’s hard to pick a win total without knowing exactly what the Timberwolves will do with their current best player, but here goes nothing: 38 (and 44 losses).

Will Tom Thibodeau survive the season?

Thibodeau’s seat was already widely considered hot coming into this season. Throw in the fact that Jimmy Butler — the man Thibodeau brought in — wants out, and Thibodeau and Co. are having a tough time finding a good deal for him, and the seat only figures to get hotter. The pressure is on the coach to get this team off to a good start. If things spiral out of control early, Thibodeau’s days in Minnesota may be numbered.

Our prediction: No. If Thibodeau can “circle the wagons” and get everyone to play well together, he’ll deserve a lot of praise. But it’s hard to think much good can come of this season given the situation the Timberwolves are starting in. And it’s even harder to see Thi-

bodeau surviving a disappointing campaign.

How many trades will the Timberwolves make?

The possibilities here are endless. Obviously, the Butler deal is the one everyone is talking about. But Minnesota is always interested in getting off Gorgui Dieng’s contract, Tyus Jones and Taj Gibson are on the final years of their current deals, and Jeff Teague has an upcoming player option this off-season. Depending on the season’s trajectory, it might be prudent for the Timberwolves to unload talent for assets before the deadline. Or maybe the Wolves will play well — as they did for much of last season with this very core — and put themselves in a position to add pieces pre-deadline to help make a push for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. That’s the beauty within all of this chaos, there are so many ways in which this Timberwolves’ season could go.

Our prediction: This is an exercise in dart throwing, but let’s roll with two trades. Having already predicted Jimmy Butler gets dealt, that leaves room for one more. Something between these two happens: Tyus Jones is dealt — the rumors of Phoenix’s interest in the Apple Valley product are as loud as ever — or Taj Gibson is moved to a contender at the deadline.



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University of North Dakota’s Tanner Palmborg (right) and Hayden Blubaugh (left) tackle a Montana player during their game Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Alarus Center in Grand Forks. Palmborg suffered an injury during the game and likely will miss a significant chunk of time.

UND views linebacker Tanner Palmborg’s injury as long term

By Tom Miller
Forum News Service

GRAND FORKS — A rare blemish on an otherwise stellar Saturday, Oct. 13, for the University of North Dakota football team was a knee injury to starting outside linebacker Tanner Palmborg.

On Monday, UND coach Bubba Schweigert confirmed the negative outlook.

“It’s not official but it doesn’t look good,” Schweigert said. “It looks like it’s going to be long term.

We’ll know more (Tuesday) exactly what it is.”

The Fighting Hawks, who are one spot outside the STATS FCS Top 25 media poll, will be without Palmborg when UND travels to Sacramento State for an 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, kickoff.

On the second play of the second quarter against the Grizzlies, Palmborg was injured chasing Montana quarterback Dalton Sneed in the backfield.

He returned to the sidelines in the second half on crutches.

Palmborg is tied with Noah Larson and Donnell Rodgers for the team lead in tackles with 31 each.

He had 4.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Palmborg started his UND career as a walk-on safety out of Princeton, Minn., and developed into an All-Big Sky Conference linebacker.

He’s also a senior captain, a role Schweigert said Palmborg will continue.

“I talked to Tanner yesterday, and I think he’ll help us a great deal as we

move forward,” Schweigert said. “He was really positive about the football team. What I’ve grown to appreciate about Tanner is he has worked really hard at being a leader who is the best of the best. The injury was outside his control, but he can control how he helps our team moving forward.”

The loss of Palmborg means UND will need to see more from Jade Lawrence, a junior who started nine games last year and finished with 34 tackles, 6.5 for loss and

2.5 sacks in 2017.

Lawrence hasn’t played much this season as he has battled injury. He made his first tackle of the season in UND’s 41-14 win over Montana.

“Jade Lawrence is getting better and better as he’s playing more,” Schweigert said.

Schweigert also said Austin Gordon and Andre Steiger will need to step up in Palmborg’s absence.

“We really will miss him,” UND cornerback Evan Holm said. “He’s a big leader on our team.”

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mode. It’s not ‘I’ or ‘me,’ it’s ‘us’ or ‘we.’”

The most notable change was bringing back offensive coordinator Kurt Beathard, who left the Redbirds after the 2015 season to spend more time with his family. The son of noted former NFL general manager Bobby Beathard ran a personal training business the past two years.

“When Brock called him and asked him if he would come back, it was a done deal,” Reinhardt said. “Both work well together and they also brought back former ISU players who had some knowledge of the program. I think he brought back a little of the history, got some new blood and it’s invigorated the program.”

Spack hired former ISU all-conference player Mike Banks as a secondary coach and former Redbirds All-American Kye Stewart as the linebackers coach. Spack took advantage of a coaching change at the University of Montana hiring former Grizzlies assistants Travis Niekamp and Brian Anderson. Niekamp was a player and assistant coach at Illinois State in the 1990s.

“These guys are professional and good coaches understand the culture that was built here,” Spack said. “They understand what we’re about and who we are and have done a great job relaying that message to the players. And the players have received that message and they clamour to our staff. Most of the players seem very happy and very in-tune and locked in. That tells me they respect their coaches. That’s probably been the biggest change.”

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RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Results
West Acres Bowl Men
High series: 1. Brandon Siverson 780. 2. Chris Shields 729. 3. Casey Stavenger 705.
High game: 1. Dale Hieb 284. 2. Chris Vieser 278. 3. Taylor Herzog 278. 4. Brandon Siverson 277.

Women
High series: 1. Cathy Westberg 594. 2. Erin Carico 576. 3. Reba Tschetter 576. 4. Pauline Kahler 532.
High game: 1. Erin Carico 224. 2. Diana Orn 214. 3. Pauline Kahler 212.

Senior men
High series: 1. Arne Breikjern 649. 2. Lyle Jabs 559. 3. Merle DeBuhr 556.
High game: 1. Arne Breikjern 247. 2. Lyle Jabs 224. 3. Merle DeBuhr 216.

Senior women
High series: 1. Gladys Mulvaney 433. 2. Dorothy Meyer 415. 3. Char Wixio 406.
High game: 1. Dorothy Meyer 165. 2. Char Wixio 151. 3. Gladys Mulvaney 146.

Juniors
High series: 1. Tucker Strack 516. 2. Bryan Biver 541. 3. Josh Biver 512.
High game: 1. Tucker Strack 203. 2. Bryan Biver 187. 3. Jacob Herzog 182.

Prep
High series: 1. Jacob Herzog 502. 2. John Opitz 449. 3. Aubree Skaurd 446.
High game: 1. Josh Biver 180. 2. Aubree Skaurd 180. 3. John Opitz 170. 4. Chris Bauman 160.

Bantams
High series: 1. Isaiah Heck 177. 2. Jordyn Bauman 176. 3. Sean Gade 159.
High game: 1. Isaiah Heck 102. 2. Jordyn Bauman 98. 3. Sean Gade 88.

Sunset Lanes Men
High series: 1. Tim Pausch 792. 2. Thor Grimes 745. 3. Jerad Schmitt 744. 4. Brady Pederson 737. 5. Zac Bratelli 724. 6. Rob Pederson 717. 7. Mike Larson 717. 8. Shawn Nygaard 712. 9. Bill Widnes 706. 10. Billy Hestenes 695.

Women
High series: 1. Emily Peterson 671. 2. Nikki Schmitt 529. 3. Shawn Nygaard 279. 4. Tim Pausch 278. 5. Ken Cummings 277. 6. Jay Lere 277. 7. Rob Pederson 268. 8. Tim Pausch 268. 9. Mark Thielbar 267. 10. Zac Bratelli 267. 11. Mike Larson 257.

Senior women
High series: 1. Emily Peterson 671. 2. Nikki Schmitt 529. 3. Shawn Nygaard 279. 4. Tim Pausch 278. 5. Ken Cummings 277. 6. Jay Lere 277. 7. Rob Pederson 268. 8. Tim Pausch 268. 9. Mark Thielbar 267. 10. Zac Bratelli 267. 11. Mike Larson 257.

Senior men
High series: 1. Arne Breikjern 582. 2. Bill Widnes 548. 3. Rick Vanderthor 471.
High game: 1. Bill Widnes 254. 2. Arne Breikjern 200. 3. Rick Vanderthor 179.

Week of Oct. 5 Men
High series: 1. Billy Hestenes 732. 2. Jack Folstrom 721. 3. Wayne Niemann 718. 4. Shawn Nygaard 718. 5. Landon Dickhaus 716. 6. Jef Hagen 714. 7. Rob Pederson 713. 8. Jerad Schmitt 708. 9. Mike Larson 701. 10. Mike Morris 683.

Senior women
High series: 1. Jeff Hagen 279. 2. Billy Hestenes 279. 3. Rob Pederson 278. 4. Jack Folstrom 269. 5. Andy Lee 267. 6. Mike Morris 258. 7. Shawn Nygaard 258. 8. Darrin Sundstrom 258. 9. Andrew Lee 255. 10.

Jerad Schmitt 255. 11. Lonnie Thielbar 255.
Women
High series: 1. Nikki Hersrud 623. 2. Kathy Pausch 583. 3. Nicole Haffely 577. 4. Glenda Hogenson 537. 5. Debi Niemann 535. 6. Sue Nielson 526. 7. Katelyn Wendt 525. 8. Katie Reiners 523. 9. Penny Hamm 521. 10. Bobbi Jo Olson 517.

Senior women
High series: 1. Cathy Pausch 236. 2. Nikki Hersrud 233. 3. Glenda Hogenson 223. 4. Katie Reiners 215. 5. Kathy Pausch 215. 6. Nicole Haffely 212. 7. Penny Hamm 210. 8. Nicole Haffely 208. 9. Nikki Hersrud 205. 10. Lynnee Shannon 205. 11. Amber Sundstrom 205.

Senior men
High series: 1. Mary Lou Thompson 444. 2. Margaret Myers 380. 3. Darlene Johnson 380.
High game: 1. Mary Lou Thompson 166. 2. Margaret Myers 138. 3. Eldora Lorentz 137.

Senior men
High series: 1. Bill Widnes 637. 2. Jack Kritzberger 532. 3. Rick Vanderthor 530.
High game: 1. Bill Widnes 241. 2. Jack Kritzberger 205. 3. Joe Dickson 190.

Red River Lanes Men
High series: 1. Mark Brown 691.
Women
High series: 1. Alexis Barton 601. 2. Jocelyn Nitzkowski 584. 3. Barb Scheff 573. 4. Ann Kelley 560. 5. Alexis Barton 548. 537. 6. Steph Gardner 525. 7. Nadine Swee 518. 8. M.J. Jones 513. 9. Michelle Biver 512. 10. Sue Brennenan 503.

Senior men
High series: 1. Rick Vanderford 523.
High game: Rick Vanderford 203.

Senior women
High series: 1. Kathy Polkinghorn 510. 2. Loretta Ouellette 505.
High game: 1. Kathy Polkinghorn 186. 2. Becky Olson 175.

Women
High series: 1. Parker Stone 613. 2. Brock Russell 512.
High game: 1. Parker Stone 224. 211. 178. 2. Brock Russell 179. 3. Gavin Kindman 177. 4. Hunter Koehmstedt 177. 5. Emily Malheim 175.

The Bowler Men
High series: 1. Chris Carico 710. 2. Anthony Szeluga 704. 3. John Matter 685. 4. Larry Bormann 685. 5. Jay Desautel 667. 6. Rick Wiskur 626. 7. John Sandvig 651. 8. Dallas Elhard 647. 9. Scott Handlos 620. 10. Stan Dreckmann 619.

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Senior women
High series: 1. Candy Herzog 268. 2. Emily Peterson 246. 3. Tammy Trefethren 204. 4. Nikki Hersrud 194. 5. Trisha York 193. 6. Stephanie Gardner 190. 7. Liz Schulz 185. 8. Julie Schulz 184. 9. Heather Nelson 184. 10. Linda Carico 182.

Senior men
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Juniors 12-14
High series: 1. Dylan Sebesta 347. 2. Rylie Burrow 369. 3. Jasmine Sadek 316. 4. Kayley Bischoff 301. 5. Makayla Gonzalez 255.
High game: 1. Dylan Sebesta 140. 2. Rylie Burrow 137. 3. Kayley Bischoff 120. 4. Jasmine Sadek 125. 5. Makayla Gonzalez 98.

Preps 9-11
High series: 1. Lily Burrow 369. 2. Isabella Smalley 358. 3. Makenzie Gonzalez 202.
High game: 1. Isabella Smalley 155. 2. Lily Burrow 131. 3. Makenzie Gonzalez 69.

Bantams 8-and-under
High series: 1. Brayden Bergseth 157.
High game: 1. Brayden Bergseth 79.

BASKETBALL

Tryouts

October

21: Fargo. NDPRO Girls AAU tryouts at Oak Grove elementary school. Grade 6 at 11 a.m., Grade 7 at noon, Grade 8 at 1 p.m., Grade 9 at 2 p.m., Grade 10 at 3 p.m., Grade 11 at 4 p.m. \$20 non-refundable fee for each player. One parent per player must be in attendance. For more information, go to www.ndpro.org.

Camps

September

Sept. 10-Nov. 1: Fargo. Sanford Power girls basketball training camp. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m. Training for girls ages 12-19. Cost \$290. Deadline Aug. 31. For more information or to register contact Hannah Breske at hannah.breske@sanfordhealth.org.
Sept. 17-Nov. 8: Fargo. Sanford Power boys basketball training camp. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. Training for boys ages 12-19. Cost \$290. Deadline Sept. 7. For more information or to register contact Kendall Railing at 234-7910 or kendall.railing@sanfordhealth.org.

Tournaments

October

20: West Fargo—Third Annual West Fargo 3-on-3 Showdown for boys and girls grades 3-8. 3-game guarantee. Certified officials. \$80 entry fee. Electronic registration deadline is Oct. 12 at tournament website, wfsowndown3on3.com. For more information, email wfsowndown@gmail.com.
21: Casselton, N.D.—MBA Fall Frenzy 3-on-3 Tournament for boys and girls grades 2-12. \$80 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. Registration form and information can be found at www.masterbasketballacademy.com. Registration deadline Oct. 14. Email info@masterbasketballacademy.com or call Mike Kobbervig at (701) 361-1309.
28: Crookston, Minn.—10th Annual Lion Hoops on Halloween 3-on-3 tournament for boys and girls grades 3-9. \$80 per team of four players (add \$10 per player over four). 3-game guarantee. Oct. 22 registration deadline. Contact Garrett Borowicz at (218) 521-0936 or Garrett.borowicz@wsn.us.com.

November

3: Fargo — Davies Tournament for boys grades 6-8. 3-game guarantee. \$160 entry fee with registered officials. Contact Bart Manson at mansonb@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.
3: Wahpeton, N.D. — Kiwanis Little Miss Tournament for girls grades 3-8. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Oct. 24 registration deadline. For registration form, go to <https://wahpetonparks.com> or email laree@wahpetonparks.com.
3: Fargo — Courts Plus Community Fitness Jamoree for 9th-grade boys. \$130 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. For more information, contact Wayne Herrick at (701) 237-4805 or wherrick@courtsplug.org or www.courtsplug.org/basketball.
10-11: West Fargo—Sheyenne Tournament

for boys grades 3-9. \$150 entry fee. Nov. 1 registration deadline. Entry and registration forms can be found on line on the activities page of Sheyenne High School. For more information, contact Tom Kirchoffner at tkirchoffner@west-fargo.k12.nd.us.
16-17: Fargo—McManus All-Star Tournament for boys grades 3-8 and girls grades 3-5 at Fargo Shanley High School. \$130 entry fee. Contact michael.breker@jp2schools.org or call (701) 893-3218.
17: Valley City, N.D. — Valley City Parks and Recreation Youth Tournament for boys and girls grades 4-6 and boys grades 7-8. Registration deadline is Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. \$155 entry fee per team. Call (701) 845-3294 or email vcpr@vcprparks.com or amy@vcprparks.com.
18: West Fargo — Second Annual West Fargo Packer Early Bird Tournament for boys grades 3-9. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Nov. 10 deadline.

December

1: Moorhead — Moorhead Youth Tournament for boys grades 3-8. 3-game guarantee. \$160 entry fee. For more information, contact Tyler Bormann at (218) 284-2404 or tbormann@moorheadschools.org.
7-8: Fargo — Courts Plus Community Fitness 14th Annual Holiday Classic for boys grades 5-6. \$145 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. For more information, contact Wayne Herrick at (701) 237-4805 or wherrick@courtsplug.org or www.courtsplug.org/basketball.
8-9: Fargo — Courts Plus Community Fitness 14th Annual Holiday Classic for boys grades 7-8. \$145 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. For more information, contact Wayne Herrick at (701) 237-4805 or wherrick@courtsplug.org or www.courtsplug.org/basketball.
8: Valley City, N.D. — Third Annual Pizza Corner Classic for boys and girls grades 4-6 and boys grades 7-8. Registration deadline is Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. \$155 entry fee per team. Call (701) 845-3294 or email vcpr@vcprparks.com or amyp@vcprparks.com.
15: Fargo — Davies Tournament for boys grades 4-8. 3-game guarantee. \$160 entry fee with registered officials. Contact Bart Manson at mansonb@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.
15: Wahpeton, N.D. — Kiwanis Little Guy Tournament for boys grades 3-6. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Dec. 5 registration deadline. For registration form, go to <https://wahpetonparks.com> or email laree@wahpetonparks.com.
15: Barrett and Elbow Lake, Minn. — West Central Area Tournament for boys and girls grades 4-6. 3-game guarantee. \$110 entry fee. Email Kraig Hunter at khunter@isd2342.org to register.

January

5: Fargo — Fargo Davies Girls Basketball Tournament for girls grades 3-8. \$160 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. Contact saffant@fargo.k12.nd.us for registration forms.
5: Grand Forks—Altru Family YMCA Tournament for boys and girls grades 3-4. \$160 per team. Registration deadline Dec. 26. 3-game guarantee. Registered officials. Contact Darryl Marek at dmarek@glymca.org or (701) 775-2586 (ext. 209).
5: Hawley, Minn. — Hot Shot Tournament for girls grades 3-8. 3-game guarantee. \$135 entry fee. Dec. 19 deadline. A and AA divisions. Contact Bill Gottenborg at (218) 483-3555 (ext. 1012) or bgottenborg@hawley.k12.mn.us.
12: Valley City, N.D. — Fifth Annual Pizza Corner Classic for girls grade 7-8. Registration deadline is Jan. 2 at 5 p.m. \$155 entry fee per team. Call (701) 845-3294 or email vcpr@vcprparks.com or amyp@vcprparks.com.
6: Grand Forks—Altru Family YMCA Tournament for boys and girls grades 5-6. \$160 per team. Registration deadline Dec. 26. 3-game guarantee. Registered officials. Contact Darryl Marek at dmarek@glymca.org or (701) 775-2586 (ext. 209).
12-13: Casselton, N.D. — CYBA Tournament for boys grades 3-6 and girls grades 3-8. \$155 entry fee. Registration and information can be found at <http://www.casseltonyouthbasketball.org>. Dec. 31 registration dead-

line. Email cymbboardemail@gmail.com or call Korey Lorenz at (701) 840-8378 for more information.
19: Wahpeton, N.D. — Winter Classic Tournament for girls grades 3-6. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Jan. 9 registration deadline. For registration form, go to <https://wahpetonparks.com> or email laree@wahpetonparks.com.
19: Fargo — Spartan Youth Basketball tournament for boys grades 3-6 and girls grades 3-8. A&B Divisions for all grades. 8-team cap per division. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Jan. 12 deadline or when each division is full. Register and pay at www.sybfargo.com.
26: Lake Park, Minn. — Lake Park-Audubon Gateway to the Lakes Tournament for boys grades 4-6 and girls grades 4-6. 3-game guarantee. \$140 entry fee. Jan. 12 entry deadline. Contact Mike Hall at (218) 234-5903 or halfamilly@oretel.net.
26: Fargo — Fargo South Boys Basketball tournament for boys grades 3-6. 3-game guarantee. \$150 entry fee. Jan. 12 entry deadline. Contact Drek Ouren at ourend@fargo.k12.nd.us.
29: Breckenridge, Minn. — Breckenridge Backcourt Club Tournament for boys grades 3-6. \$135 per team. 3-game guarantee. Contact Arly Ohm at (701) 640-3850 or ohma@breckenridge.k12.mn.us.

February

2: Wahpeton, N.D. — Winter Classic Tournament for boys grades 3-6. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Jan. 23 registration deadline. For registration form, go to <https://wahpetonparks.com> or email laree@wahpetonparks.com.
2: Fargo — Fargo North Girls Basketball Tournament for girls grades 3-8. A&B Divisions for all grades. 8-team cap per division. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Jan. 26 deadline or when each division is full. Register and pay at <http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/1917> or contact Brian Kaluza at kaluzab@fargo.k12.nd.us.
2-3: Fargo — NDPRO Winter Extravaganza Tournament for girls grades 3-8 and boys grades 3-6. A & B Divisions. Certified referees. 3-game guarantee. \$150 per team. Jan. 26 registration deadline. To register, go to www.ndpro.org.
9: Hawley, Minn. — Hot Shot Tournament for girls grades 3-7. 3-game guarantee. \$135 entry fee. Jan. 30 deadline. A and AA divisions. Contact Darryl Marek at dmarek@glymca.org or (701) 775-2586 (ext. 209).
23: Fargo — Fargo North Boys Basketball Tournament for boys grades 3-8. A&B Divisions for all grades. 8-team cap per division. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Jan. 16 deadline or when each division is full. Register and pay at <http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/1910> or contact Ted Critchley at critch@fargo.k12.nd.us.
23: Barnesville, Minn. — Barnesville Booster Club tournament for girls grades 4-7. \$150 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. Get entry forms at Barnesville.K12.mn.us or call Chad at (701) 799-0554.
23: Moorhead — Moorhead Spud Shootout for boys and girls grades 3-8, A & B Divisions. \$160 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. Contact Mark at (218) 284-2484 or mperry@moorheadschools.org or spudbasketball.com.
23: Detroit Lakes, Minn. — Tournament for girls grades 3-9. \$125 fee if received before Dec. 31. \$150 if received after Dec. 31. 3-game guarantee. Certified officials. For more information, contact Luke Karigaard at (218) 330-1214 or lkargaard@detlakes.k12.mn.us.

March

2: Barnesville, Minn. — Barnesville Booster Club tournament for boys grades 5-7. \$150 entry fee. 3-game guarantee. Get entry forms at Barnesville.K12.mn.us or call Chad at (701) 799-0554.

2: Wahpeton, N.D. — Spring Flying Tournament for boys and girls grades 3-6. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. Feb. 20 registration deadline. For registration form, go to <https://wahpetonparks.com> or email laree@wahpetonparks.com.
2: Wahpeton, N.D. — Hoop-It-Up Tournament for boys grades 3-8. 3-game guarantee. \$150 fee. March 6 registration deadline. For registration form, go to <https://wahpetonparks.com> or email laree@wahpetonparks.com.
2: Detroit Lakes, Minn. — Detroit Lakes Boys Basketball Tournament for boys

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Wednesday

48 / 36

A mainly sunny sky.

Wind (mph):
Light & Variable

Thursday

68 / 42

Sunny and warm.

Wind (mph):
SW 10-20 mph

Friday

56 / 36

Partly cloudy and windy.

Wind (mph):
NW 20-35 mph

Saturday

42 / 24

Mostly cloudy and windy.

Sunday

52 / 27

A mainly sunny sky.

Monday

54 / 28

A mainly sunny sky.

Tuesday

52 / 32

Partly cloudy.

A mild winter is looking increasingly likely

Tomorrow, the Climate Prediction Center, a branch within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration related to the National Weather Service, will issue the “official” government forecast for the winter season. The primary influences are expected to be the developing El Nino and the large region of anomalously warm ocean water surrounding much of Alaska.

The El Nino is expected to create a region of very warm ocean water in the equatorial region of the eastern Pacific Ocean. Thunderstorms that form in this warm water are likely to force downstream changes to the jet stream over North America. Meanwhile, the warm water surrounding Alaska is likely to delay the development of sea ice in the Arctic Ocean.

The outlook for our region is likely to include a fairly high probability of a warmer-than-average winter season, particularly the months of December through February. The forecast for precipitation will likely be less conclusive, with near-equal chances of wetter and drier than average winter precipitation.

— John Wheeler

FARGO-MOORHEAD ALMANAC

Statistics through 6 p.m. Yesterday

Temperature

High

Low

Yesterday

47

30

Normal

56

35

Record

83 in 1910

17 in 1952

Precipitation

Yesterday's

0.00"

Month to date

2.39"

Normal month to date

1.25"

Year to date

19.58"

Normal year to date

19.85"

Red River

Level 7 p.m. Yesterday

14.87'

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

Sun and Moon

Sunrise

Sunset

Today

7:47 a.m.

6:36 p.m.

Thursday

7:49 a.m.

6:34 p.m.

Friday

7:50 a.m.

6:32 p.m.

Moonrise

Moonset

Today

3:44 p.m.

12:15 a.m.

Thursday

4:18 p.m.

1:12 a.m.

Friday

4:48 p.m.

2:12 a.m.

Full

Last

New

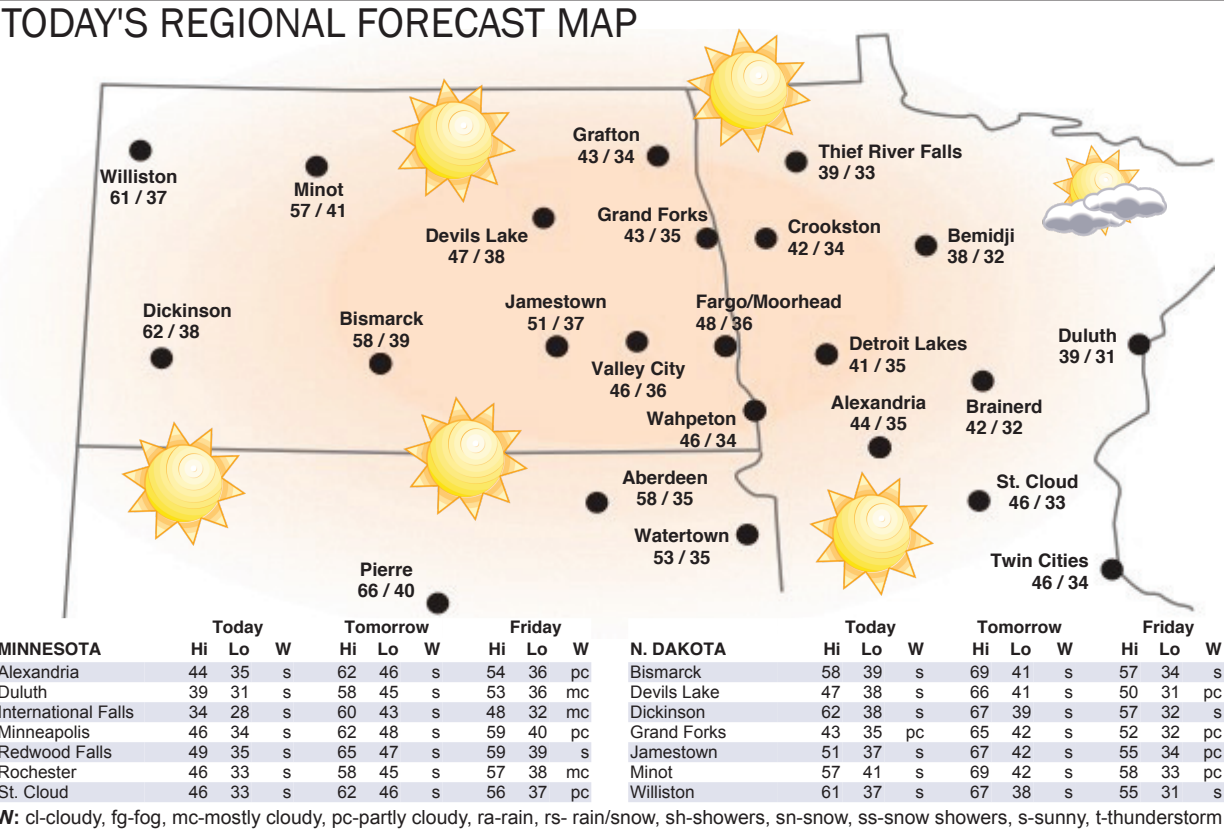
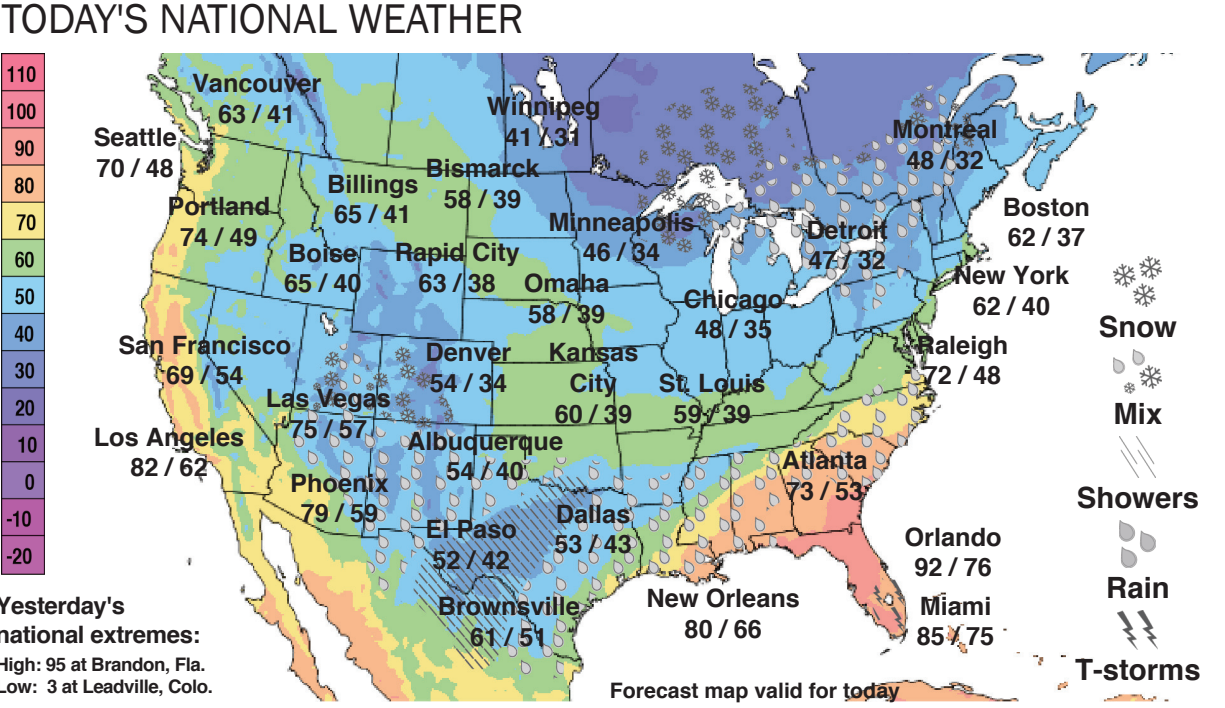
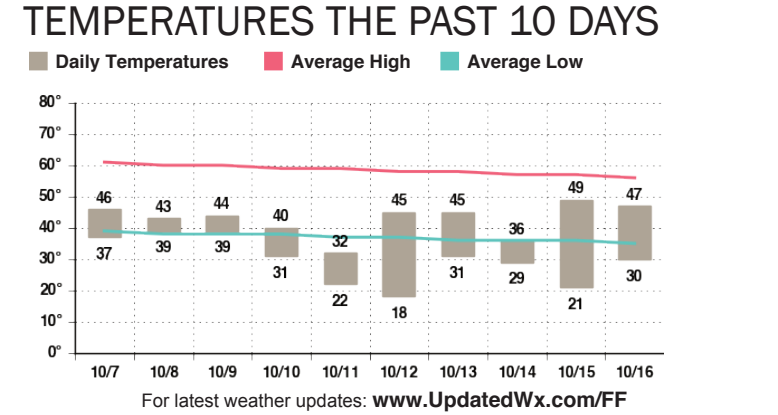
First

10/24

10/31

11/7

11/15



Bighorns are the only kind of wild sheep in North Dakota

West Fargo

North Dakota doesn't have many bighorn sheep, but vast appreciation and genuine curiosity from hunters and nonhunters alike more than compensates for lack of population.

As evidence of that, in March 2018, a record 14,617 prospective hunters submitted an application for a North Dakota bighorn sheep license. With two lottery licenses eventually made available, that equates to odds of more than 7,000 to one for drawing a license.

For those who may not realize, the bighorn sheep fills a niche as the only kind of wild sheep in the state. North Dakota had native bighorn sheep, but they were extirpated or gone from the state in the early 1900s. The state did not have any wild sheep from that time until the mid-1950s, when bighorns from British Columbia were transplanted here.

Managing bighorn sheep in North Dakota has been a challenge at times, particularly in recent years when a disease called bacterial pneumonia has made its

DOUG LEIER
ND Game and Fish

way through the state's sheep population. While the sheep population was not necessarily decimated, it did experience losses since the disease was first discovered in 2014.

But the latest numbers, compiled during the recent summer survey in July and August, are encouraging. While biologists counted 77 rams during the summer survey, 12 fewer than 2017 and 27 fewer than 2016, there was some better news in the ewe and lamb counts, according to North Dakota Game and Fish Department big game biologist Brett Wiedmann.

"The good news is we counted 47 lambs during the summer portion of the survey. That is a pretty high count," Wiedmann said. "The caveat is that about more than half of them were coughing, showing signs of pneumonia. So what



N.D. Game and Fish Department photo
Bighorn sheep fills a niche as the only kind of wild sheep in the state of North Dakota.

we do is we will go out in March and recount those lambs to determine how many will be recruited into the population and survive their first winter.”

Wiedmann is cautious, however, as 2017 had the second lowest lamb recruitment on record, with only four yearling rams observed during the summer survey a year ago. “Encouragingly, no adult animals within the herds that were exposed to disease in 2014 showed clinical signs of pneumonia,” Wiedmann said, “and the summer lamb count in those herds improved.”

The next few years will be important in determining if the state’s sheep population continues to show signs of recovering from the disease outbreak, or if the disease is likely to persist and cause a long-term population decline.

For 2018, Game and Fish issued one lottery license each for sheep units B3 and B4.

In addition, one license, as authorized under North Dakota Century Code, was auctioned in spring by the Midwest Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, from which all proceeds are used to enhance bighorn sheep management in North Dakota.

Similar to last year, Game and Fish announced in February that the status of the bighorn sheep hunting season would be determined after completion of the summer population survey. Prospective hunters were required to apply for a bighorn license in March.

Doug Leier is a biologist for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department

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 an overtrick than to make his bid. That drives his partners to drink.

At 3NT, Joe won the first spade with the king, cashed the king of hearts and led to dummy's jack. East took his queen and returned a spade, and Joe won and tried a diamond to dummy's jack. That finesse won, but when Joe cashed the ace of hearts next, East showed out. Joe won only eight tricks, and North ordered a double martini.

SECOND TRICK

Even if Joe knew how to play safe, he wouldn't. At Trick Two, he must finesse in diamonds. When dummy's jack wins, Joe has eight top tricks and should play as safe as he can for one extra heart trick. He takes the A-K before leading toward

the jack. When East's queen happens to fall, Joe is safe.

If the diamond finesse lost, Joe would need four heart tricks. Then he would take the king and finesse with the jack, hoping West held Q-x-x.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A 6 3 ♥ A J 5 2 ♦ A J 3 ♣ 6 4 3. The dealer, at your right, opens one club. What do you say?

ANSWER: I wouldn't enjoy doubling for takeout with this balanced pattern. The hand is full of losers — it is defensive in nature — and making partner declarer may not turn out well. Still, the hand contains no defensive honors in clubs, and it has 14 high-card points. Passing may result in a missed game. I would double and hope for the best.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

WEST

♠ Q J 10 7
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K 8

SOUTH

♠ K 9 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ K 6 4
♣ A 7 5 2

South 1 ♣
1 NT

West Pass
Pass

North 1 ♥
3 NT

East Pass
All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ Q

SUDOKU

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

10/17

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Yesterday's answer

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

10/16

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