



DULUTH native and outside hitter Lauren Huchel scores a point for the Vermilion Ironwomen Wednesday night against Fond Du Lac. Photos by Eric Sherman.



EMBARRASS native and former Northeast Range Nighthawk player Melissa Nelmark sets the ball for Vermilion Wednesday night in a home match.



UP ON DEFENSE were Terri Sutton of St. Paul and Elizabeth Hintze of Coon Rapids on Wednesday night.

VCC, new coach debut with a 'W'

by Tom Coombe

It didn't take long - just one match to be exact - for the Vermilion Ironwomen to equal their win total from 2018.

The community college team made new head coach Nicki Kosik a winner in her Vermilion debut, as the Ironwomen stomped Northern Division rival Fond Du Lac in a lopsided sweep Wednesday night.

Sophomore Crystal Stignani had a whopping 18 aces in the 25-4, 25-7, 25-10 thrashing.

Vermilion made quick work of the visiting Thunder, taking care of business in less than an hour and serving notice that it could very well be a new era for Ironwomen volleyball.

The win was a milestone of sorts for an 11-member Vermilion squad that has been practicing since mid-August.

"It's huge for our team because the girls have been working really hard for the last three weeks," said Kosik. "Coming off the season they had last year they just wanted to improve. Our main goal is to take each game, one at a time and improve every day. Their work ethic and their team bonding, the way they have been pushing it's been huge and a lot of fun. To come away with a win to start our season has been pretty awesome."

Vermilion was dominant against the Thunder with a lineup that boasts some experience.

Stignani, an outside hitter, is one of five VCC returnees along with fellow outside hit-

ter Lauren Huchel, blockers Elizabeth Hintze and Alexis Hughes and hitter Terri Sutton.

The Ironwomen have also gained a boost from the presence of Keena Alik, a setter from Texas.

"We just got Keena into the mix," said Kosik. "She's another setter, and she brings a whole new level to our team."

A couple of familiar faces, former Ely Timberwolf and current VCC softball standout Shawna Butler, as well as Northeast Range graduate Melissa Nelmark, have joined the Ironwomen.

Also new to the squad are Jennifer Sandberg, Faith Benson and Molly Frandsen.

In addition to Wednesday's win, VCC has taken part in a pair of pre-season scrimmages and the results have been promising.

"Just from what we have seen, the improvements, the way that we work, I think we can match up well with a lot of schools that we play," said Kosik. "I don't think it will be a rollover for anybody this year, and that's what we are excited about."

Kosik, who will also serve as athletic director and women's basketball coach at Vermilion, brings a wealth of volleyball experience to the program, including junior college action as a player and 19 years as a high school coach in California.

After a road match at Hibbing Wednesday, the Ironwomen return to the friendly confines of their own gymnasium for a week-end homestand Sept. 13-14.

Road sweep kickstarts a busy stretch

Ely volleyball team to be tested at Saturday's Greenway Tourney

by Tom Coombe

So far, so good for the Ely Timberwolves.

The high school volleyball team made it a perfect two-for-two on the young season with a 25-18, 25-17, 25-15 sweep at Littlefork-Big Falls on Tuesday night.

Four Wolves had at least four kills, with Brielle Kallberg reaching double digits with 10 to lead the way.

Setter McCartney Kaercher, a senior, distributed the ball and had a match-high 26 assists as the Wolves won with relative ease.

Ely downed Northeast Range in four games to take the Aug. 26 season-opener and took care of the Vikings in three games.

"We definitely played with less nerves at Littlefork," said Ely Head Coach

Andrea Thomas. "Our passing was more consistent which allowed us to run our offense in-system and we had a lot more kills. We struggled a little with serving consistency, but overall things are progressing."

The wins set the stage for perhaps more difficult battles ahead, starting with Thursday's encounter at Cherry, completed after deadline.

It was a rematch of last year's dramatic Section 7A quarterfinal, won by the Wolves, and a tune-up for this weekend's Greenway Tournament.

Ely meets Mesabi East and Mt. Iron-Buhl in Saturday morning pool play matchups and a date with the host Raiders, a traditional

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MIB blanks shorthanded Ely

Defending section champs rack up nearly 500 yards, roll 58-0

by Tom Coombe

The deck was stacked against the Ely Timberwolves in the high school football season opener.

Only 13 players suited up for the Wolves for the 2019 debut, which came against defending Section 7 9-man champion Mt. Iron-Buhl on the Rangers' home turf.

The results weren't pretty and were largely predictable, as MIB showed off its potent, multifaceted offense in a 58-0 rout on Aug. 30.

Ranger senior sensation Dillon Drake averaged 15 yards per carry on the way to a 180-yard evening, while freshman quarterback Asher Zubich ran for two scores and threw for another.

Aiden Bissonette had scoring runs of 38 and 21 yards for good measure, and the MIB defense twice stiffened with its backs deep in Ranger territory to preserve the shutout.

It was 36-0 by halftime

and the final two quarters were played in running time.

Add it all up and it was a difficult opener for an Ely team that had only four seniors, and no juniors for the opening game.

The ranks are expected to grow as the season moves forward, and the Wolves will add some badly-needed depth and experience.

The game had a handful of highlights for the Wolves, and coach Cory Lassi said after the game that his team showed flashes of promise despite the lopsided score.

Ely had some positives in the opening minutes, picking up a first down on its first drive and then creating a turnover, with Bryce Longwell intercepting a pass and returning it into Ranger territory.

The Wolves were unable to capitalize and turned the ball over on downs and a second quarter fumble also gave Ely an opportunity in

Ranger territory, and the visitors came up empty.

"Take those two drives and we come away with some points and it's a different game," said Lassi.

Bissonette got the Rangers on the board early, taking a handoff from Zubich and going 38 yards around left end for an 8-0 MIB lead.

That got the Rangers clicking as they scored four more first-half touchdowns. Zubich capped a short drive with a four-yard plunge while Bissonette and Drake had long touchdown runs in less than a two-minute span to put things away.

Zubich went to the air and connected with Drake on a 17-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, and Hunter Weigel added two second-half touchdowns for the Rangers, who amassed 489 yards on just 41 plays from scrimmage.

Longwell had an interception, a forced fumble

and 11 total tackles for the Wolves, and fellow senior Tjæe Banks recovered a fumble.

Ely managed only 113 yards of total offense, but senior Dalton Schreffler finished with 49 yards on the ground and sophomore Eddie Prijatelj came up with 34 yards on nine rushing attempts.

Longwell completed one pass, a 34-yard strike to sophomore Mason Davis.

The Wolves made their home debut Friday against the North Central Stars, a new cooperative featuring Littlefork-Big Falls and Kelliher-Northome.

It kicked off a stretch that includes three home contests in four September Fridays, continuing Sept. 13 (South Ridge) and the Sept. 27 Homecoming date with Silver Bay.

This Week's Sports Schedule

<p>HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Friday Silver Bay at NE Range, 3:30 p.m. South Ridge at Ely, 7 p.m.</p> <p>HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL Saturday Ely at Greenway Tourney Tuesday Silver Bay at Ely, 7 p.m. Thursday Ely at Mes. East, 7 p.m.</p> <p>HIGH SCHOOL BOYS/ GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Thursday Ely at Eveleth-Gilbert Invite, 4 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday NE Range/Ely at Denfeld, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOTBALL Saturday Vermilion at Fond du Lac, at Superior, Wis. 5 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday (Sept. 14) Rochester at Vermilion, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Wednesday VCC at Hibbing, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Central Lakes at VCC, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday (Sept. 14) Itasca at VCC, noon</p>
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DNR Conservation Officer weekly report for the week of September 4

District 6 - Two Harbors area

CO Sean Williams (Ely #1) spent the beginning of the week helping out at the State Fair information booth. He also attended training for several days at Camp Ripley. The hunting report for bear opener was slower than expected given the amount of bear activity seen at baits prior to the season.

CO John Velsvaag (Ely #2) checked bear-baiting activity and bear hunters this past week. He also attended training at Camp Ripley and followed up on past complaints.

CO Mary Manning (Hovland) worked bear opener checking hunters and bait stations. It was a busy weekend for ATV operators, most of whom were violating at least one law. Riders are reminded that everyone age 12 and older and born after July 1, 1987 must complete a safety class prior to operating an ATV. One operator was stopped on the state highway running a machine with

expired registration and carrying three passengers, two of whom were very young children without helmets. Manning also answered calls about the upcoming deer season, attended training at Camp Ripley, and checked anglers.

CO Anthony Bermel (Babbitt) worked primarily bear baiting and the bear opener. Violations addressed and under investigation include unregistered bear bait, no sign, wrong zone, and baiting with non-biodegradable material.

CO David Schottenbauer (Silver Bay) worked area angling activity this past week. Much of his time was spent on ATV and bear-hunting activity as well.

CO Thomas Wahlstrom (Tofte) spent the week checking bear bait stations, bear hunters and following up on wildlife-related calls. He attended training at Camp Ripley. Enforcement action was taken for ATV, big-game and firearms violations.

CO Don Murray (Two Harbors) worked ATV, watercraft, and bear-hunting activities during the past week. Murray monitored wild rice harvesting and investigated a litter complaint. Good weather cooperated for the holiday weekend, bringing many travelers to the North Shore. Some birds have begun their fall migration and leaves have stated to change as we once again close out the summer season.

District 5 - Eveleth area

CO Darrin Kittelson (International Falls #1) reports time was spent on an employment background investigation, along with working the information booth at the State Fair. Bear-hunting season opened, so the remainder of work activities revolved around checking hunters.

CO Shane Zavodnik (International Falls #2) spent time checking bear bait compliance, checking anglers, and working ATV enforcement over the past week. Despite the on and off precipi-

tation Sunday, bear-hunting activity was still very high. Angling activity for sturgeon and walleyes has noticeably started to increase on the Rainy River.

CO John Slatinski (Ray) reports that as school begins, the opportunities for outdoor activities increase. Local campgrounds and accesses were busy for the holiday weekend. Wild rice gatherers began to search for a ripened bounty. Fishing reports have been positive across the area. Bear-hunting activity began in earnest with several bears harvested early in the day on the opener. ATV activity is also picking up and operators are reminded to travel where allowed and not rely on tracks in the grass as many trails do not allow motorized travel this time of year. An emergency communications meeting was attended. It included a wide variety of interested people, from the local to international level.

CO Troy Fondie (Orr) reports monitoring holiday

weekend outdoor activities including ATV, boating, wild rice harvest, bear-hunting and angling activities. Area forest roads and public access sites were monitored. Numerous calls related to the upcoming fall season were fielded and related permits issued.

CO Marc Hopkins (Tower) spent the week getting ready for the bear opener. Most hunters indicated their baits were being visited regularly. There were a couple of beaver-damage complaints, along with some nuisance skunks. Hopkins assisted with a serious ATV crash.

CO Don Bozovsky (Hibbing) worked the bear hunting opener, anglers, boaters, ATV riders, and a boating complaint. He also taught a firearms safety class in Hibbing. Bozovsky investigated the illegal taking of a large bear, which was dumped in the woods after being shot elsewhere. Enforcement action was taken for angling without a license, no license

in possession, untagged bear, failure to validate a bear site tag, driving after suspension, and a number of boating and ATV violations.

CO Matt Frericks (Virginia) attended training at Camp Ripley and prepared for the opening of the early goose and bear seasons. The opening of those seasons brought little activity during the Labor Day weekend. Most activity centered around recreational boating and ATV riding. Enforcement action was taken for numerous ATV violations.

CO Duke Broughten (Aurora) spent the week monitoring bear hunting, goose hunting, and angling activity. Few bear hunters were observed in the field. Goose hunters reported seeing a moderate number of birds. Angling success was limited. Broughten also assisted with a serious ATV crash.



Trout Whisperer - Paying, for his attention

So were paddling down a river, want to get to an oxbow that over the years has been very generous on fall walleyes. For some odd reason today with him sitting in the bow he keeps reaching over and lifting falling leaf's out, he fingers them, angles them to the light, some he saves in his shirt pocket, some he discards.

We're going downstream, moving along about two miles an hour whether he paddles or not so its no big deal, we will get there no later than we usually do.

After the days fishing, and once it again it was well worth the time to get to it, it was time

to paddle back upstream when he started leaf shopping again, only this time it was getting a bit much to have him keep laying up his paddle so I grounded us and asked, okay, what up with all this leaf looking.

And even while I was asking him, he plucks yet another out of the water.

I take a deep breath. He says, you see all these leaves, floating past us, I say yes, he says, you see how some float with the leaf tip up, out of the water and some don't. I said I had not paid that much attention; I was too busy paddling without

your help.

He said I'm working on a new rib pattern, a new design for canoes, and some of these leaves with swept back ribs float up, higher out of the water, and the leaves with less uniform ribs, don't.

I said that's great, hope it works out for you, but we need to get out of here tonight, you gotta paddle man.

He says ok, but once you really learn to pay attention, then you'll learn something.

~ The trout whisperer

Central Lakes air show grounds VCC

by Tom Coombe

Central Lakes showed off an impressive aerial attack and capitalized on Vermilion mistakes on its way to a decisive community college football victory last weekend.

The Ironmen fell to 0-2 with a 49-13 loss to division favorite Central Lakes.

Saturday's game at Brainerd turned on two key points: five Vermilion turnovers and five touchdown passes for Raider quarterback Jakob Olson.

That was far too much for the Ironmen to overcome, and they never got on track in the second half.

A 46-yard bomb to freshman receiver Davion Sanders trimmed the Raider lead to 28-13 in the closing seconds in the first half and seemed to give Vermilion new life.

But the halftime break stunted VCC's momentum, and the Raiders outscored the Ironmen 21-0 over the last two quarters.

Two Central Lakes scores, just 35 seconds apart in the second half, were backbreakers.

Both came after VCC turnovers and gave the hosts a short field to work with.

An Olson strike to Tanasi Reed capped a brief, three-play, 17-yard drive.

Vermilion almost immediately coughed the ball back up, and Olson connected with Alec Fredrick on a 10-yard play to make it 42-13.

The Ironmen fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter but trimmed the lead in half with a 12-play, 80-yard march in the second quarter.

Quarterback Murphy

Theodore capped the drive with a two-yard scoring pass to sophomore Damon Dunn.

Dunn's second touchdown of the season and the ensuing extra point made it 14-7.

The Raiders answered right back, with Rashaun Cage taking the kickoff and bringing it back 76 yards for a touchdown.

Olson and Reed hooked up for their first touchdown connection of the game later in the quarter.

Olson was efficient, going 17-for-23 through the air for 242 yards and five touchdowns.

Running back Jesse Sherwood added nine rushes for 52 yards while Reed, Jayou Mensah and Mike Bostrom all had more than 50 yards receiving.

Sanders had four catches for 56 yards for Vermilion, and teammate Christopher Bellamy had a 46-yard reception.

Ty Williams added 53 yards rushing while Theodore passed for 121 yards with three interceptions.

On defense, Vermilion's James Grogan had an interception and Leroy Bolden, David Rush and Zackiey Sheriff all had a hand in three tackles.

The Ironmen travel to Superior (Wisc.) today for an MCAC Eastern Division game with Fond Du Lac (0-2). Vermilion's only win last season came against the Thunder. Game time on the artificial turf is 5 p.m.



UP FOR THE SPIKE for the Vermilion Ironwomen Wednesday night was Elizabeth Hintze, a sophomore from Coon Rapids. Photo by Eric Sherman.

Road sweep kickstarts a busy stretch

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Class AA powerhouse that moved down to Class A this year, looms.

"We are looking forward to this weekend and hope to play some teams in the

afternoon that we don't see during the regular season," said Thomas.

The Wolves also host Silver Bay Tuesday and travel to Mesabi East Sept. 12 as part of a rugged early-season grind.

Kallberg, who is in her fifth season as a varsity starter, lit up the stat chart at Littlefork and added nine digs and three blocks to go with her attacks at the net.

Senior Erika Mattson nearly pulled off a dou-

ble-double, adding 11 digs to go with her nine kills.

Another senior, Jenna Merhar, recorded five kills while junior McKenna Coughlin had four kills and four ace serves.



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SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 69VI-PR-19-109

ESTATE OF
EDWARD C. MARSOLEK, SR.
A/K/A EDWARD CHARLES
MARSOLEK,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 16, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 300 5th Ave. S. Virginia, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent, dated January 21, 2010 under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Edward C. Marsolek, Jr., whose address is 26 S. 8th Ave. E., Ely, MN 55731 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised ad-

ministration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real or personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 20, 2019
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 69DU-PR-19-178

ESTATE OF
CARL LOUIS BLAIR,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has been informally appointed Bryon Blair, whose address is: 2733 Rushmore Rd. Hastings, MN 55033 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative.

Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate. Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 27, 2019

LESLIE E. BEIERS
District Court Judge
Amy Turnquist/
Court Administrator
Janet Riegle, Deputy

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