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celebrate a goal against Wayne State on Oct. 25 at Chet Anderson Stadium Photos by Jillian Gandsey | Bemidji Pioneer



Bemidji State junior Alanna Mattson (10) controls the ball against Wayne State on Oct. 25 at Chet Anderson Stadium.

Bemidji State enters postseason with program-first in mind

By Micah Priez mfriz@bernidjipioneer.com The Bernidji Joineer.com The Bernidji State women's has raised the bar over and over in recent years, has another chance to do just that this week. The Beavers enter the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament three wins away from their first-ever postseason championship. "(It's) about the opportunity to do something the Ut and

"(It's) about the opportunity to do something that we've never done before," BSU head coach Jim Stone said. "That's the potential the postseason holds for us right now."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bemidji State had checked off several notable boxes off several notable boxes in recent years, including the program's first NCAA Tournament berth in 2017 and its first NSIC regular season championship and NCAA Tournament victory in 2018 — both years breaking the program record for wins in a season.

program recer-a season. "Last year was a first, we won the conference (regular season title)," junior goalkeeper Emma Riedi said. "So our mindset right now is to be the first Bemidji team to win the NSIC Tournament."

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Serratore earns 300th win, Beavers sail to sweep

MEN'S HOCKEY

By Austin Monteith onteith@bemidjipioneer.com

amonteith@bemidifioineer.com BEMIDJI — For the sec-ond straight night, the Bemidij State men's hockey team held Lake Superior State to a single goal, win-ning 5-1 Saturday at the Sanford Center to clinch the Western Collegiate Hockey Association series sweep. Entering the second period tied at 1-all, Alex Adams and Ethan Somo-za scored 81 seconds apart moments into the frame as the Beavers (3-3-2, 3-1-0-

moments into the frame as the Beavers (3-3-2, 3-1-0-0 WCHA) sailed to the win. Friday's game was also a one-sided affair, ending at 7-1, marking the most goals scored by the team since an 8-2 win over Niagara on

Dec. 4, 2009. Head coach Tom Serratore reached a career milestone Saturday by picking up his 300th career victory. "It's kind of odd. I never would know that unless somebody just told me," he said. is och

Noneoday just total life, he said. Now in his 19th season behind the bench, Serratore has compiled a record of 300-287-95, making him the second-winningest coach in program history behind Bob Peters, who finished his career with a 702-293-49 mark over 34 seasons from 1966-2001. "It means I've been here a while, and I've got 400 and how many more to catch Bob Peters. So I'll

be 91 when that happens," Serratore joked. The sweep was the team's first since Hockey Day weekend last January when the Beavers sweet Mich-igan Tech. The last time they scored five or more goals in both games of a series sweep was Jan. 8-9, 2016, with wins of 6-3 and 5-1 at Alaska Anchorage. Adam Brady ended the team's power-play drought when he scored his team-leading fifth goal of the sea-son at13:54 of the first period. The team had only managed one goal in 18 opportunities for the season entering the night. The power play fin-ished 1-for-4 on the game. HOCKEY: Page B3

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Jillian Gandsey | Bemidji Pionee Bemidji State junior Nick Wagner (30) takes a shot against Northland College on Saturday at the BSU Gymnasium.

Nick Wagner, Beavers surge in season opener

By Micah Friez

ByNich Friez mritez@bernidipioneer.com BerMIDJ1 — When the ball found fick Wagner's hands in the closing seconds of the first half on saturday, tiddn't really matter that he was throwing up a contested, running, tiddn't really matter that he was throwing the debut he was having, rou matter that he debut he was having, rou the debut he was having, rou matter that he debut he was having, rou the debut he was having, rou matter ball and saw the clock, three seconds left, and tride to get a shou the ball and saw the clock, three seconds left, and tride to get a shou the ball and saw the clock, three seconds left, and tride to get a shou work to the delight of the season-mening crowd at the BSU Gymnasium, which to the delight of three of the season-mening the shot for three of the season-the season

the first half alone. He outscored the LumberJacks (0-2) by one, as the Bea-vers (1-0) commanded a 54-23 lead at the break

vers (1-0) commanded a 54-23 lead at the break. "You want your good players to be confident and have the passion for the game," BSU head coach Mike Boschee said. "He loves the game. He works hard at it... It's no fluke that he comes out here and puts up his numbers." And while Wagner spearheaded the offensive efforts, he had plenty of help alongside him. Bemidji State (1-0) torched the nets for its most points since 2012, also coming within nine points of the program record. "This team's got a little more juice, a little more punch," Boschee said. "Last year, we were kind of one-dimensional in some ways, and this year, we've got the potential to be much more balanced inside and out... We have more guys who can do more things, and that's nice to coach." BASKETBALL: Page B3

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Jillian Gandsey | Bemidji Pioneer The Lumberjacks celebrate Gracie Fisher's (17) first goal against East Grand Forks on Friday at the Bemidji Community Arena.

Jacks start strong, win first opener since 2011

By Micah Friez mrite2@benidijioneer.com BEMIDJI — When the Bemidji High School girls hockey team went on the power play just 29 seconds into the new season, Gracie Fisher's highlight-reel goal started things off with a bang. The senior's score was a microcosm of the night — a promising start turned impressive showcase — for a strong 5-2 victory over East Grand Forks at the Bemidji Community Arena. And in turn, the Lumberjacks clinched their first season-opening win since 2011.

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"We all wanted to come out... starting strong. We're changing the way this program's working," Fisher said of a program that last had a winning season in 2012-13, "We're going to start off strong and come out with a win at the end of the day. We all just busted our butt, and it worked." Fisher's opening statement came at the 1:43 mark of the first period. She dangled her way through two defenders and then decked her shot past Lynnsey Hartwig for the power-play goal. "Gracie just took charge, made an extra move and dangled a little. She was determined to get that thing to the net," BHS head coach Mike Johnson said. "For her to take charge like that was a really fantastic way to start the game."

was a really fantastic way to start the game." Midway through the first period, Fisher netted her second with a slapshot from the point for a 2-0 lead after one. But Johnson was happy that his team didn't feel satisfied. "I was hoping they weren't over-poyed, like they had accomplished any-thing, because they really hadn't," he said. "And they weren't. They were businesslike. I mean, they were feeling good, but they were businesslike. That's important that they knew they hadn't done anything yet. They needed to keep on working hard. We won the second period, and then we went from there." More fireworks came in the middle frame. Jacelyn Brenden sliced the Bemidji lead in half at the 1:25 mark, but Lexi Leitner restored the two-goal edge all of 12 seconds later with an unassisted

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Fisher (Latuiri) 8:44. Second period — 3, EGF, Brenden (unassisted) 1:25; 4, BHS, Leither (unassisted) 1:37; 5, BHS, Johnson (Leither) 6:42; 6, BHS GOAL, Laitur (Fisher, Johnson) 11:53, PP; 7, EGF, Brenden (K. Johnson) 14:40. - No scoring. --shots) — BHS, Ki

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nidji goalie Nettie Kimble (1) makes a save in Friday's game against East Grand ks at the Bemidji Community Arena.

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Nettie Kimble

Junior, girls hockey

Nettie Kimble helped Bemidji to its first 1-0 start since 2011 with 28 saves in the season opener, a 5-2 victory over East Grand Forks. Kimble finished with a .933 save percentage on the night. Her totals ran high thanks to a strong attack and a number of breakaway chances for the Green Wave, but Kimble's efforts allowed the Lumberjacks to own the lead all night through goals by Gracie Fisher, Lexi Leitner, Olivia Johnson and Eva Laituri. BHS also snapped a four-game losing streak against EGF, dating back to 2016, in the process.

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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

quite enough for a top-two spot

Pioneer Staff Report

ts@bem GRAND RAPIDS — Mady Schmidt is headed to state to represent the Bemidji High School girls swimming to represent High School gi and diving team. Schmidt plac

and diving team. Schmidt placed fourth in 1-meter diving at the Section 8A Finals on Saturday in Grand Rapids, clinching the final indi-vidual spot for the Class A state meet with her 377,60 score. "She was solid, and she was confident," BHS co-head coach Kristen McPae said of Schmidt

Kristen McRae said of Schmidt. "She did one dive at a time

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The Beavers (12–5–1, 11–3–1 NSIC) bring in the No. 4 seed into the eight-team field. BSU faces No. 5 seed St. Cloud State (11–4–3, 10–3–2 NSIC) in the first round, a rematch of a scoreless tie in the conference opener on Sent. 20. Sept. 20

As the season goes on, we progress and work better as a team," junior forward Alanna Mattson said. "I think it was a good test for us, for our first game, and we're even more prepared now."

more prepared now." Bemidji State entered the season without much of an offensive identity, having lost all-time having lost all-time leading scorer Rachael Norton to graduation and leading returner Allyson Smith to a season-ending injury. But BSU is more confident in itself now than the first SCSU meeting.

BASKETBALL

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Max Bjorklund put up a career-best 23 points on 8-for-12 shoot-ing. Jacob Hoffman (15) and Derek Thompson (10) also reached double figures, and the trio of Logan Bader, Cody Landwehr and Benly Olizia chipped in nine apiece. Ja Morgan also dished out 12 assists, one off the program record. "Everyone on the roster can score," Wagner said. "Max had a great game, and Ja di his thing by getting in the lane and finding people. Jacob really shot it well that second half. Obviously I know that I don't need to score because we've go's so many guys who can."

got so many guys who can." Even so, Wagner took over in the first half.

The Beavers

Nick Wagner scored a 3-pointer in the first

half against Northland College on

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exhibition against Mayville State

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Gymnasium

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in the meet and placed seventh with 123 points. Though Bemidji won seven "We're obviously in "We're obviously in a much, much better offensive position," Stone said. "St. Cloud's in a better place, too. I think both teams are going to feel good going into the game. But for us, without a doubt, we're completely different offensively than we were back then. That's exciting for us."

Schmidt Schmidt Schmidt acks placed third in the 10-team field with 292 points, behind only first-place Grand Rap-ids (439) and second-place Detroit Lakes (419). Bagley/Fosston also took part in the meet and placed seventh

we were back then. That's exciting for us." Sara Wendt has sparked that evolution. She leads the team with 10 goals — which ranks second in the Northern Sun — while Erin Becker and Mattson each have four. The Beaver defense, meanwhile, corrected, with 6 fur, rache concedes just 0.67 goals a game behind Riedi's .868

game behind Riedi's .868 save percentage. And while the numbers have helped secure home-field advantage for today's 3 p.m. kickoff at Chet Anderson Stadium, a wealth of experience can help on the elevated stage. "We have the experience (over) the other teams that haven't been in the NCAAs or the tournament consistently," Riedi said.

"We know what the expectations are. We're ready to show all the other teams, especially the teams that got ahead of us (in the standings), that we're just as good as they are."

Concordia-St. Paul earned the regular season title and the No. 1 seed, plus the right to host No. 8 Wayne State in the first round. The winner will meet the BSU-SCSU winner in the semifinals.

will meet the BSU-SCSU winner in the semifinals. No. 2 seed Augustana hosts No. 7 Southwest Minnesota State, and No. 3 Minnesota State, and No. 3 Minnesota State hosts No. 6 U-Mary. The highest remaining seed after the quarterfinals will host the semifinals on Friday, Nov. 17. "Something that permeates our program is trying to be the first, trying to leave a legacy," Stone said. "Each group of seniors wants to leave a legacy and participate in things that haven't

happened in the past. happened in the past. There are obviously plenty of opportunities for that until you win a national championship. ... The group's excited about that, and the coaching staff is, too." Last year's NSIC Tournament run ended abruntly As the No 1

abruptly. As the No. 1 seed, Bemidji State tied No. 8 seed U-Mary 0-0 No. 8 seed U-Mary 0-0 before falling in the ninth round of a shootout. This year's approach is different as the No. 4 seed, but the goal hasn't changed. "There's less pressure now because we're more

"There's less pressure now because we're more of the underdog. We have a different role than we've had in the past," Mattson said. "(But) we figure out different ways to make history and break records. We always have something to work for and something to work for and something to look forward to.

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his collegiate career to put the Bea-vers over 100. By night's end, the scoreboard read 117 for a promising start to the season. "You always want to get out there and see where you're at," Boschee said. "I like what we've been doing in practice and how we've been playing, but it's still always good to get out there and play against some-body. We weren't perfect by any means, but our intent was there." Bendid: State will next suit up for an exhibition against Mayville State at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the BSU Gymnastim. Bendid: State will next suit up for an exhibition against Mayville State at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the BSU Gymnastim. Bendid: State will next suit up for an exhibition science 1000 best at 2000 MORT here a best 2000 - Liny & 17, Benet 11, best appresses best and the start of the science and the start of the science 1, BEND STATE (19) – Warger 30, Bostand 24, Monton Benergebre 4, Chess 2, Mart 6, Okes 4, Okes 4, North 15, MichaFriet sapporter for the Pioneer.

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needed to qualify for state in the swimming events. Miranda Port was fourth in the 200 IM, finishing in 2:21.13. She was also on the 400 free-style relay team with Nicki Son, Sophia Jones and Davis that claimed fourth at 3:51.67. The 200 freestyle relay team of Abby Arel, Danielle Gray, Jones and Davis picked up an additional top-five finish in the 200 free-style with her time of 2:06.60.

style with her time of 2:06.60. "Our girls swam fantastic," McRae said. "They came back, they raced well. We had a lot

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of time drops from prelims to finals. In hindsight, they were extremely successful. However, it just wasn't fast enough." Schmidt advances to the Class A diving preliminaries, which begin at noon on Thursday, Nov. 14. After eight dives, the top 16 qualify for the finals at noon Saturday, Nov. 16. Bemidji also graduates four seniors in Amber Korbel, Halii Melcher, Gray and Davis. Team Faudia Chard Faudia (92, 2bentul Las 418, 3 Esemigi

Team Results 1-Grand Rapids 439; 2-Detroit Lakes 419; 3-Bemidji 292; 4-Park Rapids 291; 5-Fergus Falls 206; 6-Thilef River Falls 162; 7-Fosston-Bagley 123; 8-Perham/New York Mills 113; 9-Warroad/Roseau/Greenbush Middle River 81; 10-Crookston 58.

FOOTBALL

Beavers hold off Dragons for Battle Axe win

Pioneer Staff Report

sports@bemidjipionee.com MOORHEAD — The Bemidji State football team reclaimed the Battle Axe trophy with a 28-24 win at Minnesota State Moorhead on Saturday afternoon. The Beaver defense held the Dragons scoreless in the second half and thwarted a last-minute drive to preserve the rivalry win

minute drive to preserve the rivalry win. Wideout Malik Wil-liams snagged six recep-tions for 92 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner in the third quarter. Quarterback Emmett Enright finished I3-for-26 through the air with 169 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Jalen Frye returned to the lineup and carved up the opposing defense for 208 yards on 47 car-ries with one touchdown. The sophomore became

The sophomore became the first Beaver to rush for 200 yards in a game since 2013 while also finishing one carry short of the program single-game record set by Eddie Acosta in 2003.

Williams hauled in his williams natured in the first score of the day on the game's opening drive with a 63-yard recep-tion. Brendan Beaulieu

with a 63-yard recep-tion. Brendan Beaulieu extended the lead to 14-0 early in the second quar-ter with his 7-yard recep-tion off a jump ball into the end zone. The Dragons (5-5, 4-2 NSIC North) got on the board with the first of two big-yardage touch-downs for receiver Jake Richter, the first going for 71 yards. Frye answered for the Beavers (7-3, 5-1 NSIC North) with his 18-yard rushing score, only for quarterback Jakup Sinani o again hit Richter on a 51-yard score on the ensu-51-yard score on the ensu-ing drive as MSUM scored 17 17 points in the final 3 minutes, 54 seconds of the

second quarter. Two BSU turnovers -- a fumble and an intercep-tion — led to a 55-yard



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Alex Ambrosio tapped in a loose puck to tie the game at 1-all in the final minute of the

the final minute of the opening frame. BSU responded early in the second as Adams scored on a rebound in the crease. Somoza then fired a seeing-eye shot off the post and in for a two-goal lead 81 ticks later at the 3:24 mark of the frame. Sophomore forward Nick Cardelli buried a high-

Sophomore forward Nick Cardelli buried a high-light-reel goal at 16:43 of the period when he evad-ed a defender, who lost a glove as Cardelli spun around him, and scored bar down for a 4-1 lead. "To be honest, I just tried chipping it by him and then he kind of wrapped me up there,"

Cardelli said. "I thought there was going to be a penalty called there. And then I just looked up, the puck was in front of me and then I was just like, might as well as shoot it here, penalty or not. Who knows what's going to happen. And luckily it went in." The Beavers chased the oposing goalie for the second straight game as starter Roman Bengert was replaced by Mareks Mitens to start the third period. Aaron Miller was given a five-minute major and a game misconduct at 2255 Cardelli said. "I thought

game misconduct at 2:55 of the third, but BSU killed the extended penalty to hold LSSU 0-for-3 on the

hold LSSU 0-tor-3 on the power play. The Lakers (4-8-0, 2-2-0-0 WCHA) pulled Mitens with under five minutes to play in the third and Ross Armour tallied an empty-

netter, his second point of the game, to wrap up th wir Zach Driscoll stopped 18

Zach Driscoll stopped 18 of 19 shots to improve to 3-2-1 on the year. The junior made 44 saves on 46 shots for the weekend. Bemidji State will hope to keep it rolling on the road this weekend at Ferris State in a WCHA series, Nov. 15-16, in Big Rapids, Mich.

Looft wins

1st WCHA award

BLOOMINGTON — Kyle Looft has earned the first Western Collegiate Hockey Western Collegiate Hockey Association weekly award of the season for the Bem-idji State men's hockey team, taking home Defen-seman of the Week honors on Monday. Looft, a freshman from Mankato, recorded his first collegiate points during the Beavers' 7-1



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Looft

Loof helper on the game-winning goal. Though he didn't play Saturday, Looft ranked third among WCHA fresh-men in scoring on the weekend and second among defenders. He also blocked a shot and posted a +3 plus/minus rating. Northern Michigan's Vincent de Mey was named Forward of the Week and Forward of the Week and Forward of the Week and Kandre Schantous earned Rookie of the Week honors, while Minnesota State's Dryden McKay was picked as Goaltender of the Week. Austin Montelth is the sports editor for the Flower. Readers can reach him at (210) 33-9787.



Sports **BSU ROUNDUP**

Beavers set PRs, finish 25th at NCAA regional

Pioneer Staff Report

sports@bemidjipioneer.com sports@berndipioneer.com JOPLIN, Mo. — Six members of the Bemidji State women's cross country team set per-sonal-record times Saturday at the 2019 NCAA Central Regional Championship in Joplin, Mo., where the Beavers placed 25th out of 22 teams.

out of 32 teams. Sophomore Ryne Prigge led the team in 47th place, posting a PR time in the 6,000-meter race with a mark of 22:48.81. She



Prigge Prigge, the team's to psix runners set PR times. Follow-ing the sophomore were Kristen Petron (132nd, 24;27.11), Mck-enzie Evans (155th, 24;56.27), Lily Johnson (163rd, 25:05.65), Emma Realing (186th, 25:25.82),

Ashley Herdering (202nd, 25:56.73) and Carissa Decko (220th, 41:06.0). Beaver runners finished with an average time of 24:33, the team's fastest in a 6K race this season and the fast-est for BSU since the 2016 NSUC Chamionshin NSIC Championship.

Volleyball loses in last

home weekend BEMIDJI — The Bemidji State volleyball team wrapped up the home portion of its schedule on

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Friday and Satur-day, losing a pair of matches inside the BSU Gym-nasium against nationally nasium against nationally ranked opponents The I Beavers

'11. were s > 16 swept by 16 Winona No. 16 Winona State (25-18, 25-21, 25-16) on Friday before another 3-0 loss against No. 22 Upper Iowa (25-22, 25-19, 25-16) on Saturday. Anna Averkamp led Bemidji

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State (7-19, 4-14 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) on the weekend with 20 combined kills, including a .410 hitting percentage. Maddie Mackinac tallied 55 set assists, and Emma Hallmann posted 19 digs to lead the defensive efforts. Bemidji State will wrap up its season this weekend on the road, facting Minnesota State at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, in Mankato and Concordia-St. Paul at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in St. Paul.

Alaska men's hockey programs safe for 2020-21

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The men's hockey pro-grams at Alaska Anchor-age and Alaska Fairbanks won't be going anywhere for the 2020-21 season. The University of Alaska The University of Alaska

Board of Regents met Fri-day and confirmed that no cuts would be made to the

schools' athletic programs bama Huntsville were not both UAA and UAF and for

schools' athletic programs next school year. Along with Bemidji State, UAA and UAF are members of the Western Collegiate Hockey Asso-ciation. BSU and six other WCHA schools announced in June that they would leave the league after the 2020-21 season to form a new conference. The Alaska schools and Ala-

bama Huntsville were not included in those plans. "It was stated and affirmed that we would Commissioner Bill Rob-have athletics at UAA ertson said in a statement and UAF," UAF director of athletics Keith Cham-thage Daily Newson Friday. "Same sports as this year, same everything." "This is great news for the hockey programs at

lion in state funding for next year, however, the university system ear-lier this year, but fortu-nately for the schools and their athletic programs, be much less. The system along with projected rev-saw a \$25 million bud-get cut for this year and for next year. The future for the ath-letic programs beyond News reported.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY

Former Lumberjacks members named to All-UMAC teams

Pioneer Staff Report

sports@bemidjipioneer.com ST. PAUL — Three former members of the Bemidji High School girls Bemidji High School girls soccer team were named to the All-Upper Mid-west Athletic Conference Teams on Tuesday. Sophomore midfield-er Annah Schussman of Wisconsin-Superior was named to the All-Confer-ence First Team junjor

ence First Team, junior midfielder Lydia Bitter of Martin Luther made of Martin Luther made the All-Conference Sec-ond Team, and freshman midfielder Harper Toward of Minnesota Morris earned an All-Conference Honorable Mention nod.

schussman led the Yellowjackets in points (21) and goals (nine), and she shared the team lead in assists (three) and game-winning goals (two). Schussman's nine goals ranked fifth overall in the UMAC. Bitter also had team leads among all Knights in points (14), goals (six) and game-winning goals (three), and she also tal-lied two assists. Toward converted three shots on goal on the sea-son into two goals, which Her three assists tied for three assists tied for second among the Cou-gars, and her seven points tied for third.

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Jesse Johnson | USA TODAY Spor Minnesota Golden Gophers teammates hold up the Governor Liberty Bell trophy after defeating the Penn State Nittany Lions at TCF Bank Stadium Saturday, Nov. 9.

Gophers' new world includes chatter about playoffs, Rose Bowl, Heisman

By Andy Greder St. Paul Pioneer Pre

By Andy Greder St. Faul Pioneer Press MINNEAPOLIS — The Gophers' season took on a "is this real life?" dimension with a 31-26 upset of fourth-ranked Penn State on Satur-day, and it's only going to get more dream-like this week. Some of college football's Holy Grails can now be seen on the hori-son of college football's Holy Grails can now be seen on the hori-son of college football Playoff spot-day and it's only going to get more dearer path to the Big Ten Champi-onship Game and being in the mix for a College Football Playoff spot-nship Game and being in the mix for a College Football Playoff spot-nship Game and being in the mix of a College Football Playoff spot-nship Game and being in the mix of a College Football Playoff spot-ne longer spotgram, which went 7-6 last season and hasn't Played in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Califf, since Ian. 1, 1962 – the longest current drought in Pasadena, Since 2014, meaning no ponsaive House A chance to go get it this pasative House A chance to go get it this pasative to a start CT Bank Stadium since 1999 and ar 0,4. "But pasadena start CT Bank Stadium pasadena start CT Bank Stadium pasative House pasa treated statice" in Pasadena start CT Bank Stadium pasade

Minnesota hasn't won at Kinnick Stadium since 1999 and are 4-14 in

the rivally since 2001. "There have been a lot of things we haven't done in a while, so we are going to keep that same mentality," Coughlin said. "Trust me when I tell you we are going to practice this week harder than we've ever practiced because we've got our eyes fixed on the goal, which is going 1-0 in the Iowa season, and we are going to take care of businees."

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me-type season is the rise of Tan-ner Morgan and whether he now deserves to he in the conversation for the Heisman Trophy. The odd-on favorite has become Louisiana State quarterback Joe Burrow, who might not yet have a "Heisman-worthy game in the 46-41 win over Alabama on Saturday. Burrow completed 31 of 39 passes for 393 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions against Nick Saban's defense. A week before that performance, Burrow received an endorsement from last year's winner, former Oklahoma QB Kyler Murray. The Heisman race has a lot of other QB candidates from Tua Tagovialoa, but he wasn't himself in returning from an andle injury vs. LSU and no player has missed a game and won the Heisman conversation over the last couple of weeks, but that candidacy to be the first defender to win the award since Michigan defensive back Charles Woodson in 1997 took a big blow with him facing the potential of a few-game suspension for a loan he says he repaid to a family friend. This award has become quarter-back-centric and Morgan's num-ber say in the ballst, othe bets at the position. First and foremost,

's 9–0 and this award often goes the best players on one of the

best teams. His QB rating is 191.04, which is a few ticks below Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts, Tagovailoa, Burrow, but above other contenders in Ohio State's Justin Fields, Clemson's Trevor Lawrence and Oregon's Jus-tin Herbert. Morgan's passing vards (2.100)

Morgan's passing yards (2,100) and touchdowns (21) are the lowest of any in that group, but is within a few hundred yards or a couple of scores from the bunch.

of any in that group, but is within a few hundred yards or a couple of scores from the bunch. Morgan was near perfect against the Nittany Lions on Saturday. He competed 90 percent of his passes with nearly 19 yards per completion. His two incompletions were a back-shoulder throw to Chris Aut-man-Bell, which could have been caught, and a slight overthrow of Tyler Johnson in the corner of the end zone. Morgan stepped up after Gophers running back Shannon Brooks fum-bled and a Penn Sate touchdown cut Minnesota's lead to 2,4-19 in the third quarter. He completed five of five passes for 82 yards, including one to Chris Autman-Bell when he was hit in the pocket and another when he looked off coverage and found Bateman for a 36-yard com-pletion. Wildcat quarterback Steh Green then capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and the mar-ty minnesota wuld need to win. Now, Morgan will get his first taste of the rivalay with Iowa. "I'm from Kentucky, and I'm very proud to be from Kentucky, but 1 love the state of Minnesota," he said Saturday. "I love it to death. L'm very happy to be in the state of Minnesota." If he and the Gophers come back to Minnesolis with the neardy 100

Minnesota." If he and the Gophers come back to Minneapolis with the nearly 100-pound bronze pig, their dream — and the spoils that come with it — will come closer to reality.

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Alaska (6-6)	4-2-0-0
Bernidji St. (3-3-2)	3-1-0-0
AK Anchor. (2-4-2)	2-1-1-1
Bowling Green (5-4)	2-2-0-0

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Bemidji Youth Hockey (Week of Nov. 4) Sanford Health 12U (0-1) lost 6-1 Duluth Icebreakers WOMEN'S SOCCER



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Gophers lineman Sam Schlueter gets do-over against Iowa. And he's ready

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An Sam Schluer of his confidence. Schueter didn't start in the final eight games of 2018, but reemerged as an extra offer-sive lineman/massive tight end in Minnesota's "heavy" forma-tions. He contributed to con-vincing wins over Wisconsin and Georgia Tech to end the season. "That helped build that con-fidence back up, and I went through spring ball and every-ting, and new I'm where I'm at," Schlueter said. Schlueter reemerged as the Gophers' starting left tackle fois season, often coming out of games as the highest-graded of "Mr. Consistent" from Fleck

Schlueter is expected to start against Iowa at 3 p.m. Saturday at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. The Gophers' preseason com-petition at left tackle, with the departure of Donnell Greene, was

departure of Donnell Greene, was perhaps the team's biggest pre-season question mark, in part, because of Schlueter struggles on the edge against the Hawkeyes. Fleck stresses players be well rounded off the field with "socially" being one of the ten-ants, so if the football aspect isn't going well at that moment, they don't feed deflated. "I think when football is just the main thing, at times, people will lose interest," Fleck said. "When good things happen, they

will be fine; when bad things happen, they will be sad. I think he had to be able to gain consis-tency in his whole life."

he had to be able to gain consis-tency in his whole life." In the Big Ten opener this fall, the Gophers started mix-ing in John Michael Schmitz as some of the play on the primary five slipped in nonconference games. Now that the level of play has picked up, the Gophers have been rotating Schmitz in with Schluter, Daniel Faalele, Curtis Dunlap, Conner Olson and Blaise Andries. Against Penn State, the Gophers used six offensive line-men in a "heavy" formation, paving the way for a run game that produced 121 yards against

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