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North Dakota State head football coach Matt Entz speaks at a Zoom press conference on Monday, August 24 about the home game on Oct. 3 against Central Arkansas.

'SHOWCASE GAME'

North Dakota State football will play Central Arkansas after all this fall



North Dakota State Athletic Director Matt Larsen listens to head football coach Matt Entz talk about the home game against Central Arkansas as it is announced on Monday, August 24.

By Jeff Kolpack
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North Dakota State will play Central Arkansas this fall after all. Just like the COVID-19 pandemic that has hit the country, NDSU's football schedule has been an up-and-down, whirlwind proposition for the last month.

For at least Oct. 3, it's on the up. That's when the Bison and Bears will play at Gate City Bank Field at the Fargodome at 2:30 p.m. which will be the first of three games between the schools that includes a 2023 game in Fargo and a 2025 matchup in Conway, Ark.

For the Bison players, it means a return to practice beginning on Sept. 1. They began fall camp on Aug. 7, but that was halted a week later when it appeared the Bison were not going to find any opponents for the fall. The Missouri Valley Football Conference has moved the league schedule to the spring.

"A lot of them were like, that's what we do at NDSU, we play football so let's get back to work and get going," Bison head coach Matt Entz said in gauging the reaction of his players. "A lot

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BISON GAME IS LATEST ADDITION TO FCS SLATE

(Stats Perform) — A small number of FCS schools are scheduled to play nonconference games this fall, including against FBS opponents, after all 13 conferences postponed their league competition due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most of the 127 FCS programs hope to play the majority of their schedule during the spring semester, but 15 programs

— about 12% — had nonconference games scheduled for the fall semester as of Monday. Austin Peay and Central Arkansas are scheduled to meet in college football's first game, the FCS Kickoff on Aug. 29 in Montgomery, Ala.

While the fall nonconference schedule is evolving, here is what's been put in place:

Big South Conference
Campbell: at Georgia Southern (Sept. 12), at Coastal Carolina (Sept. 19), Appalachian State (Sept. 26)
North Alabama: at Liberty (Oct. 3), Jacksonville State (Oct. 17), at Southern Miss (Nov. 7), at BYU (Nov. 21)
Missouri Valley Football Conference

Missouri State: at Oklahoma (Sept. 12), at Central Arkansas (Sept. 26), Central Arkansas (Oct. 17)
North Dakota State: Central Arkansas (Oct. 3)
Ohio Valley Conference
Austin Peay: Central Arkansas in Montgomery, Alabama (Aug. 29), at Cincinnati (Sept. 19)
Eastern Kentucky: at Marshall (Sept. 5), at West Virginia (Sept. 12), at The Citadel (Sept. 26), Central Arkansas (Oct. 10), at Troy (Oct. 17), at Central Arkansas (Oct. 31), Stephen F. Austin (Nov. 7), Western Carolina (Nov. 21)
Jacksonville State: Mercer (Oct. 10), at North Alabama (Oct. 17), at Florida State (Oct. 3)
Southern Conference
Chattanooga: at Western Kentucky (Oct. 24)
The Citadel: at USF (Sept. 12), at Clemson (Sept. 19), Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 26), at Army West Point (Oct. 10)
Mercer: at Jacksonville State (Oct. 10), at Army West

Point (Oct. 24)
Western Carolina: at Liberty (Nov. 14), at Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 21)
Southland Conference
Abilene Christian: at UTEP (Sept. 19), at Army West Point (Oct. 3), West Texas A&M (Oct. 17)
Central Arkansas: Austin Peay in Montgomery, Alabama (Aug. 29), at UAB (Sept. 3), at Arkansas State (Sept. 19), Missouri State (Sept. 26), at North Dakota State (Oct. 3), at Eastern Kentucky (Oct. 10), at Missouri State (Oct. 17), Eastern Kentucky (Oct. 31), at Louisiana-Lafayette (Nov. 21)
Houston Baptist: at North Texas (Sept. 5), at Texas Tech (Sept. 12), at Louisiana Tech (Sept. 26)
Stephen F. Austin: at UTEP (Sept. 5), at UTSA (Sept. 19), at SMU (Sept. 26), West Texas A&M (Oct. 3), at Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 7)

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Valley City HS football game canceled due to positive COVID-19 test

By Adam Watts
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VALLEY CITY, N.D. — North Dakota has lost its first high school football game to a positive COVID-19 test.

A player on the Valley City football team tested positive for the virus on Aug. 13, forcing 26 football players to quarantine for two weeks.

As a result, the Hi-Liners were forced to cancel their season opener scheduled for this Friday, Aug. 28, against Beulah, according to Valley City activities director Michael Schultz. The game will be ruled a no-contest with neither team receiving a win or loss.

"We had 26 players in

close contact," Schultz said. "Of those 26, the majority of them are varsity players. We wouldn't be able to play the first game on the 28th because we had only 3 padded practices in and we need 6 to play."

Schultz said this positive test stems from this summer's baseball sea-

son. A player on Valley City's summer league baseball team got tested before going on a trip, and despite having no symptoms, the test came back positive. Three football players were on that baseball team with him and in close contact and got tested themselves. One of those tests came back positive,

despite that person also being asymptomatic.

The athletes and coaches did not know about the positive tests or the football players being in close contact until after the football team had started practicing and many varsity players were exposed. The team's coaches, in conjunction with city

and county healthy officials, determined that the infected player had been in close contact with 26 other players and they were all forced to quarantine.

"It is nobody's fault, it's just the circumstances of what happened," Schultz said. "All of

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BRIEFS

Safranski named head girls basketball coach for Fargo Davies

FARGO — Tonah Safranski has been named head girls basketball coach for Fargo Davies, the high school announced Monday, Aug. 24.

Safranski takes over for Tim Jacobson, who resigned in July. Safranski was previously the head girls coach at Davies from 2011-2017 and is currently on the school's volleyball coaching staff.

"I am honored and excited for the opportunity to return to the Davies girls basketball program as the head coach," Safranski said in a release.

Davies posted an 18-8 record this past season and lost in the North Dakota Class A state semifinals before that tournament was halted due to COVID-19.

"With her understanding of the game, and knowledge of the program and girls, Davies is fortunate to have her experience," Davies athletic director Lenny Ohlhauser said.

Forum staff reports

Clemson No. 1 in shallow Top 25 poll

Clemson is No. 1 in the initial 2020 Top 25 poll released on Mon-

day, but the Associated Press list includes nine teams that will not play this fall.

No. 2 Ohio State, seventh-ranked Penn State and No. 9 Oregon are among the teams in the preseason Top 25, released on Monday, who aren't playing in September. The Big Ten and Pac-12 conferences are planning to play college football in the spring due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Alabama is No. 3, ahead of Georgia (4), Oklahoma and defending champion LSU. Florida is ranked eighth, Notre Dame 10th and Auburn No. 11.

Seven Southeastern Conference schools, including No. 25 Tennessee, are ranked entering the season.

Wisconsin (12), Michigan (16), Southern Cal (17), Minnesota (19), Utah (22) and Iowa (24) are the other teams ranked in the Top 25 but not scheduled to play until spring.

Teams receiving votes but not ranked in the preseason Top 25 include Memphis, Virginia Tech, Boise State, Arizona State, Miami (Fla.), Louisville, Appalachian State, Washington and Kentucky.

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our kids were doing the right thing. It's just a real wake-up call for our kids that this can happen anywhere, anytime and it can impact you in many different ways."

The quarantined players are eligible to return to practice on Thursday, two weeks after the positive test, but have not had enough padded practices to play on Friday. The Hi-Liners intend to play Friday, Sept. 4, against St. Mary's as scheduled.

Most of Valley City's freshmen and sophomores were separated enough from the varsity team at practice that they were not close contacts and have been able to continue practicing. Schultz said that they still could have had enough players not forced to quarantine to play this week, but they would have been without nearly all of their upperclassmen and most if not all of their

starters.

"We didn't feel it was a good idea to have our freshmen and sophomores jump on a bus and travel out to Beulah," he said. "If it had been a league game, we probably would have played our freshmen and sophomores in that game."

Schultz anticipates there will be many more games canceled due to positive tests and speculated that other teams have probably also been exposed to asymptomatic carriers that they don't know about.

"I would venture to guess that every school in the state will have somebody walking around the school that is asymptomatic and unless they test, we won't know," he said. "It can happen anywhere. It's going to happen other places as well. We just happen to be the first ones that it happened to. Baseball is played outside. Football is played outside. But it still spread."

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Vikings players back at practice after false positive COVID-19 tests

By Chris Tomasson
St. Paul Pioneer Press

The 12 members of the Minnesota Vikings organization who had presumptive positive tests for COVID-19 over the weekend all were victims of false positives, and they were back at practice Monday, Aug. 24.

The NFL had 11 teams report 77 positive COVID-19 tests, and each team, including the Vikings, used the New Jersey lab Bio Reference for those tests. However, the lab said in a statement Monday that the tests were false positives "caused by an isolated contamination during test preparation."

The Vikings had eight players, one coach and three staff members presumably test positive on Saturday, and none participated in practice on Sunday. However, they were cleared Monday morning to return.

The Vikings did not name the 12 individuals involved. However, eight players not at practice Sunday were linebacker Eric Kendricks, running back C.J. Ham, guard Ezra Cleveland, tight end Nakia Griffin-Stewart, defensive ends Jalyn Holmes and Kenny Willekes, and wide receivers Alexander Hollins and Dillon Mitchell. Assistant special teams coach Ryan Ficken also was absent.

The only Minnesota player to not practice Monday was defensive end Danielle Hunter. He has missed eight straight practices with what Vikings coach Mike Zim-



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mer has called a "little tweak."

Zimmer had anticipated Sunday that the COVID-19 tests in question could end up being false positives. Regardless, due to all the positive distractions during the coronavirus pandemic, he said it was good practice for the Vikings to have something like this happen three weeks before the Sept. 13 opener against Green Bay at U.S. Bank Stadium.

"Well, honestly, for us it's probably good that it happened now so we're able to adjust and adapt and figure out the kind of things that would happen if it did happen

during the season and kind of what we would do from there," Zimmer said.

Co-defensive coordinator Andre Patterson said that Sunday's practice ended up going fine despite the missing players.

"The guys didn't blink an eye, Coach Zim didn't blink an eye," Patterson said. "(Athletic trainer Eric Sugarman) did a great job of coming in and expressing to us what was going on. We followed the protocol, we had a great practice (Sunday). There was no anxiety, and there was nobody worried and walking around trying to see who was here and who wasn't here. The

guys did an outstanding job. I think the coaching staff handled it really well, too, so that's probably a good experience for all of us."

Guard Dakota Dozier said before practice Monday that players have to learn to adjust to possible distractions this season.

"We're in unprecedented times, whether it's this test result or some other test result," Dozier said. "Sometimes you're going to have false positives, and you've just got to go out there and go to practice and go to work and do the best you can. Obviously, things are going to happen, but we can't let it change our focus."

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of them probably were hoping things might change and it was good that we could make some decisions as a university and a football program. Up until this point, a lot of decisions were handed down to us."

The football eyes across the country will be on Bison quarterback Trey Lance. National college football writer Pete Thamel of Yahoo Sports is calling it a "showcase game" for Lance and the NFL interest it's destined to draw. Bison athletic director Matt Larsen said NDSU is open to accommodating any NFL team that wants to be in attendance. Bison left tackle Dillon Radunz is also considered a potential high-round draft pick.

Thamel, in his story, reported NDSU's game "will become one of the most scrutinized college football games of the year. NFL scouts expect Lance to enter the conversation with Clemson's Trevor

Lawrence and Ohio State's Justin Fields as one of the top quarterbacks in the 2021 NFL draft. Some have projected he could jump one or both of them."

The Bears will be getting a \$100,000 guarantee from NDSU. They have eight games scheduled beginning with Austin Peay in the Guardian Credit FCS Kickoff in Montgomery, Ala., on Saturday night. UCA will turn around and play the following Thursday at FBS Alabama-Birmingham.

The Bears take on Missouri Valley Football Conference foe Missouri State on Sept. 26 and the Bison game would follow a week later. The Bears have two home-and-home series this fall with Missouri State and Eastern Kentucky. UCA, Stephen F. Austin (Texas) and Eastern Kentucky are the only FCS programs in the country that are playing as many games in the fall as it can and forgoing a spring season, with UCA saying a spring season followed by a fall season is not safe for its players.

Many details for NDSU will have to be ironed out in the coming weeks beginning with the dome and how many fans it will be able to accommodate with COVID-19 mandates. The North Dakota Health Department has released guidelines, but has no hard-and-fast rules to the capacity of a football game. NDSU said no tailgating will be allowed and fans will be required to wear masks at the game. Larsen expects to have answers to the safety protocols in about a week.

Season ticket holders will have until 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, to indicate their interest in the game through a survey form at gobison.com/request. Season ticket holders may request up to the number of tickets on their account.

NDSU and Central Arkansas have never played. UCA has won 35 games in the last four years with three FCS playoff appearances in that span. The Bison have won eight of the last nine FCS national titles.

"What a great opportunity for our program to get to play a team and a university like North Dakota State," said UCA head coach Nathan Brown said in a statement. "This has been a whirlwind with the way the season has happened and the decisions to not play by a lot of conferences and schools. One thing I do know is we were willing to play North Dakota State from the start and I am glad it is going to work out in the end."

The game will not count against eligibility of any Bison players. The NCAA determined last week that this season will not count against a player's four years.

"Everybody can play in this game," Entz said. "I anticipate every single player will be evaluated over the next 25 practices and we'll make sure to have the very best players on the sideline come Oct. 3."

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BASEBALL

Professional

Standings/results/schedule

American Association Baseball

Winnipeg	25-19	.568	-
Milwaukee	25-20	.556	2
Sioux Falls	23-21	.523	5
St. Paul	23-22	.511	2.5
Chicago	20-24	.455	5
RedHawks	17-27	.386	8

Saturday, Aug. 22

RedHawks 11, Sioux Falls 3
Milwaukee 3, Winnipeg 2
Chicago 6, St. Paul 5

Sunday, Aug. 23

Sioux Falls 9, RedHawks 4
Milwaukee 11, Winnipeg 3
Chicago 5, St. Paul 3

Tuesday, Aug. 25

Chicago vs. Milwaukee, 6:35 p.m.
Winnipeg vs. RedHawks, 7:02 p.m.
St. Paul vs. Sioux Falls, 7:05 p.m.

Professional

Results/schedule

NBA

All games at Orlando, Fla. Playoffs

Sunday, Aug. 23

Boston 110, Philadelphia 106, Boston wins series 4-0

Dallas 135, Los Angeles 133 (OT), Series tied at 2-2

Toronto 150, Brooklyn 122, Toronto wins series 4-0

Utah 129, Denver 127, Utah leads series 3-1

Monday, Aug. 24

Milwaukee 121, Orlando 106, Milwaukee leads series 3-1

Oklahoma City 117, Houston 114, Series tied at 2-2

Miami 99, Indiana 87, Miami wins series 4-0

Los Angeles Lakers vs. Portland

Tuesday, Aug. 25

Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2, Boston leads series 1-0

Dallas vs. Los Angeles Clippers, 8 p.m.

WNBA

All games at Bradenton, Fla. Sunday, Aug. 23

Atlanta 78, Minnesota 75
Los Angeles 84, Dallas 81
Phoenix 88, Washington 87

Tuesday, Aug. 25

New York vs. Chicago, 6 p.m.
Las Vegas vs. Dallas, 8 p.m.
Indiana vs. Seattle, 9 p.m.

burn, Wahpeton, N.D., and Rod Melin, Elbow Lake, Minn., 69.

3A: 1, Jim Pittenger, Fergus Falls, Minn., 59. 2, Douglas Noyes, Fergus Falls, Minn., 62. 3 (tie), Larry Wright, West Fargo, and Dan Stevens, Ogea, Minn., 65.

4: 1, Jay Bohlman, Barnesville, Minn., 66. 2, Bruce Eymann, Fargo, 67. 3, Stephen Wiese, Pelican Rapids, Minn., 68.

4A: 1, Bob Leslie, Moorhead, 68. 2, Bob Poss, Fergus Falls, Minn., 70. 3 (tie), Larry Rehder, Fergus Falls, Minn., and Ken Gartzke, Fargo, 71.

BASKETBALL

Professional

Results/schedule

NBA

All games at Orlando, Fla. Playoffs

Sunday, Aug. 23

Boston 110, Philadelphia 106, Boston wins series 4-0

Dallas 135, Los Angeles 133 (OT), Series tied at 2-2

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GOLF

Professional

Results

Red River Valley Senior Tour

Monday, Aug. 24

Tipsinah Mounds at Elbow Lake, Minn. Flight winners

1: 1, Randy Bishoff, Fargo, 62. 2, Ken Terfehr, Moorhead, 65. 3, John Eidsness, Pelican Rapids, Minn.

1A: 1, Virgil Anderson, Lake Park, Minn., 61. 2 (tie), Rick Bergseth, Fargo, and Robert Skabo, Fargo, 65.

2: 1, Tom Erdmann, Fargo, 62. 2 (tie), Craig Hagen, Moorhead, and Jim Nelson, Las Vegas, 65.

2A: 1, Tim Langeberg, Glyndon, Minn., 61. 2, Bill Urie, Lake Park, Minn., 63. 3 (tie), Dean Schwab, Wahpeton, N.D., and David Dotmeier, West Fargo, 65.

3: 1, Wayne Larson, Fargo, 63. 2, Larry Syvertsen, Fargo, 68. 3 (tie), Craig Col-

FOOTBALL

High school

Results/schedule

North Dakota

Friday, Aug. 21

Carrington 38, Ellendale-Edgeley-Kulm 28
Grafton 41, Fargo Oak Grove 15
LaMoure-Litchville-Marion 50, Enderlin-Maple Valley 8
Wyndmere-Lidgerwood 45, Tri-State 28
Cavalier 46, Larimore 0
May-Port-CG 44, Griggs County 32
Harvey-Wells County 38, Bismarck Shiloh Christian 35
Langdon-Munich 59, Northern Cass 14

Saturday, Oct. 22

Bowman County 26, Oakes 0

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TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

- Professional**
- Major League Baseball**
- Minnesota Twins at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
- American Association Baseball**
- Winnipeg at Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, 7:02 p.m.
- High schools**
- Boys soccer**
- Grand Forks Red River at Fargo Davies, 7 p.m.
- Fargo North at Grand Forks Central, 7 p.m.
- West Fargo Sheyenne at Fargo South, 7 p.m.
- Fargo Shanley at West Fargo, 7 p.m.
- Boys tennis**
- Grand Forks Central at Fargo Davies, 4 p.m.
- Fargo South at Fargo North, 4 p.m.
- Fargo Shanley at West Fargo Sheyenne, 4 p.m.
- West Fargo at Grand Forks Red River, 4 p.m.

TODAY'S TV

- Baseball**
- MLB: Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 5:30 p.m., FS1
- MLB: Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m., FSNO
- MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m., FS1
- Basketball**
- NBA: Utah vs. Denver, 5:30 p.m., TNT
- NBA: Dallas vs. Los Angeles Clippers, 8 p.m., TNT
- WNBA: Indiana vs. Seattle, 9 p.m., ESPN2
- WNBA: New York vs. Chicago, 6 p.m., CBSSN
- WNBA: Las Vegas vs. Dallas, 8 p.m., CBSSN
- Golf**
- PGA Tour Champions: Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, second round, 5 p.m., GOLF
- Hockey**
- NHL: Stanley Cup first-round, TBD, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
- Tennis**
- Western & Southern Open, 10 a.m., ESPN2
- Western & Southern Open, 3 p.m., ESPN2

TODAY'S RADIO

- Talk**
- Hot Mic with Dom Izzo, 9 a.m., 970-AM, 93.1-FM
- Major League Baseball**
- Minnesota at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m., 790-AM, 94.1-FM
- Chicago Cubs at Detroit, 6 p.m., 979-AM, 93.1-FM
- American Association Baseball**
- Winnipeg at RedHawks, 6:40 p.m., 740-AM, 107.3-FM

Sano, Cruz homer as Twins edge Indians



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Minnesota Twins designated hitter Nelson Cruz (23) celebrates between home plate umpire Ron Kulpa and Cleveland Indians catcher Roberto Perez (55) after hitting a home run during the fourth inning at Progressive Field Monday, Aug. 24.

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CLEVELAND — Miguel Sano belted a two-run homer in the sixth inning to lift the visiting Minnesota Twins to a 3-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday, Aug. 24.
Nelson Cruz launched his seventh homer in 10 games for the Twins, who have gone deep eight times en route to winning four of the five meetings with the Indians this season.
Kenta Maeda (4-0) allowed one run on five hits and a walk while striking out seven in five innings for his second strong performance against Cleveland this season. The 32-year-old permitted just one hit and fanned six in six frames of Minnesota's 3-0 win on Aug. 1. Maeda also took a no-hitter into the ninth inning of his Aug. 18 start

against the Milwaukee Brewers.
Cesar Hernandez led off the first inning with a homer in the second consecutive contest for the Indians, who have dropped three of four on the heels of a season-high six-game winning streak.
Eddie Rosario ripped a one-out double in the sixth inning before Sano sent a 1-0 cutter from Aaron Civale (3-3) over the wall in right field to stake Minnesota to a 3-1 lead. The homer was Sano's sixth of the season and marked his eighth straight game with an extra-base hit.
Carlos Santana, who finished with three hits, halved the deficit with a two-out RBI single in the seventh inning before Trevor May struck out Franmil Reyes to end the threat.
Sergio Romo bridged

the gap to Taylor Rogers, who pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his seventh save.
Hernandez deposited a 1-1 slider from Maeda over the wall in right field to open the scoring before Cruz answered with his team-leading 11th homer in the fourth. Cruz's blast also was the 412th of his career, tying him with Alfonso Soriano for 54th place on baseball's all-time list.
Minnesota threatened to snap a 1-1 tie in the fifth after Luis Arraez hit a leadoff single and Jorge Polanco ripped a two-out double to right field well. Cleveland right fielder Tyler Naquin's relay found first baseman Santana, whose throw home allowed catcher Roberto Perez to make a sweeping tag on Arraez for the final out of the inning.

After near no-hitter, Rogers gifts Maeda an apology

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Minnesota Twins closer Taylor Rogers waded to know that he was sorry. Maeda had gone out and thrown eight no-hit innings before losing his bid for history last Tuesday night in the ninth inning.
After giving up a hit, manager Rocco Baldelli pulled the starter, who was then at 115 pitches, and installed his closer to protect a three-run lead. But Rogers couldn't nail down the save, thanks in part to an Ildemargo Vargas error that let the tying run score.
That set off a wild chain of events that eventually ended with the Twins winning in the 12th inning. But despite the fact that the team wound up winning, Rogers wanted to do some-

thing meaningful for Maeda.
"That was a special game you don't get to see very often and, yeah, really just in the moment, it didn't really hit me but it was afterwards kind of realizing how great a game that could have been for him and I felt like what I did, my stamp on it kind of tainted his game a little bit," Rogers said.
And so the Twins' closer settled on a gift and a note, asking team trainer Masa Abe what kind of alcohol Maeda would appreciate. Abe responded by telling Rogers that the starter doesn't drink alcohol, and suggesting he go in a different direction.
"He mentioned 'Do some rice,' and I was like, 'Well that doesn't seem, that doesn't seem very good.' I feel like,

'Here's a pack of Skittles.' I don't know," Rogers said. "Give me some something equivalent to a bottle of Tito's or something and he said, 'No, no, that's for real a thing and he'll love it.'
So he took Abe's advice and found out both the place Maeda orders from and the type of high-quality rice that he enjoys.
"He (Abe) could have been screwing with me this whole time and I would have never known," Rogers said. "So, I have to thank him for that, for not messing with me. I don't know the rice. I just trusted him when he said, 'Get this one.'
Rogers certainly wasn't expecting any recognition for it, but Maeda, who made a YouTube video about the



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Minnesota Twins pitcher Taylor Rogers (55) throws a pitch during the ninth inning of an Aug. 10 game against the Milwaukee Brewers at Miller Park.

gift, reportedly said in the video — which was translated from Japanese to English by a fan — that Rogers had presented him with a ticket to trade in for rice along with a note of apology.
"This really made me happy because I don't

think there are that many pitchers out there who care this much to go out of their way to do this," Maeda said, per the translation.
Clippard improving
A day after being drilled by a comeback-

er on his right elbow, Baldelli said reliever Tyler Clippard came in on Monday in "about as good a shape and I think spirits as well, as we could ever ask."
Baldelli said after treatment on both Sunday and Monday, they've seen positive improvements, but still are not going to make any calls on what comes next for Clippard in terms of a potential roster move.
He said they would continue to treat Clippard and see where he was at on Tuesday before making a decision.
"It went from a place of everyone being pretty worried about everything and a lot of different scenarios in play to a good place mentally where I think we have some confidence that we may have escaped a very serious situation," Baldelli said.

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League East, Central, West, National League East, Central, West

Colorado (Marquez 2-4) at Arizona (Young 1-1), 8:40 p.m. LA Dodgers (Urias 2-0) at San Francisco (Cuelo 2-0), 8:45 p.m. Wednesday's Games Philadelphia (Nola 2-2) at Washington, 5:05 p.m. Miami at NY Mets, 6:10 p.m. Cincinnati (Gray 4-1) at Milwaukee (Houser 1-2), 7:10 p.m. Colorado (Gray 1-3) at Arizona (Ray 1-3), 8:40 p.m. LA Dodgers (Kershaw 3-1) at San Francisco (Gausman 1-1), 8:45 p.m. Sunday's Results NY Yankees at NY Mets, PPD Chi. Cubs 2, Chi. White Sox 1 San Diego 5, Houston 3 Monday's Results Chi. Cubs 9, Detroit 3 Kansas City (Keller 3-0) at St. Louis (Flaherty 1-0), 7:15 p.m. Tuesday's Games NY Yankees (Cole 4-0) at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m. Chi. Cubs at Detroit (Turnbull 2-2), 6:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Brautl 0-0) at Chi. White Sox (Giulitto 2-2), 7:10 p.m. Kansas City (Harvey 0-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-0), 7:15 p.m. Seattle (Gonzalez 2-2) at San Diego (Paddack 2-2), 8:10 p.m. Wednesday's Games Pittsburgh (Williams 1-4) at Chi. White Sox (Keuchel 4-2), 1:10 p.m. NY Yankees (Tanaka 0-1) at Atlanta (Fried 4-0), 6:10 p.m. Chi. Cubs (Lester 2-1) at Detroit (Fulmer 0-0), 6:10 p.m. Kansas City at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m. Seattle (Walker 2-2) at San Diego (Lamet 2-1), 8:10 p.m.

Monday's results Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2 Minnesota 000 102 000 - 3 Cleveland 100 000 100 - 2 E.—M.Freeman 1, J.Polanco 1, LOB—Cleveland 11, Minnesota 5. 2B—C.Hernandez (11), Naquin (3), J.Polanco (4), E.Rosario (4), HR—Cruz (11), C.Hernandez (2), Sano (6). SB—E.Rosario (2). CS—Naquin (1).

Monday's results Miami 11, Washington 8 MIA ab r hbi WAS ab r hbi Bert cf 5 1 2 2 Turner ss 4 2 1 0 Joyce dh 6 1 3 2 Eaton rf 5 2 2 4 Aguilar 1b 5 1 3 3 Soto lf 5 1 4 1 Dikron lf 6 1 3 1 Kendrick dh 4 0 1 1 Anderson 3b 6 1 2 0 Cabrera 3b 3 0 0 0 Sanchez rf 4 1 0 0 Garcia 2b 5 0 1 1 Alfaro c 4 1 1 1 Gomes c 5 1 1 0 Villar 2b 5 2 2 1 Thames 1b 4 1 1 0 Rojas ss 2 2 1 1 Robles cf 2 1 0 1 Totals 43111711 Totals 37 811 8 Miami 001 600 220 - 11 Washington 000 030 230 - 8 E.—Aguilar 1, Bi.Anderson 1. LOB—Washington 9, Miami 12. 2B—Aguilar (5), Alfaro (1), Gomes (2), J.Soto (6), Thames (3), T.Turner (6), HR—Berti (1), Eaton (2), SB—Villar (8).

Monday's results Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 2 CIN ab r hbi MIL ab r hbi Votto 1b 3 0 0 0 Garcia cf 4 0 0 0 Costlin rf 4 0 2 0 Yelich lf 3 1 1 0 Suarez 3b 4 1 1 1 Hiura dh 3 1 1 0 Davidson dh 3 0 0 0 Smoak 1b 4 1 2 3 Moustks 2b 3 0 0 0 Braun rf 4 0 1 0 Ervin cf 3 0 0 0 Gamel rf 0 0 0 0 Winker lf 3 0 1 0 Narvaez c 4 1 2 1 Casali c 3 1 1 1 Urias 2b 4 0 0 0 Farmer ss 3 0 0 0 Sogard 3b 3 0 0 0 Arcia ss 2 0 0 0 Totals 29 2 5 2 Totals 31 4 7 4 Cincinnati 000 001 100 - 2 Milwaukee 102 100 00x - 4 LOB—Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 2. 2B—Braun (5), Narvaez (3), Yelich (4), HR—Casali (4), Narvaez (1), Smoak (5), E.Suarez (5). SB—Arcia (2), Hiura (3), Yelich (2).

Monday's results Texas 3, Oakland 2 OAK ab r hbi TEX ab r hbi Semien ss 4 0 3 0 Taveras cf 3 0 1 0 Laurano cf 3 1 0 0 Solak lf 4 1 1 0 Olson 1b 4 0 0 0 Santana 1b 4 1 1 0 Chapman 3b 5 0 0 0 Frazier 3b 2 0 1 2 Canha dh 4 0 2 1 Rivera p 2 0 0 0 Grossm lf 3 0 0 0 Trevino c 4 0 0 0 Pscotty rf 4 1 2 1 Chrnos dh 4 0 1 0 Kemp 2b 4 0 1 0 Odor 2b 3 0 1 0 Murphy c 3 0 0 0 Knr-Flf ss 3 1 1 1 Davis ph 1 0 0 0 Hinman rf 3 0 0 0 Totals 35 2 8 2 Totals 30 3 7 3 Oakland 110 000 00x - 2 Texas 210 000 00x - 3 LOB—Texas 6, Oakland 11. 2B—Canha (7), Da.Santana (4), HR—Kiner-Falefa (1), Piscotty (5). CS—T.Frazier (1).

AL leaders Batter, G AB R H AVG LeMahieu, NYY 19 73 15 30 411 Lewis, SEA 29 106 24 39 368 Cruz, MIN 30 99 22 34 343 Severino, BAL 24 81 8 27 333 Abreu, CHW 30 118 22 38 322 Rendon, LAA 26 91 17 29 319 Merrifield, KC 30 109 19 34 312 Voit, NYY 21 74 16 23 311 Perez, KC 23 88 10 27 307 Fletcher, LAA 30 121 19 37 306 HOME RUNS Abreu, CHW, 11; Cruz, MIN, 10; Hernandez, TOR, 10; Santander, BAL, 10; Trout, LAA, 10; Voit, NYY, 10; 5 tied 9.

AL leaders Batter, G AB R H AVG Blackmon, COL 29 111 19 45 405 Solano, SF 25 91 14 33 363 Goldschmidt, STL 18 53 10 18 340 Marte, ARI 29 113 12 38 336 Harper, PHI 24 75 22 24 320 Marte, ARI 28 97 17 31 320 Swanson, ATL 30 113 25 36 319 Tatis Jr., SD 30 118 29 37 314 Winker, CIN 29 70 12 22 314 Turner, WAS 27 99 19 31 313 HOME RUNS Tatis Jr., SD, 12; Betts, LAD, 11; Castellanos, CIN, 9; Bellinger, LAD, 8; Machado, SD, 8; Realmuto, PHI, 8; Story, COL, 8; 13 tied 7.

Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 4 TOR ab r hbi TB ab r hbi Biggio 2b 4 2 2 1 Meadows lf 4 0 0 0 Grichuk cf 4 1 2 3 Lowe rf 3 0 0 0 Drury 3b 1 0 0 0 Diaz 3b 4 0 0 0 GurrJr lf 3 0 1 1 Choi 1b 4 1 1 0 GurrJr lf 4 1 1 1 Tsutsug dh 1 2 1 1 Hmandz rf 4 0 1 0 Wendle 2b 4 0 1 0 Shaw dh 4 0 0 0 Adames ss 4 1 2 2 Jansen c 3 0 0 0 Kirmair cf 2 0 0 0 Panik 3b 4 0 0 0 Margot cf 1 0 1 0 Espinal ss 3 2 0 0 Zunino c 3 0 2 0 Totals 34 6 7 6 Totals 31 4 8 3 Toronto 001 001 301 - 6 Tampa Bay 010 200 010 - 4 E.—Adames 1, Espinal 1, Zunino 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 6. 2B—Adames (10), Biggio (7), Grichuk (5), Guerrero Jr. (5), Zunino (3), HR—Adames (3), Grichuk (7), GurrJr. (4), Tsutsugo (4).

Toronto 9, Detroit 3 CHC ab r hbi DET ab r hbi Happ cf 3 0 0 0 Schoop cf 4 0 1 0 Rizzo 1b 5 1 1 1 Reyes 2b 4 0 2 0 Baez ss 5 2 3 3 Cabrera dh 3 0 1 0 Schwr lf 5 0 1 0 Cndria 1b 4 0 0 1 AlmorJr pr 0 1 0 0 Goodrum ss 4 0 0 0 Contrs c 5 1 1 0 Jones cf 4 1 1 0 Heyward rf 4 1 2 0 Stewart lf 4 1 1 2 Crtni dh 2 1 0 0 Romine c 4 0 0 0 Bote 3b 5 1 3 4 Castro 3b 3 1 1 0 Hoerner 2b 4 1 1 1 Totals 38 912 9 Totals 34 3 7 3 Chi. Cubs 020 400 003 - 9 Detroit 001 000 200 - 3 E.—Candelario 1, W.Castro 1. LOB—Detroit 5, Chicago 9. 2B—Heyward 2 (4).

Monday's results Houston 5, Boston 4 Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 4 Detroit 7, Cleveland 4 Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4 Seattle 4, Texas 1 Oakland 5, LA Angels 4, 10 innings Monday's Results Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 4 Texas 3, Cleveland 2 Minnesota 5, Oakland 2 LA Angels (Sandoval 0-3) at Houston (Valdez 2-2), 8:10 p.m. Tuesday's Games LA Angels (Suarez 0-1) at Houston (Javier 2-1), 3:05 p.m. Boston (Hart 0-1) at Toronto (Anderson 0-0), 5:37 p.m. Baltimore (Milone 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Glasnow 0-1), 5:40 p.m. LA Angels (Teheran 0-2) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 2-2), 6:05 p.m. Minnesota (Hill 1-1) at Cleveland (Bieber 5-0), 6:10 p.m. Oakland (Manaea 1-2) at Texas (Gibson 1-2), 7:05 p.m. Wednesday's Games LA Angels (Heaney 1-2) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 2-2), 12:10 p.m. Boston (Eovaldi 2-2) at Toronto, 5:37 p.m. Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 5:40 p.m. Minnesota (Berrios 2-3) at Cleveland (Plutko 1-2), 6:10 p.m. Oakland (Fiers 3-1) at Texas (Allard 0-2), 7:05 p.m. National League Sunday's Results Washington 9, Miami 3 Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 4 St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 2 San Francisco 6, Colorado 3 LA Dodgers 11, Arizona 1 Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 4 Monday's Results Miami 11, Washington 8 Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 2 Colorado (Castellani 0-1) at Arizona (Clarke 1-0), 8:40 p.m. Tuesday's Games Miami at NY Mets, 4:10 p.m. Philadelphia (Arrieta 1-3) at Washington, 5:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Castillo 0-3) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-2), 7:10 p.m. NY Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

Monday's Results Cincinnati 10, Milwaukee 4 Cincinnati 102 100 00x - 4 Milwaukee 102 100 00x - 4 LOB—Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 2. 2B—Braun (5), Narvaez (3), Yelich (4), HR—Casali (4), Narvaez (1), Smoak (5), E.Suarez (5). SB—Arcia (2), Hiura (3), Yelich (2).

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