Sports



Jesse Treistad / Grand Forks Herald Grand Forks Central's Alexis Roehl passes by Knights coach Sean Allan during a 2017 track meet in Grand Forks.

Similarities exists between this season and '97 flood

By Greg DeVillers Herald Staff Writer

Chris McDonald finished his high school tennis career with a flourish, placing third in the 1997 Minnesota Class A boys high school singles tournament.

That capped a spring and East Grand Forks was of unknowns after the evacuated. Homes, schools then. Now we're stuck in historic flood of the Red and businesses were inun- our homes."



Grand Forks in isolation.

River spread dated with river water.

dis- Forks Senior High gradurupted life. ate and currently a dentist The entire in East Grand Forks. "It populace of was almost like you were

"You couldn't go home and the entire country.

Like the flood of '97, the water across "Mentally, the flood pandemic has shut down G r e a t e r affected you," said McDon- schools. Only in 1997 the Grand Forks ald, a 1997 East Grand flood affected cities and schools located only along the Red River. Now the pandemic impacts activities locally as well as across North Dakota, Minnesota

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Nick Nelson / Grand Forks Herald UND captain Colton Poolman (6) and alternate captain Cole Smith (26) carry the Penrose Cup off the ice on Senior Night.

From one college offer to NHL deal **UND's Cole Smith** developed into a top player during his four years in Grand Forks By Brad E. Schlossman

Grand Forks Herald

UND coach Brad Berry did not go to Steinbach, Man., to scout Cole Smith.

He and associate head coach Dane Jackson made the trip to watch a goaltender play in a Manitoba Junior Hockey League game. Smith just happened to be playing in that game, too.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS **OF KRAFT FIELD**



Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald

Grand Forks Red River baseball players practice social distancing in the parking lot of Kraft Field as the lights were turned on for 20 minutes Friday night. Lights at prep stadiums across the country have been turned on recently in support of athletes who have lost their seasons due to the pandemic.

Familiar faces of FSN adjust to life without sports

By Dane Mizutani and Betsy Helfand St. Paul Pioneer Press

Kevin Gorg cued up the final round of the 2008 Masters earlier this week, wholeheartedly reliving the moments as Trevor Immelman held off Tiger Woods to win the green jacket.

Audra Martin recently rediscovered her passion for the violin, practicing for hours inside her closet so she wouldn't disturb her neighbors.

Marney Gellner has become, in her words, the principal, guidance counselor, lunch lady and custodian to son Grady and daughter Finley with both kids now learning from home.

This is the new normal for the on-air talent at Fox Sports North, it's almost starting to feel who are trying their best to fill their days while the COVID-19 crisis has that's a concerning thing," forced them mostly out of work for the foreseeable future.

first time in my adult life, I do qualify for unem-ployment," Gorg said. "It's not anywhere close to my normal salary. But appreciate it greatly because anything helps right now."

But it goes beyond that for these busybodies, who are used to working the grind of an 82- or 162game season, and are now just trying to fill those hours up.

"It has been sort of eerie without sports, and normal, and I'm not sure if that's a good thing or if Gellner said. "At first it was like, 'What am I supposed to do? How am I supposed "Unfortunately for the to get the evening going? Where's my attention supposed to be?' Now I'm sort of in a routine of 'Oh, I'll either watch this replay or I'll watch Ozark or we'll watch Succession.'

> Her stint as an at-home principal keeps her occupied during the days, giving both her and her two kids some much-needed structure. She has found herself teaching math lessons, too, and Googling King," things she never thought called "really fascinat-

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MARNEY GELLNER, Fox Sports North reporter

For Gellner, who travels with both the Timberwolves and Twins, she no slow spots in the polarcan't remember the last izing series that takes a time she spent a month deep dive into the bizarro straight at home with her underworld inhabited by family, a silver lining to these dark times.

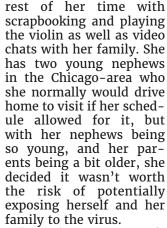
Most nights leave plenty which Gellner

she would have to know ing." Her kids were in and again like, "What is an idiom?" Her kids were in and out, depending on wheth-er the episode hit a slow spot or not.

For Martin, there were the caricatures that breed big cats.

"(I) could not believe of time for family activ- what I was watching," ities, including watch- Martin said. "I cranked ing the Netflix hit "Tiger through that sucker in one make up for it." day."

She's been filling the **FSN:** Page D2



"The fact that I can't even go home to hang out with them right now just kind of breaks my heart," Martin said. "We do Zoom and FaceTime to try to





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