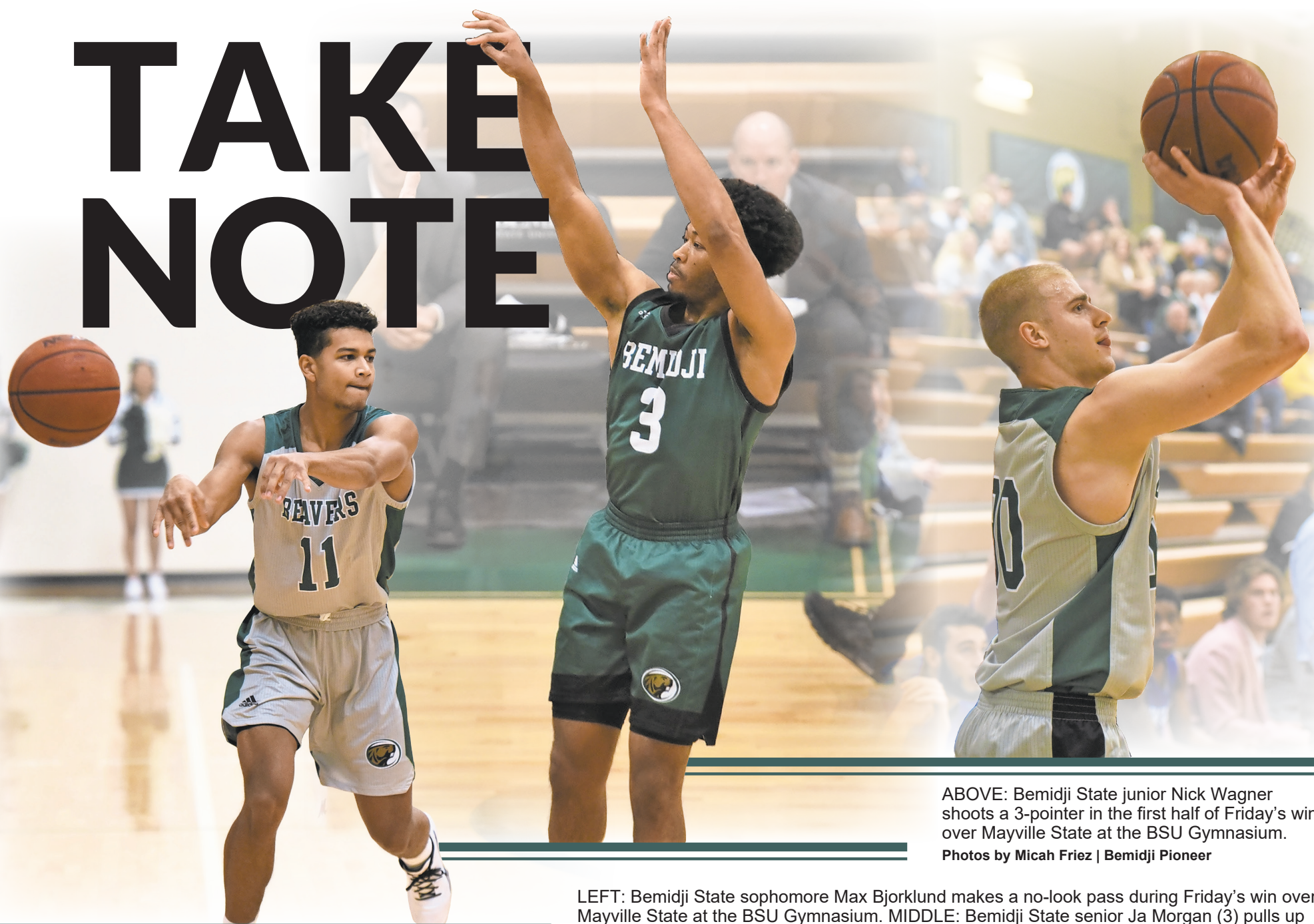


MEN'S BASKETBALL

TAKE NOTE



ABOVE: Bemidji State junior Nick Wagner shoots a 3-pointer in the first half of Friday's win over Mayville State at the BSU Gymnasium. Photos by Micah Friez | Bemidji Pioneer

LEFT: Bemidji State sophomore Max Bjorklund makes a no-look pass during Friday's win over Mayville State at the BSU Gymnasium. MIDDLE: Bemidji State senior Ja Morgan (3) pulls up for a 3-pointer in the first half of Saturday's win over Martin Luther at the BSU Gymnasium.

With meaningful games still to come, Beavers have showcased what could be

try to keep pretty detailed notes whenever I cover games. For basketball, that typically means tracking every point. So far this season, the Bemidji State men's basketball team sure is making life hard on me.

The Beavers can't stop raving about the offensive weapons this year's team has. Head coach Mike Boschee says they've got more "juice." Truthfully, the jury is still out after just two games against Division III schools and an exhibition against an NAIA program.

But the numbers scream for themselves.



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BSU (2-0) is averaging 115 points a night, which includes a program-record 127 against Martin Luther on Saturday, Nov. 16. The steamrolling ran up to a 67-point win — also a program best.

This is my fifth season covering Bemidji State, and Boschee is right. This team has more juice. Nick

Wagner has been one of the best 3-point shooters I've ever seen, Ja Morgan can be a top-tier point guard in the conference and Max Bjorklund's explosive development has been a welcome sight off the bench.

Add in stalwarts like Derek Thompson, Jacob Hoffman and Logan Bader, and you've got some pretty potent potential wearing green and white.

The only thing to stop the Beavers so far has been a lopsided scoreboard. Morgan would have the single-game assist record, and potentially a triple-double, if not for spending the majority of second

halves on the bench. Wagner has only been slowed by Boschee subbing him out, as well.

Again, keep in mind who the opponents have been. But the talent is legitimate.

"We're going to face a lot better teams, obviously, throughout the course of the year. But I will say that we're explosive," Boschee said after Saturday's win. "... They hunt out the open shot. They're intelligent, they're more experienced with everything they do, and that certainly shows on the court right now."

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FOOTBALL



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Bemidji High School head football coach Troy Hendricks applauds his team's performance during a Section 8-5A playoff game against Brainerd last month at Chet Anderson Stadium. Hendricks announced his resignation Monday.

Hendricks stepping down as Bemidji head football coach

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BEMIDJI — Troy Hendricks is stepping down as Bemidji High School head football coach after 18 seasons in charge of the program, the longtime coach announced Monday.

"I am grateful for the years I have been able to serve as Head football coach for my alma mater," Hendricks said in a statement. "I am stepping away, as it is time for

me to move into another chapter in my life. The program is in great shape. I have wonderful kids and a very committed staff."

The head coaching position will be posted in early 2020.

Hendricks, a 1982 BHS graduate, led the Lumberjacks to seven section titles over two tenures as head coach. He first guided the program from 1995 to 2001 and then returned as coach in 2009.

He finishes with a career record of 113-77.

"I think the time is right for me," Hendricks told the Pioneer. "I've been doing this for 25 years. And this is — I think from a standpoint of where the program's at, where the coaching staff is at and for me in my life — (the moment) to maybe free up some time to do some things that I haven't probably done in the fall for forever. Everything just felt like this was the time to do it."

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FOOTBALL

Beavers break yardage record in 66-30 win

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MINOT, N.D. — The Bemidji State football program shattered the program single-game yardage record Saturday afternoon in a 66-30 win at Minot State.

The Beavers racked up 758 total yards, breaking the old record by exactly 100 in an explosive game for the offense. The previous mark was set in 2004 against Chadron State, which was remarkably a 50-43 loss.

Running back Jalen Frye compiled 316 yards on the ground, including 208 in the first half alone, to come within three yards of breaking the program single-game rushing record. The sophomore scored two touchdowns on 28 carries as he finishes the season with 524 yards over the final two games.

On Monday, Frye's performance earned him NSIC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Frye ends the year with 1,337 rushing yards, the fifth-most in a season by a Beaver in school history. Only two seasons into his collegiate career, Frye is already among the top 10 rushers in program history with 1,942 career yards, the 10th most by a Beaver.



Frye

Bemidji State finished with 433 total rushing yards to go along with quarterback Emmett Enright's

325 passing yards. The redshirt junior threw five touchdowns while completing 14 of 29 passes.

Sophomore wideout Brendan Beaulieu posted a team-high 123 receiving yards on three catches with one score, while senior receiver Jacob Anderson notched two touchdowns on four receptions for 66 yards.

MSU (3-8, 2-5 NSIC North) got off to a 13-0 start after a 1-yard touchdown pass and a blocked punt recovered for a touchdown. BSU responded with a 28-yard touchdown reception by Malik Williams and a 68-yard dash to the house by Frye to hand the visiting Beavers a 14-13 lead.

The lead changed hands four more times by the end of the half, with Anderson snagging an 11-yard touchdown reception in the final minute to send BSU to the half up 28-27.

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