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Concordia head football coach Terry Horan, center, is excited about the school's new tuition structure and how that might help recruiting.

## 'It opens up the door'

Concordia coaches hope tuition reduction can help Cobbers in athletic recruiting

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Moorhead

Concordia College recently dropped its yearly tuition by more than \$15,000, a change that could help its athletic teams broaden their recruiting base.

Starting in the fall of 2021, Concordia's tuition will fall from \$42,750 to \$27,500.

"What it does do is it opens up the door with families that might have shut the door with you," said longtime Cobbers head football coach Terry Horan.

While Horan said the financial aid packages made that previous tuition figure more affordable than at first glance for a number of recruits, some wouldn't give the school a look due to the initial sticker price.

"To see the price drop makes us all believe that we have a chance to get access to really talented recruits who maybe weren't willing to look at Concordia in the past because of how much it appeared to cost

in the beginning," said Cobbers head men's soccer coach Ben Schneweis. "Sticker shock was a hurdle and this allows that hurdle to disappear. Hopefully that yields conversations with more high-level recruits."

Concordia also announced last week it would offer a "flex year" option to help students during the coronavirus pandemic. The option allows current students and those enrolling in the fall of 2021 two tuition-free semesters past their projected graduation date.

That could be beneficial for athletes who would like to return for an extra year of competition since the NCAA recently ruled all Division III athletes would not be charged a season of eligibility this school year due to the pandemic.

"I'm excited to see how the kids feel about the flex and see if we have some kids who are interested in exploring that option," Horan said. "I think it's a great tool for some of our kids who maybe want to get this year back."

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Concordia head women's basketball coach Kim Wagers.

## At NDSU, it will be the Kubas Five after Abbey signs with Bison basketball

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FARGO — One thing is for certain in the Kubas house in Dickinson, N.D. There will be no debating on whose college is better.

With Dickinson Trinity basketball player Abbey Kubas committing to North Dakota State this week, that will make it five-for-five for the Kubas family attending NDSU. Parents Monte

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Dickinson Trinity forward Abbey Kubas will sign a letter of intent with North Dakota State on Wednesday.

## Kindred's 'face it till you make it' motto fuels quarterfinal sweep over Oak Grove

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KINDRED — The Kindred High School volleyball team's motto for this season has been to "face it till you make it."

The Vikings entered last year's Class B, Region 1 volleyball tournament with some anxiety they couldn't quite shake. Kindred adapted that philosophy this season to rise above any fear the

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Kindred's Terryn Johnson slices a shot against Fargo Oak Grove's Remi Johnson during N.D. Class B Region 1 volleyball quarterfinals in Kindred on Tuesday, Nov. 10.



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BRIEFS

Bison set to play Dakota rivals in December men's basketball event

FARGO — North Dakota State will face off against the other three NCAA Division I men's basketball team in the Dakotas in mid-December for nonconference games.

The Bison will take part in a three-day, round-robin event against North Dakota, South Dakota and South Dakota State from Dec. 10-12 at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, S.D. All four teams are Summit League members.

A limited number of tickets are set to go on sale at 10 a.m. on Nov. 23 at ticketmaster.com. Midco Sports Network is set to broadcast and stream all six games. Masks are required for all spectators and will be available free at the door.

The Dec. 10 schedule is: South Dakota vs. North Dakota, 5:30 p.m.; South Dakota State vs. North Dakota State, 8 p.m. The Dec. 11 schedule is: North Dakota vs. South Dakota State, 5:30 p.m.; North Dakota State vs. South Dakota, 8 p.m. The Dec. 12 schedule is: North Dakota State vs. North Dakota, 5:30 p.m.; South Dakota State vs. South Dakota, 8 p.m. Valley City State sets attendance restrictions for home basketball games

Valley City State sets attendance restrictions for home basketball games

VALLEY CITY, N.D. — Valley City State will limit spectators for basketball home games to 50 for the near future, the university's athletic department announced Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Thirty spots will be set aside for parents and family members of the team (two per player), while the remaining 20 tickets will be available for students, faculty and staff on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Fans must have a ticket or be on the player pass list for games. Right now, there are no tickets available for visiting fans. The attendance restrictions are due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Barnes County's current risk level.

"As our county risk level changes, our protocols and attendance capacity will be modified," VCSU athletic director Jill DeVries said in a news release.

VCSU will provide a free live video broadcast for all games. Fans can watch the live stream at www.vcsuvikings.com/watch.

Park Christian sweeps NCE-U-H in volleyball

MOORHEAD — Moorhead Park Christian secured a 25-18, 25-20, 25-14 victory over Norman County East-Ulen-Hitterdal in Minnesota Class 1A volleyball Tuesday night.

Madi Wagendorf led the Falcons with 12 kills, while Regan Nelson followed with nine kills and four aces. Elise Stromme

tallied a team-high 14 digs. Avery Aakre finished with 13 digs, and Grace Schmidt recorded a double-double with 34 assists and 13 digs.

Park Christian improved to 7-1 overall, while NCE-U-H dropped to 2-6 on the year.

Steelers' COVID outbreak includes QB Roethlisberger

Four more Pittsburgh Steelers players were moved to the COVID/Reserve list on Tuesday, bringing the team's total to five and including quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Roethlisberger, offensive lineman Jerald Hawkins, running back Jaylen Samuels and linebacker Vince Williams are isolating for five days and are not permitted in the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex.

It's not out of the realm of possibility Roethlisberger and his teammates, including tight end Vance McDonald, will be eligible to play Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals.

McDonald was placed on the COVID/Reserve list on Monday.

Each player would need to pass COVID-19 tests — and produce back-to-back negative test results — before potentially becoming eligible to play Week 10.

All players are permitted to take part in virtual meetings.

ACC unveils 20-game conference slate

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Tuesday that it will stage a 20-game conference season, beginning Dec. 12.

The league said the final day of the regular season will be March 6. The ACC tournament is scheduled for March 9-13 in Washington, D.C.

The brief time between the end of the regular season and the start of the tournament leaves no time for makeup games lost to the coronavirus. The plan will be to make up any lost contests during openings in the schedules of the affected teams.

ACC commissioner John Swofford doesn't expect much hardship despite the pandemic still raging out of control.

"Our institutions, following the guidance of our league's Medical Advisory Group and public health officials, continue to the uphold the necessary measures to compete in a safe and responsible manner," Swofford said in a statement.

"ACC Basketball is always met with excitement, which is a tribute to the league's rich tradition of student-athletes, coaches and championship programs. As has been the case throughout the fall, during these unique times we will remain nimble and be as prepared as possible should adjustments be necessary."

The first conference game will involve Syracuse visiting Boston College on Dec. 12. All 15 ACC teams will play at least one December league contest prior to the holiday season.

—Field Level Media

CONCORDIA

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All Concordia's fall sports, including football, were moved to the spring due to COVID-19. Horan said he didn't anticipate too many of his current seniors would take advantage of the flex year since most have plans to graduate and move on with life after college. However, juniors, sophomores and freshmen in the program may be more apt to use the flex option to get an extra year of competition, Horan added.

Cobbers head women's basketball Kim Wagers said her program currently has 22 athletes, including players for a junior varsity team.

We can get over the affordability hurdle earlier because it's a big worry for people right now and rightfully so. We were as a group of coaches really excited about the change.

BEN SCHNEWEIS, Cobbers head men's soccer coach

While she expects to keep the roster around that number, the lower tuition is expected to be an added recruiting tool. "It definitely helps us generate more interest as far as getting more kids on campus, which always

helps," Wagers said. Horan said the football team has 115 players on the roster. The locker room has 137 lockers so Horan wouldn't want to have more than that number in the program. Horan added that the football program has 120 athletes signed up for visits before January. That number of visits usually isn't reached until March during past years.

"Kids want to make decisions earlier," Horan said due to COVID-19. "You can feel it."

Horan applauded the school's administration for thinking "outside the box" in changing the tuition structure in the midst of an ongoing pandemic.

"It makes us more competitive in my

SCOREBOARD

Table with multiple columns containing sports scores and schedules under categories: FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, and RECREATION SCOREBOARD.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

High school

Football Bemidji at Moorhead, 6 p.m.

TODAY'S TV

College football Toledo at Western Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN2

TODAY'S RADIO

Talk Hot Mic' with Dom Izzo, 9 a.m.-, 970-AM, 93.1-FM X's & O's with Mike Zimmer, 6:30 p.m.-, 740-AM, 107.3-FM High school football Bemidji at Moorhead, 6 p.m.-, 970-AM, 93.1-FM Barnesville at Crookston, 6 p.m.-, 790-AM, 94.1-FM

BOWLING

Results

Table with columns: The Bowler, Men high series, Women high series, West Acres Bowl, Men high series, Men high game, Women high series, Men high game.

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Results

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RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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opinion," he said. "It's the eye test and eyes are going to see this and it's most definitely gotta help us. We lose out on kids that don't even want to pursue. They rule us out right away thinking they can't even afford us."

Schneweis generally carries around 30 players on his roster, a number he doesn't expect to change. However, he added the tuition reduction has created positive energy for Concordia and its athletic department.

"We can get over the affordability hurdle earlier because it's a big worry for people right now and rightfully so," Schneweis said. "We were as a group of coaches really excited about the change."

Region 4 Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 10 Langdon-EM def. Duneith 25-9, 25-11, 25-8 Benson County def. Rolla, forfeit North Star def. Nelson County 25-9, 25-15, 25-11 No. 3 New Rockford-Sheyenne def. No. 6 Harvey-Wells County 25-18, 25-12, 25-15 Thursday, Nov. 12 Semifinals 5) Langdon-EM vs. Benson County, at higher seed, 7 p.m. 6) North Star vs. No. 3 New Rockford-Sheyenne, at higher seed, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 Championship Match 5 winner vs. Match 6 winner, at higher seed, noon

Region 5 Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 10 No. 1 Flasher def. No. 8 Underwood 25-6, 25-14, 25-15 No. 5 Center-Stanton def. No. 4 Garrison, forfeit No. 2 Wilton-Wing def. No. 7 Grant County 25-15, 25-17, 25-19 No. 6 Washburn def. No. 3 Shiloh Christian 27-25, 25-18, 25-22 Thursday, Nov. 12 Semifinals 5) No. 5 Center-Stanton at No. 1 Flasher, 7 p.m. 6) No. 6 Washburn at No. 2 Wilton-Wing, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 Championship Match 5 winner vs. Match 6 winner, at higher seed, TBD

Region 6 Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 10 Minot Our Redeemers def. Bottineau 25-11, 25-19, 25-12 Velva def. Minot Ryan 25-22, 24-26, 25-21, 25-15 Rugby def. Glenburn 25-17, 25-11, 25-20 Des Lacs-Burlington def. Drake-Anamoose 25-18, 25-16, 25-12 Thursday, Nov. 12 Semifinals 5) Minot Our Redeemers vs. Velva, at higher seed, 7 p.m. 6) Rugby vs. Des Lacs-Burlington, at higher seed, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 Championship Match 5 winner vs. Match 6 winner, at higher seed, 2 p.m.

Region 7 Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 10 No. 1 Dickinson Trinity def. No. 8 New England 25-16, 25-12, 25-18 No. 5 Beulah def. No. 4 Bowman County 25-18, 25-23, 25-16 No. 2 Heart River def. No. 7 Hazen 25-18, 25-18, 25-19 No. 3 Hettinger-Scranton def.No. 6 Beach 23-25, 25-17, 25-15, 25-5 Thursday, Nov. 12 Semifinals 5) No. 5 Beulah at No. 1 Dickinson Trinity, TBD 6) No. 3 Hettinger-Scranton at No. 2 Heart River, TBD Saturday, Nov. 14 Championship Match 5 winner vs. Match 6 winner, at higher seed

Region 8 Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 10 Kenmare def. New Town 25-13, 25-7, 25-7 Ray at Williston Trinity 25-18, 23-25, 25-22, 25-21 Divide County def. Trenton 21-25, 26-24, 25-15, 25-22 Tioga def. Alexandria 3-2 Thursday, Nov. 12 Semifinals 5) Kenmare vs. Ray, at higher seed, TBD 6) Divide County vs. Tioga, at higher seed, TBD Saturday, Nov. 14 Championship Match 5 winner vs. Match 6 winner, at higher seed, TBD

Region 9 Tournament

Tuesday, Nov. 10 Moorhead Park Christian def. Norman County East-UH 25-18, 25-20, 25-14 Fertile-Beltrami def. Lake Park-Audubon 25-15, 25-17, 20-25, 25-19 Pequot Lakes def. Detroit Lakes 20-25, 25-14, 25-18, 25-14 Brandon-Evansville def. Battle Lake 25-22, 25-19, 25-17 Email scores and results to sports@forumcomm.com

BASKETBALL

Tournaments

November 21: Mapleton, N.D. - 3-on-3 Fall Grades 3 and girls tournament for classes 3 through high school. 3-game guarantee. \$100 entry fee. Contact Barry Anderson at barry.anderson@ps2schools.org or text at (701) 388-3555.

December 12: Valley City, N.D. - Valley City Park and Recreation 5th Annual Pizza Corner Classic for boys grades 5-8. Entry fee \$350 per team. Registration deadline Dec. 1. For more information, call (701) 845-3294 or email amyp@vcparks.com. To submit items for the Recreation Scoreboard, send information to Recreation Calendar, Box 2020, Fargo, N.D., 58107 or fax to (701) 241-5487 or e-mail to sports@forumcomm.com. Deadline for submission is each Monday at 5 p.m.

# The prevalence of chronic wasting disease remains low in ND

**West Fargo**  
North Dakota had its first confirmed case of chronic wasting disease in deer detected in 2009. Since then, CWD has become a familiar term to most North Dakota deer hunters.



**DOUG LEIER**  
ND Game and Fish

Fish Department wildlife veterinarian explains: “We first started finding deer with CWD in Grant and Sioux counties, hunting unit 3F2, in 2009, and we’ve been finding positive deer down there ever since. And in 2018 we found it for the first time in Divide County, unit 3A1. And since then, we found it farther south as well in Williams County in unit 3B1 and then unit 4B last year.”  
Fortunately, and this is important to

remember, while a number of deer have tested positive for the disease in North Dakota, the prevalence of CWD remains low, from 2-5%.  
This is a good sign because CWD has not yet spread throughout the state, and it’s also an indicator that some new regulations put in place since that first discovery have been working. As such, it is still possible to limit the impact of CWD and prevent its spread to new portions of the state.  
The North Dakota Game and Fish Department recently updated the information on its website to highlight some new regulations and the ongoing efforts to keep this disease in check. Here’s some information about CWD, including excerpts from the website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

**What is CWD?**  
CWD is a disease of deer, moose and elk that is always fatal. It can lead to a decline in deer populations if left unchecked, and once on a landscape, it remains



N.D. Game and Fish Department photo

Chronic wasting disease is a disease of deer, moose and elk that is always fatal.

indefinitely. CWD is caused by a prion and results in the formation of microscopic, sponge-like holes in the animal’s brain. It is not caused by a virus, bacteria or nutritional imbalance. There is no treatment or vaccine.

**CWD early detection**  
Early detection of CWD is a key to managing its spread. North Dakota Game and Fish conducts widespread surveillance across one third of the state each year.  
“This year, given the COVID situation,

we’re prioritizing with our hunter-harvested surveillance in the northwestern and southwestern parts of the state,” Bahnson said. “We had initially planned to do the central third of the state, but we’re going to put that on hold until next year so we can focus our resources, our personnel, on areas where it’s a little greater concern.  
“We really rely heavily on hunters to submit heads for sampling, we rely heavily on taxidermists, meat

lockers and gas stations that are willing to host the drop-off sites. In terms of compliance from hunters, it varies quite a bit. In units where we have CWD documented, roughly 10% of license holders end up dropping off heads for sampling. Outside those units, in adjacent units, we’re looking at more like 2% to 3%. So, that’s a number we’d like to see increased quite a bit.”

In hunting units where CWD is documented, it’s important to get a good handle on how common it is. But equally important, Bahnson said, is documenting where CWD is not.  
“In order to be confident in saying that we don’t have CWD in a unit, we have to test a lot of heads. Only testing 10 heads doesn’t give you much confidence,” he said. “But if we can get a lot of hunters to participate, if we can test a few hundred heads from each unit, then we can start to confidently make assessments of

whether CWD is likely there or not. So, hunter surveillance is a critical part of the big picture.”  
**What else can hunters do?**  
▶ Be familiar with the 2020 CWD Proclamation and follow it.  
▶ Dispose of carcasses appropriately, regardless of where the animal was harvested, and if it has been tested. CWD remains in the soil and can be taken up by plants. Scavengers that feed on the carcass can spread CWD through their scat. The best way to dispose of a carcass is by taking it to a landfill.  
▶ Animal-to-animal contact is the main way a disease is spread in a herd. Practices that lead to deer unnaturally congregating or frequenting the same place put the entire herd at risk. You can reduce this risk by avoiding the practices of baiting and feeding.  
▶ Report sick and dead deer to the Game and Fish Department.  
Doug Leier is a biologist for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department

## Top-seeded West Fargo cruises by South in EDC volleyball quarterfinals

WEST FARGO — No. 1 seed West Fargo swept South 25-14, 25-12, 25-15 on Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the East Region volleyball tournament.  
Nadia Chwialkowski had 10 kills to pace the Packers. Brynn Giesen tallied five aces. Halle Erickson totaled 12 assists and Maddie Waldera had eight digs.  
West Fargo (24-2) advanced to play Fargo Shanley in the championship semifinals on Thursday. South (11-16) will play Grand Forks Red River on Thursday in the consolation

semifinals.  
**Fargo Shanley 3, Grand Forks Red River 1**  
FARGO — Shanley took down Red River 25-14, 25-18, 20-25, 29-27 in the East Region quarterfinals.  
Lander Friederichs posted 16 kills to lead the Deacons. Paige McAllister followed with 10 kills and three aces. Hannah Hoedl and Ingrid Otterson each recorded 20 digs and Olivia Vetter had 44 assists.  
No. 4-seeded Shanley (13-6)

is set to face West Fargo on Thursday in the championship semifinals. Fifth-seeded Red River (13-9) will play Fargo South on Thursday in the consolation semifinals.  
**West Fargo Sheyenne 3, Fargo North 1**  
WEST FARGO — Sheyenne topped North 25-18, 25-18, 23-25, 25-22 in the opening round of the East Region tournament.  
Jadyn Feist tallied 18 kills to lead the Mustangs.

No. 2 seed Sheyenne (18-9) advanced to play Fargo Davies on Thursday in the championship semifinals. North (14-14) will play Valley City in the consolation semis on Thursday.  
**Fargo Davies 3, Valley City 0**  
FARGO — Davies cruised by Valley City 25-16, 25-10, 25-16 in the quarterfinals of the East Region volleyball tournament.  
Grace Solberg had 22 kills to lead the Eagles. Ava Wild

and Olivia Marcil followed with eight kills each. Wild also tallied five blocks and 22 digs to anchor the defense. Marcil added four aces and Maggie Krueger set the Eagles up with 36 assists.  
No. 3 seed Davies (24-5) advanced to play West Fargo Sheyenne in the championship semifinals on Thursday. Sixth-seeded Valley City (12-12) will play Fargo North in the consolation semifinals on Thursday.  
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## VOLLEYBALL

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players may have when they step onto the court.  
The Vikings lived up to that slogan Tuesday night in the North Dakota Class B, Region 1 volleyball quarterfinals. Kindred didn’t play afraid or intimidated as it swept Oak Grove 25-13, 25-18,

25-22.  
“We put a lot of work into the season and our ultimate goal is to go to state, so we’re one step closer and it feels really good,” said Kindred junior Kristina Freier. “This region tournament, obviously our goal is to give it all we got. We knew this game would be a little bit of a challenge. Some first-game nerves. But I’m proud of our team

and how we competed.”  
With the win, Kindred will advance to the Region 1 semifinals for the first time since 2016. The Vikings host third-seeded Hankinson (14-8) at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, while the season ends for Oak Grove.  
It didn’t take long for the Vikings to find their rhythm Tuesday. Kindred jumped out to an early 9-point lead (13-4) in the

first set. The Vikings ran away with the first set 25-13.  
“It’s really important for us to come out strong so we have that crazy energy, making sure that we’re feeling each other out and we’re there for each other,” Ashburn said. “I think that’s the big piece of volleyball. It’s all about energy and momentum. And when you start with that momentum, you can keep it all night long.”  
The Vikings maintained that momentum.  
An early 6-1 lead fueled by a block and kill from Terryn Johnson and ace and kill by Kacie Burn-

er put the Vikings out front early in the second set. Facing a 12-6 deficit midway through the set, the Grovers had six straight points to pull even, but not for long.  
Kindred rode an 11-4 run to set point at 24-17. The Grovers stayed alive through one set point, but the Vikings didn’t let Oak Grove get any closer as they clinched the frame 25-18.  
“One of our goals was to not let them get more than three points in a row,” said Freier, who tallied an ace and five kills for the Vikings. “So we held them to that standard and we cut

down their points, and succeeded in that.”  
Like they did all match, the Vikings came out of the gate with four unanswered points in the third set. The Grovers tied it with four straight of their own on an Azahna Luschen ace. Luschen added five digs and the lone ace for the Grovers.  
Oak Grove would play catch up the remainder of the set, tying it again at 8 apiece. It wasn’t long until another spurt put Kindred out front 15-10, where the team stayed. The Vikings rode the momentum to match point to notch their ninth sweep this season.  
“We always talk about the little things. We talk about our attitude, we talk about our effort, and making sure that we’re communicating every ball,” Ashburn said. “Then everything else falls into place. The passing, the swinging, the setting, the defense. It just falls into place when we’re doing those three things.”



Photos by David Samson / The Forum

Kindred’s Kacie Burner and her teammates celebrate a point against Fargo Oak Grove during N.D. Class B Region 1 volleyball quarterfinals in Kindred on Tuesday, Nov. 10.



Kindred’s Abby Duchscherer lines up a serve against Fargo Oak Grove during N.D. Class B Region 1 volleyball quarterfinals in Kindred on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Isabel Anderson paced the Grovers with 18 digs. Sydney Olson had seven kills for Oak Grove, while Sophie Pundsack added five kills and a block.  
Abby Duchscherer chipped in eight kills for Kindred. Kacie Burner tallied a pair of aces and four kills for the Vikings.  
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## KUBAS FIVE

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and Susan graduated from the school in the 1990s and sons Zach and Jake are currently on the Bison football team.  
“It’s always nice to see them follow somewhat in the footsteps but I don’t think it was ever really a deep-seeded wish,” Monte said. “Maybe as they got older and closer to the finish line as far

as their high school careers, then the pieces started falling into place.”  
Abbey, a 5-foot-11 forward, will sign her letter of intent on Wednesday. It is National Signing Day and at NDSU will include men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball and softball. She averaged 19.0 points and 11.3 rebounds in AAU playing for ECI Basketball.  
Certainly, watching her brothers play football at NDSU was a factor, but she had other choices, mostly at Division II schools.

“They said don’t go there just because my whole family is there,” Abbey said. “I already knew the campus, the culture and watching Bison football games all my life. You can tell when it feels right.”  
Zach Kubas, a senior, is expected to start at offensive guard when Bison football resumes in February with a Missouri Valley Football Conference schedule. Jake Kubas is a sophomore backup offensive guard who played in five games last season.  
“I know they’re glad for

her to be able to get it in the rearview mirror, have the decision made and don’t worry about it anymore,” Monte said. “There’s always that back-and-forth between siblings as you would expect.”  
Abbey first visited with the Bison basketball coaches prior to the COVID-19 lockdown last March. She’ll join a 2021 recruiting class that includes 5-10 guard Ellie Dague from Henning, Minn., and 6-2 forward Katie Hildebrand from McFarland, Wis.  
It will make for more miles on Interstate 94 from the

Kubas home 15 miles outside of Dickinson to the NDSU campus. But that’s just fine, Monte said.  
“I’m not going to lie, I kind of wanted her to go to NDSU, I think she can do well there,” he said. “If she didn’t, it wouldn’t have been an end-of-the-world-type thing either. You want her to get an education and be successful.”  
Readers can reach Forum reporter Jeff Kolpack at (701) 241-5546. Kolpack’s Media Blog can be found at [www.inforum.com/bison-media-blog](http://www.inforum.com/bison-media-blog) and Twitter@FGSPORTSWRITER