Shorthanded Twins staving off disaster

Despite having 16 players unavailable and on the injured list, the shorthanded Minnesota Twins are somehow keeping their heads above water during a brutal stretch of games against elite American League East Division foes. The Twins took two of three games in Toronto June 3-5 against a surging 33-23 Blue Jays team and are thus far holding serve against the mighty New York Yankees, pulling the series even at one game apiece after spanking the Yanks 8-1 at Target Field June 8 in a big win.

As you might expect, Byron Buxton has had a big role in the team's recent success, and his homer off Nestor Cortes, the recently unhittable Yankees starter, in the fifth inning Wednesday opened the floodgates in the Twins win. However, there have been other less-heralded players who have come up big for the Twins in recent wins and have helped the team maintain their lead in the American League Central Division.

Chris Archer pitched a gem of a game Wednesday, holding the vaunted Bronx Bombers to two hits and one run over five innings. Archer was hitting 97 mph with his fastball against the Yankees, and if that's a sign of things to come for the Twins, that bodes well for a rotation that is desperate for reliable depth.

Luis Arraez banged out four hits in Sunday's 8-6 win over Toronto, and his .361 batting average and .448 on-base percentage leads the major leagues. Arraez is such a unique hitter in today's game. His ability to put the ball in play places an extreme amount of pressure on opposing pitchers and defenses. He has almost no power (He only has six extra base hits in 166 at bats.), but he strikes out at an incredibly low rate and has extremely good bat control that allows him to serve line drives into the outfield grass consis-



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tently. He's a throwback who should remind older fans of players like Rod Carew, Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs, who used their compact lefty swings to win batting titles and put their teams in a position to score runs.

The Twins bullpen has also been rock-solid lately, despite a few rough outings from Tyler Duffey and Emilio Pagan. The team's relievers rank second in the big leagues with 245 strikeouts, and there's no better way to stop a rally than by preventing opposing

hitters from making contact. Jhoan Duran has been a revelation with his radar-gun-melting heater, and Griffin Jax, Joe Smith, Cody Stashak, Jharel Cotton, Trevor Megill and Danny Coulombe have all exceeded modest expectations with their performances thus far. I'd also be remiss in not mentioning the spot-starting work of Devin Smeltzer, who has been a godsend for a rotation in desperate need of someone who can give them a chance to win every fifth day.

The Twins are in the middle of the toughest part of their schedule right now and are somehow holding serve despite being shorthanded. The reserves are also on their way. Carlos Correa returned to the lineup Wednesday and hopefully the rest of the team's injured players will start working their way back into the lineup soon.

After this weekend's series in Tampa Bay, the Twins will get a bit of a reprieve as they face the scuffling Mariners and Diamondbacks before a showdown with the second-place Cleveland Guardians starting June 21. If the team can maintain their four-game cushion in the standings over the next couple of weeks as they get closer to full strength, they will have a golden opportunity to stake their claim as the top team in the division during that series.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Benton County Planning Commission will conduct public hearings on June 23rd, 2022, in the Commissioner's Room, Benton County Government Center, Foley, and beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission will hear the following:

1. Kellie and Shawn Gallagher requesting a conditional use permit to use an alternative flood proofing method in the Residential District. Pursuant to Sections 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the Flood Plain Management Ordinance and Section 11.6 of the Development Code. The affected property is described as follows: Lot 1, Block 1, Gallagher Estates, Section 11, Watab Township.

2. Reliastone, LLC requesting a conditional use permit to operate automobile and vehicles sales in the B-1 Business District. Pursuant to Sections 7.8.4(C) and 11.6 of the Development Code. The affected property is described as follows: E1/2 of Section 4, lying Northeasterly of Hwy 10, Watab Township

ANYONE with comments regarding the above will be heard at this meeting.

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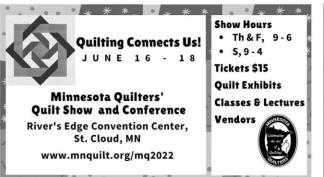
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A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained at the City's offices. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations should contact City Hall at (320) 258-5300. [Publish Sauk Rapids Herald June 11, 2022]

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Ross Olson

City Administrator Sauk Rapids, MN

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Cyclones get first win

of amateur season

SPORTS

Stormin' Sabres battle but fall short in semifinals

BY TOM FENTON STAFF WRITER

High school players help team top Albertville

BY TOM FENTON | STAFF WRITER

The Sauk Rapids Cyclones were the unintended benefactor of the local high school team being eliminated in the Section 8AAA tournament June 4.

When the Sauk Rapids-Rice High School team saw their season end earlier in the day with a loss to Willmar, several players saw the Cyclones game later that evening as an opportunity to play more baseball. Behind the pitching and bat of Terrence Moody, Sauk Rapids earned its first victory of the young season, 10-6, over the Albertville Anglers June 4 at Bob Cross Park in

"I asked the high school kids if they wanted to play that game and they wanted to," said Tyler Hemker, who is both a player and manager for the Cyclones. "It was huge to have those kids in the lineup and compete even if they already played a playoff game earlier in the day."

Moody, a St. Cloud State University recruit, smashed a home run and finished with five RBIs while earning the win on the mound for Sauk Rapids. He pitched 5 2/3 innings, giving up three hits and striking out seven. Owen Arndt, another recent SRRHS graduate, pitched the final 3 1/3 innings, striking out

"It felt good to get the first win," Tyler Hemker said. "The bats were hot, and we needed that after the first two games we

Jeff Solorz, Tyler Hemker and Matt Krepp – a catcher on the Storm team that went to the Minnesota State High School League Class AAA Baseball Tournament last year – each had two hits. Connor Hemker, Brandon Bokelman, Arndt, Trygve Hanson and Ethan Swanson added one hit each.

The Cyclones lost an 11-1 game to the Sartell Muskies June 8 at Bob Cross Park despite banging out 10 hits. Sartell led 2-1 after six innings before its offense caught fire to put the game

"We hit the ball well, but we need to do a better job of driving people in and not leaving people on base," Tyler Hemker

Next for the Cyclones is a Sunday, June 12, game at St. Joseph, followed by home games against Becker Wednesday, June 15, and against Clearwater Friday, June 17. They are scheduled to host the Clear Lake Lakers June 19.

One of the most successful seasons in Sauk Rapids-Rice/ Sartell boys lacrosse history came to an end June 8 but not without a fight.

The fifth-seeded Stormin' Sabres gave No. 1 seed St. Michael-Albertville a tussle in the Section 8 semifinals before eventually falling short in an 11-6 decision in St. Michael. The Knights defeated SRR/S 16-2 in a regular-season contest May 5 in Sartell.

"Our guys battled hard against a very talented St. Michael-Albertville team," said Jake Sailor, SRR/S head coach. "I am very proud of their effort in this game and all season. It was a back-and-forth game where we would close the gap to two goals but couldn't get over the hump."

Sauk Rapids-Rice/Sartell senior Riley Prow harnesses the ball as he attacks the goal during a recent game at Sartell High School. The Stormin' Sabres finished the season with a 9-6 record.

Senior Aiden Hilger finished saves. with four goals and hit the 100-"Rudy played outstanding and all of our defensemen did goal mark for his career. Senior John Claypool finished his

career with two goals and one assist for the Stormin' Sabres, who finished 9-6. Goalkeeper

Rudolph Ruegemer kept his team within striking distance, finishing with 20

too," Sailor said. "We battled hard, but the score didn't end in our favor. We have a lot of positives to pull from this game for the future."

Seniors who finished their careers include Dylan Welle, Easton Portner, Aiden Hilger, Riley Prow, Parker McCabe.

SRR/S (goals-assists): Trey Hilger 0-1, Jake Henkemeyer 0-1, Portner 0-1, Aiden Hilger 4-0, Bennett Crane 0-2, Claypool 2-1 and McCabe 0-1. Goalkeeper: Ruegemer 20 saves.

Sauk Rapids-Rice/Sartell senior Easton Portner prepares to catch a pass from a teammate during a recent game at Sartell High School. The Stormin' Sabres lost 11-6 in the Section 8 semifinals June 8 at St. Michael-Albertville.

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SPORTS

Down and out

Offense struggles as Storm team eliminated from baseball playoffs

> BY TOM FENTON STAFF WRITER

The timing could not have been worse for the Sauk Rapids-Rice baseball team.

The Storm had been pounding the ball all over the ballpark in recent games, but the bats fell silent in what were eventually their final two games of the season. Strong opposing pitching played a huge part in it, but that did not dampen the disappointment for a team that was looking for a return trip to the state tournament.



Sauk Rapids-Rice senior shortstop Terrence Moody saves the ball from going into center field as the Storm faced Willmar in the Section 8AAA playoffs June 4 at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud. Moody was 1-for-2 as the Storm saw their season end with a 5-0 loss to the Cardinals.

Facing elimination against walking two. The Cardinals Willmar, the Storm managed only three singles in a 5-0 loss to the Cardinals in the Section 8AAA tournament June 4 at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud. SRR was sent to the elimination bracket with a 2-1 loss June 2 to second-seeded Alexandria.

"I thought we played well," said SRR head coach Jeff Hille, whose team finished 12-10. 'We got a tough draw in facing the ace pitchers from Rocori,

Alexandria and Willmar in three consecutive games. The pitching we faced was tough, but we just didn't get it done."

Second-seeded Alexandria defeated Little Falls 14-4 in the Section 8AAA championship June 8 at the Municipal Athletic Complex in St. Cloud. The Flyers came into the tournament as the sixth seed in the six-team bracket.

"It was tough knowing we didn't hit our team goal of winning the section," said Andrew Harren, junior center fielder. "But, we played some good baseball games down the stretch."

Willmar pitcher Ian Koosman kept the Storm hitters guessing, striking out 11 while

scored once in the third inning off SRR sophomore starter Cullen Posch while adding two each in the fourth and fifth to pull away. Terrence Moody, Jeff

Solorz and Dane Dingmann each had singles for the Storm.

In a winner's bracket game against Alexandria, SRR took a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the fifth. The Cardinals scraped across a run to tie it in the fifth before Jaxon Schoenrock belted a solo homer in the sixth for the winning run.

Solorz drove in the only run for the Storm, who also got hits from Moody, Noah Jensen, Harren and Keegan Patterson. Alexandria starter JD Hennen dominated, striking out 13 while walking one.

"I felt we had our best team in my 15 years here," Hille said.



Sophomore Cullen Posch fires a pitch to home plate in the Section 8AAA playoffs June 4 at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud. Posch pitched four innings and struck out four Willmar batters in a 5-0 loss to the



Sauk Rapids-Rice junior catcher Jeff Solorz takes a swing as the Storm baseball team took on Willmar in the Section 8AAA playoffs June 4 at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud. Solorz had a hit and a walk as the Cardinals ended the season for the Storm.



Senior second baseman Dom Mathies stretches to catch a pop fly in the Section 8AAA playoffs June 4 at Dick Putz Field in St. Cloud. The Storm lost the game 5-0 and finished the season with a 12-10 record.

Senior shot putter going out in style

Cullen qualifies for state meet

BY TOM FENTON STAFF WRITER

Hailee Cullen admits it was not her best performance.

Fortunately for the

Sauk Rapids-Rice senior, her shot put presentation was enough at the Section 5AA Championships to qualify for the Minnesota State High School League Class AA Boys



PHOTO BY TOM FENTON

Eighth-grader Aubrey Marketon prepares to round a corner in the 3,200-meter relay during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School. The Storm team of Sienna Petermeier, Hannah Schmitt, Marketon and Amelia Reker placed fourth in the eight-team race.

and Girls Track and Field State Meet June 10-11.

Cullen's put of 33 feet, 10 inches was good for second place in the June 3 event at Monticello High School in Monti-

Cullen competed in the Class AA preliminaries in the shot put June 10 at St. Michael-Albertville High School in St. Michael. Finals in most events are scheduled for Saturday, June 11.

"It was definitely exciting," Cullen said. "Going into my last throw, I kind of knew I was already going to state, so I had a few tears in my eyes knowing I'd be ending my career at state."

On her first throw, Cullen eclipsed her personal-best mark of 34-11 1/2 but scratched on the attempt. In her remaining attempts, she said she tried a bit too hard to match that effort.

'She wasn't thrilled with her performance, but it was good enough to get her through," said Loren Finlayson, Storm head coach. "I was very happy for her. She's put a lot of work into this thing for a long time."

Cullen missed the entire regular season in volleyball due to injuries but returned for the section final and helped lead the Storm to the state tournament.

"It means a lot to be finishing my career by going to state in both my sports," Cullen said. "With all the setbacks I had, it's amazing to be able to finish at the highest level in each sport.'

The top two finishers in each event advanced to the state meet, with the Storm having a couple near misses.

Eighth grader Ruby Gustofson placed third in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.13 seconds -.08out of second place. Senior Aneleise Martinson took home third in the triple jump, and Brooke Mushatt narrowly missed out on qualifying for state by placing third in the shot put.

"The meet was a lot of fun," Finlayson said. "We obviously would've liked to get a few more kids to state. We just had a lot of third-place finishes. A lot of kids were excited about where they finished and getting to bring home some hardware. That gets them excited for the future, which will bode well for

The 3,200 relay of Sienna Petermeier, Hannah Schmitt, Aubrey Marketon and Amelia Reker came in fourth place. Petermeier added a sixth-place finish in the

Team scores: 1. Monticello 170 points, 2. Apollo 76, 3. Foley 75, 4. Spectrum 73, 5. Milaca 65, 6. Becker 59, 7. SRR 48, 8. Princeton 42, 9. St. Francis 32.3, 10. Zimmerman 26.3, 11. Tech 25 and 12. Big

SRR results: 3,200 relay: 4. Petermeier, Schmitt, Marketon and Reker 10:51.47. **100** hurdles: 3. Ruby Gustofson 16.13. 800 relaý: 10. Addison Bemboom, Brynn Karasch, Martinson and Annika Broman 1:58.22. 1,600: 16. Faith Bogle 6:11.9, 19. Schmitt 6:21.97 and 24. Elka Sowada 6:33.95. **400 relay**: 8. Ava Athman, Mackenzie Felchle, Ruby Gustofson and Darci Petérson 46.93. 300 hurdles: 7. Ruby Gustofson 50.99. 800: 6. Petérmeier 2:32.45.



PHOTO BY TOM FENTON

Sauk Rapids-Rice senior Hailee Cullen follows through on her shot put during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School in Monticello. Cullen finished second in the event to qualify for the Minnesota State High School League Class AA Boys and Girls Track and Field State Meet June 10-11 at St. Michael-Albertville High School in St. Michael.

1,600 relay: 6. Belle

Haddy, Petermeier, Athman and Felchle 3:40.82. Triple jump: 3. Martinson 33-9 3/4, 9. Bemboom 31-11 and 22. Athman 28-8 1/2. Shot put: 2. Cullen 33-10, 3. Mushatt 33-5 and 16. Ajiah Quach 26-10 1/4. PHOTO BY TOM FENTON points to place seventh in the 12-team



Sauk Rapids-Rice senior Aneleise Martinson sails through the air on her way to the pit during the triple jump during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School. Martinson placed third in the event, missing out on a state meet berth by one place.



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competition.

Season goal comes to fruition for Sauk Rapids-Rice senior

After narrowly missing out last year, Loesch qualifies for state

BY TOM FENTON | STAFF WRITER

When the high school track season began in March with the indoor portion of the schedule, Carter Loesch figured he would have a shot a qualifying for state in his best event – the 110-meter hurdles. He had to wait more than two months before he got the chance.

Loesch finished second in the event at the Section 5AA Championships June 3 in Monticello. He will compete in the Minnesota State High School League Boys and Girls Track and Field State Meet June 10-11 at St. Michael Albertville High School in St. Michael. He will be joined by fellow senior Reid Johnson, who qualified in the pole vault at day one of the section meet June 1.

Loesch's time of 15.86 seconds was a season best. Head coach Rod Fuchs said having assistant coach John Solberg on board has helped make the all-around athlete even better.

"Having John around is definitely a bonus," Fuchs said. "Carter is fast, athletic and has a very good feel for his race. He is also a tremendous competitor."

Loesch narrowly missed out on qualifying for state in the 300 hurdles, placing third in 43.86. The top two individuals in each event advanced.

"It's great to get seniors to state, Fuchs said. "Based on their seeds, I think both Carter and Reid have a good shot to earn medals."

Sophomore Alex Ostendorf placed fourth in the 1,600, and the SRR 1,600 relay of Blayze Meyer, Mason Foss, Owen Symanietz and Garret Broman earned a

fourth-place finish in the nine-team race. Team scores: 1. Mon-

ticello 114 points, 2. Becker 82, 3. Tech 80, 4. Big Lake 78, 5. Spectrum 64, 6. St. Francis and Princeton 62, 8. SRR 47, 9. Foley 39, 10. Apollo 33, 11. Zimmerman 25 and 12. Milaca 13.

SRR results: 110 hurdles: 2. Loesch 15.86. 800 relay: 9. Degan Gondeck, Shaun Walrath, Symanietz and Broman 1:38.87. 1,600: 4. Ostendorf 4:45.29, 25. Lucas Hoffman 5:34.88 and 29. Christian Ditto 5:46.69. 400 relay: 8. Marqui Jackson, Chayce Larocque, Gondeck and Broman 46.93. **300 hur**dles: 3. Loesch 43.36. 800: 7. Nathan Martin 2:09.54. 1,600 relay: 4. Meyer, Foss, Symanietz and Broman 3:40.82. **Long jump**: 9. Isaac Juetten 19-2, 14. Walrath 18-4 and 16. Christopher Marten-Rosenow 17-11 1/2. Discus: 21. Logan Winker 95-9 and 23. Dominic Sander 92-3.

PHOTO BY TOM FENTON Sauk Rapids-Rice senior Will White heads toward the finish line as the final runner in the 400 relay during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School. The Storm placed eighth in the race.



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Sauk Rapids-Rice runner Garret Broman (right) prepares to pass the baton to Degan Gondeck during the 400 relay during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School. The Storm finished fourth in the nine-team race.

Sauk Rapids-Rice senior Carter Loesch clears a hurdle on his way to a secondplace finish in the 110-yard hurdles during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School in Monticello. Loesch qualified for the Minnesota State High School League Boys and Girls Track and Field State Meet June 10-11 at St. Michael-Albertville High School in St. Michael.

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Sauk Rapids-Rice junior Isaac Juetten flies through the air during the long jump competition during the Section 5AA Track and Field Championships June 3 at Monticello High School. Juetten placed ninth of 31 jumpers.



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SPORTS

Progress on display at sections

Boys golf misses qualifying for final round

BY TOM FENTON | STAFF WRITER

The Sauk Rapids-Rice boys golf team had a season-long goal of making it to the second day of the Section 8AA tournament. The Storm nearly pulled it off.

Led by Collin Fuchs' round of 79 strokes on the opening 18 holes June 2 at Headwaters Country Club in Park Rapids, SRR finished with a season-best team score of 341 strokes but missed out on qualifying as a team for the final round by nine shots.

"We had a successful day one," said John Gans, SRR head coach. "We had a good opportunity to get to the second day, but we couldn't quite close it out."

Alexandria won the team title with a two-day, 36-hole score of 628 to defeat Central Lakes Conference rival Brainerd by four strokes. Sartell freshman Carson Andel shot rounds of 78-75 to place second overall to earn a trip to the state meet.

Fuchs credited an accurate driver to his opening round success but added it was a bit wilder in the second round when he shot 92.

"I thought I played alright, but I still struggled on the greens in both rounds," said Fuchs, who finished 32nd in the 64-player field. "I did a good job on staying focused and playing one shot at a time. I did a good job at giving myself opportunities off the tee and played to my strengths in the opening round. I didn't give myself chances off the tee in the second round."

Sophomore Brandt Andres and senior Cole Paulson also qualified for the second round. Andres shot 84-92 with Paulson carding rounds of 86-92.

"The meet didn't go how I wanted," Paulson said. "I was happy to make day two, but I was unhappy with my effort at giving myself a chance at state. I feel I didn't prepare properly, and it definitely showed in my performance."

On the opening day, junior Carter Peplinski shot 92, while seniors Eli Moilanen and Cayden Christensen shot 94 and 105, respectively.

"I'm super proud of the way my team performed this year," Paulson said. "We had some of our best team scores in the last five years, and we showed we can compete. I'm proud of my teammates and thankful for Coach Gans who was the best coach I could've asked for. I wish the boys good luck in their golf future."

Gans said the fact 40 golfers tried out for the team bodes well for the future. He also credited the staff at Territory Golf Club in St. Cloud for providing top-notch practice facilities and playing conditions for the team.

Fuchs said he is happy with how the team came together this season.

"Overall, the season didn't go how I wanted to score-wise, but many valuable lessons were learned. And, I still believe in myself more than ever on the course," Fuchs said.

"As a team, we grew a lot."

SRR results: Fuchs 79-92, 171 strokes; Andres 84-92, 176; and Paulson 86-92, 178. Did not qualify for finals: Peplinski 92; Moilanen 94 and Christensen 105.



PHOTO BY TOM FENTON

Seniors Maggie Fernholz and Jayce Walrath were named the 2022 Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Athletes of the Year at a ceremony May 11 at SRRHS in Sauk Rapids. Fernholz plans to attend St. Cloud State University in the fall, while Walrath plans to play football at University of Minnesota-Duluth.

2 top senior athletes reflect on careers

Walrath, Fernholz cherish competition, friendships

BY TOM FENTON STAFF WRITER

One was a relentless pass-rushing threat who gave opposing quarterbacks nightmares. The other made scoring goals against her soccer team a difficult proposition.

Those traits are only part of the reason Jayce Walrath and Maggie Fernholz were selected as the 2021-22 Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Athletes of the Year. They, along with five other finalists, were recognized for their accomplishments at a ceremony May 11 at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School in Sauk Rapids.

Boys finalists included Noah Jensen for football, hockey and baseball, and Dom Mathies for football, basketball and baseball. Other girls finalists were Addison Bemboom for track and field and tennis, Darci Peterson for volleyball and track and field, and Chloe Reiter for girls hockey and softball.

For Walrath and Fernholz, the award signified the end of successful high school careers that both said provided memories that will be forever cherished.

"Playing for Sauk Rapids-Rice meant everything to me, and I will bleed green and gold when I die," Walrath said. "I loved everything about my four years here. Playing here gave me so many opportunities, so I could play at the collegiate level as well as meet a lot of friends I will have for the rest of my life. Sauk Rapids is like a home for me, and being able to represent that as I move forward to college is an amazing feeling."

Fernholz was a huge reason the youth-dominated soccer team was in most matches. She plans on attending St. Cloud State University and will focus on marketing to prepare her for a career in real estate.

"Playing for SRRHS is special because I am playing for my team," Fernholz said. "Every team I played on made my athletic career better than anyone can imagine. I thought I played on some pretty good teams, but our soccer team this year just blew my mind. You can ask any other senior that was on that team and they would say the exact same thing. I don't know what we did differently but everyone just clicked, and we had such a good bond."

Walrath was a key force in the Storm football team's 6-0 start as a defensive end/linebacker and also was a dangerous pass-catching tight end. His football career ended with an appearance in the Minnesota All-Star Showcase in November 2021 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis—which he said was a career highlight.

In basketball, he was a shut-down defender and feisty rebounder. His season ended prematurely due to shoulder surgery that he expects will be healed in time for football season at University of Minnesota-Duluth. Walrath said he was inspired to get involved by his father, Michael, who also played college football.

The opportunity to compete is not something he takes lightly. Once the competition was over, he relished in singing the school song with his teammates along with the large and rowdy student section after victories.

"Competing is so important because it lights a spark in me," Walrath said. "The feeling when you win a game is the best feeling a person could have. I also love the things that come with athletics like meeting new people and lessons you learn from coaches and teammates. I wanted to follow in my dad's footsteps. It was important for me to be the kind of person and player he was, and I'm proud to say I was able to do that."

Fernholz said she enjoyed competing for more reasons than simply trying to win.

"I find competing in athletics or activities brings out people's true colors," Fernholz said. "From just watching other athletes play, one can easily decipher who is a truly good person and what their core values are. Personally, athletics has helped me become more open-minded and see things from other perspectives."

Her powerful leg from the goalkeeper position helped ignite offensive rushes for the Storm and led to her scoring a goal on a punt against Sartell. Her athleticism keyed her efforts in keeping SRR in many games, especially when other teams dominated possession on the offensive end.

Fernholz said the lessons learned from Tash Neu, who coached Storm soccer and was a softball assistant this season, will stick with her.

"Overall, Tash is the best coach I've had, and I am heartbroken that this is the last season I get to play for such an amazing coach," Fernholz said. "She only wants the best for her players and is really good at getting us whipped into shape at the beginning of every season. She has an unbelievable talent of knowing how to motivate her players. Tash seriously has the best motivational speeches. It's insane and might even bring a tear to your eye."



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PHOTO BY R. TAMM PHOTOGRAPHY The 2022 Sauk Rapids-Rice High School boys track and field team consists of My Khang Phan (front, from left), Broden Flackne, Ben Villagra, Blayze Meyer, Calvin Hahn, Andréw Marten-Rosenow, Thomas Frank, Nick Ånderson, Evan Scapanski, Evan Trompeter, Chris Smith and Will White; (second row, from left) Tyson Newville-larson, Alex Ostendorf, Tyrell Montour, Degan Gondeck, Casen Newbanks, Chayce Larocque, Lars Wilson, Isaac Juetten, Cameron Smith, Lucas Hoffman and Milan Rhodes; (third row, from left) Owen Symanietz, Drew Gargus, Mathew Tavalare, Logan Folsom, Jack Post, Luke Dilley, Mason Foss, Dominic Sander, Sam Thayer, Cullen Thompson, Devin Wendorf and Luke Loidolt; (fourth row, from left) Chris Marten-Rosenow, Kieran Hixson, Nawwar Hassab, Nate Martin, Garret Broman, Colin Wiebe, Christian Ditto, Jaxxon Waxwieler, Gavin Butkowski, Trace Nelson and Ayden Tucker; (back, from left) Gunnar Jacobson, Anjel Star, Owen Rogholt, Logan Wenker, Tyrelle Moody, Reid Johnson and Marqui Jackson. Not Pictured are Carter Loesch, Walker Loesch and Shaun Walrath.

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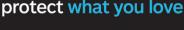


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The 2022 Sauk Rapids-Rice High School girls track and field team consists of Faith Bogle (front, from left), Addison Bemboom, Lauren Vanvickle, Berenice Jaurez Gallardo, Hannah Schmitt, Vivian Coss, Hailee Cullen, Brielle Karasch, Saraya Ylinen, Avayah McMillen, Kiah Zaske and Elka Sowada; (second row, from left) Mackenzie Felchle, Amelia Reker, Brooke Mushatt, Nevaeh Houle, Brynn Karasch, Emma Hardy, Aneleise Martinson, Ajaih Quach, Delia Gustofson, Josalynn Morford and Anika Wicktor; (third row, from left) Kaitlyn Kimman, Natalie Steigel, Nicole Burke, Belle Haddy, Kirsten Dubbels, Mariame Dioumessy, Brielle Andvik, Noura Bamba, Sienna Petermeier, Aubrey Marketon, Tamiah Morehouse and Ruby Gustofson; (fourth row, from left) manager Kaitlyn Anderson, Lem-Wa Ojullu, Ava Athman, Alanna Stier, Annika Broman, Lexi Helmin, Sire Traore, Halle Buchert, Claire Rogholt, Darci Peterson and manager Sophia Rothstein; (back, from left) manager Madi Weber, head coach Loren Finlayson, assistant coach John Solberg, assistant coach Mark Weis, assistant coach Aaron Karasch, assistant coach Mike Hefta and assistant coach Adam Johnson.

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