

## WOMEN'S SOCCER



The Beavers celebrate with their NSIC regular season championship trophy after defeating Minnesota Crookston on Friday at Chet Anderson Stadium.

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# FINGERS CROSSED

*Superstitions, tight bond have BSU feeling lucky ahead of NSIC Tournament*

By Micah Friez  
The Bemidji Pioneer

If you ask Erin Becker, a share of the Bemidji State women's soccer team's success should be credited to

her game day routine. First, there's a Dunkin' Donuts run and a bowl of Cocoa Pebbles in the morning. Her hair is braided the same way, and she uses the same ponytail.

Somewhere in there, her mom sends a good luck Snapchat.

Becker's socks, shin guards and shoes go on — always right to left. Warmups always begin

at the same spot on the field. She passes with Sara Wendt and Emma Huelsnitz pregame, hugs Madisanne Dahl and shares a handshake with the coach. "A lot of my teammates

think I'm crazy," said Becker, who also has to sit on the right side of the bus before road games. "I'm probably the most

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## Unbeaten Beavers win NSIC regular season championship

By Micah Friez  
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — Allyson Smith held it high. Then she passed it to Megan Dahl, who did the same. Emma Mortensen took her turn next, all to the mighty roar of teammates around them.

Bemidji State women's soccer players freely shared their NSIC regu-

lar season championship trophy with each other on Friday, but no one outside the program was about to get their hands on it. This thing belonged to the Beavers.

"It's been a long couple of years since we last did it," Dahl said. "All the hard work in the past couple years... it made

everything worth it to hold the trophy up at the end of the game."

The award was so rightfully earned after an unbeaten regular season with in a strong conference. No. 6 BSU finished it off with a 5-0 win over Minnesota Crookston at Chet Anderson Stadium, which also

clinched the second NSIC regular season title in program history.

"There are bigger things in life, more important things going on in our world. But in our little world, this is important," Bemidji State head coach Jim Stone said. "It's hard

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## FOOTBALL

### Jacks can't hold off Alexandria comeback for title

By Christian Babcock  
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — Some games have everything but the kitchen sink.

Friday's Section 8-5A championship between Alexandria and the Bemidji High School football team was one of them. But then it threw in the sink, and the counter-tops, and the cabinets. Oh, and an inside kick for good measure.

When the clock finally struck zero in an impos-

sibly eventful fourth quarter, the scoreboard read Alexandria 43, Bemidji 35. But that told about one-thousandth of the story.

"What I told the boys is that I never questioned their effort tonight," BHS head coach Bryan Stoffel said. "Their effort was fantastic. I thought they battled their butts off, and put themselves in a great position in the fourth quarter to win the game.

"What happened was we just didn't make enough plays in that fourth quarter at the end of the game to get us past that finish line. We were oh, so close. And just a couple plays here and there put us in a tough spot."

Bemidji built a 35-21 lead in the final period on a Gemini Ellis touchdown run one play after Barrick Nelson picked up a botched punt snap and ran 73 yards to the

Cardinals' 2-yard line. It seemed at that point, with 8:58 remaining in the game, that the Lumberjacks might have clinched the championship.

But, with three touchdowns in the final 2:48, the Alex offense didn't agree.

Despite being stopped on fourth down on their next possession, the Cardinals forced a Jacks punt and marched down

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Bemidji junior Barrick Nelson (42) makes a 73-yard run after a botched punt snap in the second half against Alexandria in the Section 8-5A championship on Friday at Chet Anderson Stadium.



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MEXICAN EATS

## LUMBERJACK ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Gemini Ellis

Senior | Football

Gemini Ellis (1), a running back for the Lumberjacks, rushed for 287 yards and three touchdowns in Bemidji's 43-35 loss to Alexandria in the Section 8-5A championship game.



CROSS COUNTRY

# Bemidji girls take 13th at 'solid' state showing

By Micah Friez  
The Bemidji Pioneer

**NORTHFIELD** — The Bemidji High School cross country teams put a bow on the season Saturday, competing with the best of the best at the Class 3A state meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The Lumberjack girls grabbed 13th in the team standings, while Mia Hoffmann's showing of 35th place led all BHS individuals.

"I'm very proud of the kids," Bemidji head coach Ryan Aylesworth said. "Overall, it was a solid day. As they get done and look back on it, I think they'll realize that they had a pretty good day as a team."

Hoffmann crossed the finish line in 19:10.78, just missing out on all-state honors with a top-25 spot by 15 seconds. Nevertheless, she still recorded the program's best individual state finish since Sadie Hamrin was 24th in 2017.

"She was shooting for a little bit higher, and you come to the meet and it's very good competition," Aylesworth said. "I was very proud of where she finished



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The Lumberjacks huddle together near the starting line before the beginning of the Class 3A state meet on Saturday in Northfield.

and ended up in the team lead for the girls."

Elsewhere for the Jacks, Josey LaValley (19:46.06) and Regan DeWitt (20:16.15) placed 54th and 95th, respectively, while Lauren Berg (119th, 20:37.58) and

Addison Maish (153rd, 22:09.05) closed the team score. Also running for BHS were Aubrey DeWitt (155th, 22:17.37) and Camille McDermott (160th, 26:21.63).

"They did a nice job of competing," Aylesworth

said. "We placed about where I thought we were going to be at. ... We were seeded 14th, and we ended up in 13th and only a few points out of 12th. I was very proud of their efforts as a whole." Bemidji tallied 303

points, squeezing in right between 12th-place Stillwater (297) and 14th-place Champlin Park (306). Edina won the team title with 75 points, while Section 8-3A produced the individual state champion in St. Michael-Albertville's Ali Weimer (17:42.81).

In the boys race, the two Lumberjack individual qualifiers finished within two seconds of each other. Carson Maish posted a time of 16:56.08 for 79th, while Bryce Kondos clocked a time of 16:57.73 to take 84th.

"They've been running together, training together, so I'm not surprised they were that close," Aylesworth said. "There were a lot of people, a lot of traffic, but they ended up pretty near each other. It was really close to their best times of the year, a couple seconds (off) for both of them, so it was a solid day."

Nick Gilles of Minnetonka won the individual championship with a time of 15:22.81, while Wayzata won the boys team title.

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SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

College Women's Soccer  
NSIC Tournament: Northern State at Bemidji State, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

No events scheduled

FRIDAY, NOV. 12

College Women's Soccer  
NSIC Tournament semifinals, TBA (at high seed)

Prep Girls Swimming and Diving  
Section 8AA Meet prelims, TBA (in Sartell)

College Volleyball  
Bemidji State at Sioux Falls, 6 p.m.

College Men's Hockey  
Bemidji State at Lake Superior State, 6:07 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

Prep Girls Swimming and Diving  
Section 8AA Meet finals, TBA (in Sartell)

College Football  
U-Mary at Bemidji State, 1 p.m.

Prep Girls Hockey  
Bemidji at East Grand Forks, 2 p.m.

College Volleyball  
Bemidji State at Southwest MN State, 2 p.m.

College Women's Basketball  
Mayville State at Bemidji State, 5 p.m.

College Men's Hockey  
Bemidji State at Lake Superior State, 5:07 p.m.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

USCHO.com Division I men's poll (Nov. 8)

The USCHO.com Poll consists of 50 voters, including coaches and beat writers and sports professionals from across the country. The weekly poll is a production of USCHO.com. Ranking, team, first place votes, record, points, last week

1. St. Cloud, (42), 8-2-0, 989, 1
2. Michigan, (3), 8-2-0, 894, 3
3. Minnesota State, (2), 7-3-0, 871, 2
4. Minnesota Duluth, (1), 6-2-0, 839, 4
5. Quinnipiac, 7-1-2, 795, 6
6. Minnesota, 6-4-0, 727, 5
7. North Dakota, 6-3-0, 668, 8
8. Massachusetts, 6-2-0, 623, 12
9. Western Michigan, 6-2-0, 621, 10
10. Harvard, (2), 4-0-0, 572, 13
11. Omaha, 8-2-0, 486, 9
12. Providence, 6-5-0, 384, 7
13. Cornell, 3-1-0, 306, 15
14. Denver, 4-4-0, 283, 11
15. Notre Dame, 6-3-0, 254, 17
16. Boston College, 5-4-1, 219, 14
17. Northeastern, 7-3-0, 183, NR
18. Ohio State, 6-2-0, 169, NR
19. Penn State, 6-3-0, 97, 16
20. UMass Lowell, 4-1-2, 95, 19

Others receiving votes: Michigan Tech 94, Bowling Green 89, Bemidji State 77, Connecticut 64, Lake Superior 46, Wisconsin 18, RIT 12, Arizona State 7, Northern Michigan 7, Rensselaer 5, Canisius 2, Colgate 2, Boston University 1, Clarkson 1.

USCHO.com Division I women's poll (Nov. 8)

The USCHO.com Poll is compiled weekly and consists of 15 voters, including coaches and women's hockey writers from across the country. Ranking, team, first place votes, record, points, last week

1. Wisconsin, (15), 13-0-1, 150, 1
2. Ohio State, 10-2-0, 135, 2
3. Minnesota, 7-3-0, 118, 3
4. Northeastern, 8-2-1, 99, 5
5. Colgate, 11-3-0, 87, 4
6. Minnesota Duluth, 4-4-0, 61, 6
7. Boston College, 6-2-0, 54, 7
8. Quinnipiac, 10-0-2, 49, 8
9. Clarkson, 9-1-2, 39, 10
10. Harvard, 4-2-0, 14, 9

Others receiving votes: Princeton 7, Connecticut 6, Yale 6.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's Results

Bemidji State 36, Northern State 34  
MSU Moorhead 24, Concordia-St. Paul 3  
U-Mary 49, Minot State 31  
Minnesota Duluth 41, Augustana 15  
Sioux Falls 38, Wayne State 17  
Minnesota State 52, Southwest MN State 0  
Winona State 40, Upper Iowa 12

PREP SPORTS

Friday's Results

Football  
Section 8-5A Championship  
Alexandria 43, Bemidji 35  
Boys Soccer  
Class A State Championship (Nov. 6)  
Southwest Christian 3, St. Paul Humboldt 0  
Class AA State Championship (Nov. 6)  
Orono 1, Holy Angels 0  
Class 3A State Championship (Nov. 6)  
Mounds View 3, Rosemount 2  
Girls Soccer  
Class A State Championship (Nov. 6)  
Minnehaha Academy 4, Breck 2  
Class AA State Championship (Nov. 6)  
Mahtomedi 3, Bemidji-St. Margaret's 1  
Class 3A State Championship (Nov. 6)  
Stillwater 1, Centennial 0

FOOTBALL

# Beavers survive NSU's Hail Mary, clinch division crown

By Micah Friez  
The Bemidji Pioneer

**ABERDEEN, S.D.** — As a last-second Hail Mary hung in the air, so did the fate of the Bemidji State football team.

Should the BSU defense come down with it, the Beavers were one step closer to their first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. But if Northern State hauled in the touchdown, there went Bemidji State's playoff hopes in one fell swoop.

This single play had authority over the rest of the season's trajectory.

"To be honest with you, I couldn't tell (what happened) on the last Hail Mary," BSU head coach Brent Bolte said. "It was nerve-racking."

Hopeful hands reached high for the descending spiral, and a stadium collectively held its breath until someone finally escaped the mad scrum with the football. It was defensive back Jake West, who held his prize high to show that his interception clinched the Beavers' 36-34 win in Aberdeen, S.D., on Saturday.

Bemidji State prevailed with a fourth-quarter comeback that protected the team's big-picture goals. Now at 8-2 overall and 5-0 in NSIC North Division play, BSU clinched at least a share of the division crown and has the chance to win the overall conference championship this week.

"There's been some crazy moments throughout the course of the season," Bolte said. "But it's just finding a way to win and being a very gritty team. At the end of the day, put yourself in position to make some plays. It was the same recipe today."

The Beaver offense went kaput in the third quarter, allowing NSU to jump ahead 28-22. But the defense forced back-to-back takeaways in the fourth — Spencer Wehr and Hameed Oyedele interceptions against the team that leads Division II in turnover margin — to set up the offense for late-game strikes.

Duncan-Busby made the go-ahead touchdown grab early in the fourth when he reached

around the defender's head for a 2-yard snag. Makaio Harn added a 3-yard TD rush on the next drive for a 36-28 edge.

The Wolves (7-3, 3-2 NSIC North) answered back when Hunter Trautman unleashed a bomb and hit Ben Noland for a 47-yard touchdown with 1:41 remaining. But the ensuing 2-point conversion attempt for the tie was an incomplete jump ball, preserving the Bemidji State lead.

BSU soon had to punt, and a perfect pooch kick gave Northern State the ball at its own 2 with 28 seconds left. A long pass got NSU to the 50 with five ticks to go, but Trautman's ensuing Hail Mary found the wrong body in the end zone.

"Thankfully Jake West came out with it. He said he caught it clean, actually," Bolte said. "There were bodies all over him, but the official called it right away. It was a wild ending, that's for dang sure." The Beaver offense racked



Duncan-Busby



West

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to put into words, but yeah, it means a lot. All glory to God."

The Beavers (16-0-2, 13-0-2 NSIC) join their 2018 predecessors in summiting the Northern Sun standings. Eight members of this year's team were also part of that history, but the whole team can now fully grasp the significance of the feat.

"Coming in as a freshman, I didn't really realize how (much) the conference championship meant," defender Halle Peterson said. "Now as a junior, seeing it happen, it's such a big deal. We're so lucky to have

this opportunity and be a part of this team."

Mason Schilling opened the scoring for BSU in the fourth minute, converting on what proved to be the game-winning goal. The match was over by then, as Bemidji State outshot UMC 52-2 and boasted a 23-1 advantage in shots on goal.

Waiting 86 more minutes before celebrating was the agonizing part.

"When we scored the first goal, all I was thinking was, 'Well, we still have almost a full game to play,'" Peterson said. "But honestly, it was really fun to take those last 85, 86 minutes of the game after that first goal and have fun. ... It was really cool to share the experience

with the whole team."

Sara Wendt also scored before halftime, turning on a blind swivel from the top of the 18-yard box and sending a screamer into the top left corner.

In the second half, Peterson made it 3-0 in the 47th minute off a header. Emma Huelsnitz (53rd minute) and Dahl (86th) added the icing on the cake for the Beavers' largest margin of victory all season.

Now, BSU sets its sights on what lies ahead.

"We're dreaming big," Dahl said. "In a perfect world, we'd love to go all the way. And who knows? That can happen. We have the strength and ability to do it. It's just one game

at a time."

"Even in the locker room just now, kind of putting a wrap on this, there were a few players who talked about what's next," Stone added. "We want this to be the beginning, not the end."

No. 6 Bemidji State 5, Minnesota Crookston 0  
UMC 0 0-0

BSU 2 3-5

First half — 1, BSU GOAL, Schilling (Becker, Wendt), 4'; 2, BSU GOAL, Wendt (Becker, Huelsnitz), 18'.

Second half — 3, BSU GOAL, Peterson (unassisted), 47'; 4, BSU GOAL, Huelsnitz (Peterson), 53'; 5, BSU GOAL, Dahl (French), 86'.

Saves — Stumbaugh (BSU) 0; Harber (BSU) 1; Frantzen (BSU) 0; Stemplien (UMC) 16.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

# Hogenson stops 56 shots as BSU ties top-ranked Badgers

**By Christian Babcock**  
The Bemidji Pioneer

MADISON, Wis. — The Bemidji State women's hockey team entered the den of No. 1 Wisconsin on Saturday in Madison, Wis., and emerged with a well-earned 0-0 tie. Sophomore goaltender Hannah Hogenson recorded 56 saves, a new career high, to keep UW off the scoreboard.

The Badgers won the shootout 1-0 after a scoreless five-minute 3-on-3 overtime session

and earned an extra point in the WCHA standings.

The Beavers dropped Sunday's matchup 8-1 as Hogenson, who was named the WCHA Goal-tender of the Week, did not play.

Hogenson was the undisputed star of the game for BSU on Saturday, making save after athletic save to keep the vaunted Wisconsin attack off the scoresheet. The Beavers' defense killed multiple crucial penalties in the second period, including 39 seconds of 5-on-3 time.

UW finished 0-for-3 on the power play while avoiding the penalty box itself.

Hogenson was the constant through it all, as the Badgers never reentered in their attack. They recorded 107 total shots, nearly tripling the Beavers' 38.

UW did score one goal in the second, but it was called back for offsides after Bemidji State head coach Jim Scanlan challenged the no-call.

Reigning USCHO player of the year Daryl Watts posted the lone score in the shootout after overtime, sliding the only puck past Hogenson all afternoon.

The Beavers have a week off before returning to action against Minnesota Duluth at 3:01

p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Sanford Center.

**No. 1 Wisconsin 0, Bemidji State 0 (UW wins SO 1-0)**

BSU	0	0	0	0-0
UW	0	0	0	0-0

First period — No scoring.  
Second period — No scoring.  
Third period — No scoring.  
Overtime — No scoring.  
Shootout — UW wins 1-0.  
Saves — Hogenson (BSU) 56; Blair (UW) 14.

**No. 1 Wisconsin 8, Bemidji State 1**

BSU	1	0	0-1
UW	2	6	0-8

First period — 1, BSU GOAL, Beebe (Myers, Hunt), 2:37; 2, UW GOAL, Wozniwicz (Schneider, Nealey), 12:56; 3, UW GOAL, Schneider (Wozniwicz, Nealey), 14:52.  
Second period — 4, UW GOAL, LaMantia (Pettit, Watts), 0:54; 5, UW GOAL, Watts (Kotowski, Wheeler), 3:02; 6, UW GOAL, O'Brien (Wheeler, Wozniwicz), 4:33; 7, UW GOAL, Watts (Bowby, O'Brien), 7:54, PP; 8, UW GOAL, Watts (Shirley, Edwards), 16:21; 9, UW GOAL, Schneider (LaMantia, Edwards), 17:05.  
Third period — No scoring.  
Saves — Baker (BSU) 12; Thompson (BSU) 23; Blair (UW) 11; Kronish (UW) 2.

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Hogenson



Jillian Gandsey / Bemidji Pioneer

The Lumberjacks await their Section 8-5A championship runner-up trophy after falling to Alexandria 43-35 on Friday at Chet Anderson Stadium.

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to make it a one-touchdown deficit on Kristen Hoskins' direct-snap touchdown run from 1 yard out.

Alexandria then attempted an onside kick. BHS couldn't corral it, and the Cardinals recovered and took over on Bemidji's 42-yard line.

"It's not over until it's over, and Alexandria proved that today by coming back," said Ellis, who rushed for 287 yards and three touchdowns.

Alex took full advantage of its fortune, marching down the field in 19 seconds of game clock and tying the game on a Will Heydt touchdown run. The Cardinals decided to go for two and con-

verted, with Hoskins running it in once again to give them a 36-35 lead.

"To be honest, it just hurts," Ellis said. "We played as hard as we could. But in the end, we just couldn't (pull out the win)."

Alexandria added a late score after cornerback Teagan Pfeffer intercepted Lumberjacks quarterback Jack Larson deep in Bemidji territory. BHS got the ball back, down by eight points and needing only one score to tie, but a fourth-down interception by Hoskins sealed the outcome.

The Lumberjacks (6-4) also had to recover from setbacks in the first half, including a two-touchdown second quarter that gave Alexandria (6-5) a 21-14 lead. BHS answered with a score right before halftime, then added two more in the third quarter to take

the double-digit lead. It just didn't result in a win on Friday night.

"That's the thing I told the boys, and that's the hard part about high school football, is that at some point it ends," Stoffel said. "And tonight just wasn't our night. I thought for sure it was going to be. I was expecting to raise a trophy tonight."

**No. 4 Alexandria 43, No. 3 Bemidji 35**

ALX	7	14	022-43
BHS	14	6	87-35

First quarter — BHS TD, Ellis 53-yard run (Peterson PAT), 7-0 BHS; ALX TD, Hoskins 13-yard catch from Steffensmeier (Sansted PAT), 7-7; BHS TD, Biehn 21-yard run (Peterson PAT), 14-7 BHS.  
Second quarter — ALX TD, Hoskins 38-yard catch from Steffensmeier (Sansted PAT), 14-14; ALX TD, Heydt 2-yard run (Sansted PAT), 21-14 ALX; BHS TD, Luksik 13-yard catch from Larson (Peterson PAT no good), 21-20 ALX.  
Third quarter — BHS TD, Ellis 62-yard run (2-pt conversion good), 28-21 BHS.  
Fourth quarter — BHS TD, Ellis 2-yard run (Peterson PAT), 35-21 BHS; ALX TD, Hoskins 1-yard run (Sansted PAT), 35-28 BHS; ALX TD, Hoskins 1-yard run (2-pt conversion good), 36-35 ALX; ALX TD, Hoskins 6-yard run (Sansted PAT), 43-35 ALX.

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superstitious. ... I don't know why I have them. It just makes me feel more ready."

Regardless of sanity, the most important question is whether or not it all works.

"Yeah!" she exclaimed. "We get the dubs."

The No. 6 Beavers can bank on Becker to carry the same lucky routine into the NSIC Tournament this week.

"This year, we're ready to make a program first," Becker said. "That's our goal, to win the championship."

BSU (16-0-2, 13-0-2 NSIC) ran through its schedule unbeaten this fall to win the NSIC regular season championship. The title was the second in program history, but similar success in recent years has not led to playoff glory.

Bemidji State is making its 11th consecutive appearance in the conference tournament, but the Beavers have never reached the championship game.

**IF YOU GO**

**Who:** Bemidji State vs. Northern State

**What:** NSIC Tournament quarterfinals

**Where:** Chet Anderson Stadium

**When:** 1 p.m. today

**Livestream:** nsicnetwork.com/bsubeavers

**Twitter:** @micahfriez

BSU is just 4-14-3 in the tourney this century.

"It's always exciting when you have the chance to write your own story and maybe add a chapter or two that hasn't been there before," Bemidji State head coach Jim Stone said. "The kids are excited and the coaches are, too."

The Beavers will reach for new heights this season. Just as much as superstitions, the team's close-knit bond makes the history possible.

"This team is the closest one I've ever been on," said junior keeper Alyssa Stumbaugh, who hasn't allowed a goal in her last 363:54 in net.

"It really feels like a sisterhood and a family. To be able to celebrate these accomplishments with this specific team is amazing."

"They have a great camaraderie," Stone



Jillian Gandsey / Bemidji Pioneer

Bemidji State senior Erin Becker (11) gains possession of the ball in the first half against U-Mary on Oct. 29 at Chet Anderson Stadium.

added. "But even within that camaraderie, they're able to be competitive. That's pretty unique."

The first test of the postseason comes at 1 p.m. today, Nov. 10, when the top-seeded Beavers host eighth-seeded Northern State at Chet Anderson Stadium. The winner plays either fourth-seeded Minot State or fifth-seeded Concordia-St. Paul in Friday's semifinals, while the championship will kick off at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"We want to break records here,"

Stumbaugh said. "We want to do things that previous teams haven't done yet. We want to make a name for ourselves."

And, with a little bit of luck, BSU can make a run in the conference tournament and beyond.

"Our goal this year is obviously to make it further than we ever have before," Becker said. "We want to keep improving every game. Honestly, we just want to be the best we can be."

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BEAVER ROUNDUP

# BSU athletics dept. offers ticket deals for Saturday

**Pioneer Staff Report**  
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BEMIDJI — The Bemidji State athletics department announced Tuesday another ticket deal for the weekend in BSU sports, where a number of fans can watch the Beavers for free.

In recognition of Veterans Day, fans who show a military ID at the ticket window will receive free admission for themselves and a guest to the Bemidji State football team's regular season finale at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Chet Anderson Stadium. The same deal also applies to see the BSU women's basketball team open the year at 5 p.m. Saturday inside the BSU Gymnasium.

Saturday is also Faculty/Staff Day at the university, so any member of the Bemidji State faculty or staff can show a BSU ID at the ticket window and gain free admission for themselves and a guest to the football and women's basketball games.

Additionally, any fan who purchases a ticket to the football game can show the ticket stub to gain free admission to the women's basketball game.

**Football up to No. 4 in Super Region 4 rankings**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Bemidji State football team moved from No. 7 to No. 4 in the Super Region 4 rankings on Monday, setting the stage for a win-and-in scenario against 4-6 U-Mary this Saturday at Chet Anderson Stadium.

Seven teams from the four regions will earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament, with the top seed in each region receiving a first-round bye.

The top three in the

rankings are Colorado School of Mines, Angelo State, and NSIC member Augustana. NSIC foes Minnesota Duluth and Sioux Falls also check in at No. 7 and No. 9, respectively.

An appearance in the NCAA Tournament would be the first in BSU program history. If the Beavers can maintain or improve upon their region ranking, they will even host a playoff game.

Bemidji State will find out whether it has reached that plateau during the NCAA D-II Football selection show, which is set to air on NCAA.com at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14.

**Men's hockey drops from national poll after idle week**

BEMIDJI — The Bemidji State men's hockey team dropped out of the USCHO Division I poll on Monday after an idle week, moving from No. 20, the last spot in the poll, to the unranked team receiving the third-most votes.

The Beavers (4-4, 3-1 CCHA) were passed by Northeastern and Ohio State, who rose from unranked to Nos. 17 and 18, respectively. Michigan Tech leads the teams receiving votes with 94, followed by Bowling Green State with 89. BSU received 77 votes.

Other CCHA teams represented in the poll include No. 3 Minnesota State, which received two first-place votes; Lake Superior State, which received 46 votes; and Northern Michigan, which received seven votes.

No. 1 St. Cloud State (42 first-place votes) and No. 2 Michigan (three) round out the top three.

Bemidji State returns to the ice to face Lake Superior State on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

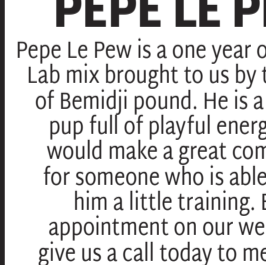
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