

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



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Central Lakes College volleyball players, from left, Gabbie Enneking, Sarah Bennett, Kaitlyn Hines, Keelie Shafer, Megan Rinicker, Jacey Rydberg, top, Brooke Wattland, Haley Schleper, top, Ellie Sutton, Jaime Johnson, Grace Peabody and Tori Plemel pose Monday outside the college.

RAIDERS READY TO MAKE NOISE AT NATIONALS

By Jeremy Millsop
Brainerd Dispatch

For the first time in 17 NJCAA Division III National Tournament appearances, the Central Lakes College Raiders don't know who they are playing.

The Region 13B champion Raiders landed the No. 4 seed and will face the winner of No. 5 SUNY Broome and No. 12 Brookhaven. That match will be noon, Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Rochester Regional Sports Center. CLC will face the winner 6 p.m. Thursday in the quarterfinals.

"It's not that difficult



Peterson



Schleper



Peabody

for two big reasons," CLC head coach Jane Peterson said. "One is the leadership that we have. They are volleyball knowledgeable people that can make adjustments in a game pretty quickly — sometimes without my help. They can see things on the court and communicate that well. That's really helpful. "The other thing is,

this is the first year we've had a film exchange. Everyone has posted a film of their last match on Hudl so I can actually see them play a game. That really helps a lot. Otherwise, you're just looking at numbers on a page. It will be interesting to see if that changes things a lot or not that much, but I do know that makes me feel a lot better knowing a little bit about what is coming."

SUNY Broome was ranked No. 6 in the

"Because of our powerful offense — it's varied and it's powerful — that gives us chances to earn points. If you can put the ball down you can score points, and I feel very confident that our team can score points."

JANE PETERSON, COACH

final NJCAA polls. Brookhaven, like CLC, was not ranked.

"Brookhaven I would call a good, scrappy defensive team," Peterson said. "They're not as offensively powerful as they have

NJCAA DIVISION III NATIONALS

- ▶ What: 12-team National volleyball tournament
- ▶ Who: No. 4 seeded Central Lakes College Raiders (21-9)
- ▶ Opponent: Either No. 5 SUNY Broome or No. 12 Brookhaven
- ▶ When: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11
- ▶ Where: Rochester Regional Sports Center, Rochester
- ▶ Semifinals: 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12
- ▶ Championship: 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13

been in the past. The other team, while they have a couple of people they rely on to score, they're not faster or bigger or more powerful than us. They had a limited schedule. I think their record is 13-0, but they've dominated the people that they've played. I think they've

only lost a couple of sets all year, but I just know they haven't played the kind of competition that we have.

"I'm just really confident that our experience will help us out."

While the Raiders landed the No. 4

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Gophers give Ben Johnson his first win as head coach

By Andy Greder
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Ben Johnson was all business when the slightest bit of pomp acknowledged the circumstance intertwined in the Minnesota Golden Gophers men's basketball season opener Tuesday at Williams Arena.

When the public-address announced it was Johnson first game as Minnesota's head coach, the Minnesota alum didn't wave to the crowd, keeping his attention down onto his white dry-erase board primed for instructions to give his debut starting five.

On Monday, Johnson was willing to share the significance and "pinching" himself over coaching in his hometown after 15 years as an assistant. But his first comment on any meaning within the moment went to a bottom line.

"I hope it means a win," Johnson said.

The Gophers' 12-point lead was cut to two with under eight minutes left, but Minnesota went on a 12-0 run to put a Missouri-Kansas City, 71-56, to give

Johnson his first win.

Postgame, Johnson went to middle his team on the block "M" at half court and players briefly messed up his hair before he got a brief message in.

Jamison Battle led the Gophers with 18 points, with Minnesota giving up a run to the Roos with him on the bench after he suffered his fourth foul. Payton Willis and E.J. Stephens each had 13 points.

Josiah Allick topped all scorers with 21. Minnesota beat UMKC 90-61 last December as Minnesota went 14-15 in Richard Pitino's last season. The Roos went 11-13 to finish sixth in the Summit League last year and are picked in the preseason poll to finish sixth against this season.

The Gophers led 33-25 at half, with Willis and Battle leading way with eight points apiece. Minnesota went on a 9-0 run to take a 12-4 lead, but the Roos' methodical pace kept them in the game.

Minnesota's rotation was only seven players deep on Tuesday and Battle and Stephens played all 20 minutes in the first half.

Message to Wild prospects after reassignment: 'Stay the course'

By Dane Mizutani
St. Paul Pioneer Press

In a vacuum, Minnesota Wild prospects like defenseman Calen Addison, winger Adam Beckman, and center Connor Dewar are good enough to play in the NHL.

They proved that over the past week, stepping into the lineup on short notice, and making a noticeable impact, while the team navigated COVID protocol.

But with the Wild roster slowly returning to full strength, Addison, Beckman, and Dewar have been reassigned to the minors. They have since rejoined the Iowa Wild of the American Hockey League with hopes of getting back to the NHL in the near future.



Charles LeClaire / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Wild center Connor Dewar (52) shields the puck from Pittsburgh Penguins center Brian Boyle (11) during the second period Saturday at PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh.

It seems only a matter of time before that happens. As coach Dean Evason noted, this is part of the process for a young player trying to make a name for himself.

He referenced how he got sent down more than a half-dozen times during his rookie season as a player. Same goes

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Gophers women lose opener to Jacksonville at Williams Arena

By Mike Cook
Special To The St. Paul Pioneer Press

Fortunately for the Minnesota Golden Gophers women's basketball team, Tuesday afternoon was Game 1.

Unfortunately, it was also a shocking first loss.

Sara Scalia scored 25 points, but Minnesota was beaten 69-66 by Jacksonville at Williams Arena. Jasmine Powell added 15 points and Deja

Winters 11 off the bench.

"That team earned the victory," Gopher coach Lindsay Whalen said of Jacksonville.

Minnesota provided plenty of late help.

The Gophers led by five

points going into the final quarter but turned the ball over eight times in the final 10 minutes — three fewer than the first three quarters combined — and was outscored 24-16. Ten of Jacksonville's

points came off Minnesota miscues.

"Give them credit, they forced those turnovers. And then defensively when you're

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Brainerd's Adam Cady runs during the Class 3A State cross-country meet Saturday at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

WARRIORS ATHLETE OF WEEK

Adam Cady runs his role to perfection for state team

By Jeremy Millsop
Brainerd Dispatch

What started as a way to lose weight, turned into a trip to the first-ever Class 3A state cross-country meet.

Brainerd Warrior senior Adam Cady didn't start running until his freshman year of high school. His motivation was to shave pounds off of a 235-pound frame. It wasn't until the pounds disappeared that he decided to join track and field. After finding enjoyment in that sport, Cady joined cross-country.

Cady went from a chubby kid to the No. 2 runner on Brainerd's boys' team that placed 15th Saturday, Nov. 6, in the Class 3A State Meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

"It was amazing," Cady said. "We set our goals right away at the beginning of the season and it was obviously to make it to state. We knew it was going to be close so it was just a blessing to be there. We enjoyed taking it all in. It was an amazing experience just to be part of a race that you're going against the best teams in the state. It was awesome."

It was Cady's first state experience. He placed 107th in a time of 17:13.98. He was the second Warrior to cross the finish line behind teammate Thomas Ruhl.

"If I'm being completely honest, I didn't have much of a plan," Cady said. "We had run the course the day before and we really were just having fun with it and enjoying the good time that we earned. I knew it was going to be fast because we were going against the fastest kids in the state. I knew I wanted to go out in a 5:15 mile and hopefully be at a 10:50 two-mile, which

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ADAM CADY

I was. I was hoping to go sub 17 and I missed that by 14 seconds. Regardless, I'm really happy with how it went and I couldn't have asked for a more fun race, honestly."

In the Section 8-3A meet Oct. 28 at Fox Hollow Golf Club in St. Michael, Cady posted a 12th-place time of 17:31.5 to help Brainerd to 69 team points, which trailed only Buffalo and topped third-place Bemidji by seven points.

The second-place finish helped Brainerd advance to its seventh state appearance and first since 2007.

"It was such a good group and we had to go through so much as a team," Cady said. "I got COVID. Thomas got really sick at one point. Baden (Capelle) got injured. Michael (Howe) missed a race. We needed people to step up and we made it through so much adversity as a team. Also just adapting to the new 3A class that we got bumped up to. Obviously, it's going to be more competitive and it was going to make it harder for us to make it to state as a team."

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Brainerd head coach Dave Herath agreed Cady and the Warriors were a hard-working team. He



ADAM CADY

Sport: Cross-country
Year: Senior
Age: 17
Height: 5-foot-11 3/4

Career highlight: State meet

Other sports: Nordic skiing, track and field

Grade-point average: 3.917

Favorite class: AP Literature

Favorite food: Sushi

Favorite movie: "Forrest Gump"

Favorite website or app: Strava

Favorite restaurant: Benihana

Future plans: Attend college, undecided on where, major in psychology

Favorite athlete: Galen Rupp, American long-distance runner

Parents: Michael and Rachel Cady

couldn't say if they were the hardest working team, but he did appreciate Cady's leadership.

"For a guy in only his second year on the team, I would say his personality is why he was such a good leader," Warriors head coach Dave Herath said. "He has a welcoming personality. He's very articulate. He likes being around people. He includes everyone. He's just a real deal as far as helping us as a team leader."

"The way we saw it as a team, it's great to have a top runner, but it's better to have a couple. Adam fit that role. He understood what his job was and he did it very successfully. For our next pack of runners, they really used Adam because he was so consistent, as their goal. They all wanted to get

OTHER NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

Thomas Ruhl, boys cross-country, placed 29th in the Class 3A state meet in 16:17.27.

Braden Capelle, boys cross-country, placed 127th in the Class 3A state meet in 17:30.54.

Bennet Capelle, boys cross-country, placed 128th in the Class 3A state meet in 17:30.54.

Michael Howe, boys cross-country, placed 136th in the Class 3A state meet in 17:37.61.

Nolan Thiesse, boys cross-country, placed 143rd in the Class 3A state meet in 17:48.81.

Ben Stadium, boys cross-country, placed 158th in the Class 3A state meet in 18:44.63.

Madi Miller, girls cross-country, placed 68th in the Class 3A state meet in 19:53.68.

Cady said he's honored to be the first Brainerd team to ever compete in the Class 3A meet and he's most proud they did it in the very first chance they could.

"We were a really special team and I knew I had to be in the place I needed to be in for each race," Cady said. "Thomas really took that lead role early on and he really stepped up there, but I knew that I could be right behind him each time just trying to get us as few points as possible. I think all my offseason training really came into play and my ability to endure through the pain. When I got tired, I really just pushed through and ran for my team rather than for myself. I just always wanted to be there for my team."

In the largest event Brainerd competed in, the Roy Griak Invite at the University of Minnesota, Cady ran a 33rd-place time of 17:51.9. The returning letterwinner opened the season by placing third in the Run for the Melon Invite at Forestview Middle School. He ran a 17:34.1 as the top Warrior and helped Brainerd to the team title.

"I know I keep saying this, but it was just a huge blessing," Cady said. "It's been my goal to make state ever since I was a freshman. Going into my freshman year I weighed 235 pounds so to say I'm a state cross-country athlete my senior year. I couldn't ask for anything more. God is good. That's pretty much all I have to say about that. It was a gratifying experience and just four years of hard work paying off."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

AFTER A YEAR OFF, CLC MEN'S BASKETBALL IS READY FOR 2021-22

By Conrad Engstrom
Brainerd Dispatch

After taking the 2020-21 season off, Central Lakes College men's basketball is back for the 2021-22 season.

Jim Russell enters his 24th season as the head coach of the Raiders. He said this year features all new players, with only two sophomores and no holdovers from the 2019-20 season.

"It's been challenging," Russell said. "I've noticed I keep going back to my notes. Back to when I was just starting this program and I keep going back to my drills every day and repeating it and repeating it. We are not as advanced as we would be in the past for our first game, so we are still kind of working on the basic understanding of what Central Lakes College basketball is about and what Coach Russell is about. They are learning from me and I'm learning from them."

TJ Kornbaum from Little Falls is listed as a returning player, but did not see action in 2019-20. He also suffered an injury in preseason practice and Russell said it is undetermined when he will return.

The last season the Raiders were in action they went 16-0 in MCAC Northern Division play and 24-5 overall. Eventually, CLC was bounced in the Region 13 Semifinals by Rochester CTC.

"I think this year is going to be an interesting year," Russell said. "The reason I say that is because I saw it on the football field and our squad. We have a lot of Minnesota kids on our roster. Where a lot of other teams have a lot of out-of-state kids. So I think there are going to be some pretty darn good athletes in the league."

Russell said he's excited for the upcoming season and missed coaching last season.

"I'm very thankful that the administration is allowing us to have a season," he said. "I'm thankful that these kids are here and that we

can have a season. It's a great opportunity and it's great to get back on the court."

In the backcourt, freshmen Jalen Dearing and Josh Lewis are two players with college basketball experience who Russell is excited about.

Dearing played last season at Williston State in North Dakota and started 12 games for the Tetons. He averaged 8.7 points per game in 18 games and shot 42.9% (27-63) from 3-point. He also registered 44 assists to 17 turnovers which were good enough for a 2.6 assist to turnover ratio.

Lewis played last year at Bryant and Stratton College in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He played in 14 games for the Bobcats including two starts. He averaged 1.6 points per game and shot 38% from the field.

Both Dearing and Lewis still have two years of eligibility at CLC.

"Those two guys got a chance to play a little bit so they understand the physicality and quickness of the game," Russell said. "So that has helped with both of those guys."

Quamar Gresham, who is a freshman from St. Cloud Apollo, is another guard Russell likes.

"He's done very well for us and is very athletic," he said. "He makes everyone play downhill, so he has huge potential and has really stepped it up and has taken one of those spots in the backcourt."

On the wing, Russell said his Raiders have decent size in their forwards.

Derek Aeilts is an Albuquerque, New Mexico native and stands 6-foot-7 and weighs 220 pounds as a freshman.

"He's a left-handed kid who is a little older," Russell said. "He will give us a lot of scoring power. He shoots the ball very well and moves very well for a big guy."

Another forward Russell mentioned is Rodney Oliver. The 6-6, 210-pound freshman is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"He's also a little older," Russell said.



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Central Lakes College basketball coach Jim Russell coaches his team Monday, Nov. 8, at the college. Russell is entering his 24th year of coaching basketball at CLC.

SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, Nov. 10, hosts Leech Lake Tribal College 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 13, hosts Dakota County Technical College 3 p.m.
- Nov. 18, at Minnesota State Community and Technical College 7 p.m.
- Nov. 20, hosts Ridgewater College 3 p.m.
- Nov. 24, at St. Cloud Technical and Community College 7 p.m.
- Nov. 27, plays Western Technical College at Anoka-Ramsey 2 p.m.
- Nov. 28, at Anoka-Ramsey Community College 4 p.m.
- Dec. 3, at Riverland Community College 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4, at Anoka-Ramsey Community College 3 p.m.
- Dec. 10, hosts Gogebic Community College 7 p.m.
- Dec. 11, hosts St. Cloud Technical Community College 3 p.m.
- Dec. 17, hosts Minnesota State Community and Technical College 8 p.m.
- Dec. 18, hosts Riverland Community College 6 p.m.
- Jan. 5, hosts Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College 7 p.m.
- Jan. 8, hosts Hibbing Community College 3 p.m.
- Jan. 12, hosts Northland Community and Technical College 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 15, at Rainy River Community College 3 p.m.
- Jan. 19, at Mesabi Range CTC 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22, at Itasca Community College 3 p.m.
- Jan. 26, hosts Vermilion Community College 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29, at Hibbing Community College 3 p.m.
- Feb. 2, at Northland Community and Technical College 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5, hosts Itasca Community College 3 p.m.
- Feb. 9, at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12, hosts Mesabi Range CTC 3 p.m.
- Feb. 16, at Vermilion Community College 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19, hosts Rainy River Community College 3 p.m.

"He's a pretty athletic kid and strong. He'll help us out."

David Felix from Atlanta, Georgia, stands 6-6, 210.

"He gives us a little beef inside," Russell said. "And some of his athletic ability will be good."

Zaa Buffalo from Duluth East High School is a forward Russell is also excited about.

"(Duluth East) went to state last year and he was one of the key guys that brought them to state," Russell said. "He will probably be doing the same thing for us. He plays his role really well. He handles the ball. He passes the ball really well and he

shoots the ball really well. So he does a little bit of everything for us and has a great basketball IQ. He was coached in high school by a McDonald (Rhett McDonald) and that name is a big name in the state for basketball. So he's learned how to play the game in the right way."

Don't expect to see the Raiders playing with a traditional big. In 2019-20, Tyree'on Johnson was the leading scorer for the Raiders at 17.1 points per game and played mostly inside for Russell.

"We really don't have a big guy," Russell said. "We don't have anybody that is going to dominate inside. We

2021-22 RAIDER MEN'S BASKETBALL

- **Head coach:** Jim Russell, 24th season
- **Career record:** 468-184
- **Assistant coaches:** Brandon Bell, George Washington II, Ben Aeilts
- **2019-20 record:** 16-0 Northern Division, 24-5 overall, MCAC state/Region 13 semifinals
- **Returning players:** TJ Kornbaum



Russell

ROSTER

- **Sophomore:** TJ Kornbaum, Isaiah Williams
- **Freshman:** Carrson Jones, Hunter Nissen, Jalen Dearing, Josh Lewis, Adrian Mogaka, Quamar Gresham, CJ Davenport, Traveon Jones, Evan Hoy, Zaa Buffalo, Derek Aeilts, Rodney Oliver, David Felix

are going to mainly be outside the perimeter and be cutting and moving inside-outside. Rodney Oliver and David Felix will both be guys that will take on that role that Tyree'on did."

An under-the-radar player Russell likes is Aitkin native Hunter Nissen. The freshman came to practice late because he played football for CLC. Russell likes the energy he's bought to practice since joining the team.

"Hunter has been a big surprise," Russell said. "He shoots the ball very well. But his work ethic is unbelievable. He's definitely a guy who is not afraid of physicality because he played linebacker on the football team, so we are looking for him to help us out."

Carrson Jones from Alexandria and Traveon Jones from Fort Wayne, Indiana, are two other bench players Russell likes.

"Carrson is a gritty type of player who isn't afraid to get his nose into areas that are tough areas especially for a little guy," Russell said. "Traveon is a guy who I recruited because he was more of an energy guy. He's always rebounding and running the lane and cutting to the basket. He does all the little

things that kids can't understand or don't do."

Nothing has changed in Russell's philosophy. He still wants to press full court and play an up-tempo style in 2021-22.

"We are getting better at getting up and down the floor," Russell said. "Once we understand the defensive concept of what we are trying to do. We will also be better at running the floor as well. Right now, we are trying to get them to understand the level of defense and the physicality and defense and the willingness to help the concept. Kids nowadays worry so much about the ball and how to guard the man with the ball instead of working on how to play better defense as a team."

With a new roster, expect Russell to play 11 guys. He thinks he has the depth to do so.

"They are all learning from me for the first time, so I have to continue to try to figure out their game and how to be consistent in playing their role," Russell said. "So from the beginning of the year to Christmas, we will probably go pretty deep."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

5 Pioneers make all-district team

The All-Mid-State Red District football team was chosen and announced Tuesday, Nov. 9.



Heidemann



Jones



Radunz

Five Pierz Pioneers players earned spots. Senior Zach Jones (Tight end, defensive end), Ben Virnig (defensive end, tight end) and Trevor Radunz (linebacker, running back), junior Ian Oberfeld (offensive tackle, defensive tackle), and sophomore Reese Young (running back, linebacker). Earning honorable mention were senior

Andy Wincher (defensive back, quarterback), senior Lance Otremba (defensive tackle, guard) and juniors Jacob LeBlanc (linebacker, running back) and Kirby Fischer (defensive back, running back).

Radunz was named the District's Linebacker of the Year. Zach Jones was named the Specialist of the Year and Linus Heidemann was named the Kicker of the Year.

ATHLETICS

10 Raider football players honored by the MCAC

Central Lakes College defensive back Vito Richards and linebacker Chase Dressel were both named to the All-MCAC First Team announced Monday, Nov. 1.

Linebackers Charles Dressel and Hunter Nissen were named to All-MCAC Second Team along with wide receiver Tucker Schultz, defensive back Tim Ryan and defensive lineman Joey Hoeschen.

Offensive linemen James Gedde and Luke Olson as well as defensive back Ryan Edquist



Dressel



Richards

all made All-MCAC Honorable Mention for the Raiders.

Central Lakes earned 10 players named to All-MCAC which was tied for second with Mesabi Range and behind Rochester CTC which had 13 athletes named.

TRAP SHOOTING

CLC 3rd at Nationals

Central Lakes College's trap shooting team won its conference after competing in the USA College Clay Target League's six-week season.

The team also finished third at Nationals.

The 15-member co-ed team celebrated its most successful season since beginning competition in 2017. This is the first time CLC won the conference championship.

After taking first place at its conference, CLC participated in the national tournament, Nov. 1-6, with team members each shooting 100 clay targets at Lakeshore Conservation Club.

Team members Kylie Wolkenhauer and Isaac Malone each scored a 97 out of 100, which earned Wolkenhauer the High Gun for all females at Nationals and tied both her and Malone for the second-highest score of the tournament. Team member Grace Caouette wrapped up her first season of competitive trapshooting by claiming first in the tournament's novice category.

"When you look at our overall scores throughout the season, we did not have just one or two student-athletes carrying the team with high weekly scores, but instead, we shot con-

sistently as a team," Raiders coach Erich Heppner said. "In our fifth and final week, our initial group did not shoot particularly well, and our lead over our conference opponents was very much in jeopardy. The next group went out knowing that they needed to lift their teammates up and they delivered by shooting season-high scores and putting the team in an uncatchable position.

"We had a lot of moments this season where teammates were called upon to shoot well, and they stepped up with ice in their veins and delivered."

The team includes: Grant Albers (Dundas), Grace Caouette (Elk River), Colton Gutenkauf (Baxter), Wyatt Herron (Brainerd), Tristan Johnson (Alexandria), Jenna Lawin (Holdingford), Isaac Malone (Willmar), Quinn Mathisten (Howard Lake), Caleb Nurnberger (Staples), Dustin Piotter (Holloway), Lainey Priglmeier (Foley), Megan Tritz (Darwin), Adam Viskocil (Northfield), Edward Volkl (Pillager), Kylie Wolkenhauer (Pequot Lakes)

Coaches are Mike Hammer, Erich Heppner, Robb Kolodziej, Mark Robideaux, Nikki Shout and Steven Weigel.

GOPHERS

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playing in an open floor situation, that's what we would like to do as well, and we did at times," Whalen said. "... We talk a lot about taking care of the ball, and there were times we did today, and obviously some stretches where it got tough for us."

The Dolphins finished 4-17 last season, and eight of the team's players this year are freshmen or sophomores. Per its conference coaches' poll, Jacksonville is projected to tie for last this season in the low-level ASUN Conference.

Taylor Hawks led four Dolphins with 15 points. Jacksonville provided several different looks, including a zone that gave Minnesota trouble. The Gophers shot just 34 percent (19 of 55) from the field, including 9 of 27 from outside the arc. Jacksonville was 24 for 55 overall (43.6 percent), including 6 for 11 from deep.

"They had us out of our rhythm for a little bit, Whalen said. "... Give them credit for mixing it up."

"We failed to take them out of what they wanted to do," added Powell.

RAIDERS

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seed, Minnesota State (Fergus Falls), who CLC defeated right before the postseason, is the No. 3 seed. Owens is seeded No. 2 and Rock Valley is No. 1. Rock Valley was ranked No. 1 in the final polls followed by Owens at No. 2. Minnesota State at No. 4. Raritan Valley was ranked No. 7 and is seeded No. 7.

Butler County Community College out of Pennsylvania was ranked No. 3, but got the No. 6 seed. They will open against No. 11 Rockland. Raritan Valley will face No. 10 Finger Lakes. Rock Valley will open against the winner of No. 8 RCSJ-Cloucester and No. 9 Queensborough, both of which received votes in the final poll.

"Mostly I'm concerned about us," Peterson said. "If we play our best that will be enough. Whether it will be enough to beat the best teams, but it will be enough to be competitive with them. If we can just give our best effort, that's really all I want to happen.

"Everyone is good to go. We're rested and recovered from ankles and hips and heads. We're all good."

The Raiders enter the national tournament with a 21-9 overall record. CLC was 11-0 in its division and swept through the region tournament with a 3-1 victory over Vermilion and a

3-0 win over Northland. CLC is currently on a seven-game winning streak. It last lost to the University of Minnesota, Morris junior varsity team Oct. 6.

The Raiders possess a balanced and "powerful" offensive attack led by Northern Division Player of the Year Haley Schleper. The second-year player finished with 379 kills or 3.64 per set. She was second on the team with 47 ace serves, 301 digs and 50 blocks.

Freshman Jamie Johnson added 282 kills (3.03 per set to go with 53 ace serves, 196 digs and 22 blocks.

Megan Rinicker followed with 266 digs, 17 ace serves, 128 digs and 47 blocks.

Jacey Rydberg collected 153 kills, 27 ace serves, 68 digs and 27 blocks.

"I'm mostly coaching my team," Peterson said. "We're trying to learn and get better every day. Our hitters have been practicing making smarter shots, not just the powerful ones. We have been practicing communicating to the best of our ability and not have any errors because of lack of communication. We have been practicing some of the things that are what some might say are our defensive weaknesses. We have been practicing that. "I'm not handing them a whole list of things on what it takes to beat this team or that. We just need to play. Some of us need to have less in our head and just play."

Freshman setter Grace Peabody has managed the

offense all season. She's recorded 1,037 set assists to go with 32 kills, 40 ace serves, 268 digs and nine blocks.

Sarah Bennett is the team's libero. She leads the team with 333 digs to go with 24 ace serves. Gabbie Enneking added 246 digs to help CLC tighten up its defense.

Peterson said one issue CLC battled through defensively was handling off-speed attacks like tips and rolls.

"I think we're really prepared," Peterson said. "We've had the time to prepare all of our options in certain situations.

"Part of it is because of COVID so nobody played last year and there are few people on any of these teams that have been to this tournament before. It's a brand new experience for most people and it's exciting. My intuition tells me if you're not facing a bunch of second-year sophomores who know how to do it and know what it takes or what a championship game looks like then I think we have a chance. Why not? Because of our powerful offense — it's varied and it's powerful — that gives us chances to earn points. If you can put the ball down you can score points, and I feel very confident that our team can score points. If we can defend well enough then we will have a chance to beat anybody."

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SCOREBOARD

AREA EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 10 MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Leech Lake Tribal College at Central Lakes 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11 FOOTBALL Class 2A State Quarterfinal At Brainerd High School Moose Lake/Willow River vs. West Central 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING Little Falls in Section 8-1A diving prelims 5 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY Brainerd/Little Falls at Buffalo 7 p.m. Northern Lakes at St. Francis 7 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL NJCAA Division III National Tournament Rochester Regional Sports Center

Quaterfinals No. 4 Central Lakes vs. No. 5 Suny Broome/No. 12 Brookhaven winner 6 p.m.

Rochester Regional Sports Center

Men's college basketball: Buffalo at Michigan, 5:30 p.m., BTN

Men's college basketball: Fairleigh Dickinson at Seton Hall, 6 p.m., FS1

NBA: Detroit at Houston, 6:45 p.m., ESPN

Men's college basketball: Youngstown State at Penn State, 7:30 p.m., BTN

NBA: Minnesota at Golden State, 9

p.m. BSN, KKIN-FM (94.3), KF-GI-FM (101.5), WCCO-AM (830)

Men's college basketball: Coppin State at DePaul, 8 p.m., FS1

NBA: Miami at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:05 p.m., ESPN

FOOTBALL: College football: 6 p.m., ESPN2

SOCCER: Men's college soccer: Big Ten tournament semifinals, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., BTN

Thursday, Nov. 11 BASKETBALL:

Men's college basketball: Sacred Heart at Providence, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Men's college basketball: George Washington at Maryland, 5:30 p.m., BTN

NBA: Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBA-TV

NBA G-League: 7 p.m., ESPN2

Men's college basketball: Michigan at Penn State, 7:30 p.m., BTN

Men's college basketball: Kennesaw State at Creighton, 7:30 p.m. FS1

NBA: Miami at Los Angeles Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBA-TV

FOOTBALL:

NFL: Baltimore at Miami, 7 p.m., FOX

College football: North Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

GOLF: PGA Tour: Houston Open, noon, GOLF

PGA Champions: Charles Schwab Cup, 3 p.m., GOLF

HOCKEY:

NHL: Minnesota at Las Vegas, 9 p.m., BSN, KKIN-AM (930), KUAL-FM (103.5), KSKM-AM (1070)

TV AND RADIO

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BASKETBALL

Professional NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic

W L Pct GB

New York 4 01.000 -2.0

Brooklyn 3 1 1.750 -1.0

Toronto 3 2 6.000 -5.5

Boston 2 2 5.000 —

Philadelphia 2 2 5.000 —

Central

W L Pct GB

Chicago 4 01.000 —

Detroit 2 2 5.000 2.0

Indiana 2 2 5.000 2.0

Cleveland 2 3 4.000 2.5

Milwaukee 1 4 2.000 3.5

Southeast

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Miami 5 1 .833 —

Atlanta 2 2 5.000 2.0

Orlando 1 3 2.500 3.0

Charlotte 1 3 2.500 3.0

Washington 0 4 0.000 4.0

Western Conference Northwest

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Minnesota 3 1 1.750 -1.0

Utah 2 2 5.000 —

Oklahoma City 1 3 2.500 1.0

Denver 1 4 2.000 1.5

Portland 0 4 0.000 2.0

Pacific

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Golden State 5 01.000 —

Sacramento 4 01.000 .5

Phoenix 3 1 1.750 1.5

L.A. Clippers 3 1 2.500 3.5

L.A. Lakers 0 6 0.000 5.5

Southwest

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Dallas 4 01.000 —

San Antonio 3 2 6.000 1.5

Memphis 3 3 5.000 2.0

Houston 1 3 2.500 3.0

New Orleans 1 3 2.500 3.0

Central

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.

Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.

Brooklyn at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Detroit at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Charlotte at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Denver, 8 p.m.

Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Professional NFL American Football Conference East

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Buffalo 5 3 0 625 235 118

New England 5 4 0 556 230 170

N.Y. Jets 2 6 0 250 144 251

Miami 2 7 0 222 155 242

South

W L T Pct PF PA

Tennessee 7 2 0 778 255 211

Indianapolis 4 5 0 444 245 213

Jacksonville 2 6 0 250 132 209

Houston 1 8 0 111 128 258

North

W L T Pct PF PA

Baltimore 6 2 0 750 221 195

Pittsburgh 5 3 0 625 161 169

Cincinnati 5 4 0 556 236 203

Cleveland 5 4 0 556 224 196

West

W L T Pct PF PA

Las Vegas 5 3 0 625 196 189

L.A. Chargers 5 3 0 625 199 201

Denver 5 4 0 556 187 153

Kansas City 5 4 0 556 221 227

National Football Conference East

W L T Pct PF PA

Dallas 6 2 0 750 241 192

Philadelphia 3 6 0 333 227 218

N.Y. Giants 3 6 0 333 179 216

Washington 2 6 0 250 156 227

South

W L T Pct PF PA

Tampa Bay 6 2 0 750 260 183

New Orleans 5 3 0 625 201 155

Atlanta 4 4 0 500 175 220

Carolina 5 4 0 556 171 183

North

W L T Pct PF PA

Green Bay 7 2 0 778 199 180

Minnesota 3 5 0 375 194 191

Chicago 3 6 0 333 150 224

Detroit 0 8 0 000 134 244

West

W L T Pct PF PA

Arizona 8 1 0 889 277 155

L.A. Rams 7 2 0 778 261 196

Seattle 3 5 0 375 181 169

San Francisco 3 5 0 375 185 202

Week 10 Thursday's Games

Baltimore at Miami, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at New England, 12 p.m.

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 12 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Washington, 12 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 12 p.m.

New Orleans at Tennessee, 12 p.m.

Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.

Carolina at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Denver, 3:25 p.m.

Seattle at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.

Kansas City at Las Vegas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

HOCKEY

Professional NHL Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

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