





## Prep football

**Cushman Classic televised:** The annual Cushman Classic between Grand Forks Central and Grand Forks Red River scheduled for Friday night will be televised by WDAY Xtra.

The 25th annual Cushman Classic football game is set for a 7 p.m. kickoff at Cushman Field. WDAY Xtra can be found on Channel 596 for Midco customers.

The game also is scheduled to be carried by KNOX-AM 1310.

## Saints-Packers moved to Jacksonville for Week 1

The New Orleans Saints will host their NFL season-opener against the Green Bay Packers in Jacksonville, Fla.

In a statement on Wednesday, the NFL said the decision was made in the interest of public safety.

“The decision was made, in consultation with state and local officials and both clubs, in the interest of pub-

lic safety,” the league announced. “Details on tickets and other specifics, including how fans can continue to help in the recovery effort, will be announced in the days ahead.”

The Saints were forced to find a new venue as New Orleans continues to wade through the complications in the region following Hurricane Ida.

Kickoff will be 4:25 ET at TIAA Bank Field, home to the Jacksonville Jaguars. The Jags open their season on the road in Houston.

Saints owner Gayle Benson made an initial \$1 million donation to the Gulf Coast Renewal Fund.

The Saints evacuated to and have been practicing in Dallas, however a concert at AT&T Stadium prevented them from playing the game at the Cowboys’ home stadium.

Head coach Sean Payton on Tuesday said the Saints are preparing as if they won’t be able to return to Louisiana for the first four weeks of the regular season. The Saints are expected to practice in September at

SMU or TCU, where Payton’s son is a student.

Though the Superdome avoided structural damage, the city of New Orleans remains largely without power and water consumption has become an issue in the aftermath of the massive storm.

The hurricane made landfall Sunday as a Category 4 storm with winds of 150 mph.

## Mickelson, Couples named Ryder Cup vice captains

U.S. Ryder Cup captain Steve Stricker filled out his roster of assistants Wednesday when he announced that Phil Mickelson and Fred Couples will serve as vice captains.

“I’ve been staying in close contact with both Freddie and Phil, talking about all things Ryder Cup, for a while now,” Stricker said in a statement. “They provide honest and impactful feedback, and both have such a passion for the Ryder Cup. I’m honored that they were willing to join our team and help

put us in the best position to win in a few weeks at Whistling Straits.”

Mickelson, 51, holds the American record for most Ryder Cup appearances, with 12 consecutive appearances. Being a vice captain means he won’t be selected to compete as part of the 12-man team, ending that streak.

“Lefty” won the PGA Championship in May for his sixth career major title, but his game has not been as stellar ever since.

Couples, 61, competed in five Ryder Cups and was a vice captain in 2012. The former No. 1-ranked golfer in the world won one major, the 1992 Masters.

The Ryder Cup, originally scheduled for 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated its postponement, will be played Sept. 21–26 at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wis.

Collin Morikawa, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau, Brooks Koepka, Justin Thomas and Patrick Cantlay qualified for the American team. Stricker will

announce his six captains picks to round out the team on Sept. 8.

## Blues sign D Parayko to eight-year, \$52M extension

Defenseman Colton Parayko agreed to an eight-year contract extension with the St. Louis Blues worth \$52 million.

The \$6.5 million annual average value on the contract makes Parayko one of the highest-paid defensemen in the league. His deal now carries through the 2029–30 season, when he’ll be 36 years old.

The Blues selected him in the third round of the 2012 NHL Draft.

“I can’t wait to wear the Blue Note for another nine years,” Parayko told the team website. “St. Louis has been my home now for six seasons, and this is where I want to be. All the relationships I’ve gained, the teammates I’ve had, and the organization have all had a big impact on me. Winning here in 2019 was special, and I want the chance

to stay here and do that again.

The 28-year-old Parayko has 171 points (41 goals, 130 assists) in 418 career regular-season games.

## Report: NBA returning to normal bench seating this season

The NBA will return to its normal bench arrangement for the upcoming 2021–22 season, The Athletic reported Wednesday.

Players coming off the court will no longer be required to sit in a cool-down area, per the report. The moves signal an end to some of the COVID-19 protocols that were instituted the past two seasons during the pandemic.

Game day personnel, however, will still be required to wear masks at the outset.

Fans sitting within 15 feet of the court will need to be fully vaccinated or return a negative COVID-19 test prior to the game, per the report.

—Field Level Media

## GIRLS GOLF

<b>Fargo North Invite</b> <b>At Edgewood Golf Course, Wednesday</b> <b>Team totals</b>
1. Fargo Shanley 316, 2. Fargo Davies 339, 3. GF Red River 356, 4. Fargo South 362, 5. Fargo North 363, 6. West Fargo Sheyenne 381, 7. Wahpeton 382, 8. West Fargo 388, 9. GF Central 399, 10. Valley City 440
<b>Top 20 placers</b>
1. Sophie Keelin, Fargo Shanley, 75; 2. Lindsey Astrup, Fargo Shanley, 77; 3. Ava Olson, Fargo Davies, 80; 4. Krista Kramer, Fargo Shanley, 81; T5. Sydney Hanson, GF Central, and Lexi Bartley, Fargo Davies, 82; T7. Anaka Lysne, Wahpeton, Halle Balluff, Fargo Shanley, and Adie Wagner, Fargo South, 83; 10. Taylor Martin, Fargo North, 85; T11. Rose Solberg, Fargo Davies, and Mia Aarestad, Fargo South, 86; T13. Taylor Struck, Fargo South, and Kate McComb, Fargo North, 87; 15. Jaya Grube, Red River, 88; T16. Sophie Brakke, Red River, Taylor Piepkorn, Red River, and Payton Stocker, West Fargo Sheyenne, 89; T19. Tori Worner, West Fargo, and Jadyin Arel, Red River, 90.
<b>Other Red River placers</b> — 24. Ella McMullin 92, T36. Ella Spiedel 99, 45. Marit Seeger 103, T51. Lauren Soholt 107
<b>Other GF Central placers</b> — T40. Ella Peters 101, T54. Riley Camiere and Laynee Erickson 108, 69. Hannah Curran 122

## PREP FOOTBALL

<b>N.D. Class 11B</b> <b>First place votes in parenthesis, total points, season record</b>
1. Beulah (11) 66 2-0
2. Langdon-Edmore-Munich (1) 58 2-0
3. Central Cass (3) 51 2-0
4. Harvey-Wellis County 28 2-0
5. Velve/Garrison 9 2-0
<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Hillsboro-Central Valley (1-1), Linton-HMB(2-0), Dickinson Trinity (1-0), Kindred (1-1), Des Lacs-Burlington (2-0)
<b>N.D. Class 9B</b> <b>First place votes in parenthesis, total points, season record</b>
1. LaMoure-L-M (15) 75 2-0
2. New Salem 60 2-0
3. Cavalier 45 2-0
4. Ray-PL 14 2-0
5. South Border 8 2-0
<b>Others receiving votes:</b> Mohall/LS (2-0), Wyndmere-Lidgerwood (1-1), Napoleon-G-S (2-0), Linton Prairie (2-0), Hettinger-Scranton(2-0), Nelson County (2-0), May-Port-CG (2-0)
<b>N.D. 6-Man League poll</b> <b>Rank, season record to date</b>
1. North Border 2-0
2. Center-Stanton 1-0
3. Midway-Minto 1-1

<b>N.D. Class 11AA poll</b> <b>First place votes in parenthesis, total points</b>
1. Bismarck Century (15) 75
2. West Fargo 56
3. Bismarck High 42
4. West Fargo Sheyenne 29
5. Fargo Shanley 22
Other(s) receiving votes: Bismarck Legacy
<b>N.D. Class 11A poll</b> <b>First place votes in parenthesis, total points</b>
1. Bismarck St. Mary’s (13) 73
2. Jamestown (2) 62
3. Fargo North 42
4. Fargo South 22
5. Wahpeton 15
Other(s) receiving votes: Dickinson

<b>EDC Class A</b> <b>League, overall</b>
Wahpeton 1-0, 1-0; Fargo North 1-0, Devils Lake 0-0, 1-0; GF Central 0-0, 0-1; Fargo South 0-1, 0-1; Valley City 0-1, 0-1; GF Red River 0-1, 0-1
<b>Friday’s games</b>
GF Central at GF Red River, 7 p.m.
Wahpeton at Watford City
Devils Lake at Valley City
Fargo North at Fargo South
<b>EDC Class AA</b> <b>(league, overall)</b>
Shanley 1-0, 1-0; West Fargo 1-0, 1-0; West Fargo Sheyenne 0-0 1-0; Fargo Davies 0-1, 0-1
<b>Friday’s games</b>
Bismarck High at Shanley
West Fargo Sheyenne at West Fargo
Fargo Davies at Minot

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

<b>Tuesday’s results</b>
West Fargo Sheyenne def. Devils Lake 25-13, 25-15, 25-13
Fargo Davies def. Fargo South 21-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-21
West Fargo def. Wahpeton 25-11, 25-9, 25-14
Fargo North def. Valley City 25-18, 19-25, 22-25, 25-16, 15-8
Red Lake County Central def. Cass Lake-Bena 25-11, 21-25, 25-11, 25-17
Fosston def. Climax-Fisher 25-16, 25-13, 25-23
Thief River Falls def. Perham 25-19, 17-25, 27-25, 26-24
Roseau def. Park Rapids 25-22, 25-22, 26-24
Clearbrook-Govnick def. Win-E-Mac 25-18, 25-17, 25-21
Barnesville def. Ada-Borup/West 25-19, 14-25, 25-15, 25-13
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton def. Detroit Lakes 25-19, 25-21, 25-14
Pelican Rapids def. Park Christian 27-25, 22-25, 25-11, 17-25, 16-14
Staples-Motley def. Pine River-backus 25-

14, 21-25, 25-17, 25-11
Pequot Lakes def. Wadena-Deer Creek 25-16, 25-22, 25-15
<b>Fargo Shanley 25-25-25, GF Red River 21-15-21</b>
<b>Red River (kills-blocks-service aces)</b>
Kelsey Towers 4-1-X (1 dig), Amber Johnson (3 assists, 1 dig), Farrah Spicer 3-X-X (1 dig), Cynara Rydell 2-1-X, Ava Swangstue 5-3-1, Lily Costello X-X-1 (2 digs), Emily Robson 2-C-C (11 assists, 1 dig), Emma Storstad X-X-2 (10 assists, 3 digs), Hannah Litzinger 6-X-X (10 digs), Hope Gaddie (1 assist, 5 digs), Haley Johnson 3-2-X (2 digs)
<b>Fargo Shanley</b> — Hannah Hoedl X-X-2 (25 digs), Olivia Vetter 36 assists, Ricki George 14-X-2, Paige McAllister 14-X-X, Shayna Roach 10-X-X, Clara Robin 4-X-X
<b>EGF Senior High 18-11-25-27-15,</b>
<b>Warren-A-O 25-25-18-25-13</b>
<b>EGF Senior High (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Kendra Emery 20-1-2 (40 digs), Ava Pena 9-2-1, Hayli Robertson 7-4-0, Addi Kujava 5-4-0, Tatum Spokely 0-0-2 (27 assists), Morgan Kovar 2-0-2 (39 digs), Mya Garrett 0-0-1 (12 assists)
<b>Warren-Alvarado-Oslo</b> — Gracie Anderson 16-1-2, Lily Bayne 18-2-2 (27 digs), Tatianna Wright 6-0-0, Elise Oberg 0-0-4 (33 assists), Lindsey Bring x-x-3
<b>Kittson County Central 25-25-25,</b>
<b>Sacred Heart 23-10-20</b>
<b>Sacred Heart (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Avery Horken 4-1-1 (1 assist, 4 digs), Audrey Zavoral 1-0-0 (1 assist), Ella Adolphson (10 assists, 1 dig), Emma Anvinson 3-0-0, Grace Vonesh 7-4-2, Grace Loeslie 1-0-0 (1 assist, 10 digs), Haley Vonasek 9 digs, Rylee Chwialkowski (1 assist, 3 digs), Sophie Evavold 1-2-0
<b>Kittson County Central</b> — Morgan Turn 4-0-4 (11 assists), Cheyanne Scalese 15-3-0 (3 assists), Megan Larson 4-1-0 (1 assist), Elsa Steen 3-2-0 (5 assists), Jenna Davis 3-0-0, Kira Whitlock 5-1-2 (12 assists), Berlyn Strege 0-0-3, Emma Sjostrand 0-0-4
<b>Grafton 25-25-25,</b>
<b>North Border 18-18-22</b>
<b>North Border (kills-blocks-service aces)</b>
Keira Moore 7-X-X (11 digs), Megan Mission X-2-X, Addi Brown 18 digs, Lauren Carrier 16 digs, Nicole Berg 10 digs, Kierra Helland 17 digs
<b>Grafton</b> — Rache Georgeson X-X-1, Kydyn Pastorek X-X-1 (4 digs), Claire Bjorneby X-X-1 (15 digs), Walker Demers 9-4-X, Kallynn Bennett 3-X-X, Jade Moe 7 digs, Cassie Erickson X-2-X, Reagan Hanson 24 assists
<b>North Star 30-25-28,</b>
<b>Rugby 28-19-26</b>
<b>Rugby (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Brooke Anderson 8-X-X (10 digs), Mykell Heidlebaugh 9-2-X, Saige Connot X-X-5, Kendra Leier X-X-0, Anna Johnson 22 digs, Kian Gault 11 assists, Joep Wolf 8 assists
<b>North Star</b> — Payton Harpes 1-1-0 (1 assist, 3 digs), Jorie Ahlberg 1-0-1 (2 assists, 8 digs), Lindsey Nyhagen 2-1-1 (31 assists, 11 digs), Danielle Hagler 29-2-2 (27 digs), Gracie Miller 1-0-0 (1 assist, 15 digs), Elle Helleberg 5-2-1 (1 assist, 16 digs), Gianna Ahlberg 1-0-1 (4 digs)
<b>Nelson County 23-25-25-25,</b>
<b>Drayton/Valley-Edinburg 25-11-16-21</b>
<b>Drayton/V-E (kills-blocks-service aces)</b>
-KJ Aasand 4-2-X, Eastin Larson 5-2-x, Gwyneth Wieler (6 assists), Claire Thompson (3 assists)
<b>Nelson County</b> — Rylan Parsley 7-x-x, Hollie Emory 4-1-4, Krista Lippert 4-1-X, Lydia Stein 4-x-x, Payon Lippert 2-1-X, Marit Ellingson x-x-4 (17 assists), Olivia Avdem x-x-3
<b>Northern Cass 25-25-25,</b>
<b>May-Port-CG 20-23-14</b>
<b>Mavins-Portland-Clifford-Galburg (kills-blocks-service aces)</b>
4-2-X, Kinsey Hanson 1-1-X, Jillian Larson 2-x-x, Raina Satrom 5-x-x, Katie Bradner 7-x-x, Danica Hanson 7-x-x, Alli Stormsodt (15 assists), Kallynn Olson (11 assists), Maysa Larson x-x-3,
<b>Northern Cass</b> — NA
<b>Rolla 25-25-25,</b>
<b>Four Winds-Minnewaukan 18-22-14</b>
<b>Rolla (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Carmen Elick 1-0-1 (6 assists, 5 digs), Marti Moberg 4-0-1 (5 digs), Madison Samuelson 1-1-1 (4 digs), Morgan Leas 6-0-3 (3 digs), Trista Henderson 1-0-2, Jaina Canapi 9-4-2 (2 digs), Rylee Hanlan 2-0-10 (9 digs), Kate Munro 1-0-1 (1 dig)
<b>Four Winds-Minnewaukan</b> — N/A
<b>Westhope-Newburg 25-25-25,</b>
<b>St. John 23-14-19</b>
<b>St. John (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Kylie Parisien 5-X-X, Morgen Disrud 4-X-5, Jerney Blue X-2-X, Mia Lavallee X-1-X (11 assists, 4 digs), Aleigha Lenoir X-X-5 (6 digs)
<b>Westhope-Newburg</b> — N/A
<b>Edgeley 25-25-25, Enderlin 13-21-14</b>
<b>Edgeley (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Abby Mathern 1-0-0 (6 assists, 2 digs), Anicka Boruvka 2-0-0 (2 digs), Emily Kinzler 5-0-2 (1 dig), Grace Irey 5-3-2 (1 dig), Keyahna Musland 0-0-1 (1 assist, 20 digs), Libby Mathern 2-0-0, Mataeva Mathern 3-0-0 (1 dig), Mia Olsen 1 dig, Reagan Teske 3-0-5 (1 assist, 13 digs), Rylee Fischer 2-0-0, Sydney Carlson 1-0-1 (12 assists, 3 digs), Tiahna Wald 0-0-2 (3 digs)
<b>Enderlin</b> — Genevieve Gruba 5-0-1 (6 assists), Krista Nord 1-0-0 (1 assist), Karsyn Naderon 2-0-0, Rachel Bergsradt 1-01-2, Mackenzie Wall 4-0-0, Dakota Claus 0-0-1, Katie Friederichs 5 assists, Amethyst Billing 1 assist

<b>Napoleon-G-S 25-25-25, Ellendale 17-9-11</b>
<b>Ellendale (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Mackenzie Thorpe 3-X-2, Shelby Miller 3-X-X, Christina Walker X-2-X, Kaylin Slivovsky X-1-4, Olivia Hagen X-X-2 (5 assists), Sierra Bollinger 4 assists
<b>Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter</b> — Ashley Schmitt 11-1-3 (23 digs), Kylie Breidenbach 4-1-X, McKenzie Haas X-1-X, Emma Ketterling X-X-5 (22 assists), Triston Gross X-X-2 (8 digs), Sophie Ketterling 30 digs
<b>Mahnomen-Waubun 25-25-25,</b>
<b>Crookston 18-21-22</b>
<b>Crookston (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Breanna Kressin 9 digs, Libby Salentine X-X-1 (11 assists, 9 digs), Anna Funk 6 assists, Ally Perreault 11-2-X, Rylee Solheim 4-X-X, Hannah Brouse X-X-1
<b>Mahnomen-Waubun</b> — Kendra Syverson 9-X-4, Rylee McArthur 5-1-X (4 assists), Sunshine Englund 2-X-X, Cady Clark X-X-1 (6 assists)
<b>Warroad 25-25-22-25,</b>
<b>Northern Freeze 23-24-25-23</b>
<b>Northern Freeze (kills-blocks-aces)</b> — Leo Bring 9-0-1, Rhiannan Horien 5-0-1 (10 assists), Ada Pearson 1-0-2 (12 digs), Brooklyn Melcher 6-3-0
<b>Warroad</b> — Saige Lund 15-2-3 (21 digs), Adriana Heurd 14-1-0 (23 digs), Kitana Keovilay 3-0-2 (23 digs), Kitana Keovilay 3-0-2 (43 assists), Katelyn Croteau 6-2-0, Sierrah Heddan 8-1-0
<b>Badger-Greenbush-MR 25-25-25,</b>
<b>Stephen-Argyle 19-11-17</b>
<b>Badger-Greenbush-Middle River (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Jade Reese 14-3-1, Riley Gust 11-2-X, Jacey Wojchowski 8-1-X, Cassie Dahl X-1-X (39 assists), Greta Lee X-X-2 (6 assists), Kinsley Hanson X-X-1
<b>Stephen-Argyle</b> — Grace Carlson 7-4-X, Riley Mooney 5-X-X, Josie Rivard X-4-X, Marey Kazmierczak X-X-1 (12 digs), Maddy Groven X-X-1, Regan Swanson X-X-1 (5 assists), Macy Haugen (7 assists, 10 digs), Tessa Durand 3 assists
<b>Goodridge-Grygla 18-25-25-25,</b>
<b>Red Lake Falls 25-20-22-22</b>
<b>Goodridge-Grygla (kills-blocks-service aces)</b> — Caitlyn Jacobson 13-4-3 (26 digs), Sadie Anderson 10-3-X, Chesney Salo 45 assists
<b>Red Lake Falls</b> — N/A

## BOYS SOCCER

<b>Tuesday’s results</b>
Fargo Davies 3, GF Red River 1
Fargo North 3, GF Central 1
Fargo Shanley 3, West Fargo 2
West Fargo Sheyenne 3, Fargo South 0
Dickinson 2, Bismarck Legacy 1
Minot 4, Williston 1
Bismarck Century 1, Jamestown 0
Bismarck 2, Mandan 1
Alexandria 8, Fergus Falls 4
Moorhead 3, Brainerd 1

## GIRLS SOCCER

<b>Tuesday’s results</b>
St. Cloud Tech at EGF Senior High, postponed
Detroit Lakes 5, St. Cloud Cathedral 1
Alexandria 7, Fergus Falls 0
Brainerd 5, Moorhead 2
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 7, Pelican Rapids 0
<b>Crookston 1, Hillcrest Academy 0</b>
First half — No scoring.
Second half — 1. CRO, Madeline harbott (Olivia Huff) 79:00
Goalie saves — CRO: Reese Swanson 4-2—6; HA: Hannah Radzwill 4-5—9

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

<b>N.D. prep cross country coaches’ poll #2</b>
<b>Class A</b>
<b>Boys</b>
<b>Teams</b>
1. Williston, 2. GF Red River, 3. Fargo Davies, 4. Bismarck, 5. Dickinson
<b>Others receiving votes:</b> GF Central
<b>Individuals</b>
1. Eleni Lovgren, Williston; 2. Jaelyn Ogle, Watford City; 3. Bayla Weigel, Bismarck; 4. Ana Bernhardt, Fargo Shanley-Oak Grove; 5. Greta Goven, Valley City; 6. Campbell Dorey, Red River; 7. Taya Fetting, Bismarck; 8. Ellie Miller, Fargo Davies; 9. Jocelyn Schiller, Red River; 10. Acey Elkins, Mandan
<b>Class B</b>
<b>Boys</b>
<b>Teams</b>
1. Bowman County, 2. Kindred, 3. Hill-

<b>TODAY’S LOCAL CALENDAR</b>
<b>Prep football</b>
Pequot Lakes at East Grand Forks, 6 p.m.
Red Lake County at Polk County West, in Climax, 7 p.m.
<b>Prep volleyball</b>
GF Red River at West Fargo Sheyenne, 7 p.m.
Devils Lake at GF Central, 7 p.m.
Barnesville at EGF Senior High, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Boys tennis</b>
GF Red River at Fargo North, 4 p.m.
GF Central at Fargo Shanley, 4 p.m.
<b>Boys soccer</b>
West Fargo at GF Central, 7 p.m.
GF Red River at West Fargo sheyenne, 7 p.m.
<b>Boys cross country</b>
GF Red River, GF Central at West Fargo Invitational, 10 a.m., Moorhead
<b>TODAY’S TV/RADIO</b>
<b>Basketball:</b>
WNBA: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m., BSN
<b>Football:</b>
College football: Temple at Rutgers, 5:30 p.m., BTN
College football: Boise State at UCF, 6 p.m., ESPN
College football: Ohio State at Minnesota, 7 p.m., FOX
<b>Golf:</b>
Euro Tour: DS Automobiles Italian Open, 6:30 a.m., GOLF
Korn Ferry Tour Championship, 9 a.m., GOLF
PGA Tour Championship, noon, GOLF
<b>Olympic sports:</b>
Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, 2 a.m. and 8 p.m., NBCSN
International Swimming League, 1 p.m., CBSSN
<b>Soccer:</b>
2022 FIFA World Cup qualifier: U.S. vs. El Salvador, 9 p.m., CBSSN
<b>Tennis:</b>
U.S. Open: Second-round matches, 11 a.m., ESPN
U.S. Open: Second-round matches, 5 p.m., ESPN2

sboro-Central Valley, 4. New Town, 5. Griggs County Central
Others receiving votes: Killdeer
<b>Individuals</b>
1. Ian Busche, Beulah-Hazen; 2. Austin Wanner, Bowman County; 3. Cole Campbell, Kindred; 4. Christian Brist, Hillsboro-Central Valley; 5. Taylor Wanner, Bowman County; 6. Owen Duttenehfer, Killdeer; 7. Cole Spotted Bear, New Town; 8. Tanner Lundvall, May-Port-CG; 9. Austin Dibble, Rugby; 10. Kaden Fuller, Shiloh Christian
<b>Girls</b>
<b>Teams</b>
1. Rugby, 2. Bowman County, 3. May-Port-CG, 4. Kindred, 5. Southern McClain
Others receiving votes: Grafton
<b>Individuals</b>
1. Jenna Soine, Hatton-Northwood/Larimore; 2. Hannah Westin, Shiloh Christian; 3. Amelia Shepard, Rugby; 4. Brooklyn Bartsch, Rugby; 5. Norah Entzi, Edgeley-Kulm; 6. Brynn Hanson, Des Lacs-Burlington; 7. Annika Stroh, Lisbon; 8. Dreah Frolek, Sargent-Central-Lidgerwood; 9. Tatum Mehus, May-Port-CG; 10. Peyton Gette, Kindred

1. Winona State (4) 71
2. Bemidji State (2) 64
3. MSU Mankato (2) 62
4. Concordia-St. Paul (1) 60
5. Sioux Falls (1) 48
6. Upper Iowa 43
7. Augustana 40
8. Minot State 27
9. UMary 19
10. Minnesota Crookston 10
9. Minot State 64
10. Bemidji State 52
11. UMary 45
12. MSU Moorhead 34
13. Minnesota Crookston 27

## BASEBALL

<b>Professional</b>
<b>MLB</b>
<b>American League</b>
<b>East</b>
<b>W L Pct GB</b>
Tampa Bay 84 49 .632 —
NY Yankees 77 56 .579 7.0
Boston 76 59 .563 9.0
Toronto 70 62 .530 13.5
Baltimore 41 91 .311 42.5
<b>Central</b>
<b>W L Pct GB</b>
Chi. White Sox 78 56 .582 —
Cleveland 65 64 .504 10.5
Detroit 63 71 .470 15.0
Kansas City 59 72 .450 17.5
Minnesota 58 75 .436 19.5
<b>West</b>
<b>W L Pct GB</b>
Houston 78 55 .586 —
Oakland 73 60 .549 5.0
Seattle 72 62 .537 6.5
LA Angels 66 68 .493 12.5
Texas 47 86 .353 31.0
<b>National League</b>
<b>East</b>
<b>W L Pct GB</b>
Atlanta 70 61 .534 —
Philadelphia 68 64 .515 2.5
NY Mets 65 67 .492 5.5
Washington 55 76 .420 15.0
Miami 55 78 .414 16.0
<b>Central</b>
<b>W L Pct GB</b>
Milwaukee 81 52 .609 —
Cincinnati 72 63 .533 10.0
St. Louis 68 64 .515 12.5
Chi. Cubs 59 75 .440 22.5
Pittsburgh 48 85 .361 33.0
<b>West</b>
<b>W L Pct GB</b>
San Francisco 84 48 .632 —
LA Dodgers 84 49 .632 .5
San Diego 71 63 .530 14.0
Colorado 61 72 .459 23.5
Arizona 45 90 .333 40.5
<b>Arizona League</b>
<b>Wednesday’s Results</b>
Seattle 1, Houston 0
NY Yankees 4, LA Angels 1
Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 8, Oakland 6
Cleveland (Allen 1-5) at Kansas City (Kowar 0-2



# Cubs throw two-hit shutout, sweep Twins



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Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Joe Ryan throws a pitch against the Chicago Cubs in the first inning Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Target Field in Minneapolis.

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Frank Schwindel hit a three-run home run and Justin Steele and Adbert Alzolay combined for a two-hit shutout as the Chicago Cubs completed a two-game sweep of the Minnesota Twins with a 3-0 victory on Wednesday in Minneapolis.  
Schwindel homered for the third consecutive game, giving him eight on the year. Andrew Romine doubled and scored a run for Chicago, which finished with just four hits.  
Steele (3-2) allowed just one hit over five innings to pick up his third major league victory and first as a starter. He walked three and also hit a batter while striking out three.  
Alzolay garnered a rare four-inning save. He allowed just one hit and no walks while striking out five to seal the Cubs' second shutout victory in the past four games. Alzolay needed just 40 pitches to record the final 12 outs and notch his first major league save.  
Minnesota's hits were two Brent Rooker singles. The Twins managed just one run and one extra-base hit in the series.  
Joe Ryan (0-1) took the loss in his highly anticipated major league debut. He gave up three runs on three hits and a walk over five innings while striking out five.  
Ryan, acquired in the Nelson Cruz trade from the Tampa Bay Rays on July 22 and a starter on the silver-medal winning U.S. Olympic team, had four 1-2-3 innings and retired the final seven batters he faced. He threw 89 pitches, 60 for strikes.  
Ryan, pitching in front of approximately 50 friends and family who made the trip from the San Francisco Bay Area to watch the game, retired the first six batters he faced before running into trouble in the third inning.  
Alfonso Rivas led off the inning with a walk and advanced to third on Romine's one-out double off the wall in right. After Rafael Ortega flied out to center, Schwindel hit a 384-foot homer into the left field bleachers to account for the game's only scoring.

# Kenta Maeda undergoes Tommy John surgery

**By Betsy Helfand**  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

When Kenta Maeda went in for surgery on Wednesday morning, the starting pitcher still wasn't sure what procedure he'd be having.  
While he was fully expecting it to be Tommy John surgery, Maeda and the Minnesota Twins had to wait until Dr. Keith Meister cut into Maeda's pitching elbow to fully assess the damage to his ulnar collateral ligament to find out.  
Meister determined he needed Tommy John surgery, which involves taking a tendon from elsewhere in the body and using it to replace the damaged one, in this case the ulnar collateral ligament. As part of the surgery, Meister added an internal brace, which could potentially speed Maeda's recovery, Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said, from nine to 12 months instead of the typical 12-16.  
"I am hopeful," Twins president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said of Maeda returning next season. "Obviously (with) these things you have to see how the



Brad Penner / USA Today Sports  
Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Kenta Maeda pitches against the New York Yankees during the first inning Aug. 21 at Yankee Stadium.

rehab goes. If everything goes according to plan, I'm hopeful that he's pitching some point next year. But we won't know that now for a number of months."  
Maeda will remain in the Dallas area, where the surgery was performed, for the next six to eight weeks or so, Falvey said, to begin the rehab process. Then, he will continue his rehab at a facility near his home during the offseason and is expected to eventually head to the Twins' complex in Fort Myers, Fla.  
No matter when Maeda returns, whether it's late in the 2022 season or not until 2023, the Twins are looking at a prolonged period of time without their top starter, a tough situation for a team that

essentially will need to rebuild its rotation this offseason.  
"We're better with Kenta but I'll tell you this: We're even better with a healthy Kenta, and that's what we need to focus on," Baldelli said. "Any season, no matter how it's laid out, you're going to go through periods of time without some of your best guys out there."  
Maeda's injury, Falvey said, was not acute but rather the result of years of wear and tear. When the starter first signed with the Dodgers ahead of the 2016 season, his physical revealed "irregularities," in his elbow.  
Still, Falvey said the Twins "had no concerns at that time" that Maeda would need Tommy John when they acquired him ahead of the 2020 season, noting that pitchers often strain their UCLs and come back and pitch through it.  
Last year's American League Cy Young runner-up, Maeda was healthy throughout last season and first started exhibiting discomfort near the end of April. The hope is that when Maeda returns, the version the Twins see is better than what they've seen in the past, Baldelli said.  
After all, for the first time in his major league career, he'll be pitching with a fully healthy elbow.  
"This wasn't just a simple acute injury that he was dealing with," Baldelli said. "He's been pitching with some of this stuff for a while now. This gives him an opportunity to be at full strength going forward."  
**Briefly**  
**Michael Pineda** (oblique) threw 50 pitches during live batting practice on Wednesday at Target Field. Catcher **Mitch Garver** (back) stood in. ... The Twins called up **Joe Ryan**, who debuted on Wednesday, and activated **Randy Dobnak** (finger) from the injured list when rosters expanded to 28. Dobnak will start on Friday against Tampa Bay. To make room on the 40-man roster, the Twins transferred Maeda to the 60-day IL. ... Reliever **Edgar García** cleared waivers and was assigned to St. Paul.

## UND

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"It's a huge emphasis from (UND offensive coordinator Danny Freund) and something I always try to do," Schuster said. "I try to stay ahead of the

chains. You kill a drive with a negative play." As UND opens the fall season, though, the Fighting Hawks have some question marks along the offensive line. From the spring starters, seniors Nathan Nguon and Ryan Tobin elected to move on with their careers while Kyle Hergel decided to

transfer to Texas State. That means right tackle Easton Kilty, right guard Colin Lavell and center Babak Ghadaksaz will be asked to fill the void. Kilty started two playoff games last year when Hergel entered the transfer portal following the regular season. Ghadaksaz has the

most experience of the three, coming to Grand Forks as a graduate transfer after playing at Portland State. UND also flipped positions during fall camp, moving Kilty from guard to a more natural tackle position. That meant starting right tackle from last year, Donny Ventrelli,

moved to left guard. "Coach has been getting them ready since he's been here," Schuster said of UND offensive line coach Joe Pawlak. "(Ghadaksaz) is a veteran, and I think the other guys are ready, too. I feel confident in them." Schuster, who saw a little playing time in

his first season in 2019, has yet to lose to an unranked team and has never lost at home in his career. He said his biggest area of growth from the spring to the fall is comfortability. "I have a year under my belt and am comfortable with the offense," he said.

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Campos will be under center and tasked with spreading the ball to the likes of Votava and Vasek. All three have the capabilities of getting involved in the run game as well. What sticks out for Kasowski is the leadership this summer. "That group has really stepped up. We've had this entire offseason and the entire pre-fall for those guys to really take the team under their wing. They really want to make sure that they lead this team and that they lead by example, on the field and off the field. I couldn't be happier with that group. They've

stepped up to the plate and just been awesome," he said. Their first test against Pequot Lakes is the start of what hopes to be a new normal for Minnesota football, not just East Grand Forks. East Grand Forks hosts Pequot Lake on Thursday night. "It has felt like a normal pre-fall. It's nice to get back to a normal schedule here and have a normal routine," said Kasowski. "Hopefully, we won't have to worry about all the distractions we had to last year."

**Polk County West ready to go**  
Polk County West is putting a heavy emphasis on leadership, as well, to right the ship after an unknown year

and also to help get younger players ready when they are inevitably called on. "Depth was a big thing for us this year. We wanted to get a lot of reps with our younger guys this summer. We want to be able to change guys out seamlessly when things do happen," Thunder head coach Darrin Byklum said. Atop the senior class on the field will be Sam Gapp, who is poised to have a big year after his Co-Offensive Player of the Year performance. Gapp produced six touchdowns on 471 yards in the short amount of time the 2020 season lasted. Younger returners that are looking to make an impact are the Rohrich twins, Cullen and Dawson. "Those are two guys that represent that group that have

gotten a significant amount of playing time before and have made an impact," said Byklum. Before those younger players begin their own era of Thunder football, the leadership group this year is looking to make a lasting impact in their own right. "Leadership is a big thing," Byklum said. "We need to show those younger guys that we do see potential in this year and that it takes a lot of hard work to get to where they've been."  
**East Grand Forks Senior High**  
**Coach:** Ryan Kasowski  
**Last season's finish:** 2-4 overall  
**Key returners:** Sr. Tanner

Campos, sr. Carter Vasek, sr. Spencer Egeland, sr. Joey Votava, sr. Justin Overgaard.  
**Coach Kasowski says:** "We've got a lot of guys that are bought into the programs right now. They're ready to have a great season and I think they're excited and hopefully play a normal season."  
**Polk County West**  
**Coach:** Darrin Byklum  
**Last season's finish:** 3-1 overall  
**Key returners:** Sr. Sam Gapp, sr. Caden Reimer, sr. Carter Helgeson, jr. Landen Denney, so. Cullen Rohrich, so. Dawson Rohrich  
**Coach Byklum says:** "We can't live on the history of the program. We need to make our own. We need to make our own future."

## VIKINGS

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long snapper Andrew DePaola. Those moves had been expected since Minnesota on Tuesday released the vested veterans who didn't have to go through waivers to clear up roster spots for them. The Vikings on Wednesday released punter Britton Colquitt, also a vested veteran, and indications are he will return in the same manner as Griffen and

DePaola. Minnesota added more depth at tight end by claiming Ben Ellefson off waivers from Jacksonville. A native of Hawley, Minn., Ellefson went undrafted in 2020 out of North Dakota State. He had one catch last season for the Jaguars. Starter Irv Smith Jr. suffered a torn meniscus in last Friday's preseason finale at Kansas City, likely ending his season. On Tuesday, the Vikings acquired tight end Chris Herndon from the New York Jets. The Vikings placed

Smith Jr., running back Kene Nwangwu and wide receiver Dan Chisena on injured reserve, which requires players to miss at least three games. In addition, they waived defensive end Jalyn Holmes, who played for them the past three seasons. If he clears waivers and the Vikings want to put him on the practice squad, they have two spots open. The Vikings announced 14 players for their 16-man practice squad. Signed were running backs Ameer Abdullah and A.J. Rose Jr., guards

Dakota Dozier and Kyle Hinton, tight end Zach Davidson, safety Myles Dorn, defensive end Kenny Willekes, cornerbacks Tye Smith and Parry Nickerson, tackle Zack Bailey, fullback Jake Bargas, linebacker Tuf Borland and wide receivers Myron Mitchell and Whop Philyor. All were let go by the team Tuesday. Abdullah, Dozier and Tye Smith are vested veterans who didn't have to go through the waiver process; the others all went unclaimed. Tight end Shane Zyl-

stra, a Spicer, Minn., native who was waived by Minnesota on Tuesday, joined Detroit's practice squad after not getting an immediate offer from the Vikings. A source said the Vikings wanted to sign defensive end Hercules Mata'afa to the practice squad before ultimately deciding against it. Mata'afa, who got into 19 games the past two seasons for Minnesota, was informed of the team's decision on Sunday. He then put out a statement thanking the Vikings for his time with

them and saying he had "no ill will against decisions that were made." A source said rookie tackle Christian Darri-saw, who hasn't practiced the past three weeks because of a groin injury, was not considered to be put on injured reserve. The source said Darrisaw is doing much better and should return to practice soon. Mannon was Kirk Cousins' backup the past two seasons and played in the 2019 finale when the playoff-bound Vikings rested Cousins against the Chicago Bears.



# Jags used vax status to consider cuts

**By John Reid**  
The Florida Times-Union

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jaguars coach Urban Meyer admitted Tuesday that they took account of a player's vaccination status as one of the factors in trimming their roster down to the required 53-player limit.

The NFL Players Association is launching an investigation because the NFL does not restrict unvaccinated players from participating though they are under stricter COVID-19 protocols than what's required of vaccinated

players.

But in July, the NFL issued a memo to teams stating that franchises could face forfeits this season for COVID-19 outbreaks among unvaccinated players.

"Everyone was considered," Meyer said. "That was part of the production, let's start talking about this, and then also is he vaccinated or not. Can I say that was a decision-maker? It was certainly in consideration."

When Meyer was asked Tuesday to respond about the NFL's punitive measures for unvaccinated players, he

went into detail about outside linebacker Josh Allen's status.

Allen, who is not vaccinated, was activated off the reserve, COVID-19 list on Monday.

"Josh Allen's never had it and he's not played in two weeks," Meyer said. "He's never had COVID. I don't know if I'm allowed to say that, but he's never had COVID."

The Jaguars issued a statement Wednesday morning to clarify their stance, stating that no player was released solely because of their vaccination status.

"Availability is one of the factors taken into account when making roster decisions. We have vaccinated and unvaccinated players on our roster, and no player was released because of their vaccination status," the Jaguars release stated.

"Ultimately, decisions are based on a player's ability to help the Jaguars win. We educate our players and respect personal decisions as it pertains to the vaccine. We want to keep our players, staff and families safe as we comply with protocols related to both health and safety and compe-

tion on game days."

On Aug. 20, the Jaguars confirmed they had an 84% rate for players that had been fully vaccinated.

If unvaccinated players test positive, they are required to go through a 10-day isolation period and only can return when not showing any signs of having COVID-19 symptoms.

If a vaccinated player tests positive and is asymptomatic, he can return after two negative tests within 24 hours apart.

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# Azarenka wants mandatory shots

**It's 'bizarre that fans have to be vaccinated' and not players**

**By Steve Keating**  
Reuters

NEW YORK - Victoria Azarenka moved into the U.S. Open third round with a 6-3 7-6 (1) win over Italy's Jasmine Paolini on Wednesday, saying she was happy to be back playing in front of crowds at Flushing Meadows, especially vaccinated fans.

Azarenka made it to the final last year before losing to Naomi Osaka but did it as COVID-19 restrictions barred spectators from the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

This year the fans are back but only those who have proof of vaccination and the 18th-seeded Belarusian admitted confusion over why the rules do not extend to players as well.

"It was great to be back playing in front of fans and mostly vaccinated," said the twice Australian Open champion, who pulled out of a WTA Tour event in April because it coincided with her scheduled COVID-19 vaccination.

"To me that's a bit bizarre that fans have to be vaccinated and players are not.

"So I think that in my opinion, it's inevitable that it will be mandated at some point, like other leagues are doing.

"I don't see the point of stalling it, because I think we all want to be safe, we all want to continue doing our jobs."

The New York City mayor's office last week mandated proof of vaccine to enter Arthur Ashe Stadium, where



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus hits a forehand against Jasmine Paolini of Italy on day three of the 2021 U.S. Open tennis tournament Wednesday at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

the major puts on its prime time matches.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) then elected to extend the vaccine requirement to all attendees aged 12 or older entering the sprawling facility.

Both the WTA and ATP has urged players to get vaccinated but some have expressed

reservations and declared the decision a freedom of choice.

World number three Stefanos Tsitsipas said he would only get the COVID-19 vaccine if it became mandatory to compete in tennis, drawing a sharp rebuke from the Greek government.

World number one Novak Djokovic, who is bidding to

complete the calendar-year Grand Slam at the U.S. Open, said in April he hoped the COVID-19 vaccine would not become mandatory for players and has declined to answer questions regarding his own vaccination status.

"I respect everybody's opinion as long as it's not conspiracy theory," said Azarenka, a

three-times U.S. Open runner-up. "If you actually have decent knowledge and looked into research and have your facts and stats and research, that's a different conversation.

"I hope that as an association we make the best decision for our business, for our health, for the tournaments, for public."

# Rams relocation lawsuit staying in St. Louis

**By Joel Currier**  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — If the case makes it to trial next year, the relocation lawsuit against the National Football League, the Rams and club owner Stan Kroenke will take place in St. Louis.

After a closed-door hearing Tuesday during which lawyers for the NFL, Rams and Kroenke sought to move the closely watched suit elsewhere, Circuit Judge Christopher McGraugh reopened his courtroom to the public and rejected that request.

The judge questioned why the defendants in the 2017 lawsuit over the football team's departure to Los Angeles waited until months before the January 2022 trial date to seek a change of venue. He said they failed to prove prejudice

against them and that most of the news articles submitted as examples of extensive, unfair pretrial publicity were from years ago and primarily opinion pieces that were not necessarily fact-based.

"What you're asking me to do is presume jurors have an interest that I don't know they have," McGraugh told Robert Haar, a lawyer for the defendants. The judge added that the purpose of jury selection is to eliminate people with obvious biases.

Haar argued that no St. Louis juror could be impartial because they would all have some interest in the outcome. The plaintiffs represent St. Louis and St. Louis County, and will be asserting that they deserve damages for the loss of civic pride, jobs and economic development the Rams'



Brian van der Brug / Los Angeles Times / TNS  
Fans cheer the Los Angeles Rams' first touchdown during against the Los Angeles Chargers game at SoFi Stadium Aug. 14 in Inglewood, California.

exit brought the area.

The judge disagreed, noting that the defendants' previous

arguments — that the region's tepid support of the football team led to its departure —

seem at odds with their latest claim that all city residents automatically have an interest in the outcome of the case.

The lawsuit filed in 2017 claims the NFL broke the league's relocation rules by allowing the Rams to leave St. Louis after the 2015 season, and misled the public about its intention of staying here. The plaintiffs claimed the Rams' departure cost the city millions in amusement, ticket and earnings tax revenue. The suit alleges breach of contract, fraud, illegal enrichment and interference in business by the Rams and the NFL, causing significant public financial loss.

Some jury summonses have already been sent to St. Louis residents in advance of the trial.

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# Fan conduct a hot topic at Tour Championship

**By Steve Hummer**  
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ATLANTA — Billy Horschel and the golf fans of Atlanta have had a special relationship since 2014, when he stood upon the 18th green after winning the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup at East Lake happily performing the Florida Gator romp.

"All week I had been hearing 'Go Dawgs' and a Gator won in their territory," recalled the

one-time collegiate player at Florida. "And I just needed to let them know that a Gator was victorious in Dawg-land."

It was all in good fun, everyone had a laugh and moved on.

On the heels of some less good-natured interactions recently between a few spectators and Bryson DeChambeau, the topic of fan-player relations has flared up prior to this week's Tour Championship. PGA Tour Commission-

er Jay Monahan emphasized the need for fans to behave themselves during his Tuesday presser. And Horschel sought out the media this week to express his concern for maintaining a healthy rapport between the players and the gallery.

"We need to get back to a little more civility and be respectful a little bit," Horschel said this week. "We're not saying you have

to be buttoned up, tied down, don't say a word, get a little golf clap going. We're just saying, hey, take a step back. We all know we want to be a part of this competition one way or another but let's not do anything that could affect someone in a negative way."

He's certainly not the only one with concerns.

"I think certain other sports culture has fed into our game and fed into the fan base

that's definitely affected it," Rory McIlroy said Wednesday. "People will make the argument that, well, it happens in every other sport. But I would say that we're not any other sport and I think golf should hold itself to a higher standard. The players are certainly held to a higher standard than other sports, so why wouldn't our fan base be?"

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