

Ex-Minnesota Quarterback Charged With Assault

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Former Minnesota quarterback Philip Nelson was charged Monday with two counts of felony assault after a weekend fight outside a Mankato bar that left another man gravely injured.

Nelson, 20, kicked 24-year-old Isaac Dallas Kolstad in the head while Kolstad was lying on the ground after being struck by another man early Sunday morning, according to a criminal complaint. Kolstad, 24, a former Minnesota State-Mankato linebacker, was in critical condition Monday with a severe head injury.

The complaint said witnesses described Nelson as being upset

over attention being paid to his girlfriend.

A police sergeant who viewed surveillance video described Kolstad striking Nelson in the back, then moving away and being pursued and struck by an unidentified man. Police released video in hopes of identifying the man, who ran from the scene.

“Nelson pushes past others, approaches I.K. and delivers at least one kick to the left side of I.K.’s head,” the complaint reads.

“Sergeant Knutson noted that the video clearly shows that I.K. was defenseless as Nelson delivers the kick or kicks to the head.”

Nelson appeared in court Monday wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, with his hands cuffed and his ankles chained. Afterward, his attorney, Jim Fleming, said it wasn’t certain who caused Kolstad’s injuries, suggesting the man being sought by police “threw a debilitating blow to the victim.”

Fleming said Nelson “was not an aggressor in this situation.”

Nelson was a top recruit when he came out of Mankato West as the state’s Mr. Football in 2011, and spent much of his first two seasons as the Gophers’ starter. He played in 11 games last season, but announced afterward that he would

transfer to Rutgers and what he said was a more pass-friendly offense. He threw for 1,306 yards, nine touchdowns and six interceptions last season and ran for 364 yards.

Nelson would have two seasons of eligibility left after sitting out next season. A Rutgers spokesman declined to comment.

Kolstad played at Mankato East and spent two seasons at North Dakota State before finishing his career at Minnesota State.

His family issued a statement saying it appreciated the support it has received since the fight.

“We feel it — Isaac feels it — and we cannot express how important

and helpful that has been,” the statement said.

Sam Thompson, who played football with Kolstad, told The Associated Press he was with him the night of the assault but declined to comment about what happened.

But he said Kolstad graduated in December and recently started working at Fastenal, a local company. He described Kolstad as a leader on and off the field and “just a family guy” who has a 3-year-old daughter and whose wife is pregnant.

“His personality is one people wish they had,” Thompson said. “He is just one person ... that people gravitate toward.”

Tanagers Earn State Golf Berth

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SIOUX FALLS — The Vermillion Tanagers picked an opportune time to have one of their best rounds of the spring.

And it came in the rain, no less.

Vermillion, with no upperclassmen among its five golfers, finished seven strokes behind champion Sioux Falls Christian at Monday’s Region 2A Girls’ Golf Tournament at Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

That finish was enough to qualify the Tanagers for the S.D. State Class A Tournament, which will be held May 19-20 in Spearfish.

“I’m so proud of our team to stick through this weather,” said Vermillion sophomore Kate Brockevelt, who finished sixth overall at 84.

“That’s a pretty good score for us.”

Sioux Falls Christian shot a team score of 343 for first place, followed by Vermillion (350), West Central (362) and Canton (366) among qualifying teams.

The top three teams and top 27 individuals qualified for state. Canton also qualified as a team because it had four golfers above the cut list.

For the Tanagers, though, they rose to the occasion on the big — and rainy — stage, according to head coach Kirk Hogen.

“It seems like we haven’t been able to get all our kids to put together a great round on the same day,” he said.



LEFT: Kyleigh Moran of Vermillion chips on to No. 18 green during Monday's Region 2A Girls' Golf Tournament at Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls.
RIGHT: Dakota Valley's Mary High swings from the No. 18 fairway during Monday's Region 2A Girls' Golf Tournament at Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls.



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Parker Boys Claim Home Meet

PARKER — Parker and Garretson battled for top honors at the Parker Booster Club track and field meet on Saturday, with Parker beating out the Blue Dragons on the boys’ side and Garretson topping the Pheasants on the girls’ side.

In the boys’ division, Parker won four individual events and two relays on the way to a 178-116 victory over Garretson. McCook Central-Montrose was third with 91 points.

Four different individuals won for Parker: Tristen Erickson (400 in 51.2), Michael Olson (800 in 2:00.7), Ryan Olson (1600 in 4:59.3) and Zack Anderson (high jump at 5-8). The Pheasants also won the 800 (1:35.8) and 3200 (9:03.5) relays.

Conner Blosmo was a double-winner for Garretson, claiming the 100 (11.1) and 200 (23.4). Freeman’s Grant Preheim swept the hurdle races, clocking a 16.5 in the 110 race and a 42.7 in the 300 race.

Garretson won just two individual events and one relay on the way to a 164-131 victory over Parker in the girls’ division. Freeman was a close third at 125 points.

Parker swept the sprint relays, taking the 400 (53.1), 800 (1:50.6) and 1600 (4:17.3) relay events.

Freeman’s Cailey Roth won both the 400 (1:02.1) and 800 (2:24.4). No other athlete won more than one individual girls’ event on the day.

Chiefs Pick Med Student In 6th Round Of Draft

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The long hours Laurent Duvernay-Tardif spends at practice will seem like a vacation of sorts. The play-book will seem like a comic book. Success would be sweet, failure merely a disappointment.

The moment he heard his name called in the sixth round of the NFL draft on Saturday, the Montreal native went from being a medical student at McGill University spending 60 hours a week in neonatal intensive care units to an aspiring offensive tackle for the Kansas City Chiefs.

You see, in a draft full of intriguing stories, Doc Larry is especially unique.

After all, how many 23-year-olds are late to their adviser’s house to watch the draft because they were helping to deliver twins by emergency C-section? And how many NFL hopefuls have spent their spring working at children’s hospitals, first in the emergency room and later in the NICU, often handling babies that fit comfortably in his massive hands?

How many players who heard their names called over the three days of the draft have just one more year of medical school before they can call themselves a doctor?

Duvernay-Tardif plans to fit that in during summers, when he is able to take a break from football. But for now, his focus has shifted entirely to the Chiefs. He planned to be in Kansas City this week for rookie orientation, with a three-day rookie minicamp starting May 24.

“Thing is that a year ago, my dream was to play in the CFL,” said Duvernay-Tardif, who played so well at the East-West Shrine Game that several teams — including the Chiefs — took notice.

“At that point, I was like, ‘Oh, damn! I think the NFL is the place for me to play,’” he said. “Everything went well after that. I was training in the States. I had two visits and hosted my own Pro Day in Montreal and a few teams showed up. Everything went really well for me.”

Garretson Boys, Bridgewater-Emery Girls Win Region 3B

SIOUX FALLS — The Garretson boys and Bridgewater-Emery girls scored team titles at the Region 3B Golf Tournament, held Monday at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Bridgewater-Emery’s Autumn and Maisie Hurd tied for fourth at 101, helping the Huskies to a score of 314 and the girls’ team title. Baltic finished second at 321.

Freeman (326) and Parker (331) will each send three golfers to state, allowing them to compete as a team.

Baltic’s Chantel Brendre earned medalist honors, shooting 90. Irene-Wakonda’s Sydney Nielsen and McCook Central-Montrose’s Kayla Mentele each shot 99.

Besides Nielsen and the three golfers from Freeman and Parker, Irene-Wakonda’s Makayla Mohr (109) qualified for state.

Garretson scored a 262, finishing 14 strokes better than McCook Central-Montrose.

Canistota’s Drew Seubert earned medalist honors with a 79, three strokes better than Garretson.

Viborg-Hurley’s Robert Jensen (88) and Cody



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Sheyenne Sorensen of Irene-Wakonda tees off during Monday's Region 3B Golf Tournament at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Thompson (91), Irene-Wakonda’s Justin Ostrem (90) and Landon Larsen (91), Alcester-Hudson’s Grant Johnson (94) and Zach Ronning (96), and Gayville-Volin’s Stephen Bergeson (94) qualified for state individually.

The S.D. State Class B

Boys’ Golf Tournament will be held May 19-20 in Mitchell. The boys’ tournament will be held at Wild Oak Golf Course, while the girls’ tournament will be held at Lakeview Golf Course.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Robert Jensen of Viborg-Hurley putts during Monday's Region 3B Golf Tournament at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Rain Wipes Out Area Events

A number of Monday events were postponed or canceled due to rain.

To report a schedule change, coaches and/or athletic directors are encouraged to contact the Press & Dakotan at sports@yankton.net, by fax at 1-605-665-1721 or by phone at 1-605-665-7811, ext. 106.

— The Region 3A girls’ golf tournament, scheduled for Monday, will be held today (Tuesday) at noon at Mitchell’s Lakeview Golf Course.

— Monday’s Sioux Falls O’Gorman at Yankton boys’ tennis dual was canceled. It will not be rescheduled. Yankton plays at Mitchell in a triangular with Brandon Valley today (Tuesday) at 1 p.m.

— Monday’s Highway 20 Invitational boys’ golf tournament was postponed to today (Tuesday) at Bassett Country Club. Start time is 10 a.m.

— Monday’s Randolph Invitational boys’ golf tournament was postponed to Wednesday, May 14. Start time is 1 p.m.

— Monday’s Menno Relays track and field meet were canceled. It will not be made up.

— The Dell Rapids Invitational track and field meet was canceled. It will not be made up.

Augie Softball To Host NCAA Super Regional

INDIANAPOLIS — Augustana College softball will host the Central Super Regional on Friday and Saturday, the NCAA announced on Monday. The Vikings (46-13) will play Southeastern Oklahoma State University (41-18) in a best-of-three series at Bowden Field. Start time for both days is set for 12 p.m., with the third game (if necessary) scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Augustana is hosting the super-regional for the third time since 2011. The winner of the Central Super Regional will advance to the NCAA Championships in Salem, Va. May 22-26.

The Vikings, who are ranked 23rd in the country, were seeded fourth in the Central Region, Southeastern Oklahoma State was the seventh seed.

Andretti Team Posts Top Times In Indy Practice

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan Hunter-Reay and Marco Andretti are getting dialed in at Indianapolis.

Actually, the whole Andretti Autosport team is finding speed on this historic 2.5-mile oval.

Hunter-Reay, the 2012 IndyCar champ, and Andretti, the 2006 Indy runner-up, claimed the top two spots in Indianapolis 500 practice Monday.

“It’s nice leading practice. It’s a nice little consolation prize,” Hunter-Reay said after turning a fast lap of 225.025 mph. “I wish it paid. I was out there pushing like it was paying.”

The real dividends could come this weekend, when the pole winner will determine in a new two-day qualifying format, and the next. The 500 is scheduled to be run May 25.

But it wasn’t just the two American Andretti drivers doing well.

Colombia’s Carlos Munoz, last year’s Indy runner-up, was sixth on the speed chart at 223.172. Kurt Busch, the 2004 Cup champ who is attempting “the double” was 10th fastest at 222.770.

EJ Viso followed Sunday’s impressive season debut by locking up the No. 11 spot at 222.695. Viso is driving the No. 27 Honda while full-time driver James Hinchcliff continues to recover from a concussion.