

# Twins Tab Hometown Hall Of Famer Molitor To Manage

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The last time the Minnesota Twins searched for a manager, Paul Molitor was in the mix. He withdrew from consideration, with the franchise's future uncertain during Major League Baseball's failed attempt to eliminate two clubs.

The job didn't open for another 13 years, but this time Molitor was ready. The challenge he accepted is to help turn around a team that lost 92 or more games in each of the last four seasons.

The Twins announced Monday they had agreed to a three-year contract for

the Hall of Fame infielder and native of Minnesota, who will be introduced Tuesday as Ron Gardenhire's replacement during a news conference at Target Field.

"It's pretty exciting. I'm a huge Molitor fan," second baseman Brian Dozier said. "He's a bright individual, with a better IQ in the game of baseball than anyone I've ever been around. He's just an exceptional man."

This is the first managing job at any level for Molitor, who has the 10th-most hits in major league history. He spent

2014 as a coach on Gardenhire's staff. Prior to that, he served for 10 seasons as a minor league instructor in the organization, a noted influence on many young players.

Three finalists who had multiple interviews with general manager Terry Ryan were Molitor, Boston Red Sox bench coach Torey Lovullo and Twins minor league manager Doug Mientkiewicz, according to reports. Matching the organization's patient, deliberate style, Ryan took his time with the search before settling on the candidate

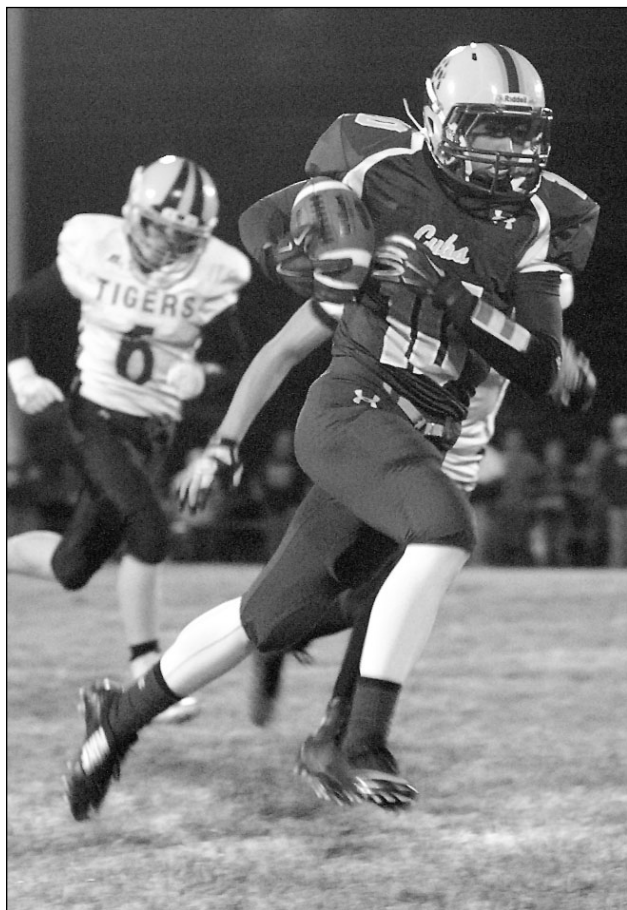
widely believed to be the favorite all along, particularly given the franchise's penchant for promoting from within.

"I know he hasn't managed, but I don't think that should be a problem at all, just because his knowledge of the game. He's been around the game for so long now," Dozier said. "It's just taking all he's learned over his career and just going on the other side of it now."

Molitor, 58, will be the 13th manager of the Twins, who will begin their 55th season. He was an initial candidate in 2001 when Tom Kelly retired, after serv-

ing as bench coach during Kelly's last two years, but Gardenhire got the job then.

Gardenhire led the Twins to the AL Central title in his first year, the first of six on his watch, and a spot in the 2002 AL championship series. The last of those division titles was as late as 2010, but gaps in the organizational talent pool quickly caught up with a club that was revered throughout the previous decade playing in the dingy, low-revenue Metrodome as one of best-run in baseball.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Alcester-Hudson wide receiver Zach Ronning takes off for a long gain during Monday night's Class 9A quarterfinal game against New Underwood in Alcester.

## Cubs

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Doering for a 10-yard touchdown and later hit LaFramboise on a 17-yard touchdown.

The quarterback never panicked, even when pressured, according to his coach.

"He's a special kid," Haak said. "He can definitely make plays. We always tell him, 'You have to be the facilitator out there.'"

"He takes what the defense gives him and he makes something happen."

Doering, a sophomore, closed the scoring with an interception return late in the fourth quarter — with the running clock already in place.

The Cubs knew, though, that they couldn't take anything for granted even with a big lead, Doering said.

"We just tried to play with more passion," he said, referring to when the game was 8-6. "We had to pick it up a little bit after that, but we had some great blocking up front."

The visiting Tigers were limited to essentially two big plays: Koch's first-quarter touchdown and an intercep-

tion in the end zone later in the frame.

New Underwood — which had 266 yards of total offense — finally converted a fourth down play late in the fourth quarter, but by that point it was 46-6.

"They're good, pure and simple," New Underwood head coach Clint Nelson said. "They've got some great athletes, and when they spread you out, it's a challenge."

The challenge for the Cubs all season was not only to reach the playoffs again, but to not falter in the second round like a year ago.

"We always set team goals in the summer after our camps, and the one we kept talking about was going at least one step further," Haak said.

"Now we're there and it's going to be a tough test, no matter who we get."

Who the Cubs get is Howard and its standout running back Luke Loudenburg — the state's all-time 9-man rushing leader.

Alcester-Hudson almost, though, hosted its semifinal matchup. Howard got the No. 2 seed on the seventh tiebreaker over the Cubs.

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## Volleyball: Stuart Wins Sub-District D2-4

### Allen Advances To D1-5 Final

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Stuart was able to go undefeated as they won the Sub-District D2-4 Tournament. Stuart, who beat Santee in match one, defeated Ewing 3-0 with set scores of 25-18 25-15 25-17 and extended their record to 27-5.

Monique Schafer led Stuart with 16 kills and 16 digs. Hailey Paxton added 10 kills while Harlee Fischer and Courtni Kunz each contributed eight. Fischer also made 15 digs for her team and Jaden Schafer had 27 set assists.

Lydia Fry led Ewing in this match with nine kills and three digs. Katie Koenig added six kills and two digs.

STUART	25	25	25
EWING	18	15	17

**Ewing 3, Elkhorn Valley 0**  
CREIGHTON, Neb. —

Ewing defeated Elkhorn Valley 3-0 in match number two of the Sub-District D2-4 Volleyball Tournament on Monday night. Set scores for the match were 25-18 25-8 25-16.

Katie Koenig led Ewing with 12 kills, three blocks and two ace serves. Lydia Fry added seven kills, two ace serves and three digs while Jodi Fry was able to contribute two kills and 14 set assists.

Leading the way for Elkhorn Valley was Courtney Rich who recorded nine kills and six digs. Raneke Keehn added six kills and six digs for her team.

EWING	25	25	25
ELKHORN VALLEY	18	8	16

### Sub-District D1-5

**Allen 3, Pender 2**  
WAYNE, Neb. — Allen took down Pender Monday night 19-25, 22-25, 25-20, 25-19 and

25-9 in Wayne in the Sub-District D1-5 tournament.

Gabby Sullivan pounded 16 kills for Allen. Courtney Reuter smashed in 12 and had 16 digs. Lexi Oswald set up 39 assists for Allen.

No stats were given for Pender.

Allen advances in the tournament to play Emerson Hubbard Tuesday.

PENDER (7-24)	25	25	20	19	9
ALLEN (13-10)	19	22	25	25	25

### Sub-District C2-7

LAUREL, Neb. — Results from the championship game between Crofton and Ponca were not available at presstime.

Results from that match will be online at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net) and in Wednesday's *Press & Dakotan*.

### Crofton 3, HCC 0

LAUREL, Neb. — Crofton swept Hartington Cedar Catholic Monday night 25-23, 25-11, 25-7 in the Sub-District

C2-7 semi-finals in Laurel.

Brianna Lammers pounded four kills and dug up nine for Crofton. Emily Feilmeier set up nine assists and had nine digs.

No stats were given for Hartington Cedar Catholic.

Crofton moves on to the championship against Ponca. HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (9-22).....23 11 7 CROFTON (25-0) 25 25 25

### Ponca 3, Hartington-Newcastle 1

LAUREL, Neb. — Hartington-Newcastle fell to Ponca 21-25, 16-25, 25-13, and 18-25 Monday night in the Sub-District semi-finals in Laurel.

No stats were given for Ponca.

For Hartington-Newcastle, Camie Stratman and Sam Huss each smashed in 10 kills, and Abby Lammers set up 31 assists.

Ponca moves on to the championship against Crofton.

PONCA (22-6)	25	25	13	25
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (20-10)	21	16	25	18

## Trojans

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Weslee Dvorak said in reference of last year's 20-14 loss to the C-Hawks in the Dakota Dome. "They took a banner away from us. We were ready to go."

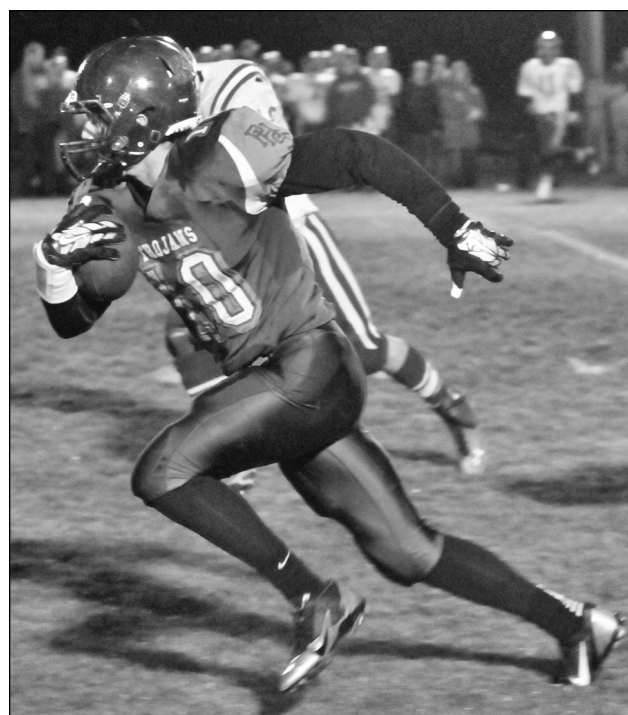
Dvorak showed he was ready the first time he touched the ball.

His first carry went for a 53-yard touchdown on the Trojans' first play from scrimmage. That was the start of a big game for the 6-foot-2, 175-pounder, who finished with three rushing touchdowns and 121 yards on the ground. He also hauled in a pair of touchdown passes for 104 yards and he threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Brady Reiff.

"Wes is a great athlete who does a lot of things for us," Parkston coach Eric Norden said. "Sometimes it's just get out of his way and let him be the player he can be."

Dvorak made a highlight reel type catch on the Trojans' next possession when he outleaped a Canton defender to catch a pass over the middle from Rands. Then Dvorak finished the 44-yard touchdown catch by outrunning a couple C-Hawks.

In addition to Dvorak's



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Parkston's Wes Dvorak runs away from the Canton defense on the way to the endzone during the Trojans' 46-0 victory over Canton in the quarterfinals of the Class 11B football playoffs on Monday.

playmaking ability, the Trojans grabbed command of the game by controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. Parkston, who defeated Canton 10-0 in the second week of the regular season, stuffed the C-Hawks' power running game and never allowed Canton quarterback Sam Peterson time to

throw from the pocket.

"Defensively, they plugged their gaps and did their jobs. They forced them into some bad situations," Norden said. "Then offensively, they opened a lot of holes and really gave those backs some opportunities, and the backs took it and they went with it."

made a play by recovering a fumble on a Canton longsnap. A play later, Dvorak found Reiff over the middle to make it 21-0 with 3:21 to play in the opening quarter.

The Trojans ended their big first quarter with a 3-yard touchdown run by Miles Semmler to push Parkston's lead to 27-0.

Dvorak's 60-yard touchdown catch-and-run from Rands was the Trojans' lone score of the second quarter.

In the second half, Dvorak scored from 7 yards out on fourth-and-goal to make it 40-0 with 6:16 to go in the third quarter. The touchdown was setup by Tanner Lindeman and Austin Bertram.

Dvorak ended the scoring with a 51-yard touchdown run on a quarterback keeper with 5:50 remaining in the game.

A win Saturday sends Parkston back to the Dakota Dome. That's the goal, Dvorak said, but the Trojans must take care of business first.

"It's in the back of our minds. We know what we want as seniors," Dvorak said. "We know where we want to be and we don't want to lose. We don't want to put this jersey on for the last time and get beat."

## STAR CHART

A look at some of the top individual performances from our coverage area in the past week.

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### Football

**Alec Barta, Gayville-Volin:** Rushed for 74 yards and had 62 yards receiving in a 48-7 loss to Alcester-Hudson on Tuesday.

**Ryan Becker, Hartington Cedar Catholic:** Rushed for 126 yards and recorded 9 tackles (4 solo) in a 27-14 victory over Sutton on Friday.

**Cody Beckmann, Bloomfield:** Rushed for 156 yards and 3 TDs in a 66-56 victory over Scribner-Snyder on Thursday.

**Colton Breiter, Creighton:** Rushed for 4 TDs and passed for 2 TDs in a 56-7 win over Twin Loop on Thursday.

**Regan Bye, Vermillion:** Scored 2 TDs, including the game-winner in overtime, in a 20-17 victory over Tea Area on Tuesday.

**Brady Dam, Dakota Valley:** Rushed for 57 yards and a TD, caught 2 passes for 61 yards, and had 8 tackles and an interception in a 35-14 loss to Lennox on Tuesday.

**Colton Diefenderfer, Yankton:** Recovered two fumbles in a 43-21 victory over Huron on Thursday.

**Wes Dvorak, Parkston:** Rushed for 119 yards and 6 TDs on 6 carries in a 56-0 victory over Lead-Deadwood on Tuesday.

**Sheldon Gant, Yankton:** Rushed for 80 yards and 2 TDs in a 43-21 victory over Huron on Thursday.

**Austin Handel, Menno-Marion:** Rushed for 132 yards and a score in a 44-14 loss to Elkton-Lake Benton on Tuesday.

**Kolby Jueden, Hartington-Newcastle:** Rushed for 91 yards and a TD, and passed for 64 yards and 3 TDs in a 34-26 loss to Clarkson-Leigh on Thursday.

**James Kaiser, Hartington Cedar Catholic:** Threw for 110 yards and 2 TDs, rushed for 96 yards and 2 TDs and picked off a pass in a 27-14 victory over Sutton on Friday.

**Chase Kortan, Bon Homme:** Rushed for 2 TDs and caught 5 passes for 56 yards in a 20-0 win over Winner on Tuesday.

**Rylie Christensen, Parker:** Had 15 kills in a 3-1 win over Howard on Monday.

**Genevieve Clark, Gayville-Volin:** Had 10 kills and 11 digs in a 3-0 win over Avon on Monday.

**Grace Dangel, Gayville-Volin:** Had 26 assists and 7 digs in a 3-0 win over Avon on Monday.

**Jenna Erickson, Platte-Geddes:** Had 34 assists, 9 digs and 2 ace serves in a 3-2 win over

**Devin Tolsma, Avon:** Rushed for 448 yards and 7 TDs, and had a 55-yard touchdown catch in a 68-30 victory over Burke-South Central on Tuesday.

**Colin Walth, Alcester-Hudson:** Rushed for 283 yards and 3 TDs in a 48-7 win over Gayville-Volin on Tuesday.

**Hunter Young, Bon Homme:** Rushed for 148 yards and a TD, and passed for 82 yards in a 20-0 win over Winner on Tuesday.

### Volleyball

**Allison Arens, Crofton:** Had season-highs of 19 kills and 22 digs in a 3-1 win over Wayne on Tuesday.

**Courtney Arkfeld, Wynot:** Had 22 kills and 22 digs in a 3-1 win over Hartington-Newcastle on Monday.

**Morgan Lavaway, Scotland:** Had 16 kills and

4 blocks in a 3-2 win over Menno on Monday.

**Becky Frick, Yankton:** Had 27 kills, 16 digs and 4 blocks in a 3-2 win over Washington on Tuesday.

**Jenna Heine, Wynot:** Had 42 assists and 19 digs in a 3-1 win over Hartington-Newcastle on Monday.

**Payton Johannesson, Andes Central:** Had 18 kills, 19 digs and 4 blocks in a 3-2 loss to Gregory on Monday.

**Hannah Jorgensen, Viborg-Hurley:** Had 15 kills and 13 digs in a 3-1 loss to Alcester-Hudson on Monday.

**Reagan Larson, Niobrara-Verdigre:** Had 11 kills and 15 digs in a 3-0 loss to Clearwater-Orchard on Monday.

**Jenny Smith, Parker:** Had 40 assists and 16

digs in a 3-1 win over Howard on Monday.

**Lindsey Smith, Dakota Valley:** Had 35 assists in a 3-0 win over Tea Area on Monday.

**Brooklyn Tolliver, Wagner:** Had 15 digs and 7 ace serves in a 3-0 win over Burke-South Central on Monday.

**Kassidy Walth, Alcester-Hudson:** Had 21 kills and 29 digs in a 3-1 win over Viborg-Hurley on Monday.

**Maria Wortmann, Crofton:** Averaged over 6 kills per set and hit .421 in three victories as Crofton went 3-0 to win the Mid-State Conference Tournament. Had a season-best 9 blocks (4 solo) in a first-round win over Hartington Cedar Catholic on Monday. Had a season-best 23 digs in a championship win over Pierce on Thursday.

## THANKS Gayville...



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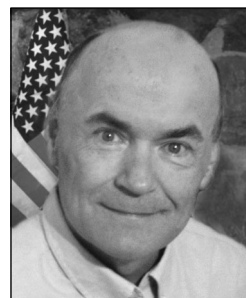
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