

Adelman And Saunders Bond In Minnesota

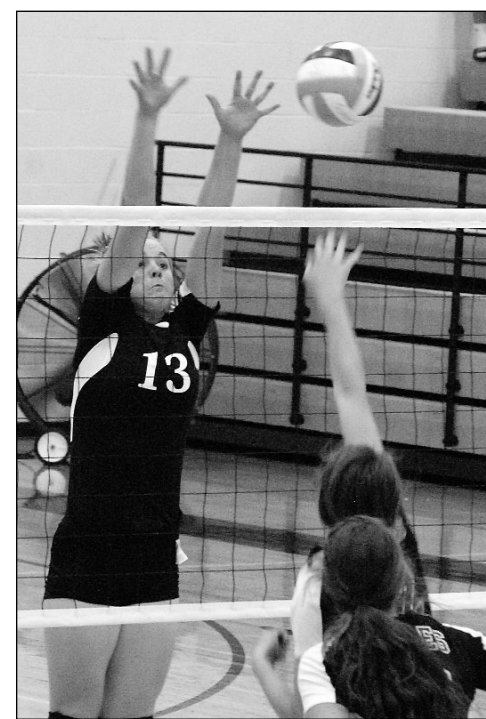
MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — Flip Saunders took over as Minnesota Timberwolves president of basketball operations in May and he has been shaking hands and kissing babies ever since. The social butterfly has met with everyone from his star power forward to those responsible for the music in the arena as he tries to put his fingerprints on the organization. Rick Adelman has been the coach in Minnesota for more than two years, and there are still plenty of people in the organization who have never spoken to him for more than a minute. It's all basketball, all the time for him,

which means there is no time for small talk. Saunders can most often be seen cloaked in one of his tailored suits, splashing some color with a well-placed pocket square and finishing the look with a tie clip here, a set of cuff links there. Adelman wears black. All the time. On special occasions he'll dress up his look by donning a black sweater vest over his black polo shirt. The leaders of the Timberwolves live in different worlds socially and sartorially, but they have found common ground where it matters most — on the

court. They are still getting to know each other after Saunders took over from the departed David Kahn. But the connection has been an easy one despite their superficial differences. At their cores, they are both coaches and thus they speak the same language. "There's probably not a day that we talk to each other that we don't talk about some type of X's and O's, some type of offense," said Saunders, who is in his first year as a top executive after 16 years as coach of the Wolves, Pistons and Wizards. "That's just

coaches. That's what we do. That's what we enjoy doing and I'm sure we're going to continue to do that." When Wolves owner Glen Taylor brought Saunders, who served as Taylor's coach from 1995-2005, back to run the show, there was an immediate concern that Adelman could bristle over having another coach around every day looking over his shoulder. But the 67-year-old Adelman clearly doesn't feel threatened. "Well if I'm going to worry about that I'm in big trouble,"

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JEREM HOECK/P&D
Crofton freshman Monica Arens goes up for a block against a Lutheran High Northeast hitter during their match Tuesday night in Crofton, Neb.

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MMC Routs Royals

Lancers Score School-Record 10 Goals To End Five-Game Skid

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Two seasons ago, the Mount Marty College men's soccer team scored just 11 goals for the entire season, half of which came in the opener against Grace University.

Wednesday against Grace, the Lancers nearly matched that total, beating the Royals 10-0 in a weather-shortened match at Easton Field.

The 10 goals is a single-game school record, eclipsing the nine MMC scored against Presentation on Sept. 15, 2001.

Manuel Borjon, Juan Magana and Genaro Bustillos each scored twice to lead MMC. Adan Garcia-Marquez, Colin Linde, James Elliot and Levi Gomez also scored goals for the Lancers.

Garcia-Marquez recorded assists on the first three goals for MMC. Elliot, Bustillos, Ludwin Arana and Victor Perez added assists in the victory.

The victory ended a five-match losing streak for the



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty's James Elliot, left, is congratulated by teammate Manuel Borjon after scoring during the Lancers' 10-0 victory over Grace on Wednesday at Easton Field.

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Official: Service Academy Games Will Go On

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U.S. military academy football teams will play this weekend, despite the government shutdown.

A senior defense official said Wednesday the decision affects this weekend's games only, and future games will be evaluated as events unfold. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

Navy later confirmed its home game against Air Force in Annapolis, Md., would be played as scheduled Saturday. The game is sold out and is the most notable one on the Midshipmen's home schedule. The Army-Navy game at the end of the season is played at a neutral site.

The Navy-AFA game and Army's game at Boston College were in jeopardy after the De-

fense Department temporarily suspended sports competition at the service academies as a result of the budget impasse in Congress.

Email messages left with spokesmen for Army and Air Force were not immediately returned.

Navy said there has been no indication if the other 24 athletic events involving Naval Academy teams scheduled from Thursday-Sunday will take place.

The football teams will be allowed to play because the games are paid for with non-appropriated funds, and have been long planned. Non-appropriated funds generally come from outside sources and are not approved through Congress.

Earlier in the day, Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk said he was optimistic the Pentagon would allow the games to be played.

He said the athletic department had provided information

to Pentagon officials to assure them that no government funds will be spent on any aspect of the game. Gladchuk said a Navy home game brings in about \$4 million from tickets, sponsorship, television and radio rights fees and other revenues such as parking and concessions. The game essentially pays for itself, he said.

Football revenue also funds Navy's 32 other sports teams.

"It would be devastating to our budget," Gladchuk said about having a home game canceled.

The coaches and players involved were still preparing for the games to be played.

"I wouldn't say they're oblivious, but they are practicing and trying to maintain that laser focus," Gladchuk said.

Boston College coach Steve Addazio said: "In my mind, we are playing on Saturday. It's just how I feel."

USC Begins Post-Knifen Era

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ed Orgeron promised fun when he replaced Lane Kiffin, and that's what Southern California got in the interim coach's first practice.

Orgeron led the Trojans on Wednesday through their first practice since Kiffin was fired at the start of their off week.

The Trojans were in high spirits, competing in 1-on-1 drills and team exercises to the accompaniment of Orgeron's booming Cajun drawl.

Orgeron says he's excited about his shot to get more out of the Trojans (3-2, 0-2 Pac-12), who were blown out by Arizona State last weekend in their latest unimpressive performance.

The Trojans seemed excited about the change from the taciturn Kiffin to Orgeron, the exuberant defensive line coach. Quarterback Cody Kessler says Orgeron runs lively workouts and gets players excited about their sport.

Lancer Women Score First Victory



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty's Molly Buche, 19, catches an elbow from Grace's Brook Rakow during their women's soccer match on Wednesday at Easton Field. MMC won 3-0 for its first victory of the season.

Women's Soccer: Mount Marty Blanks Grace Royals 3-0

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The Mount Marty College women's soccer team broke through for the first time this season, blanking Grace University 3-0 on Wednesday at Easton Field.

The Lancers, 1-9-1 on the season, scored a season-high three goals and won for the first time in exactly one year (Oct. 2, 2012 against Dordt), a span of 16 matches (2 ties).

"It feels good to get over the hump," said junior Laura Ekeren, one of three Lancers to score in the match. "We've had a lot of close matches, so to get a win is a confidence booster."

Molly Buche and Jennifer Nelson scored the other Lancer goals. Julie Nelson, Mary Hackett and Amy Hisek had assists.

MMC dominated the action, holding a 40-1 edge in shots, 20-1 in shots on goal.

"Our offense created some great opportunities, but we need to finish," said MMC head coach Nathan Epp. "But it was good to see us possess the ball and build an attack."

Buche's goal at the 9:12 mark was the lone score until the final 10 minutes of the match.

"We were up one at half, and there have been so many times where we stumbled and let teams back in that situation," Epp said. "But we stuck with the plan and kept after it."

Ekeren's goal was her team-best fourth. Nelson, a junior who played goalkeeper for much of the last two seasons, scored her first career goal.

MMC's Courtney True had an easy shutout, only having to stop one shot. Reyna Smith had 16 saves for Grace. Mount Marty returns to

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Revamped Warriors Aim For State Volleyball Berth

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CROFTON, Neb. — The summer months weren't spent wasting away afternoons at the lake for the Crofton High School volleyball team.

No, the players instead hit the court for a series of team camps, summer leagues and individual workouts.

And so far, that work has paid off for the Lady Warriors, which stands 13-2 on the season — one that could have the makings of the school's first state tournament appearance in 20 years.

"We were happy with the summer. Instead of thinking about winning, we were just trying to improve," head coach Susie Johnson said before Tuesday night's home match.

"The wins have just come."

On cue, the Lady Warriors defeated perennial power Lutheran High Northeast in a 5-set thriller Tuesday night, by set scores of 27-25, 15-25, 21-25, 26-24, 15-13.

Such a performance is proof that Crofton is playing like a different team, according to senior setter McKenzie Johnson.

"We're all relaxed. We're not as serious all the time this year, and that helps a lot," Johnson said before the match. "We can play calmer."

"We don't get as nervous, because we've been with each other more."

Especially during the off-season.

Crofton spent every Monday for a month this summer at a league down in Norfolk, with other teams like Lutheran High Northeast and Stanton. The teams played a best of two format, with typically two or three matches a night.

And then there was a unique opportunity in July, when Brooke Delano, a former University of Nebraska volleyball player, came to Crofton for a camp with the Lady Warriors.

Delano, who played for the Huskers from 2007-11, not only helped Crofton with certain volleyball techniques, but helped with other aspects as well, according to junior hitter Maria Wortmann.

"Everyone is having fun, that's the big thing," she said Tuesday.

Part of that camaraderie stems from the players not only have experience together in volleyball, but many in other sports. Many of the girls on the volleyball roster also play basketball together.

"At a small school like this, most of these kids play other sports together," coach John-

CHS Avenges Loss To LHNE

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton Warriors avenged a weekend loss to Lutheran High Northeast, scoring a 27-25, 15-25, 21-25, 26-24, 15-13 victory in prep volleyball action on Tuesday.

The teams had met on Saturday in a triangular at Norfolk Catholic, with the Eagles claiming a 2-0 victory.

Maria Wortmann posted 18 kills, seven blocks (1 solo) and 18 digs to lead Crofton. Allison Arens had eight kills, 36 digs, four ace serves and three assisted blocks. Katie Petersen also had eight kills. McKenzie Johnson finished with 17 assists, Brittany Guenther had 14 assists, Kelsey Sanger had 33 digs and Bre Allen had 17 digs in the victory.

Crofton, 13-2, hosts West Holt on Thursday. LHNE, 13-5, travels to O'Neill St. Mary's on Thursday.

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Wausa Triangular

WAUSA, Neb. — The Wausa Lady Vikings dropped 2-0 matches to Wakefield and Hartington in prep volleyball action on Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings (4-9), travel to Verdigris, Neb., for another triangular today (Thursday), facing Clearwater-Orchard and host Niobrara-Verdigris.

WAKEFIELD DEF. WAUSA 25-10, 25-8. Leanna Rosberg, Morgan Kumm and Tori Clausen had three digs each for Wausa.

HARTINGTON DEF. WAUSA 25-20, 25-16. Brittani Claussen and Tori Clausen had three kills each, and Gabby Swanson had seven assists to lead Wausa. Claussen also had six digs and three ace serves, and Leanna Rosberg had five digs and two ace serves for the Lady Vikings.

Pierce 3, LCC 0

LAUREL, Neb. — Pierce defeated Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 25-23, 25-23, 26-24 on Tuesday.

Allison Koehlimoos led Pierce (8-9) with eight kills and seven digs. Caitlyn Skuodas added nine digs and four aces.

For LCC, Audra Corbit had 11 kills and Candice Rastede had six ace serves and seven digs to lead the way. Cameron Eddie finished with 22 assists and eight digs. Erin Gubbels added two blocks for the Bears.

Pierce will host Wayne on Tuesday. LCC will host Creighton on Thursday.

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