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**SIDELINE**



**Leading off**

Daunte Culpepper said Friday that his knee feels much better and that he feels good enough to start Sunday against Tennessee. Coach Dennis Green said he won't announce the starter until right before kickoff Sunday.



**Today's ticket**

Division II football North Dakota looks for its first-ever national football championship. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. ESPN (Channel 34) KFGO-AM (790)



**Inside**

Vince Carter and the Toronto Raptors edged the Denver Nuggets Friday. For NBA scoreboard, see Page D6.

**The Score**

The number of times the New York Mets and Yankees have completed a trade. On Friday, the Mets sent third baseman Robin Ventura to the Yankees in exchange for outfielder David Justice. For pro baseball, see Page D2.

**Speaking**

"There's places in the country that wouldn't know a snowflake if it landed on their head."

Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, after learning the Olympic torch will not pass through Minnesota.

**Trivia time**

Besides members of the media, who else has a Heisman Trophy vote?

Turn the page for the answer.

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**NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

## Coach, AD enjoying UND's run

### Sioux's Schweigert has come a long way

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FLORENCE, Ala. — When he was the head football coach at Jamestown College, Rolfe Greeno's forte was offense. Defense was something the guys did on the other side of the ball.

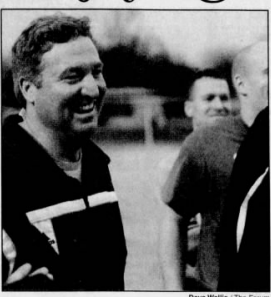
"My best defense was an 80-yard march whether we scored or not," Greeno said.

So when Greeno hired Kyle Schweigert one year removed from his playing days with the Jammers to be his defensive coordinator in the mid-1990s, the expectations weren't high. His first game came against Montana Tech.

The Oregillers scored the first two times they had the ball.

"It was a humbling start," Schweigert said.

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Sioux defensive coordinator Kyle Schweigert shares a laugh at practice Friday afternoon.

### Former coach Thomas helped build 2001 team

**Florence, Ala.**

It was getting dark and the lights were on when the University of North Dakota finished a short practice Friday afternoon at Lauderdale County High School's football field, its last workout before today's NCAA Division II national championship game against Grand Valley State.

The Sioux, staying at a woody lodge on the shore of Wheeler Lake about 25 miles east of Florence, practiced in the tiny town of Rogersville. There were several media types from North Dakota in attendance, as well as a handful of boosters and former UND players.

Roger Thomas was there, too, decked out in a dress shirt and tie. The UND athletic director and Sioux coach Dale Lennon, also wearing a tie, had to dash to an official function after practice.

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**CONTINENTAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

## Fans show; Beez fall

### Record crowd sees F-M upended

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Three thousand, one hundred and seventeen people attended Friday's Fargo-Moorhead Beez game at the Fargodome.

It was a legitimate 3,117, a franchise-record 3,117.

Majority owner Chris Holland hopes each of them reacts the way his child did.

"When we walk out, we ask our kids, 'Who won?' They always say, 'The Beez.' They don't know," Holland said. "As long as the fans leave happy, and I think they did."

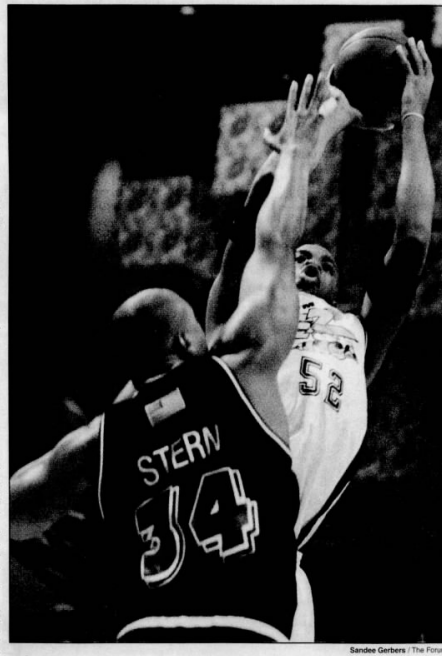
The fans appeared to enjoy themselves, but — no matter what the Holland kids say — F-M lost 93-85 to the Grand Rapids Hoops in its home debut in the Continental Basketball Association.

"We really wanted to win for them so they would keep coming," said Beez' forward Jeremiah Walker, who scored a game-high 29 points.

"First impressions sometimes, it lasts."

The premiere seemed well on its way to a happy ending, until the Hoops mounted a 17-0 run over a six-minute stretch between the third and fourth quarters.

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Fargo-Moorhead's Johnny Tyson shoots over Grand Rapids' Jeff Stern (34) Friday night at the Fargodome. F-M lost its home-opening game 93-85 in front of over 3,100 basketball fans.

**Vikings 66, Bison 63**

**The story:** Augustana edged NDSU in the team's North Central Conference opener.

## Vikings drop Bison

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SIoux FALLS, S.D. — North Dakota State head coach Amy Ruley shook her head as she exited the visitor's locker room. Then she shrugged her shoulders and verbalized the obvious.

"You can't win when we shoot the ball the way we did," she said. "We had our chances, but, really, we had a tough time out there."

That difficulty sunk the Bison in their 66-63 loss to Augustana in both team's North Central Conference opener Friday night at the Elmer Center. NDSU will get another chance at its first NCC win at 6 p.m. today at South Dakota State. North Dakota defeated the Jackrabbits 82-70 Friday.

The Bison never got on track offensively, shooting just 30 percent from the field, sinking 19 of their 64 attempts. Augustana finished 36 percent from the field.

NDSU hands that have been hot all season turned cold Friday.

Especially glaring was Angie Froehlich's performance. Fresh off a career-high 21 points against then-No. 1 Cal Poly Pomona last Saturday, the sophomore shot 3-for-14 from the field and scored 12.

"We made a commitment to go to Angie," Ruley said. "She just had a rough night tonight, but she wasn't the only one."

Senior Donni Luecke was 1-for-8 from the field and freshman Leah Klabo was 0-for-4 with just four points.

Amanda Gehlke did her best to stave off the cold shooting performance. She connected on 6 of 15 and scored 20 points. She was 4-for-9 from the 3-point line and hit on 7 of 8 free throws.

But the senior's effort wasn't enough.

"Amanda played a good game and kept us in it," Ruley said. "But she didn't have enough help."

The Bison did get 10 points and five rebounds from reserve forward Angelo Mayo.

Midway through the first half, NDSU appeared on its way to victory. The Bison held leads of 16-5 and 26-19 in the first 20 minutes.

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Ruley

## Koenig, North dominate

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A quick glance around the locker room before Friday's boys high school basketball opener was a reality check for Fargo South head coach Mike Hendrickson.

"We don't have many guys who have played at 7:30 before," Hendrickson said to his assistant coaches.

It was only minutes later when Fargo North's Tyler Koenig showed the Bruins just what it takes to play in prime time, even though it was technically the preliminary bout to the F-M Beez opener at the Fargodome.

While most players struggled to get comfortable in the wide open spaces, Koenig dominated early and often on both ends of the floor in leading the Spartans to a 64-37 Eastern Dakota Conference victory.

Koenig nailed his first four field goal attempts en route to a game-high 18 points. He was popping rebounds off the glass, piling up 17 boards. He blocked four shots and forced several alligator-armed tries by the Bruins.

**BRUINS: Page D2**



North's Tommy Leikas looks to shoot between a pair of South defenders Friday.

**Spartans 64, Bruins 37**

**The story:** Junior Tyler Koenig had 18 points and 17 rebounds to lead Fargo North.

