Go Figure

Edited by Kostya Kennedy and Mark Bechtel

645 Passing yards, an NCAA Division II record, by University of Indianapolis quarterback Matt Kohn, in a 59-52 victory over Michigan Tech.

3 Players in major league history who have had at least 200 hits in each of their first three seasons now that Mariners outfielder Ichiro Suzuki has joined Lloyd Waner and Johnny Pesky.

11 Years since the Bengals, who have had sellouts against the Broncos and Steelers, last sold out their first two home games.

20 Times the Tigers have been swept in a series this year.

114 Packers-Bears games attended by Green Bay p.r. director Lee Remmel, 79, who will attend his 115th on Monday.

102 Degrees at kickoff of the Packers-Cardinals game in Tempe, the hottest temperature the Packers have played in.

361 Consecutive home games in which the Rockies scored, a major league record that was snapped last Thursday when three Astros pitchers teamed up for a three-hit shutout.

3 Times, including this season, that the Seahawks have started 3-0; they didn't make the playoffs in the other years (1986 and '98).
Our View
Recording industry sues kids for copying music

When cassette tapes came along, recording companies worried that people would tape music off their radios for free and stop buying music. When videocassette tapes came along, companies worried people would tape shows and movies off their televisions for free and stop buying movies.

Now, they're worried that people are copying music and movies off the Internet for free.

Yes, it's happening. The latest technologies make copying easier and faster than ever.

So now, the recording industry -- through the Recording Industry Association of America -- is trying to put the genie back in the bottle through heavy-handed lawsuits of individuals. They're going after kids, citing the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998.

This isn't going to work. Suing 12-to 18-year-olds and their parents and grandparents isn't likely to win friends -- or, in recording industry lingo, convert music and movie downloaders into paying customers. It's just going to turn them off.

U.S. Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs' Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, plans to hold hearings on the issue next week. He believes "clubbing a few people over the head" won't work.

What this whole thing reveals, as Coleman has pointed out, is that the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 gives the recording industry excessively broad subpoena powers to track and sue people who download songs. The penalties, Coleman also notes, are excessive -- between $750 to $150,000 per song found on a person's computer.

Incredibly, the law allows the recording industry to obtain subpoenas from court clerks -- without any judge's signature. These subpoenas require the Internet service provider to reveal the identities of Internet users the recording industry believes are downloading music from the Internet. This allows the recording industry to contact those users individually and to take legal action against them.

Coleman's hearings should result in changes to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Requiring Internet service providers to identify users for the recording industry is a serious invasion of privacy.

In one case, the Recording Industry Association of America sued four college students from Princeton University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Michigan Technological University for sharing songs on the Internet. The students faced a fine of $150,000 per song. The students settled for $12,000 to $17,500 each.

The mother of a 12-year-old who was accused of downloading songs using Kazaa settled for $2,000.

This is ridiculous.

Under basic U.S. copyright laws, two principles have stood the test of time: balancing the public's interest in disseminating creative works widely, and giving artists and scientists recognition for their work.

The Doctrine of First Sale says that the rights to a specific copy of a work end at the first sale. A person who buys that copy is free to sell, lease, loan or give away the copy. This is what allows libraries, secondhand bookstores and neighborhood video rental stores to exist.

The Doctrine of Fair Use allows individuals to make copies for personal use. This is what allows people to make photocopies of magazine articles or tape a show off television for their use.

Many music groups welcome the new copying craze. They post their songs on the Web and allow downloading for free as a way to promote what they're doing.

Belatedly -- perhaps too late -- the recording industry has launched new online music stores, which allow users to legally download songs for a small price -- i.e., at 99 cents each or albums for $9.99. Perhaps this will work with the next generation of music and movie lovers. The current crop of 12- to 18-year-olds has gotten used to the idea of free -- i.e., something for nothing.

Coleman's hearings should focus on solutions to bring balance back to copyright law. As he has said, suing 60 million kids is not a solution.
Upper Peninsula Briefs

Members of the teachers' union say they'll keep working at least until a ratification vote on the tentative contract agreement reached last week.

Teachers reached the decision Sunday, The Mining Journal reported. By tradition, teachers vote first on a proposed contract and then the school board votes.

Officials with the union and the school board will meet soon to prepare contract documents for review and balloting.

"My guess is that it will take two to three weeks," said Stuart Skauge, president of the 210-member union.

"A one-year contract means we'll have to start thinking about negotiating again. But it's better than the teachers hitting the bricks."

Teachers had voted earlier to strike if no agreement was reached by Sept. 29.

HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) - A power cable failed at Michigan Tech University, plunging the campus into darkness for nearly 17 hours last weekend.

Bill Blumhardt, director of campus facilities, said a cable supplying power to the Chemical Sciences and Engineering Building failed at about 1:30 p.m. Saturday, knocking the aging campus power system offline.

Blumhardt told The Daily Mining Gazette the 30-year-old cable is underground and exposed to moisture. Most campus cables are buried in conduits that are drier.

Power normally would switch to a second circuit, but it has been removed as part of a $1.7 million upgrade to the campus power system, he said.

Crews were able to locate and fix the problem by about 6 a.m. Sunday.

Last November, a buried cable connecting the Administration Building to the campus electrical backbone failed, knocking power out on campus for about 13 hours. That led officials to cancel classes and send students on an early Thanksgiving break.

HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) - Most elementary schools in the area that the state identified as needing improvement likely will be removed from the list, administrators say.

Preliminary scores for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test indicate that Hancock, Houghton, Ontonagon and South Range elementary schools will be dropped from a list of over 500 Michigan schools needing improvement.

To be removed, schools must post 2003 test scores that meet progress standards established by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"According to our consultant, we will in fact be off the list," Houghton Superintendent Dennis Harbour told The Daily Mining Gazette. "But that's preliminary."
Carla Strome, curriculum coordinator for the Copper Country Intermediate School District, said such data aren't always reliable. "It's important to remember that those are just tentative scores," she said.

But South Range Principal Tracey Rowles said state education officials had assured her that her elementary school is in the clear.

"We've been told even since last June that we would definitely make (adequate yearly progress)," Rowles said.

Hancock and Ontonagon school officials said preliminary MEAP scores indicate they've also made adequate progress. L'Anse Superintendent Raymond Pasquali said that while C.J. Sullivan's scores are still unavailable, its high school scores are "very encouraging."

All Michigan schools are waiting for the state to process final MEAP scores, which were scheduled for release at the beginning of summer.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) - Enrollment at Lake Superior State University is "flat," reflecting population trends in the eastern Upper Peninsula, an official told trustees.

Vice President Tom Bugbee said Friday an early head count turned up 3,233 students enrolled this fall - a slight increase over 3,143 last year.

"I call it flat," Bugbee said, noting that a more comprehensive statistical report will be prepared in October.

He said there had been a sharp drop in the size of the graduating class at Sault High School, and that enrollment was down at schools in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

"We get our share of students but the population generally has declined," Bugbee said, according to The Evening News.

He said he wasn't sure that an enrollment target of 5,000 set by former president Robert Arbuckle was realistic.

RAPID RIVER, Mich. (AP) - Two people robbed the Rapid River Mini Mart over the weekend, getting away with just under $5,000.

The pair entered the store shortly after midnight Friday, minutes after it had closed. They wore cloth bags with eye holes over their heads.

The clerk told Delta County sheriff's deputies she had locked the west entry doors at midnight. She left the south door unlocked while she went outside to lock the ice chests.

The robbers walked in moments after she returned from outside. The clerk said they were carrying something under a towel that led her to believe they were armed, the Daily Press of Escanaba reported.
ROY REVELS IN JOINING RIVALRY

BY KEN WIEBE
STAFF REPORTER

If getting home to see his wife and daughter for the first time in a week wasn't already enough, Jimmy Roy was about to give his parents and brother a bigger thrill.

When the Vancouver Canucks gave the resident agitator of the Manitoba Moose -- and AHL man of the year -- a spot in the lineup on Thursday night against the Minnesota Wild, Roy was beaming.

"It was pretty neat, that was the first time they've ever seen me with an NHL jersey on," said Roy. "It was nice of the organization to put me out for that game."

And that game was extra special for the veteran winger since it came against the Wild, the team Roy went to training camp with a year ago.

"It was a little frustrating the way things turned out and it was good to get out there against a team like that which Vancouver has a bit of a rivalry with too," said Roy, who has also attended NHL camps with the Los Angeles Kings and Dallas Stars in his career. "I don't mind adding a little bit more to the rivalry.

"And it was neat to play with Jarkko (Ruutu) again, we played together on a line in college (Michigan Tech). We're both kind of grind-it-out players right now, which is a bit different from what we were in college. Sometimes you have to change your role."

BROTHERLY LOVE: Goalie Dan Cloutier would have preferred to be playing in front of a sellout crowd himself, but since the Canucks had been eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs he decided to change his role to fan and attend the Calder Cup final in support of his older brother Sylvain.

And when the Houston Aeros captain was raising the Calder Cup above his head before a huge crowd at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton, Dan couldn't have been prouder.

"When they won it was just an unbelievable feeling," Dan said after the Canucks practised yesterday morning at the Winnipeg Arena. "It was just as if I won too because we're pretty close. We've grown up and we talk to each other three or four times a week. It was pretty special."

Aside from taking in Games 6 and 7, Dan enjoyed spending a little extra time with his brother during the four days between games.

"We're in the same business so we don't really get to see each other that much," said Dan.

HOMECOMING NIGHT: As the Canucks prepare for their third exhibition game of the pre-season, two of their players are especially excited.

Edmonton products Zenith Komarniski and Nathan Smith are both slated to be in the lineup tonight as the Canucks face the Oilers at Northlands Coliseum.

The contest also serves as a homecoming for Manitoba Moose equipment manager Corey Osmak.

OPEN PRACTICE: The Canucks open practice at Winnipeg Arena was deemed a success as more than 1,000 fans came out to take in the action.
Upper Peninsula Briefs

SHINGLETON, Mich. - Munising Township authorities are investigating the cause of a service station fire. The fire broke out Wednesday night at Shingleton Oil Company's Marathon station on state highway 28, Fire Chief Harold Anderson said. He said the building had heavy smoke and water damage, but the main structure appeared intact. A state police fire marshal was expected to arrive Friday to help the investigation. No one was injured.

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. (AP) - Aaron Hopper, a Chippewa County commissioner, has become president of the Michigan Association of Counties. He was sworn in during the organization's annual conference, The Evening News of Sault Ste. Marie reported Thursday. The association provides educational programs, legislative representation, local workshops, a legislative and summer conference. It produces a newspaper, commissioner directory, and legislative communications to keep members abreast of events that affect county governments. Fifteen appointed county commissioners make up the association's board of directors.

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) - Preliminary plans for development in Marquette's Upper and Lower harbors seem to be close to what residents would like to see. Fred Stonehouse, chairman of the task force studying harbor development, said consultants have come up with a workable plan. "I think they're well within the ball park," Stonehouse told The Mining Journal after a public forum Wednesday. "It was very well-received. All of it now is how the basic plan can be made a little better."

Consultants Bill Brose and Ed Freer discussed the information they had collected about the city and harbor areas, and two concepts for how each of the two harbors might be developed. The harbor master plan eventually will be incorporated in the city master plan, coordinating development up to and beyond the Lake Superior Shore.
In designing their plans, the consultants kept several objectives in mind, including public access, providing for multiple user groups, environmental quality, economic growth, incentive for investment and promoting year-round use.

REPUBLIC, Mich. (AP) - Republic-Michigamme teachers and support staff have agreed to a pay freeze and higher insurance costs.

The school board Wednesday ratified two separate one-year contracts. One was for the Republic-Michigamme Education Association, which represents the district's 14 teachers, and the second was for the Republic-Michigamme Education Support Personnel Association, representing its 14-member support staff, Superintendent Paul Price said.

Both unions ratified their contract earlier this month, he said.

"I'm very happy with the two unions and their willingness to help the district out by taking a pay freeze and agreeing to increase their health care costs," Price told The Mining Journal.

The district's administrative staff is also under a pay freeze, he said.

HANCOCK, Mich. (AP) - A study of downtown's economic potential could be the first step in bringing new retail businesses to the area, city officials said Wednesday.

The Downtown Development Authority has hired a Kalamazoo consulting firm to identify goals and strategies for stimulating Hancock's downtown district.

Special attention will be paid to the old Scott Hotel and Gartner's building on Quincy Street.

Richard Kahn, owner of Gartner's Department Store, said the study is needed.

"It's overdue by 30 years," Kahn said. They're not going to have much down here much longer if they don't do something.

Mayor and DDA member Jim Martin said the need is growing for downtown development.

"Because the economic situation is bad, they're trying to look at every possible means you can to get people to come downtown to shop, and to try to get people to fill up vacancies in the buildings," he told The Daily Mining Gazette.

HOUGHTON, Mich. (AP) - After a year of budget difficulties that nearly produced a referendum on his job performance, Michigan Tech University President Curt Tompkins says the future is bright.

"I think we went through the valley of the shadow," he told The Daily Mining Gazette after his annual state of the university address Wednesday.

"It was a very tough year for me and for just about everybody on campus because of the financial pressures of the state (funding) cut and everything."

Tompkins focused on Tech's accomplishments in his speech, but acknowledged the difficulties arising from a $14 million budget shortfall resulting, in part, from a cut in state funding.
In June, Tech's board of control approved a $116.5 million general fund budget that raised student tuition an average of 12.9 percent, the second highest hike in the state.

The board also made $6.5 million in cuts.

GWINN, Mich. (AP) - Police are looking for a Forsyth Township man who has not been seen since late August.

Jack E. Haataja, 52, of Princeton Location, was last seen Aug. 29 at a gas station in Gwinn, according to Det. Sgt. Todd Johnston of the Michigan State Police post in Negaunee.

Haataja, an unmarried part-time worker at the Marquette Women's Center, was disabled from a back injury, Johnston said.

"There is no indication of foul play. It appears he left of his own accord," he told The Mining Journal of Marquette. "He gave his key (to his home) to a neighbor and asked the neighbor to watch his cat."

Haataja, who lived alone, has family in Bruce Crossing, Johnston said. They have not heard from him.

CALUMET, Mich. (AP) - Another antique shop has opened downtown.

"My collection was getting to be too much at home, so I decided to open my own shop," said Evelyn Campioni, proprietor of Red Jacket General Store.

Before opening, she picked up additional antique items at garage and estate sales. She tossed in her son's antique bottle and mining memorabilia collections.

"I try to specialize in local items," she told The Daily Mining Gazette of Houghton. "A lot of people like to come in and just reminisce."

The shelves are stocked with Depression glassware, jugs, antique license plates, sporting goods, artwork, tins, post cards and furniture.

Red Jacket is located inside an 1870s building that housed a barbershop, tailor shop and storage.

Before opening, Campioni tore off paneling and repainted the underlying wainscoting and rebuilt the damaged store front. She plans to open the buildings upstairs to vendors and host a mini antique mall.
By Eric Sharp
Free Press outdoors writer
Houghton

Talk about good news, bad news.

The good news is that the electronic fish-finder screen is black with crescent-shaped marks, which show the presence of fish. Hundreds a minute reflect the sonar waves that Craig Morris’ boat sends into the clear waters of Portage Lake.

Even better news: Underwater television cameras dropped into the 40- to 50-foot-deep water by numerous boats confirm that those marks are walleyes, many of them 30-inchers and longer that exceed 10 pounds.

Now for the bad news: The walleyes don’t want to cooperate, it doesn’t mean anyone has to go fishless in one of Michigan’s best – and least-known – angling waters. Morris motored a short distance to a spot where the shallow water is filled with rocks, weeds and smallmouth bass and pike that happily slam shallow-running crank baits and jerk baits cast against the shoreline.

Houghton and its smaller sibling, Hancock, across the canal, sit right in the middle of the spot where Portage Lake and two associated waterways form the Portage Ship Canal, splitting the Keweenaw Peninsula in two. Another narrow arm leads north to Torch Lake, which holds some of the biggest walleyes in the system, many locals say.

The waterways that lead northwest and southeast from Portage Lake make the system look like a miniature version of Lake St. Clair and its attendant rivers. But Lake St. Clair is at the heart of an area with 5 million people, and Portage Lake is at the heart of one of Michigan’s least-populous counties, far from major population centers.

"They’re about two weeks too early,” said Morris, a building contractor who has lived on the Keweenaw Peninsula since shortly after graduating from Michigan Tech 30 years ago. “That full moon isn’t helping, either.”

But if the walleyes don’t want to cooperate, it doesn’t mean anyone has to go fishless in one of Michigan’s best – and least-known – angling waters. Morris motored a short distance to a spot where the shallow water is filled with rocks, weeds and smallmouth bass and pike that happily slam shallow-running crank baits and jerk baits cast against the shoreline.

The last time I fished the area was on an October weekend about five years ago, and it was superb. Trolling isn’t my favorite form of fishing, but the walleyes were so aggressive and so big that it was rare for 10 minutes to pass without one of the four rods jerking back. Doubles were nearly as common as single hits.

Only a couple of other boats were in sight on a glorious fall weekend, still warm enough for shorts and a long-sleeved shirt. That didn’t surprise Pat-
rick Coleman, president of UP Engineers and Architects, who moved to the area 20 years ago.

"When Labor Day comes, people around here turn their thoughts to hunting," Coleman said. "When I first fished Portage Lake in 1978, before moving here, there weren't even a handful of locals fishing walleyes. I was out there alone a lot."

The pursuit of walleye has increased since then.

"A lot of people like summer fishing, when they can jig or troll in shallow water along the edges of the weeds," Coleman said. "But you can usually catch fish just about everywhere. Look at what happened during the PWT tournament. Some people caught walleyes trolling 35, 40 feet down, some pulled crank baits six feet deep over 40 feet of water, and some were fishing up in water that was only about 10 feet deep. There's no one way to fish Portage Lake."

Portage Lake would be a good alternative for Michigan anglers who usually make fall or summer walleye trips to Canada and would like to try something different. It's a big body of water, but there are protected shorelines no matter which way the wind blows.

While the lake has developed a reputation among anglers for walleyes, pike and smallmouth bass, there is also good fishing for bluegills and perch, and many locals look forward to an annual spring spawn of black crappies in Chassell Bay and Dollar Bay.

"That's one of the fun things about fishing here," Coleman said. "Most people go out for bass or walleyes, but I've caught brown trout, steelhead, salmon, even sturgeon. When you feel something pulling on your line, you never know what it might be."

For information about fishing in the Houghton area, contact Dick's Favorite Sports in Houghton (906-482-0412) or Superior Bait and Tackle in Chassell (906-523-4944).
Spotlight

staff

Other honors

* Youths from a 17-county area participated in the 2003 Area Animal Science Days held in June at the Shawano County fairgrounds. The program was an educational opportunity for youth involved in the 4-H Animal Science Projects, increased their knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information. They also had the opportunity to increase their decision-making skills through judging and grading experiences.

The Oconto County Senior Livestock team placed third in overall livestock judging. The Senior Team members were Rachel Kohn, Sammy Kohn, Adam Kohn and Tasha Ermis. Placings for senior livestock in Individual Reasons were Sammy Kohn, 1th place; and Adam Kohn, 12th. Sammy Kohn placed 10th in Meat Judging and Tasha Ermis placed 11th.

The Oconto County Junior Livestock team of Craig Ermis, Jessica Kasten, Lauren Kasten, Josh Yonkers, Jacob Yonkers, Amanda Draheim, Sara Draheim, Neil Dickson, Kaylyn Dickson, Abby Braun, Brittany Athey and Lee Athey placed second in overall livestock judging.

In Individual Junior Livestock ranking, Jessica Kasten placed seventh in Meat Judging and Lauren Kasten placed 13th. Neil Dickson placed fourth in Livestock judging, Brittany Athey placed 6th, and Jessica Kasten, 10th.

In the individual judging in Dairy, Kayla Steffel received 13th placing. The Oconto County Junior Dairy team members were Kayla Steffel, Ashley Hoffman, Trisha Blaser, John Fabry and Bryce Iverson.

In Hippology, Oconto County took all placings in the Intermediate Category with First place going to Heidi Woods, second to Travis Schardt, third to Kasi Angell, fourth to Allison Behnke, and fifth to Kayla Thompson. Katherine Woods took second place in the Beginner Hippology category.

In Team Problems (Horse), the Oconto County Junior Team of Kasi Angell, Heidi Woods, Melinda Wilber and Allison Behnke received third placing. The Senior Team of Travis Schardt, Ashley Rakow, Emily Woods and Hailey Knapowski received fourth.

In Senior Horse judging, Ashley Rakow placed fifth. In Junior Horse judging, Kasi Angell took first place, and Heidi Woods received third. Drake McSherry received a third in Photogaphy, Kendra Kuhn took a first in Senior Still, and a second in Action.

Heidi Woods received a second in Intermediate Art.

High school honors

* Local high school students attended the 2003 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Vocal Jazz and Gospel Choir Camp in July. The student vocalists were immersed in ensemble rehearsals, solo vocal coaching, jazz theory and improvisation, and studio recording. There were also clinics and private lessons held throughout the week. The camp concluded with a final performance on the main stage of the UW-Green Bay University Theatre. They are: Amy Cooper, Amber Gosz and Emily Kufner, Brillion; Alyse Delie, Kari Estel, Brooke Teegarden, Brenna Dee Hansen, Michelle Huff and Leann Seymour, all of Green Bay; Lauren Haight, Little Suamico; Hannah Pozorski, Manitowoc; Kristina Demmith, Marinette; Molly LeCaptain, New Franken; Shanna Bude, Lydia Bugaj, Alyse Carver, Toni Sabelman and Miranda Sandberg, all of Peshtigo.

* Local high school student musicians attended the 2003 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Jazz Ensemble Camp in summer. The camp provided participants with in-depth experience in jazz ensemble performance, master classes, jazz theory, improvisation and arranging. Students worked with some of the top jazz performers and educators in the country. Attendees gave a
final performance on the main stage of the UW-Green Bay University Theatre. They are: Paul Waterhouse, Antigo; Nathan Blascak, Benjamin Hogan, Michael La Count, Anthony Lennon, Kieran Leong, Michael Oldenburg, David Stangel, Matthew Stangel, Aaron Willems and Colin Eggers, all of De Pere; Bregette Douthitt, Nikita Flores, John Arendt, Jordan Bader, Michael Merline, Christopher Bartel, Nicholas Boreen, Denise Densing, Abby Frederick, Amy Linzmeyer, Jared Hazaert, David Tedeschi, Jacob VandeHei, Samantha DeLong, Joseph Faccio, Adam Hatlak, Kevin Heim, Sean Kennedy, Jason Poupore, Brian Stauber, Eric Steinbrecher, Abby VandeWalle and Ryan Zimmerman, all of Green Bay; Hana Steffel and Kristen Stodola, both of Luxemburg; Katie Auchter, Benjamin Burish, Garett Dissmore, Craig Edgar, Chris Firkus and Jordan Waack, all of Manitowoc; Dennis Kump, Seymour; Amy Warmenhoven, Shawano; Ryan Le-Cloux, Sturgeon Bay; Eric Olp, Two Rivers.

* Students from area high schools who entered the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall were awarded scholarships by the UW Alumni Club of Brown County. They are: James Davis, Green Bay West High School; Talon DeWindt, Green Bay Southwest; John Katchenago, Notre Dame Academy; Kouapheng Moua, Green Bay West; Melissa Sachs, De Pere High School; Cole Stockheimer, Bay Port; and Jessica VandeWalle, West De Pere.

Middle school honors

* Several area students from Pulaski High School participated in the American Indian workshop, one of the various youth programs at Michigan Technological University, Houghton. The AIW offered young American Indian students the chance to experience university life and investigate various fields of interest. They are: Angelica Skenandore, Chandre Lucas, Gerald Skenandore, Marcus Webster, Mitchell Skenandore, Rosa Francour, Sterling Nunies, Sunshine Nunies and Tosa Skenandore.
In Brief

Golf

Erickson wins tournament by 16

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. -- Kevin Erickson of Green Bay shot a final-round 79 on Wednesday and won the gold medal in the highest level of competition at the Special Olympics Golf National Invitational Tournament at PGA Golf Club.

His three-round total of 239 was 16 shots better than the silver medalist and included a hole-in-one and a Special Olympics-record round of 76 on Tuesday.

"I played pretty good today and this event has been great," said Erickson, 20. "Golf lets me get out in the fresh air and have fun."

College football

Wren honored by Midwest Conference

St. Norbert College running back Aljay Wren has been named the Midwest Conference offensive performer of the week after his three-touchdown performance last Saturday against Beloit College.

Wren, a sophomore from Cottage Grove, rushed for a career-high 175 yards on 22 carries in the Green Knights' 41-6 road victory. His touchdowns were from 2, 45 and 7 yards out.

* Andy Walters of Marinette, a junior safety at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, earned the defensive player of the week award in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He had eight tackles a forced fumble and two interceptions in the Warhawks' 35-24 victory over St. Xavier (Ill.) last Saturday.

* Aaron Chaltry of Peshtigo, a junior fullback at UW-Oshkosh, was nominated for the offensive award in the WIAC. Stout senior defensive back Jake Rider, who played high school ball at Bonduel, was nominated for the special teams award.

* Former Green Bay Preble standout Brian Janeshek caught eight passes for 181 yards on 37-yard diving reception. In two games, the junior has 290 receiving yards on 15 catches.

More college awards

SNC's Jensen wins volleyball award

Janae Jensen's .451 hitting percentage earned her performer of the week honors from the Midwest Conference.

The junior from Madison helped St. Norbert go 4-0 last week. She had 40 kills with only eight errors in 71 attempts. She added 25 blocks.

* Sara Tomjanovich of Sturgeon Bay was named the WIAC's defensive player of the week after leading UW-Oshkosh to a pair of victories.

* Kim Goron was nominated for the women's tennis singles award. The junior from Green Bay Notre Dame plays for UW-Stevens Point.

College basketball

UWGB sets radio broadcasts

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay men's basketball games again will be broadcast on WTAQ (1360 AM) this season. The school also announced the women's basketball games will return to WNFL (1440 AM).

Both stations are owned by Midwest Communications.

"We are pleased to continue our relationship with WTAQ, WNFL and Midwest Communications," UWGB athletics director Ken Bothof said.

The agreement was a one-year contract. John Maino will call men's games for the 11th season, while Bruce Vanden Plas again will call the women's games.

Arena football

Blizzard dance team tryouts are Oct. 18

Tryouts for the Green Bay Freeze dance team that performs at Green Bay Blizzard arenafootball games are scheduled for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena in Ashwaubenon.

Registration through Oct. 15 is $20; at the door, it costs $25.

Registration forms are available at the team's Web site, www.greenbayblizzard.com, or by calling (920) 405-1264.

-- Staff reports
Aitken joins St. Norbert staff

By Todd D. Milewski
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ASHWAUBENON -- A.J. Aitken was close to joining St. Norbert College as a player in 1996. He didn't, opting instead for a scholarship at Michigan Tech.

Time has passed, but he has stayed close to the Green Knights' hockey program. More than seven years after crossing paths for the first time, Aitken and SNC finally have made a connection.

Aitken has been named an assistant coach at St. Norbert, replacing Luke Strand, who left for an assistant coaching position with the Green Bay Gamblers.

"I'm so excited about the opportunity," Aitken said Monday, his first day on the job. "This is what I always wanted to do."

Aitken, 28, worked this summer with the Green Bay Junior Gamblers to get a foot in the door in coaching after his playing career. He played three seasons in the Central Hockey League in Macon, Ga., and Memphis, Tenn.

During the summers between his pro seasons, Aitken often worked with SNC players who stayed in the Green Bay area.

"I think we're all very confident because of our close association over time," St. Norbert head coach Tim Coghlin said. "It's nice to have a familiar name and know something about a young man's background."

Aitken is the third full-time assistant to work for Coghlin, who will start his 11th season at SNC with a home game against Marian on Oct. 28. Strand replaced Cory Borys, who left for the head coaching job at St. Scholastica in 2001 after three years as the St. Norbert assistant.

"He's got some big shoes to fill," Coghlin said.

As assistant coach, Aitken also is in charge of the school's junior varsity program, which had its first training session of the season on Monday.

When Strand left for the Gamblers last week, Coghlin said he would take some time to evaluate potential candidates for the assistant spot. That process took less time than anticipated, Coghlin said Monday.

A Fort McMurray, Alberta, native, Aitken was a two-year captain at Michigan Tech, where he had 14 goals and 31 points in his four seasons.

Coghlin was pursuing the forward during the 1995-96 season, but Aitken went to Tech instead.

The chance to be a part of a SNC program that is coming off its first trip to the Division III Frozen Four, however, was too good to pass on this time around.

"The opportunity is great just knowing this is a top-caliber program that's going in the right direction," Aitken said.

"The opportunity is very big to win a championship."
School Notes

Badger Girls State: Xavier High School senior Sopen Shah, who was elected governor of Badger Girls State this summer, has been invited to be a staff member of Badger Girls State 2004 next June at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Badger Girls State participants are selected statewide and annually create and run mock city, county and state governments, including political parties. Shah was sponsored by the American Legion Post 38 Auxiliary of Appleton.

Summer youth program: Four Appleton area students recently attended the summer youth program at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Taking part in weeklong explorations in topics ranging from engineering, computers, math, science and technology to the outdoors and ecology, society and culture, and fine arts were Brandon Bukovitz, grade 8, and Heath H. May, Jennifer Decker and Matthew Couture, all grade 9.