

# Benson County volleyball off to 10-0 start

By Mojo Hill, Journal Sports

MADDOCK — This year’s volleyball realignment opens up a new path for Benson County. The Wildcats are rolling. They’ve picked up where they left off, starting the season 10-0. Last year, they went 24-9 and finished as the runner-up in a 10-team Region 4. They lost only to Langdon Area/Munich, the eventual state champion. At the time, only one team from the region could make it to state. Now, with Benson County in a district, it won’t necessarily have to beat the defending state champion to earn a state berth. Like in basketball, the runner-up and third-place team from each region will play state qualifiers. “I sure would have helped us last year...if we would have had a play-in game,” Wildcats head coach Sheri Stuberg said. “I think that’s a great thing, though. It gets the best of the best in the state tournament, and that’s what you want.” Benson County’s 10 wins have been fueled by a tournament championship in Glenburn and a district victory over Four Winds/Minnewaukan. The latest win for the Wildcats came Monday in Maddock against a non-region opponent, Drake-Anamoose (2-3).



Photo by Noah Clooten

They won 3-0. They took each of the first two sets 25-19 before slamming the door with a 25-9 win. “We’ve been waiting for a game where we could really show that we work as a team, and find some momentum and some flow,” Stuberg said. “And it took us a minute to get it, but once we did, it was great. It was wonderful.” Benson County rode the 1-2 punch of Aubrey Kenner and Lacie Fautsch. Kenner, who recently committed to the University of Mary basketball team, is one of four seniors. The outside hitter totaled seven kills and a team-high nine digs on the night. “She’s the glue,” Stuberg said. “She keeps

us together. She keeps things calm. She keeps things strong.” Fautsch is only a sophomore. Another basketball standout, she possesses exceptional strength that helped her destroy some balls from the middle throughout the night. She had five regular kills and three blocks for kill. “When you want something big to happen, we have some girls to go to,” Stuberg said. All was going well for the Wildcats, who led 13-8 in the first set. But they got sloppy. A net violation put the ball in Drake-Anamoose’s hands, and a potential Fautsch kill was thwarted by hitting the ceiling. After a series of errors, Benson County dropped six straight points and

trailed 14-13. “We were acting scared,” Stuberg said. “We’re not a team to act scared. We have some phenomenal hitters, some phenomenal servers. We’ve got great passers, and we were acting like we were out there, just not doing what we should be.” The Wildcats got it back together after a timeout, winning six straight. Junior Kaitlyn Maddock had back-to-back aces in that span and finished with three on the night. Drake-Anamoose never got back within four as Benson County put away the first 25-19 win. The second set saw a similar progression. Benson County had early control, taking a 12-7

lead. But the Raiders tied it on a 5-0 run. It was still knotted up as late as 16-16, before the Wildcats won four straight and put the set to rest. It was another 25-19 win. Sophomore Brylee Stuberg — Coach Stuberg’s daughter — emerged and had six kills in the set. She was tied with Kenner for seven on the night. Most of her kills were from the middle, but she also hit one from the corner for a crosscourt kill to win the final point of the second set. “Everyone likes a 10-foot hit,” Coach Stuberg said. “That comes through nice.” Senior Kale Williams also came up big in the second set, especially on the serving end. She had two kills and four aces in the set. She totaled five aces on the night. “She is great,” Stuberg said. “She came through on the serves, and that was one of those momentum changers for us.” After doing just enough to win the first two sets, the Wildcats handled the third with ease. They got off to a 7-0 start, fueled by some strong serves from sophomore Liberty Streyle. After Drake-Anamoose chipped the lead down to 10-4, Benson County went on another 7-0 run. The Wildcats won the final six points of the

match to hold Drake-Anamoose to a single digit in the third set. Sophomore Addisyn Faul had five kills in the set to finish with seven on the night. “I like it all,” Stuberg said of this year’s team. “We really have struggled with our defense; everybody likes to hit. That’s something they want to practice. And our defense, they have come through for us this year. It’s phenomenal.” While it’s hard to criticize much about a 10-0 record, the Wildcats know that most of their toughest matches are still in the future. LA/M, coming off of its state title, is the favorite in the region again. The nine-team district also features solid squads like New Rockford-Sheyenne and North Star. The Benson County co-op has never made a Class B volleyball state tournament. Leeds and Maddock have each individually made one — Leeds in 2000 and Maddock in 1997. The Wildcats jump back into district play Tuesday on the road against North Prairie. “We can’t start slow,” Stuberg said. “That’s something we’re working on. We have a tendency to do that and act scared and slow, and we just have to bring it right away.”

# Devils Lake football ranked No. 4 after win over Wahpeton

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Devils Lake slid up to No. 4 in the Division AA football poll released Monday by the NDAPSSA. The Firebirds beat Wahpeton 34-28 on Friday to improve to 2-1. It was their second straight win, following a season-opening loss to No. 2 Kindred. Last week, they moved into the rankings in a tie for No. 5 with Central Cass. Grand Forks Red River, previously ranked No. 4, fell out of the top five after a 45-14 loss to No. 1 Minot North. The Roughriders are 1-2 overall. In their place, Devils Lake moved up to No. 4 and Central Cass took sole possession of the No.

5 spot. Devils Lake’s 29 points are only narrowly above Central Cass’s 26. In their head-to-head matchup on Sept. 5, Devils Lake won 28-21. At the top of the poll, Minot North received its most first-place votes yet with 18. It leads the way with 98 overall points. Kindred received the only two remaining first-place votes, coming in with 82 points. Grand Forks Central remained in the No. 3 spot. Fargo South, Devils Lake’s next opponent, received votes last week but not this week. South is off to a 1-2 start, most recently losing 28-21 to Fargo North. Minot North is the only undefeated team in the AA

West. Devils Lake is tied for the second-best record in the conference at 2-1. The AA East has two undefeated teams: Kindred and Grand Forks Central. In Division AAA, Fargo Davies fell from the top spot to No. 3. Bismarck Legacy received all 20 of the first-place votes. Division AA football: Minot North (18) - 98 points (Previous: 1) Kindred (2) - 82 points (Previous: 2) Grand Forks Central - 60 points (Previous: 3) Devils Lake - 29 points (Previous: T5) Central Cass - 26 points (Previous: T5) Received votes: Grand Forks Red River, Watford City



Photo by Cameron Carlson

LEGALS

Clerk of District Court \$ 395.00  
Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Frith to approve the financial reports (monthly to date budgets & liabilities). Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the Treasurer's Checks in the amount of \$18,593.25. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Frith to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of discussion on Tyler Technology. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.  
Roger Gunderson, Maintenance Supervisor was present to discuss the estimate received from Sticky Construction Inc in the amount of \$72,600.00 for caulking of windows on the North, South & West sides of the courthouse.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to accept the bid from Sticky Construction Inc in the amount of \$72,600.00 for caulking of windows on the North, South & West sides of the courthouse. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.  
Commissioner Frith gave an update on behalf of the Ramsey Co Water Resource District Board  
• Approved to bring the Newbre Snag & Clear proposed project to the County Commission so will need to set up a Public Hearing.  
• Approved the Resolution of Public Comment to 08/01/2025  
• Approved Assessment amount for Grand Harbor \$2.50 per acres & decrease Hammer/Sullivan from \$1.50 to .75 cents per acre.  
• Office Manager will increase from 30hrs to 35 hrs per week.  
Bryan Lang, Sheriff was present to discuss the estimate from Balco Uniform for 4 new vests with additional items in the amount of \$7,689.02.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the estimate from Balco Uniform for 4 new vests with additional items in the amount of \$7,689.02. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

LEGALS

Jason Kraft, Ramsey County Highway Superintendent reported on the following:  
• Requests for Quotes for Freije Culvert Site and Schlotehorn Projects were mailed out to contractors list of recipients, sent to the Devils Lake Journal and quoted for Project Completion are due back by 11 a.m. July 14th, 2025.  
• Chip seal projects are tentatively scheduled to start on July 14th 2025 (Rc1, Walleye Drive, Military RD, Terminal RD and RC \* from ND 20 to RC 3).  
• Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to change the Responsible Charge from Kevin Fieldsend, to Jason Kraft, from today July 1, 2025 on all current and future federal aid projects. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.  
• Salt storage facility update: Gleason Construction has stated they are intending to start constructing the building on or around July 7th 2025.  
• Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to approve payment to Leon's Building Center in the amount of \$2664.64. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
• Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve payment to ND DOT Financial Management Division in the amount of \$9398.05 local share of 19.07 % for engineering on the FHWA projects 4B, 9B, 10, Crary RD South. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
• Motion was made by Commissioner Hodous, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to approve payment to True North Steel in the amount of \$74,025.42 (Resale Inventory is \$52,252.40 and Water-board Replacement Culverts \$21,763.20). Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
• Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Frith to approve payment to Paulson Gravel in the amount of \$14,300.00 for gravel project on RC/NCL. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
• July 2, 2025 WHA Projects  
• Paul Bjornson, KLIJ gave updates  
• Reported that they should be fully staffed this month  
Discussion was held on the lease for the Ramsey County Abstract Office. The draft is not complete yet.

LEGALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Hodous, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the letter to Governor Armstrong inviting him to come and visit Ramsey County and learn about the challenges faced by our citizens due to flooding from the Devils Lake. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.  
Reviewed NDCCA Standing Committee – nothing from Ramsey this year  
Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Frith to keep Steve Moe on payroll for the month of August to help with the completion of information to the State. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to approve the Homestead Credit Abatement on ID#39-1307-00018-000 for tax year 2024. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried. Portfolios Announcements  
Garland Hoistad asked that the Ramsey County Water Resource District Meetings be held in the County Commission room so that they could have proper recordings.  
Roger Gunderson, Maintenance Supervisor, was present to discuss the estimate of the sound system in the armory.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Hodous, seconded by Commissioner Frith to approve the estimate from HB Sound & Light, Grand Forks in the amount of \$2,844.23 for replacement of a wireless microphone system, digital wireless receiver, handheld transmitter, bodypack transmitter, earset headroom microphone & XLR female to blunt cable for the armory. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.  
Chairman Gessner adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.  
Chairman, Ramsey County Commission  
ATTEST:  
Ramsey County Auditor (9:18)

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