

**PATRIOTS TRACK AND FIELD**

# Patriots attend first outdoor meet of the season

Kensington Tafelmeyer | Sports Writer

On April 16, the May-Port CG Patriots traveled to Grafton to compete in the Grafton Spoiler Outdoor meet. The men's varsity placed 14th with 17 points, and the women's varsity took 12th by scoring 17 points.

Below are the athletes that placed at the meet.

**Men's varsity results:**

300m hurdles: 3. Brayden Caron, 45.24

4x100 relay: 5. Brayden Caron, Ethan Perkins, Justin

Verwest, and Wyatt Perkins, 48.43

4x200 relay: 3. Brayden Caron, Ethan Perkins, Justin Verwest, and Wyatt Perkins, 1:40

Triple jump: 8. Brayden Caron, 36'4"

**Women's varsity results:**

100 meters: 6. Abby Sand, 13.66

800 meters: 2. Nova Garrett, 2:59

4x100 relay: 4. Nora Braaten, Ella Flaten, Zoey Mehus, and Abby Sand, 55.21

Discus: 5. Kaylee Mueller, 92'3"

Pole vault: 5. Ela Flaten, 7'

**PATRIOTS BASEBALL**

# Patriots outlast Polar Bears in 20-14 slugfest

Mark Frost | Sports Writer

No, they weren't playing football this past Monday when the Patriots hooked up with the Larimore Polar Bears, but if you looked at the score, you would have thought the Patriots won by a touchdown in a 20-14 slugfest on Monday, April 13. With the win, the Patriots up their regional and overall record to 2-0. The Patriots built a commanding 17-5 lead after four innings, only to see the Polar Bears put

up 7 runs in the top of the fifth to cut the lead to 17-12. Ethan Hanson came in late and struck out 3 in 2 plus innings to get the win. Hitting leaders for the Patriots were Ethan Hanson, who went 2X3 with 3 RBI; Connor Dockter 3X5 with 2 RBI; Sam Weaver 2X4 with 3 RBI; Bricker Johnson 2X2 with 2 RBI; and Alex Aarsvold 2X2 with 2 RBI. For the Polar Bears, Case Knudson went 2X5 with 4 RBI; Dyllan Rethemeier 2X5 with 3 RBI; Baron Burns 2X2 with 2 RBI; and Nic Pritchett 2X3.

The Patriots will play what feels like a major league schedule this week starting with a trip to Ada-Borup on Monday, April 20, followed by hosting the HCV Burros on Wednesday, April 22. They will then host Nelson County/Midkota on Thursday, April 23, and the Thompson Tommies on Friday, April 24. The Patriots won't get the weekend off as they are traveling to Carrington on Saturday, April 25 to play the Carrington Cardinals and the Valley City Hi-Liners.

**PATRIOTS SOFTBALL**

# Lady Patriots fall 15-7 to Fargo Davies

Mark Frost | Sports Writer

In their only action of the week, the MPCG/FS/HN Lady Patriots stepped up a class and took on the Fargo Davies Eagles, but they came up on the short end of a 15-7 score. The Eagles took advantage of 7 Patriot walks, 7 errors, and gave up 15 hits. Several Patriots had good hitting days as Hadley Verwest went 3X4 with 2 RBI; Hudson Zerface went

2X3; Oaklee Thomas went 2X2 with 2 RBI; and Bailey Bergstrom drove in 3 runs.

Hopefully, if the weather cooperates, the Patriots will venture to Cavalier to take on Pembina County North on Monday, April 20, and Thompson on Tuesday, April 21. They will finish the week by hosting Ada-Borup on Friday, April 24.

## Let's talk sports with Frosty

Mark Frost | Sports Writer

Hope you don't mind that I changed the name of this article - time to freshen things up as spring is slowly making its appearance. I have to start with my favorite sport, which most people think is baseball, but it is actually college basketball. I could basically watch any team at any time of the day. And since my last article, the Michigan Wolverines have defeated the UConn Huskies for the national championship. I don't know about you, but I thought March Madness once again knocked it out of the park - sorry for the baseball reference. Now the fun begins for next year, as the transfer portal is open and players are free to change teams. I thought I heard that there were 1,500 players in the portal, which is amazing. With the Name/Image/Likeness money that is available for players, many of them have agents who are trying to find the right fit for their player. Jumping on my soapbox for a second ... I think the Portal and NIL are making college basketball

more like the NBA, and some of the coaches that have been at it for a long time are retiring, which is sad to see.

I don't know about you, but I am fairly happy with the start the Twins have had. Not much was expected going into this season, as the Pohlads didn't spend money once again. They did go out and get some free agents like Josh Bell and Victor Caratini, who are playing well. The pitching staff has been surprisingly effective thus far. What is crazy to me is that the Twins have 18 home games in April, which makes no sense to me. If you have watched some games, the crowds have not been very good. Not sure who is in charge of the scheduling, but please do a better job next year. I hope the Twins can keep it up and maybe make a surprise run at the end of the year. Otherwise, we will have another fire sale of players like we had last year.

Several big events are happening within a week of each other. This past weekend was WrestleMania, which is a two-day event now. I have

to admit that, thanks to COVID, I have been watching professional wrestling again. If you remember, there were no sports going on at that time, but professional wrestling powered through and had events. For those that were wondering, Cody Rhodes and Roman Reigns won the Main Events, and Brock Lesnar lost and is retiring. The other big event that is coming up is the NFL draft, which is a 3-day event. Round 1 is on Thursday, Rounds 2-3 on Friday and Rounds 4-6 on Saturday. This year, the draft is being held in Pittsburgh. I really hope that we hear Bryce Lance's and Cole Payton's names called sometime over the weekend.

In my last Ramblings article, I talked about a sports card show that my friends and I were running. Just to let you know, it was a major success, and we will be running five more shows this year. We held the show at the Ramada in Fargo, and they were great to work with. We had a great group of dealers and an amazing crowd that showed up. I am really excited for our next show in June.



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