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BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonnell's Dale Tetraault runs for yardage against Northwood/Solon Springs on Sept. 18, 2021 at Dorais Field.

## PREP FOOTBALL | MCDONELL MACKS

# Balance drives impressive starts

McDonnell, Thorp started seasons with dominant victories

**BRANDON BERG**  
Chippewa Herald

Following impressive opening week victories, the McDonnell and Thorp football teams match up this Friday in Thorp.

The Macks and Cardinals started 8-man play last Friday with sizable wins. McDonnell routed Greenwood 62-8 and Thorp pummeled Prairie Farm 52-14.

Both squads used similar successes to win their open-

ing games, riding balanced offense and tenacious defense to slow down physical foes.

McDonnell ran for 211 yards with Evan Eckes leading the way with 147 yards and two scores on 10 carries and threw for 250 yards, 229 from sophomore quarterback Grant Smiskey. But for McDonnell coach Mark

Maloney, it wasn't the points or the yardage that pleased him the most – it was his team's tenacity and execution. "It was nice to see – and



Maloney

### Up Next

**McDonnell at Thorp**

**When:** Friday, 7 p.m.

**Records:** McDonnell (1-0), Thorp (1-0)

not every time – but there was a lot of good things that happened where they were coached to do certain things and when they did that, things went very well," Maloney said. Logan Hanson (132 rushing yards, three scores) and Aiden Rosemeyer (108 rushing yards, one TD) each went over the

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## BADGERS FOOTBALL

# Backup QB job up for grabs

**COLTEN BARTHOLOMEW**  
Wisconsin State Journal

The Badgers backup quarterback job still is up for grabs two days out from their season opener against Illinois State.

Redshirt freshman Deacon Hill and true freshman Myles Burkett are battling to be the No. 2 behind starter Graham Mertz after University of Wisconsin senior Chase Wolf injured his knee in practice last week.

"Right now, it's a competition," said Bobby Engram, UW's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. "Those guys know it, and they're practicing hard, and it's a great opportunity for everybody to continue to elevate their game. So right now, it is undetermined. So we'll just kind of see how the week goes and how it progresses along, but those guys are excited about it and competing hard."

No. 18 UW starts its season against Illinois State at 6 p.m. Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium, but coach Paul Chryst told reporters Thursday that it will take some time for Hill and Burkett to prove themselves.

"You want to see consistency," Chryst said. "You can only have consistency if you're doing it over a period of time. I think that'll be the way we keep going, you just have to keep building it up. And that's all right. I'm not trying to elude or avoid the answer to it, it truly is they've got

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### Up Next

Illinois State at No. 18 Wisconsin

**When:** Saturday, 6 p.m.

**TV:** Fox Sports 1

## PREP FOOTBALL | CHI-HI CARDINALS



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

Chi-Hi's Mason Von Haden makes a throw against D.C. Everest on Aug. 25 at Dorais Field.

# Starting strong

Unbeaten Cardinals, Raiders clash to start Big Rivers season

**BRANDON BERG**  
Chippewa Herald

Chuck Raykovich has seen many strong Hudson football teams over the years.

And this year's squad could rank up there with some of the best Raiders squads he's seen as Hudson rolls into Dorais Field on Friday night for a battle of unbeaten against Chi-Hi.

Raykovich has seen Hudson on the schedule in every season since taking over the Chi-Hi program in 1986 and said the 2022 is legit.

The first name that might pop out is senior defensive lineman Will McDonald, a University of Wisconsin football walk-on commit and younger brother of Badgers defensive lineman Cade McDonald.

The 6-foot-5, 250-pound senior has nine total tackles including one quarterback sack in two games so far, according to WisSports.net. Quarterback Jake Busson is a dual threat for the Raiders as he's thrown for 208 yards and one score and run for a team-best 111 yards.

Hudson allowed just one

touchdown apiece in wins over Marshfield and Stevens Point during nonconference play and snagged seven total interceptions in last Friday's 38-7 win at Stevens Point.

"They're the real deal," Raykovich said of Hudson. "From Division I signees to a few of them that also could be."

Five Big Rivers Conference teams made it through nonconference play unbeaten and four of them match up on Friday with New Richmond playing at River Falls.

Chi-Hi started the season with a 38-7 win at Holmen on Aug. 18 before pulling away to a 35-21 win over D.C. Everest on Aug. 25. Offensively the Cards averaged just shy of 300 yards per game



Raykovich

### Up Next

**Hudson at Chi-Hi**

**When:** Friday, 7 p.m.

**Records:** Hudson (2-0), Chi-Hi (2-0)

in nonconference action while the defense has shown a knack for forcing turnovers through two games.

The Cardinals have many new players getting their first taste of significant varsity action this fall and Friday will be the next big step in that process.

"The scrimmage is the scrimmage. The two nonconference

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## PREP FOOTBALL | AROUND THE GRIDIRON: WEEK 3

# Conference play begins

Bloomer, Cadott and Stanley-Boyd open league play

**BRANDON BERG**  
Chippewa Herald

Conference action begins for 11-man teams while 8-man squads continue with crossover games.

**Bloomer at Saint Croix Falls**

**Records:** Bloomer (0-2), Saint Croix Falls (2-0)

**Previous Matchup:** Saint Croix Falls 47, Bloomer 36 (2021)

**All-Time Series:** Bloomer leads 4-2  
**Matchup:** The Blackhawks hit the road to face the Saints to open Heart O'North Conference play... Saint Croix Falls opened the sea-

### Week 3 Schedule

Hudson at Chi-Hi

McDonnell at Thorp

Bloomer at Saint Croix Falls

Colfax at Cadott

Stanley-Boyd at Durand/Arkansas

Alma Center Lincoln at Cornell

Lake Holcombe at Athens

New Auburn at Greenwood

Bruce at Gilman

game. Quarterback Brady Belisle had thrown for 178 yards and four touchdowns through two games...

The Saints are ranked seventh in the latest WisSports.net Division 5 state coaches poll...Saint Croix Falls has won two of the last three matchups in the series after Bloomer won the first three matchups. The first-ever meeting was a 44-0 Bloomer win in the opening round of the Division 4 playoffs on Oct. 28, 2008.

**Colfax at Cadott**

**Records:** Colfax (1-1), Cadott (2-0)  
**Previous Matchup:** Cadott 2, Colfax 0 (2021 forfeit)

**All-Time Series:** Cadott leads 2-1  
**Matchup:** The Hornets host the Vikings to open Dunn-St. Croix Conference competition...Colfax split its two nonconference games, beginning the season with a 14-6 win in Whitehall before



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

Bloomer's Ben Miller runs for yardage during a game against Eau Claire Regis last Friday in Bloomer.

falling to Eleva-Strum 20-19 last week...Running back Asher Pecharan for 182 yards and one score on 23 carries in the first two games and quarterback Brian Tuschl has completed 3 of 8 passes for 96 yards and two scores...Cadott earned a forfeit win over

Colfax last season when the Vikings had to cancel the meeting for COVID-19 concerns. The only other two meetings between the teams came in the 20th century. Cadott earned a 43-16 win

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**AREA SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY**  
**Football**—Hudson at Chi-Hi, 7 p.m.; McDonnell at Thorp, 7 p.m.; Bloomer at Saint Croix Falls, 7 p.m.; Colfax at Cadott, 7 p.m.; Stanley-Boyd at Durand, 7 p.m.; Alma Center Lincoln at Cornell, 7 p.m.; Lake Holcombe at Athens, 7 p.m.; New Auburn at Greenwood, 7 p.m.; Bruce at Gilman, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
**Cross Country**—McDonnell at Marshfield Columbus (Wildwood Park), 9:30 a.m.  
**Volleyball**—McDonnell at La Crosse Aquinas, 8:30 a.m.

**BRIEFLY**

**NFL**  
**Wilson gets five-year, \$245M extension from Broncos**

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Denver quarterback Russell Wilson signed a five-year, \$245 million extension Thursday that includes \$165 million in guarantees, the biggest contract in Broncos history and one of the largest ever in the NFL.

Wilson's new deal comes three weeks after the league approved the record \$4.65 billion sale of the team to the Walton-Penner ownership group. Led by Walmart heir Rob Walton, it's the wealthiest ownership group in the NFL.

The extension pays Wilson an average of \$49 million a year beginning in 2024 and keeps him under contract in Denver through the 2028 season for \$296 million.

He had two years and \$51 million left on his deal when the Broncos acquired him from Seattle for five draft picks and three players in a franchise-changing trade six months ago.

Although much of the money is in the form of a bonus, Wilson's new deal averages \$49 million per year, just shy of Aaron Rodgers' \$50 million average on the four-year, \$200 million deal the Packers QB signed to stay in Green Bay this year.

In terms of guaranteed money, it's the third-most lucrative contract in NFL history, behind Deshaun Watson's fully-guaranteed \$230 million, five-year deal over and Kyler Murray's new five-year, \$230.5 million contract that includes \$189.5 million guaranteed.

**Saints safety Maye arrested in 'road rage' incident**

METAIRIE, La — New Orleans Saints safety Marcus Maye was arrested Thursday in what authorities termed a "road rage incident," and he was booked with one count of aggravated assault with a firearm.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Capt. Jason Rivarde said in a statement that Maye, 29, was "identified as the driver of a black SUV in which he is accused of pointing a firearm at a vehicle occupied by several juvenile females."

Maye's attorney, Eric Hessler, said in a statement provided to NFL Network that Maye "vehemently denies the allegation from a motor vehicle incident, and looks forward to defending himself when all the facts come out."

Louisiana state law lists aggravated battery with a dangerous weapon as a misdemeanor punishable by up to \$1,000 in fines and up to six months in jail. Maye was released from the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center Thursday on \$30,000 bond, Rivarde said.

The Saints signed Maye, who formerly played for the New York Jets, to a three-year, \$28.5 million contract this offseason. Maye is projected to be one of two starting safeties for New Orleans this season, along with Tyrann Mathieu.

Saints coach Dennis Allen, who also oversees New Orleans' defense, said the club was made aware of the arrest and was "still gathering all the information, after today's practice."

"So, we're really not going to have a comment on it at this time until we get more information," Allen added.

The Saints open the season on Sept. 11 at Atlanta. If Maye is unavailable to play, veteran P.J. Williams would be a top candidate to replace him in the lineup.

**SPORTS ON TV**

**FRIDAY**  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL:** W. Michigan at Michigan St., ESPN, 6 p.m.; Virginia Tech at Old Dominion, ESPN, 6 p.m.; Temple at Duke, ACC, 6:30 p.m.; Illinois at Indiana, FS1, 7 p.m.; TCU at Colorado, ESPN, 9 p.m.

**GOLF:** LPGA: The Dana Open, GOLF, noon; Korn Ferry: The Korn Ferry Tour Championship, GOLF, 3 p.m.

**MLB:** Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, BSNO, 7 p.m.; Milwaukee at Arizona, BSWI, 8:30 p.m.

**TENNIS:** ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open third round, ESPN, 11 a.m. and ESPN2, 5 and 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
**AUTO RACING:** Formula 1: Qualifying, ESPN, 7:55 a.m.; NASCAR Cup: Qualifying, USA, 11:30 a.m.; NASCAR Xfinity: The Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help a Hero 200, USA, 2 p.m.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL:** Sam Houston at Texas A&M, SEC, 11 a.m.; Colorado State at Michigan, ABC, 11 a.m.; NC State at East Carolina, ESPN, 11 a.m.; South Dakota State at Iowa, FS1, 11 a.m.; Buffalo at Maryland, BTN, 11 a.m.; Rutgers at Boston College, ACC, 11 a.m.; North Carolina at Appalachian State, ESPN, 11 a.m.; Delaware at Navy, CBSSN, 11 a.m.; Bowling Green at UCLA, PAC12, 1:30 p.m.; Oregon at Georgia, ABC, 2:30 p.m.; UTEP at Oklahoma, FOX, 2:30 p.m.; Bethune-Cookman at Miami, ACC, 2:30 p.m.; Cincinnati at Arkansas, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.; Houston at UTSA, CBSSN, 2:30 p.m.; Arizona at San Diego State, CBS, 2:30 p.m.; North Dakota at Nebraska, BTN, 2:30 p.m.; Tulsa at Wyoming, FS1, 2:30 p.m.; Troy at Ole Miss, SEC, 3 p.m.; BYU at South Florida, ESPN, 3 p.m.; Rice at USC, PAC12, 5 p.m.; Utah at Florida, ESPN, 6 p.m.; Illinois State at Wisconsin, FS1, 6 p.m.; Miami (Ohio) at Kentucky, SEC, 6 p.m.; Mercer at Auburn, SEC, 6 p.m.; Elon at Vanderbilt, SEC, 6 p.m.; Utah at Alabama, SEC, 6:30 p.m.; Notre Dame at Ohio State, ABC, 6:30 p.m.; Memphis at Mississippi State, ESPN, 6:30 p.m.; Georgia State at South Carolina, SEC, 6:30 p.m.; SMU at North Texas, CBSSN, 6:30 p.m.; Louisville at Syracuse, ACC, 7 p.m.; Idaho at Washington State, PAC12, 8:30 p.m.; Boise State at Oregon State, ESPN, 9:30 p.m.; Kent State at Washington, FS, 9:30 p.m.

**GOLF:** LPGA: The Dana Open, GOLF, noon; Korn Ferry: The Korn Ferry Tour Championship, GOLF, 3 p.m.

**MLB:** Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, FOX, 6 p.m.; Milwaukee at Arizona, BSWI, 7 p.m.

**MEN'S SOCCER:** Premier League: Liverpool at Everton, USA, 6:30 a.m.; Premier League: Leeds United at Brentford, USA, 9 p.m.; Premier League: Manchester City at Aston Villa, NBC, 11:30 a.m.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER:** International Friendly: U.S. vs Nigeria, FOX, 12:30 p.m.

**TENNIS:** ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open third round, ESPN2, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** World Athletics Diamond League: The AG Memorial Van Damme (taped), NBC, 2 p.m.



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD  
 Thorp quarterback Aiden Rosemeyer looks to throw during a game against Lake Holcombe on Aug. 27, 2021 in Thorp.

**McDonnell**

**From B1**  
 century mark on the ground and Rosemeyer added 231 passing yards and three scores as the Cardinals outscored the Panthers 30-8 in the second half of their win.

"I just thought we played complimentary football," Thorp coach Keldric Stokes said. "If we're balanced then we're going to have good success. We threw for 230, ran for 251. That's pretty good balance for a team that's known to throw the ball."

Both programs have the ability to air it out, but want to marry the run and passing games together. Maloney's return to the

program has meant a shift for McDonnell's offense to the I-formation — a style of play the roster is familiar with from Maloney's time as the Notre Dame Middle School coach. Thorp has upperclassmen experience at the skill positions to trigger its high-scoring attack.

Stokes said on defense his team's tackling and getting multiple players to the ball will be key against a talented McDonnell offense, including a 'really, really great' wide receiver in Dale Tetrault. The senior caught five passes for 174 yards and two scores in the win at Greenwood.

Likewise the Thorp offense has Maloney's attention and said his team will need to play another

**McDonnell at Thorp**

**Previous Matchup:** McDonnell 65, Thorp 36 (2016)  
**All-Time Series:** Tied 12-12-1

**Matchup:** The Macks head east to Thorp to face the Cardinals in a Central Wisconsin Conference 8-man crossover battle...Thorp outscored Prairie Farm 30-8 in the second half of a 52-14 win last Friday. Quarterback Aiden Rosemeyer completed 11 of 20 passes for 231 yards and three touchdowns. Logan Hanson (132 rushing yards, three touchdowns) and Rosemeyer (108 rushing yards, one TD) each went over the 100-yard mark on the ground while Ashton Kroeplin (three catches, 122 receiving yards and one TD) and Denzel Sutton (three catches, 56 receiving yards, two scores) led in the air...Thorp is ranked seventh in the latest WisSports.net 8-man state coaches poll...The all-time series is tied and dates back nearly seven decades when Thorp won the first-ever meeting 32-0 on Oct. 19, 1956.

**Big Rivers**

**From B1**  
 games are nonconference. This is what matters," Raykovich said of the start of Big Rivers play. "This is what either puts a trophy in the trophy case or doesn't from here on out."

Friday is also a big night for the Chi-Hi program as it is Veterans Appreciation Night. This week marks the 10th year for the celebration as the event has grown each year.

The program is hosting a warm clothing drive throughout the month of September for homeless veterans through The Hands Foundation, a local group that partners with agencies and efforts such as Veterans Assistance Foundation, Stand Down events and Help-A-Vet to help homeless veterans stay warm and assist them in finding housing.

The Cardinals are collecting new or gently used winter boots, large warm coats, sweatshirts/hoodies, cotton or wool socks, large long johns, undergarments, hats and gloves and personal hygiene items throughout the month at both Jacobson's Hardware locations as well as in drop off bins at the front of Dorais Field an hour before kickoff for all varsity, junior varsity and freshmen games. This week that includes Friday's varsity contest.

Those unable to drop off donations can have them picked up by calling 715-271-7593 to schedule the Cardinal football players and coaches to pick up.

The Hands Foundation is run by Scott Marrier, a college roommate of Raykovich.

"It's almost taken on a life of its own, which I'm happy about," Raykovich said of Veterans Appreciation Night. "Of all the things we do in our life, one thing we don't do enough of is thank

fundamentally sound and disciplined game as they go against a Cardinals squad with talent all around the lineup.

"We're hoping we don't give this quarterback a lot of time to throw the ball because he's dangerous," Maloney said of Rosemeyer.

Friday will be the first time the Macks and Cardinals have squared off on the 8-man gridiron. The two programs have plenty of history prior to moving to 8-man, meeting 25 times over the years. The most recent matchup was a 65-36 McDonnell win in 2016 during the Macks' most recent season of 11-man. The all-time series dates back to the mid-1950, when Thorp won the first-ever meeting

**Hudson at Chi-Hi**

**Previous Matchup:** Chi-Hi 20, Hudson 14 (2021)  
**All-Time Series:** Chi-Hi leads 30-13

**Matchup:** The Cardinals open Big Rivers Conference play when the Raiders come to Dorais Field on Friday night... Hudson was impressive in nonconference play, powering past Marshfield (24-7) and Stevens Point (38-7) in the first two weeks of the season...University of Wisconsin walk-on commit Will McDonald (nine tackles, one quarterback sack according to WisSports.net) leads the defense while QB Jake Busson (208 passing yards and one touchdown, 111 rushing yards) sparks the offense...Chi-Hi has won four in a row over Hudson (all by 10 points or fewer) and the series dates back to a 32-0 win for Chi-Hi in the first-ever meeting on Oct. 14, 1922.

**Preps**

**From B1**  
 over Colfax in the opening round of the Division 5 playoffs on Oct. 27, 1998. The Vikings beat Cadott 19-6 on Sept. 21, 1951.

**Stanley-Boyd at Durand-Arkansaw**

**Records:** Stanley-Boyd (1-1), Durand-Arkansaw (1-1)  
**Previous Matchup:** Durand 47, Stanley-Boyd 20 (2021)  
**All-Time Series:** Stanley-Boyd leads 7-6

**Matchup:** The Orioles travel to Durand to face the Panthers to start Cloverbelt Conference action...Durand-Arkansaw split its two nonconference games, starting the season with a 22-21 win over Spring Valley before falling 33-22 at Prescott last week...Running backs Dawson Hartung (45 carries, 235 rushing yards and four TDs) and Ryan Mason (28 carries, 171 rushing yards and one touchdown) lead the ground game for the Panthers...Durand has won both matchups against the Orioles since joining the Cloverbelt Conference in 2020...The first-ever meeting between the programs was a 42-7 Panthers victory on Oct. 13, 1966.

**Alma Center Lincoln at Cornell**

**Records:** Alma Center Lincoln (0-1), Cornell (0-1)  
**Previous Matchup:** Cornell 26, Alma Center Lincoln 6 (2009)  
**All-Time Series:** Cornell leads 1-0

**Matchup:** The Chiefs host the Hornets in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover 8-man matchup...

Alma Center Lincoln started the season with a 40-36 loss at Bruce last week...Quarterback Jace Paul completed 12 of 38 passes for 194 yards, two touchdowns and one interception in the opener. Raul Escamilla ran for 97 yards and two scores...Friday's matchup marks the second time the Chiefs and Hornets have met. Cornell earned a 26-6 nonconference game to start the season on Aug. 28, 2009.

**Lake Holcombe at Athens**

**Records:** Lake Holcombe (0-1), Athens (1-0)  
**Previous Matchup:** Athens 72, Lake Holcombe 14 (2021)  
**All-Time Series:** Athens leads 1-0

**Matchup:** The Chieftains travel to Athens to face the Bluejays in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover 8-man matchup...Athens is coming off a 54-22 victory over Cornell last Friday. Quarterback Kyler Ellenbecker ran for 138 yards and three touchdowns on eight carries and added 92 passing yards and two scores to go with 20-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown...Friday's game is the second matchup all-time between the programs. Athens earned a 72-14 victory a season ago.

**New Auburn at Greenwood**

**Records:** New Auburn (0-1), Greenwood (0-1)

the guys who went to war for us and a lot of them gave their lives for us. We need to thank them in every way and any way that we can."

Chi-Hi leads the all-time series with the Raiders by a 30-13 margin and has won each of the past four meetings. All four of those wins have been by 10 points or fewer with the last three by six points or fewer. The first meeting between the programs took place 100 years ago with Chi-Hi earning a 32-0 shutout victory on Oct. 14, 1922.

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**NOTE:** All games are Friday at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All non-Chippewa County stats are courtesy of WisSports.net.

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BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

Stanley-Boyd's Grant Hatfield tackles Cadott's Tristan Drier during a game on Aug. 19 in Stanley.

# Opening salvo

Key matchups in Big Rivers, Dunn-St. Croix highlight schedule

## BRANDON BERG

Chippewa Herald

Week three of the prep football season sees 11-man teams beginning conference play while 8-man squads continue with other action.

### Big Rivers

**Games:** Hudson at Chippewa Falls, New Richmond at River Falls, Menomonie at Superior, Eau Claire North at Eau Claire Memorial  
**Breakdown:** Two battles of 2-0 teams highlight a busy first week of league play that also includes an intracity showdown in Eau Claire and Menomonie heading north in search of its first win.

**Game of the Week:** Hudson at Chippewa Falls

Either this game or New Richmond at River Falls would be a fine choice, but the Cardinals battling the Raiders is the ticket. The past three meetings have been decided by six points or fewer including a 20-14 Chippewa Falls win last season.

### Central Wisconsin West (8-man)

**Games:** McDonell at Thorp, Alma

Center Lincoln at Gilman, New Auburn at Greenwood, Lake Holcombe at Athens, Bruce at Gilman, Prairie Farm at Owen-Withee

**Breakdown:** The second week of crossover games between the west and the east.

**Game of the Week:** McDonell at Thorp

Both the Macks and Cardinals were impressive in opening victories. Staying unbeaten will be a tough proposition.

### Cloverbelt

**Games:** Neillsville/Granton at Elk Mound (Thur.), Eau Claire Regis at Osseo-Fairchild (Thur.), Stanley-Boyd at Durand-Arkansas, Mondovi at Fall Creek  
**Breakdown:** Two days worth of games as Cloverbelt games get underway.

**Game of the Week:** Mondovi at Fall Creek

Two unbeaten teams match up in Cricket Country as the ground-and-pound Buffaloes travel to Fall Creek to meet a Crickets squad that likes to take to the air.

### Dunn-St. Croix

**Games:** Colfax at Cadott, Spring Valley at Boyceville, Glenwood City at Elmwood/Plum City, Turtle Lake at Clear Lake

**Breakdown:** The Dunn-St. Croix was an impressive 12-4 in non-conference competition and now turns its attention to each other.  
**Game of the Week:** Spring Valley

at Boyceville

Two league title contenders don't wait long to clash as the Cardinals hit the road to face the Bulldogs.

### Heart O'North

**Games:** Bloomer at Saint Croix Falls, Barron at Cameron, Cumberland at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Northwestern at Spooner  
**Breakdown:** A busy slate of four games on Friday as the Heart O'North Conference season starts.

**Game of the Week:** Northwestern at Spooner

The Tigers and Rails are two of the league's three unbeaten teams through two weeks. The winner will have an early leg up on the competition for the conference crown.

### Central Wisconsin East (8-man)

**Games:** McDonell at Thorp, Alma Center Lincoln at Gilman, New Auburn at Greenwood, Lake Holcombe at Athens, Bruce at Gilman, Prairie Farm at Owen-Withee

**Breakdown:** The second week of crossover games between the west and the east.

**Game of the Week:** McDonell at Thorp  
Both the Macks and Cardinals were impressive in opening victories. Staying unbeaten will be a tough proposition.

(71.3%) for 3,427 yards, 36 touchdowns and four interceptions as a high school senior. Burkett hasn't taken many snaps during spring or fall practices open to reporters despite enrolling early, but he clearly has done enough in closed practices to be competing for the role.

Chryst said Monday that he wasn't comfortable saying one was ahead of the other, but both got chances to run the second-team offense during practice this week.

"They both need to be ready, certainly," Chryst said.

UW has had to turn to Wolf twice in the past two seasons after midgame injuries to Mertz. Wolf threw a touchdown and helped the Badgers win against Minnesota in 2020, then stepped in and played all but one drive in the second half after Mertz was hurt in a loss to

Michigan in 2021.

Mertz also couldn't say Monday whether Hill or Burkett had a lead in the race, but he offered thoughts on both of his understudies.

"I think overall just his general knowledge of the offense," Mertz said about Hill's improvements. "Obviously it's an NFL playbook and it's a lot to learn and a lot that you got to own, and I think he's doing a great job of stepping in that role going in there."

Mertz praised Burkett's desire to learn.

"I think one thing about him is he has a ton of great questions and he'll come to me with stuff that's just quick and easy that I can rattle off to him," Mertz said. "Ever since the start, he's been a sponge and just soaking in all the information he can. So they both have been doing a great job."

## THE PICKS WEEK 3



Brandon and the fans each went 8-1 in week two and Brandon carries a one-game lead into the third week of picks.

**BRANDON BERG**

**FAN PICKS**

	Brandon Berg	Fan Picks
Hudson at Chi-Hi	Chi-Hi	Chi-Hi
McDonell at Thorp	McDonell	McDonell
Bloomer at Saint Croix Falls	SCF	SCF
Colfax at Cadott	Cadott	Cadott
Stanley-Boyd at Durand-Arkansas	D-A	S-B
Alma Center Lincoln at Cornell	Cornell	Cornell
Lake Holcombe at Athens	Athens	Athens
New Auburn at Greenwood	Greenwood	New Auburn
Bruce at Gilman	Gilman	Gilman
<b>Record</b>	<b>8-1 (11-1)</b>	<b>8-1 (10-2)</b>

For all the stories, photos, video and more from this week's prep football action, see [chippewa.com](http://chippewa.com) and upcoming editions of The Chippewa Herald.

## Standings & Schedule

### BIG RIVERS

W-L	W-L	Friday's Games
Chippewa Falls 0-0	2-0	
Eau Claire Memorial 0-0	2-0	■ Hudson at Chippewa Falls
Hudson 0-0	2-0	■ Menomonie at Superior
New Richmond 0-0	2-0	■ New Richmond at River Falls
River Falls 0-0	2-0	■ Eau Claire North at Eau Claire Memorial
Eau Claire North 0-0	0-2	
Menomonie 0-0	0-2	
Superior 0-0	0-2	

### CENTRAL WISCONSIN WEST (8-MAN)

W-L	W-L	Friday's Games
Bruce 0-0	1-0	
McDonell 0-0	1-0	■ McDonell at Thorp
Cornell 0-0	0-1	■ Alma Center Lincoln at Cornell
Lake Holcombe 0-0	0-1	■ Lake Holcombe at Athens
New Auburn 0-0	0-1	■ New Auburn at Greenwood
Prairie Farm 0-0	0-1	■ Bruce at Gilman
		■ Prairie Farm at Owen-Withee

### CLOVERBELT

W-L	W-L	Thursday's Game
Eau Claire Regis 0-0	2-0	
Fall Creek 0-0	2-0	■ Neillsville/Granton at Elk Mound
Mondovi 0-0	2-0	■ Eau Claire Regis at Osseo-Fairchild
Durand-Arkansas 0-0	1-1	<b>Friday's Games</b>
Neillsville/Granton 0-0	1-1	■ Stanley-Boyd at Durand-Arkansas
Stanley-Boyd 0-0	1-1	■ Mondovi at Fall Creek
Elk Mound 0-0	0-2	
Osseo-Fairchild 0-0	0-2	

### DUNN-ST. CROIX

W-L	W-L	Friday's Games
Boyceville 0-0	2-0	
Cadott 0-0	2-0	■ Colfax at Cadott
Clear Lake 0-0	2-0	■ Spring Valley at Boyceville
Glenwood City 0-0	2-0	■ Glenwood City at Elmwood/Plum City
Colfax 0-0	1-1	■ Turtle Lake at Clear Lake
Elmwood/Plum City 0-0	1-1	
Spring Valley 0-0	1-1	
Turtle Lake 0-0	1-1	

### HEART O'NORTH

W-L	W-L	Friday's Games
Northwestern 0-0	2-0	
Saint Croix Falls 0-0	2-0	
Spooner 0-0	2-0	
Cumberland 0-0	1-1	■ Bloomer at Saint Croix Falls
Barron 0-0	0-2	■ Barron at Cameron
Bloomer 0-0	0-2	■ Cumberland at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser
Cameron 0-0	0-2	■ Northwestern at Spooner
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 0-0	0-2	

### CENTRAL WISCONSIN EAST (8-MAN)

W-L	W-L	Friday's Games
Athens 0-0	1-0	
Gilman 0-0	1-0	■ McDonell at Thorp
Owen-Withee 0-0	1-0	■ Alma Center Lincoln at Cornell
Thorp 0-0	1-0	■ Lake Holcombe at Athens
Alma Center Lincoln 0-0	0-1	■ New Auburn at Greenwood
Greenwood 0-0	0-1	■ Bruce at Gilman
		■ Prairie Farm at Owen-Withee

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	Comp-Att-Yards-TD-INT	Player	Team	Points
Mason Howard	Chi-Hi	3:129-1		
Nolan Blum	Cadott	1:80-0		
Henry Hoel	S-B	4:72-2		
Landon Karlen	S-B	11:71-0		
David Andersen	McDonell	2:51-1		
Evan Rogge	Bloomer	1:38-0		
Tegan Ritter	Cadott	2:37-0		
Jackson LeMay	Chi-Hi	2:31-0		
Rushing	Att-Yards-TD	Player	Team	Points
Mayson Tester	Chi-Hi	19:226-1		
Dylan Bowe	Cornell	19:197-3		20
Evan Eckes	McDonell	10:147-2		19
Mason Howard	Chi-Hi	28:102-0		18
Evan Eckes	McDonell	12:98-1		18
Dale Tetrault	McDonell	16:97-1		18
Logan Burzynski	S-B	13:95-1		14
Mason Von Haden	Chi-Hi	17:91-0		14
David Andersen	McDonell	27:90-2		12
Dawson Goodman	Chi-Hi	18:90-0		12
Receiving	Catch-Yards-TD	Player	Team	Points
Easton Goodman	Cadott	12		
Henry Hoel	S-B	5:174-2		-
Peter Weir	Cadott	9:140-1		12

### TEAM LEADERS

Offense YPG	Games-Rush-Pass-Total	Defense YPG	Games-Rush-Pass-Total
McDonell	1:211-250-461	Cadott	2:112.5-113-225.5
Stanley-Boyd	2:185.5-149.5-335	Chi-Hi	2:184-105-289
Chi-Hi	2:252-43.5-295.5	Cornell	1:203-92-295
Cadott	2:168-79-247	Lake Holcombe	1:286-20-306
Cornell	1:211-20-231	Stanley-Boyd	2:142-229.5-371.5
Bloomer	2:85.5-57-142.5	Bloomer	2:231.5-155.5-387
Lake Holcombe	1:134-0-134	New Auburn	1:426-0-426
New Auburn	0-0-0-0	McDonell	0-0-0-0

## Badgers

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to keep developing themselves.

"Are they comfortable and consistent with the play, and even just the procedures of playing the game? It's a continual work in progress for everyone. Heck, we're still working on that with Graham, we're working on that with Chase. That hasn't changed."

Hill didn't see the field last season, but he ran the scout team offense. The former three-star recruit has shown top-tier arm strength and the ability to push the ball down the field but has struggled with his accuracy.

Burkett is a former three-star recruit out of Franklin who led his high school team to a Division I state championship last season. He completed 206 of 289 passes

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