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Vikings' K.J. Osborn, three others helped save a life. **C2**

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Kaprizov leaves injured in Wild's victory over Jets. **C3**

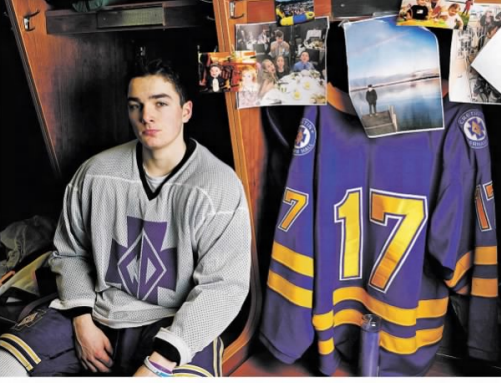
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**BOYS HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENT**



**PLAYING FOR 'MICK'**

**By HEATHER RULE • Special to the Star Tribune**

A high school hockey player taking a knee on the ice with tears flowing as he's consoled by teammates isn't an uncommon scene after a tough championship game. Usually, it's a player on the losing side.

But Cretin-Derham Hall senior Colin Scanlan's emotions poured out after his team won the Class 2A, Section 7 championship with a 4-2 victory over St. Thomas Academy last week.

"It's every kid's dream to go to the state tournament in Minnesota," Scanlan said. "So, to have my brother, my best friend, not be there... to look up in the stands and to not see him there was just a little shattering."

Colin Scanlan's younger brother died Christmas Day, but he and his Cretin-Derham Hall teammates have found new purpose in reaching the state tournament.

**BROTHER/BEST FRIEND**  
Colin Scanlan sat by his brother's locker, filled with photos and tributes after Corrick's death from a rare disease.

Photo by ANTHONY KOSIUSKI/STARTRIBUNE.COM

His younger brother, Corrick "Mick" Scanlan, a sophomore on the Raiders' junior varsity hockey team, suffered a stroke Dec. 6. It was discovered that he had a rare and aggressive form of moyamoya disease, where "one of the main arteries to your brain gets blocked off." Corrick, Mick was born paralyzed until he died Christmas Day.

Coming into the season, Colin hoped to have a big season on the state sheet in his first year on varsity. His focus and perspective shifted in December.

"With all that happened... I was lucky to be able to use a sport that I grew up with as a way to escape the thing that feels truly unimaginable," Colin said.

The hockey rink was his refuge, and he

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**MENS BIG TEN TOURNAMENT**  
GOPHERS 78, NEBRASKA 75  
8 p.m. Thursday vs. Maryland (JIT)

**U finds new confidence and form**

Last-place Gophers turn things around in tournament victory.

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CHICAGO — Ben Johnson's first Big Ten tournament appearance as the Gophers men's basketball coach a year ago didn't last long, ending with an opening-round exit in Indianapolis.

Johnson's second year had been an even bigger struggle from start to finish in conference play, but the postseason offered a chance to take momentum into next year.

As poorly as the Gophers played throughout this season, they were a much more confident team Wednesday night — and it led to a 78-75 win against Nebraska in the Big Ten tournament's first round at the United Center.

"Throughout the year through the different adversity we faced we just kept showing up," Johnson told the

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CHADLER HILL/ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Owens Center looks over the Nebraska defense in the first half. He led the Gophers with 18 points.

**TWINS SPRING TRAINING**

**Larnach back in swing, job unsecured**

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PIET MYERS, Fla. — Trevor Larnach, his manager said this week, has been "lying to get back out there," which is true. But what Larnach really wants is to stay out there.

The Twins' young outfielder was sidelined for March's first week by mild gripiness in his groin, but returned with "some fantastic swings" on Tuesday, according to manager Rocco Baldelli, that produced a single and a well-struck line-out against the Orioles. "I don't know if he could have come back swinging the bat any better."

But whether he will get the opportunity to keep swinging that way remains frustratingly unclear for Larnach. The Twins signed another left-handed corner outfielder, Joey Gallo, in the offseason, traded for Michael A. Taylor to give them additional outfield depth, didn't follow

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**CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS**  
THURSDAY 7 p.m. (CH 45)  
Cretin-Derham Hall vs. Maple Grove, 11 a.m.  
Edina vs. Moorhead, 1 p.m.  
Hill-Murray vs. Minnetonka, 6 p.m.  
Andover vs. Lakeview South, 8 p.m.

**CLASS 1A ROUNDUP**  
**Bohmer's hat trick propels Mahomet**  
24-year-old player had been "malleable" in scoring. Three goals later, not so much. **C5**

**CLASS 1A QUARTERFINALS**  
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS  
Hermontown 6, Luverne 0  
Mahomet 6, Alexandria 3  
Warroad 5, St. Cloud Cathedral 1  
Osseo 2, Northfield 1 (JIT)

**From boot hockey to goals galore, Mayasich's legend endures**

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John Mayasich reached for a small notebook and drew a simple diagram. There were two lines marking what would be Summit Street in Eveleth, Minn., and two goal

mouths, although those were far from each other on opposite sides of a narrow winter street, not on opposite ends.

"We would dig out two goals from the snowbanks along the street, and then would play boot hockey for hours," Mayasich said. "I wish brother Jimmy and I, we were doing this at 8 or 9 years old, and there were players up through high school."

"We might have 30 players — 15 on it — some days."

Mayasich glanced at his diagram and said "I scored most of my goals at a hockey player on my backhand, and that's where I learned it... boot hockey in Eveleth as a kid. There was no other way to get a shot off in those games on Summit Street."

"Two or three blocks of houses on one street, we had 14 kids, maybe 17, play for what we'd now call Division I schools in college hockey... Michigan, Minnesota, Denver, Colorado College."

Mayasich was at the dining

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