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UND goaltender Zach Driscoll stops a point-blank shot from Fighting Hawks forward Ashton Calder (16) during morning practice at Ralph Engelstad Arena in 2021.

What will impact of multi-time transfers be?

The NCAA will now allow unlimited transfers for athletes in good academic standing

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GRAND FORKS — This offseason marks the first time in college hockey history that players can transfer multiple times and be eligible immediately without a waiver.

There's a court case in West Virginia challenging the NCAA's rule that says athletes can transfer once, but a second transfer requires a year of sitting out. While that case is working its way through the system, the NCAA agreed to allow multi-time transfers in this cycle.

The case hasn't been decided yet, but the NCAA won't be fighting it, anymore.

It announced this week there will be no transfer limits as long as the athletes are in good academic standing.

This is for all sports. What impact will it have in the hockey transfer portal?

If this year is any indication, it might not be as big as everyone thinks.

Yes, there are multi-time transfers in the portal. But no, it's not an overwhelming number. And most of them are players who are entering their fifth season, using the free COVID-impacted 2020-21 year.

There will be no COVID-year players left after

next season.

Only four of the 25 players who have made transfer commitments to National Collegiate Hockey Conference teams are multi-time transfers.

Two are fifth-year seniors — Western Michigan-bound defenseman **Brian Kramer** of American International and Robert Morris, and Arizona State-bound forward **Artem Shlaine** of UConn and Northern Michigan.

The other two are goaltenders — UND-bound **T.J. Semptimphelter** of Arizona State and Northeastern, and Arizona State-bound **Luke Pavich** of UMass and UMass Lowell.

Only two of 15 players who have made transfer commitments to the Big Ten are multi-time transfers. Both are fifth-year seniors.

Nearly 40 percent of all Division-I players who have entered the portal this cycle are those with just their free COVID year left.

Brad Malone hanging up the skates

Former UND center **Brad Malone** is making one last run at a championship in the American Hockey League, then he plans to hang up the skates.

Malone, the longest-tenured captain of the

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A tournament close to the heart for GF's Albatross

The Buddy Classic honors owner Andrew Krauseneck's late uncle in hopes of raising money for accessible golf for the community



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Andrew Krauseneck, owner of Albatross in the Columbia Mall, is hosting the Buddy Classic on April 28 to honor his uncle.

BY MAXWELL MARKO
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Accessible golf means a lot to Andrew Krauseneck.

The owner of Albatross Indoor Golf Club has been able to offer a place for the avid golfer to virtually hit the links all year long.

His relationship with his uncle Mark Ward goes beyond passion for accessible golf and the Buddy Classic tournament personifies it.

The tournament, a way to help raise money for accessible amenities for the whole community, is a tribute to Ward.

Ward, who had Down syndrome and Alzheimer's, loved watching Krauseneck play any sport. As Krauseneck grew closer to golf, it was tougher for Ward to join him as he was wheelchair-bound.

"He was my uncle, my godfather, my best



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Albatross owner Andrew Krauseneck (right) will host the Buddy Classic golf tournament to honor his uncle Mark Ward (left).

buddy," Krauseneck said. "He ended up losing his ability to walk in 2019 and wasn't able to live at my folks' home anymore. He ended up moving up here with us and we got him into Valley (Senior Living). He was just the

biggest fan possible. I would take him out golfing all the time and he was my golfing buddy. The whole idea was how can I get him back out on the golf course?"

Now Krauseneck is using his simulator bays

for a fundraising tournament with the goal of a wheelchair-accessible golf cart for the Greater Grand Forks community.

"I did some research and found these carts that have fold-out ramps attached and that allow you to be strapped in and not fall out. And then I started thinking there has got to be other folks that want to do this. It can't just be us," he said. He wanted there to be an opportunity for everyone who didn't have the ability to ride in a traditional golf cart to be out on the course.

"Whether that's Alzheimer's or Parkinson's or MS or a developmental disability," Krauseneck said. "It's an opportunity to tag along and still hang out with their buddy."

The Classic started last year with around 15 teams participating in a two versus two three-hole scramble match-style

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TRACK & FIELD

Central's Thomas has state's No. 2 throws in three events



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Grand Forks Central's Ethan Thomas throws the javelin during the North Dakota track and field season in 2023.

Thomas is eyeing three school records, ultimately three state titles

BY TOM MILLER
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — Senior Ethan Thomas needed some prodding from Grand Forks Central track and field coach Sean Allan to join the sport as a freshman.

"Coach Allan would stop me outside math class and he could see a 6-foot-4 skinny kid, and he wanted me on the track team," Thomas said. "My older sister (Jasmine) was on the track team, and I needed a ride home, so I thought I might as well join."

Allan's coaxing is paying off in big ways already this season.

Thomas has North

Dakota's second-best throw in the shot put, discus and javelin.

It's a huge jump for Thomas, who didn't compete in shot put or discus at the state meet a year ago and finished eighth in the javelin.

"He put in an astronomical amount of work over the winter," Allan said. "He's really dedicated himself to improving and being a factor this year. He's having fun doing it. He put the work in. It's all on him and his throwing coaches. It's great to see that success."

When Thomas, who grew up in England before his military family moved to Grand Forks in 2017, came out for track and field as a freshman,

things didn't come easy.

"In the shot put, I was terrible," he said. "I threw 29 feet, which is kind of bad. Javelin was the one thing I knew I had the most potential. Coach (Tim) Tandeski was really good in teaching me javelin."

Thomas took advantage of the mild winter in Grand Forks this offseason.

"I was able to be outside up until December," Thomas said. "I basically threw all the way from the end of the track season to December. It was just throwing, throwing, throwing. It was the weight room, too. I gained about 30 pounds on my

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Submitted photo

Albatross owner Andrew Krauseneck (left) poses with uncle Mark Ward (right). Krauseneck hosts the Buddy Classic golf tournament to honor Ward.

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tournament. They ended up raising around half of the money needed for the cart and are now expecting to have another great crowd this year.

On April 28, the Buddy Classic returns to Albatross, and for anyone who cannot participate in the tournament, there are still plenty of ways to help that are open to the public. There will be longest drive and closest to the pin games along with a 50/50 raffle and silent auction.

Even if the money is raised for the

wheelchair-accessible cart, the goal is to continue to have this tournament annually for Krauseneck. Next on the horizon is an even more accessible cart that allows wheelchair-bound golfers to stand up and swing from the cart.

“Before the first tournament last year, we decided we were going to do it afterward even if we got the funding in the first tournament. We would pick another cause. We haven’t decided exactly but we will try to work on something you could actually play out of,” he said.

While Ward passed

away in September, he is still very much a big part of this tournament. He is the identity.

“The logo is a picture of him giving his classic thumbs up. We took some of Mark’s old handwriting from when he was a kid and pieced it together for the Buddy Classic logo so it’s actually his handwriting,” he said.

The apparel available for sale contributed a good amount to the fund-raising. The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. on April 28. More information about registration can be found at albatross-gf.com or by calling 701-757-3220.

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Bakersfield (Calif.) Condors, has had an excellent pro career since graduating from UND in 2011.

Malone played 217 NHL games for the Colorado Avalanche, Carolina Hurricanes and Edmonton Oilers. He’s also played more than 550 AHL games.

Bakersfield will honor Malone before Saturday’s game.

“It has been a 20-year journey since I left home, and this is the only place I’ve called home since leaving,” Malone said. “I’m most proud of the relationships we’ve made here with close friends and the culture we’ve created on and off the ice. I’m thankful for my family, staff, teammates and everyone I was able to learn from that came before me. I’m not a leader who leads by himself and I’m proud of our team success and looking forward to a long postseason run.”

Malone was part of UND’s prolific Pony Express Line during the 2010-11 season alongside Evan Trupp and Matt Frattin.

Zach Parise finishes just shy of James Patrick

Former UND star Zach Parise played his final regular-season NHL game Thursday night for the Colorado Avalanche. He has said multiple times he will retire after the playoff run.

Parise will finish just 26 games shy of James Patrick for the most NHL regular-season games by a former UND player.

Patrick is at 1,280.

Parise is at 1,254. In style, Parise scored a goal in his final NHL regular-season game.

Now, it’s on to the playoffs, where Parise will try

to win a Stanley Cup. He came close in 2012, leading the New Jersey Devils to the final, but Parise lost to his old UND roommate Matt Greene and the Los Angeles Kings in six games.

Rocco Grimaldi named AHL second-teamer

Former UND forward Rocco Grimaldi was named an AHL second-team all-star.

Grimaldi, who plays for the Chicago Wolves, ranks third in the AHL in goals (34) and second in points (69) heading into the final weekend of the regular season. He has factored in on more than a third of Chicago’s goals this season.

Grimaldi played in the AHL All-Star Game earlier this season.

UND players heading to Worlds

A couple of former UND players have confirmed they plan to play for Team USA at the IIHF Men’s World Championship next month in Czechia.

Ottawa Senators player Shane Pinto and Jake Sanderson both told assembled media Thursday in Ottawa they are expecting to head overseas.

Sanderson scored 10 goals and tallied 38 points in 79 games for the Senators. He registered a plus-8 rating.

Pinto scored nine goals and tallied 27 points in 41 games for Ottawa. He was a plus-9.

UND recruits chasing Clark Cup

Several UND recruits will be in action this weekend in the United States Hockey League’s Clark Cup playoff quarterfinals.

Forward Mac Swanson (2024 recruit) and the Fargo Force will take on forward Cooper Simpson (2025 of 2026) and the

Tri-City Storm. Fargo hosts Games 1 and 2 on Saturday and Monday.

Defenseman Jayden Jubenvill (2024) and the Dubuque Fighting Saints will take on defenseman Andrew Strathmann (2024) and Youngstown.

Muskegon, which features three commits, will take on Green Bay. Muskegon features forwards Sacha Boisvert (2024), Cody Croal (2024) and David Klee (2024 or 2025).

Quick hits

- Two of UND’s three transfers have now signed — Semptimphelter and forward Carter Wilkie.

- UND has not yet announced defenseman Caleb MacDonald, who verbally committed to join the Fighting Hawks in the fall as a sophomore.

- Former UND forward Michael Emerson, a sixth-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes, will transfer to Merrimack, according to Mike McMahon of College Hockey News. Emerson left UND midseason to return to the Chicago Steel in the United States Hockey League. Green Bay knocked the Steel out of the playoffs earlier this week. Emerson will have three years of college eligibility left.

- Former UND star Brock Boeser was held out of Vancouver’s final regular-season game Thursday night. Vancouver had already wrapped up the division title. Boeser finished the season with 40 goals, a career-high.

- Boston College forward Ryan Leonard, the No. 8 overall draft pick of the Washington Capitals, announced he plans to return to school for his sophomore year. Leonard tallied 60 points as a freshman.

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max lifts.”

The ascent wasn’t always smooth.

“It was hard,” Thomas said. “It was up and down the entire summer, changing form. It was a really rocky road. Some days were tough, not going to lie. It was the good days that kept me going.”

Thomas threw the shot put 55 feet, 1 inch at Central’s first outdoor meet of the season on April 13.

The throw, which would’ve taken second at the state meet last year, is just behind top thrower in Bismarck’s 6-foot-6, 315-pound Jack Shaffer by only 2 inches.

Shaffer, who has college football offers from schools such as Wisconsin and Kansas State, also has the No. 1 throw in the discus at 180 feet, 8 inches. Thomas is No. 2 at 180 feet.

Thomas’ best throw in the javelin is 181-9, which is less than 3 feet behind top thrower Zach Lilly of Fargo Davies.

Thomas said Tandeski has been a major force in his development.

“It’s no surprise Coach Tandeski is the one who put the passion in the sport for me,” Thomas said. “You can teach a movement but it’s really hard to teach the passion. He’s one of the best track coaches in North Dakota or even the U.S. He really made me think you can be something good in this sport.”

Thomas, who plans to throw at UND in college, has already accomplished one of his senior goals.

Thomas has qualified for state in all three throwing disciplines, something he said hasn’t been done at Central since Peter Gibbs in the early 2000s.

Thomas is also eyeing school records.

“Right now I’m second all-time in the javelin, second all-time in discus and third all-time in shot,” Thomas said.

“We’ll see if I can get over the humps and get those first-place spots.”

“Ultimately, I’m shooting for the big triple — a triple win at state. Based on the state results I’ve seen, that hasn’t been done since 1913.”

Greater Grand Forks track at-a-glance

GF Central girls

Coach: Lindi Chadwick.

2023 finish: Didn’t score at state meet.

Key returners: Sr. Emily Arnold; sr. Emma Haskamp; sr. Tennasyn Henry; sr. Aria Kindseth; sr. Brynn Moen; sr. Katelyn Stern; jr. Gretta Gebhard; jr. Kendra Haag; soph. Jacie Reardon.

Top newcomers: Soph. Halle Kohlmeier; fr. Claire Fiala; fr. Emma Brown; fr. Kendra Kuznia.

Coach Chadwick says: “Even though our numbers are small, we do have girls who can compete. It’s new people stepping up, and there’s a lot of diversity of girls willing to be put in any event. They’re coming together and willing to put in the work for any event.”

GF Red River girls Coach: Adam Eckert. 2023 finish: Second place at state.

Key returners: Jr.

Sophie Brakke (fifth long jump, 10th triple jump, sixth 300 hurdles, sixth 100 hurdles); jr. Bryn Larson (18th triple jump); sr. Morgan Hartzel (state champion 4x800 relay, state champion 4x400 relay, fifth 800); sr. Jocelyn Schiller (state champion 4x800 relay, state champion 4x400 relay, state champion 400); sr. Ella Weippert (state champion javelin); fr. Jocelyne Hoefs (eighth high jump).

Top newcomers: Soph. Ava Parks; jr. Abigail Baker.

Coach Eckert says:

“We’re a young group after graduating quite a few good athletes. We’re trying to fill those positions and have some strong up-and-comers. Our mid-distance is probably our strongest qualifiers right now. We have a solid core of athletes who could really do more than four events but it’s limited.”

EGF Senior High girls

Coach: Liesa Hanson.

2023 finish: 11th in Section 8AA meet.

Key returners: Sr. Shali Anderson (sixth in 100 hurdles at 8AA, sixth in 4x100 at 8AA); jr. Camryn Adams (sixth in 4x100 at 8AA, ninth in 4x200 at 8AA, eighth in 4x400 at 8AA, 23rd in triple jump at 8AA); sr. Erin Bowman (26th in 200 at 8AA, ninth in 4x200 at 8AA); fr. Jerzey Perkerewicz (16th in 400 at 8AA, 17th in triple jump at 8AA, eighth in 4x400 at 8AA, seventh in 4x800 at 8AA); jr. Katherine Allard (16th in 800 at 8AA, eighth in 4x400 at 8AA, seventh in 4x800 at 8AA); eighth-grader Geena Jordheim (sixth in 4x100 at 8AA, ninth in 4x200 at 8AA, eighth in 4x400 at 8AA); eighth-grader Meredith Allard (seventh in 4x800 at 8AA).

Top newcomers: Soph. Ruby Leach.

Coach Hanson says:

“My top returner from last year is Shali in the hurdles. I think in the short hurdles she has won all her races. She’s looking strong. We have some good returning veteran athletes that provide good leadership. We have quite a few kids out. I have 28 at high school and 11 eighth-graders who think track is the greatest thing ever, so that’s really exciting. There’s a lot of emerging talent and potential for our program. The girls program has been down as far as numbers, so it’s exciting to feel like we’re on the upswing.”

GF Central boys

Coach: Sean Allan.

2023 finish: Ninth at state.

Key returners: Sr. Kyen Poole (13th discus); sr. Ethan Thomas (eighth javelin); sr. Curtis Sande (23rd 800, 12th 4x400 relay); jr. Danny Suedel (12th 4x400 relay).

Top newcomers: Sr. Jack Simmers; jr. Talib Berry; jr. Brayden Dirckx; jr. Talan Lunski; soph. Brody Melicher.

Coach Allan says:

“We have a really nice mixture with some seniors with Ethan, Kyen, Jack and Curtis who are going to lead things, but I have a really great sophomore and freshman group that is starting to mature. They’ll add more as the season goes along. We have a nice balance.”

GF Red River boys Coach: Jeff Bakke.

2023 finish: Eighth at state.

Key returners: Jr. Isaiah Gaye (24th long jump, fifth triple jump); jr. Elijah Dafoe (ninth 3,200, 20th 1,600, seventh 4x800 relay, 17th 800); jr. Joe Quinn (20th 3,200); sr. Michal Larsen-Schmidt (15th 1,600, seventh 4x800 relay, 20th 800); sr. Grant Hoffarth (seventh 4x800 relay, fourth 4x400 relay); sr. Ben Strand (13th triple jump); jr. Brody Andrade (eighth 4x200 relay, fourth 4x400 relay).

Top newcomers: Sr. Zach Oehlke; jr. Daniel Severud; soph. Jack Matson; sr. Josh Neil; soph. Owen Martin; jr. Kyle Schafer; sr. David Radke; jr. Asa Berberich; jr. JB Walters; jr. Tyler Thoreson.

Coach Bakke says:

“Our strength so far has been on the track. We’ve had some really strong performances in 400 meters and up. We have a really good cross country team in the fall so we have a strong group of distance runners and they have been really impressive. Moving down in distance, we have a really impressive group of longer sprinters like 400 runners that have been outstanding so far. We graduated a big group of seniors who were really talented. I think they understandably received attention in previous years and maybe overshadowed these kids in the past but now it’s their turn to step up and a lot of them have. A lot of them worked really hard. They’re getting rewarded this year.”

EGF Senior High boys

Coach: Roger Hanson. 2023 finish: Ninth in Section 8AA meet.

Key returners: Soph. Jez Jones (22nd in 100 at 8AA, 10th in 4x100 at 8AA); sr. Hunter Jordheim (ninth in 3,200 at 8AA, 10th in mile at 8AA); jr. Jaxon Mahar (15th in mile at 8AA, 18th in 3,200 at 8AA); jr. Weston Mahar (seventh in 4x800 at 8AA, 16th in 3,200 at 8AA); jr. Messi Kalenda (10th in shot put at 8AA, 19th in discus at 8AA); soph. Nolan Kluck (18th in mile at 8AA, seventh in 4x800 at 8AA); sr. Brayden Carlson (5th in 400 at 8AA, third in 4x400 at 8AA); sr. Brady Loer (third in 4x100 at 8AA, seventh in 4x800 at 8AA, 19th in 400 at 8AA); sr. Cooper Boushee (seventh in 4x800 at 8AA, 27th in 400 at 8AA); sr. Charles Nelson (25th in 800 at 8AA); sr. Tate Moore (25th in 200 at 8AA); sr. Jace Fore (third in 4x400 at 8AA, 10th in 4x100 at 8AA); jr. Rylan Gravos (10th in 4x100 at 8AA); jr. Maverick Martine (sixth in discus at 8AA, 13th in shot put at 8AA); jr. Eliot Afshari (ninth in pole vault at 8AA); sr. Juvenal Chavez (25th in long jump at 8AA, 28th in triple jump at 8AA).

Top newcomers: Jr. Rylan Slack; jr. Austin Rusling; soph. Daj Hall; sr. Jonah Vandervort.

Coach Hanson says: “One of our strengths is our throwers. They compete. I like Jez Jones in the triple jump and maybe hurdles. Our star is Carlson. He’s definitely the one college coaches are looking at. I’ll have a good 4x400 and can compete in all the relays. I probably have almost 40 kids out.”