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Coaches Scott Thorson and Shaun Wanner attend to Jackson Doeden after he suffered a deep thigh bruise. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tom Woods has been keeping stats for the GHS football team for 28 years. He has only missed four games in that time period, including the one he will miss on Saturday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Tigers advance to state semifinals

Groton Area defeated Custer, 16-14, as a first quarter safety determined the difference in the score.

Groton Area will now travel to Rapid City on Saturday to take on St. Thomas More at the School of Mines field. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. CST (6:30 p.m. MST).

Check www.397news.com for more information on the blogging of the game. The GDI will be providing updates of the game throughout the evening.



Two buses were taken to Custer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jenifer Fjelstad, Macy Knecht, Aubray Harry, Kari Hanson, Kellyn Fluke, Hailey Hanson and Emily Raap braved the cold to cheer the Groton Area football team on to a victory Monday at Custer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The team stopped at the football field in Wall for a little practice and to stretch. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The team eating at Pizza Ranch in Ft. Pierre. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Some of the girls walking to downtown Wall to get some necessary heat gear. (Photo by Paul Kosel)


The elevation of Groton is 1,302 feet while the elevation of Custer is 5,315.

The blog done by the Groton Daily Independent had 1,597 views yesterday and 34 views today, setting an all-time record for the most views done by the GDI. <http://blog.397news.com/custergame>

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Groton Snow Queen Contest



Kasey Waage, daughter of Jay and Jonna Waage, was chosen as the first runner-up; Kaitlin O'Neill, daughter of Steve O'Neill and Robin O'Neill, was chosen as the Senior Snow Queen; Natalia Dohman, daughter of David and Tammy Dohman, was chosen as second runner-up; and Katherine LaMee, daughter of William and Laurie LaMee, was chosen as Miss Congeniality.



Gia Gengerke, daughter of Shawn and Lara Gengerke, was chosen as first runner-up in the Junior Snow Queen Contest; Jessica Bjerke, daughter of Jerry and Kathy Bjerke, was chosen as the Junior Snow Queen; and Hannah Lewandowski, daughter of Brad and Becky Lewandowski, was chosen as the second runner-up.



Kari Hanson won the senior talent division. She sang a solo entitled, "All That Jazz." Lyrics by Fred Ebb and music by John Kander.



Allison Weber did a solo during the senior talent contest. She sang, "Gone, Gone, Gone" by Phillip Phillips.



Audrey Wanner won the junior talent division. She sang a solo entitled, "Pretty Hurts" by Beyonce.



Tom Woods was the Master of Ceremonies.



Lars Hanson was revealed as Frosty.



Caroline Bahr, daughter of Brian and Rachel Bahr, is the Snow Princess and Zander Harry, son of Steve and Zenaida Harry, was chosen as the Snow Prince.

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Our monthly meeting was held on Monday, Nov. 3 with 17 members present. Plans were finalized for the Turkey Shoot which is Saturday, November 8 starting at 7:30. We will be serving food in the kitchen starting at 6:30, and then hosting the cake walk and providing support for BINGO at 7:30. All auxiliary members are asked to bring one cake for the cake walk to the Legion by 7PM on November 8. Our menu is BBQ, Nachos supreme, nachos, bars, and coffee.

Next, LaVonne Helmer reported on her dictionaries to 3rd grade event at the Groton Area Elementary school on October 17. Then final plans were discussed where several members will be volunteering at the Sioux Falls Veteran Hospital on December 2 to help with the Christmas gift shop. To honor our local Veterans, we would like to invite all Veterans and spouses to the Legion from 4 to 6 on Tuesday, November 11, where appetizers will be served. We also put up a Christmas tree in the Legion to honor and remember all of our Veterans during this holiday season. Don't forget to attend the Veterans Day program at the arena on Veterans Day!

For new business, our membership chairman Gertie Erickson, said that we have 69 paid members for 2014-15, which puts us at 60% of our 115 membership goal. I would like to remind auxiliary members to pay your \$19 dues to Gertie as soon as possible.

In closing, it was decided to have our annual Christmas potluck instead of a formal meeting on December 1st. All members are invited to attend and bring something for everyone to enjoy! Supper will begin at 6:30.

Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Ten Pins 25, Farm Girls 19.5, James Valley 19, Jungle Lanes 18.5, Ken's 15.5, Golden Girls 10.5.

High Games: Joyce Walter 189, Mavis Rossow 181, Nicole Kassube 173.

High Series: Joyce Walter 496, Penny Stolle 468, Vickie Kramp 465.

Conde National

Team Standings: Mets 11.5, Braves 11, Cubs 10, Giants 10, Colts 9, Pirates 8.5.

Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 204, Cliff Kuckelburg 197, Bryce Dargatz 183.

Men's High Series: Lance Frohling 512, Cliff Kuckelburg 503, Larry Frohling 502.

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 191, Joyce Walter 180, Nicole Kassube 165.

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 512, Vickie Kramp 474, Breanna Kuckelburg 426.

Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Pocket Gophers 4, Jack-elpes 3, Killer Chihuahuas 2, Chipmunks 2, Coyotes 1, Foxes 0

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 226, 218, 214, Ziggy 225, Roger Spanier 218, Craig Dunker 204, 201

Women's High Games: Dar Larson 186, 164, Darci Spanier 166, Tasha Dunker 162

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The snort that saved a life

He was a trucker, and overweight like a lot of these guys and gals who drag freight cross-country, and his wife came with him to make sure that he told everything. He described struggling to stay awake while driving that had been going on for years, but as he's gained weight and grown older the problem's been getting worse. Then, she added, he snores loudly and recently she's heard spells of not breathing followed by a snort, coughing, and up to the bathroom.

This informed wife said to me, "Do you think he could have sleep apnea?" She was right and the diagnosis was confirmed by a sleep study, and I think treatment saved his life. His was the classic case, which includes a wife who worries about her husband's snorting during sleep.

Sometimes patients with this condition don't come in with such a perfect picture, however. They might have only a morning headache, an irregular heart rhythm, worsening leg swelling, increasing nighttime urinary frequency, anger and memory issues, or even just a dry mouth. Or worse, it may be severe hypertension, a new heart attack or stroke, or a sleep-induced motor vehicle accident.

Although sleep apnea is more common in men, smokers, obese, and elderly, it can also occur in women, non-smokers, thin people, and youth... even children. It runs in families with inherited anatomy like short necks, recessed jaws, small nasal passages, and is made worse in those who take tranquilizers, sedatives, or alcohol before bed.

Experts now estimate that at least 12-18 million Americans have moderate to severe sleep apnea. That's about 5% of the population and likely that number is higher since this condition too often goes undiagnosed.

In a 14 year Australian study of 30-65 year olds, about 7% of the people without apnea died over that period of time, while 33% of those with moderate to severe sleep apnea died... almost a five-fold difference. A similar increase in death rate with sleep apnea was found in a Wisconsin study. Here's good news: there is reduction in death rate with treatment.

Do you think you could have sleep apnea? Don't wait for your wife to get you to the doctor. Ask about having a sleep study, it could save your life.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Plan Now for Next Year's Insurance Coverage to Avoid Unpleasant Surprises
By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Last fall I followed a Hastings, Neb., woman as she shopped for health insurance for her husband and daughter. (She was disabled and covered under Medicare.) After three months of calling toll free numbers, visiting with insurance agents, talking to insurance exchange officials, she was frustrated and confused. The family finally chose a high deductible, bronze level offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield through the Nebraska health insurance exchange.

In return for a low monthly premium of \$322 (after an Obamacare subsidy of \$141), the family assumed a \$6,325 deductible for each person covered. It was the classic insurance gamble, and they lost. The woman's husband was hospitalized for kidney stones, and the bill about equaled the deductible. The family is whittling it down; the hospital is aggressively trying to collect its money. The family is now willing to pay more for better insurance coverage.

But they don't have long to think about it. Once open enrollment begins again on Nov. 15, they have only one month to make a change, or the government will automatically re-enroll her in her current plan. Like millions of other Americans who have been covered by insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act, she was not aware of this latest twist. There has been nothing straightforward about signing up for Obamacare, and there's nothing straightforward about the process for re-enrolling. One thing is clear. If you don't follow the rules, you could end up paying more for your insurance in 2015 even if you keep the same policy.

Review your coverage and make a change if necessary. And pronto! Here are the basics.

If you received a subsidy last year to buy coverage and gave the exchange permission to request your latest income information from the IRS, you need to visit the exchange and simply update the financial details on which your new subsidy will be based. If you don't

do that by Dec. 15, you will receive the same tax subsidy--and remain in the same policy--as last year.

That could bring an unwelcome surprise. Not only might you be stuck with a policy you don't like, but you may be paying more out of pocket in 2015. Let's say last year someone was enrolled in a plan with a \$200 monthly premium and got a subsidy of \$150. The person's monthly out-of-pocket was \$50. But for next year the monthly premium increases to \$220, but the subsidy stays the same because the income information was not updated. The policyholder will now pay \$70 out of pocket each month instead of \$50.

When Americans file their income tax returns next spring, the government will settle up with policyholders. Those who overpaid insurance premiums from their own pockets will get tax refunds; those whose subsidies turn out to be too large, based on their 2014 income, will have to send a check to the IRS to make up the difference.

While small differences in monthly out-of-pocket expenses---in this example \$20---may seem trivial, even a seemingly small amount can be big deal for many people buying their own health insurance on the exchanges.

The actuarial consulting firm Milliman has found that even small premium increases---in the 5 percent range---can lead to out-of-pocket increases of between 30 and 100 percent for those with low incomes if income information is not updated. Data suggest that most individuals with exchange policies have incomes of \$25,000 or less and most families have incomes around \$50,000, says Paul Houchens, an actuary with Milliman.

Houchens told me several reasons premiums will be higher this year for many exchange buyers. (Some will see decreases.) Insurers, which offered super low rates in the exchanges last year to entice more customers to their plans, are finding they need to increase their premiums. And in many parts of the country the benchmark plan (the second lowest cost silver level policy) on which subsidies are based has changed, meaning higher premiums for some people.

Premiums also go up each year gradually each year you get older. Because the Affordable Care Act allows insurers to charge older people three times more than younger ones, older people will certainly feel the pinch if last year's subsidy is too low. They might get larger subsidies if they reapply.

What happens if you got a tax credit last year but did not give the exchange permission to request updated financial information from the IRS? Here is where it really gets dicey. You must visit the exchange and go through the process all over again to see if you are eligible for a subsidy. If you don't do that by Dec. 15, you will be automatically re-enrolled and will get no subsidy for January.

If you decide before open enrollment ends on Feb. 15, that you want a different policy and you do update your information, you'll get a subsidy for the rest of the year. "This is a big issue for older people and those with lower incomes," says Houchens, "The value of the subsidy could be several hundred dollars."

We want to hear your questions and comments about your healthcare experiences. Tell us about your experiences with the Affordable Care Act and signing up for the exchange in your state. Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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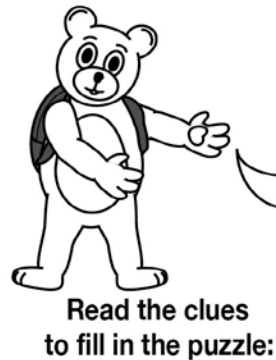
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- park known for waterfalls; people flocked to this area during Gold Rush (California)
- home to Old Faithful and the largest collection of geysers and hot springs in the world; grizzly bears, elk, wolves, herds of bison, bighorn sheep, bears (WY, MT, ID)
- park features America's highest peak at 20,320 feet; still home to Alaskan Natives who make use of all park lands (Alaska)
- over 2,000 natural stone arches in this park; balancing rocks show off red rock against the blue sky (Utah)
- park's Cadillac Mountain is tallest on the east coast; Oct. 7 to March 6 it is the first spot in the U.S. where you can see the sunrise (Maine)
- recorded heat over 120 degrees F for 43 days straight; Badwater Basin is the lowest place in U.S. - 282 feet below sea level (CA, NV)
- park is called Hawai'i _____ and is home to three active ones (Hawaii)
- many rock formations in _____ park are over a billion years old; many relics from the Native Americans who once called this home (Virginia)
- _____ Mountain park; 300 miles of hiking trails; fantastic views (Colorado)
- the Grand _____ shows the history of the earth through its many layers; 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide and over a mile deep (Arizona)
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The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has about "...65 species of mammals, over 200 varieties of birds, 67 native fish species, and more than 80 types of reptiles and amphibians!" An estimated 1,500 American Black Bears live there. Check out the animals in these other parks!

Read each clue and match it to the animals it describes:

- Wild horses on an island (MD, VA) where they still run free. They have a diet of salt marsh plants and brush.
- Brought to America by Spanish explorers to eat and to clear land. Live in Pinnacles National Park in California.
- Yellowstone (WY) is the only place these have lived since prehistoric times. Largest land mammals in North America.
- Reptiles that have lighter skin and narrower snout than an alligator. They live in the Everglades (FL).
- These water mammals are some of the smartest animals on the planet. Many swim in Biscayne National Park (FL).
- These felines hunt alone at night. They perk up their tall ears in Badlands National Park in South Dakota.

- A. Bison
- B. American Crocodiles
- C. Wild Pigs
- D. Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins
- E. Bobcats (Lynx)
- F. Chincoteague Ponies or Assateague Horses

Who Came Back?

These animals were considered to be a threat in the parks and were removed. Loss of habitat and disease also caused their numbers to fall. By the early 1900s they were almost gone.

People began to change their minds about this animal and brought 41 from Canada (and Montana) and released them into Yellowstone.

Follow the dots to see who this animal is:

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks:

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Groton makes it to the final four

There are only four teams left in the Class 11B Football Playoffs. Groton Area defeated Custer, 16-14; McCook Central/Montrose defeated Aberdeen Roncalli, 23-21; Parkston shut out Canton, 46-0; and St. Thomas More defeated Bon Homme, 45-20.

That means Groton Area will travel to St. Thomas More and McCook Central/Montrose will travel to Parkston as the final four battle it out for the opportunity to play in the DakotaDome in Vermillion at 1:30 p.m. on November 13th. "St. Thomas More is very athletic," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "They have good speed and can throw the ball. They have a three-year starting quarterback and a good wide receiver. Sometimes the best teams don't always win - we'll have to wait and see. There's no pressure on us. We're the underdog. We've gotten better as the year went on and the kids are playing their best football right now. We'll have to go back out there and get after it."

The St. Thomas More game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. CST.

It was a single play on Custer's first possession of the game that spelled the difference in the final score 45 minutes later as the Tigers went on to win by two points. "Who would have thought that a safety would determine the outcome of the game," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "Our kids did a great job."

Custer started out from its own 20 yard line as Groton kicked the ball into the end zone. The Wildcats got a first down, but then on fourth and seven, Custer punted the ball. On the punt, Austin Merkel blocked the punt and Alec Voss made the tackle into the end zone with 9:13 left in the first quarter as Groton took a 2-0 lead with the safety.

Groton's first possession started at its own 38 yard line. The Tigers got three first downs, one had to be determined by a mea-



McClain Lone breaks through the huddle first as the Tiger defense is being introduced. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The pass was intended for Custer's David Gaston, but Seric Shabazz defended him well and Adam Herman was right there to catch the ball to end the game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

surement on third and eight, when Spencer Knecht scored on a 19 yard run. Jacob Milbrandt kicked the PAT and Groton took a 9-0 lead with 5:19 left in the first quarter.

Custer's next possession was fruitless as the Wildcats punted on fourth and nine. Groton took over on its 31 yard line. But then, Jackson Doeden went up the middle and in the process, he suffered a deep thigh bruise and was down on the field. "He got hit on the side by a helmet - the area where there is no padding," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "It's going to be sore for the next couple of days. He may be back on Saturday, but we'll have to practice as if he won't be able to play." That led to some confusion on the next play and Wanner called time-out with 2:19 left in the first quarter. "We had to make some adjustments," Wanner

said, "but the kids did well." Groton punted on fourth and one as Custer took over on its own 26 yard line.

Custer took over with 1:32 left in the first quarter and took a fourth and two into the second quarter. The Wildcats were going to go for it, but then called time out. They ended up punting. Groton took over on its own 38 yard line, but a holding penalty on Groton made it first and 22. Another holding penalty made it first and 28. Groton then fumbled the ball, but recovered it. Soon it was third and 28. The Tigers punted on fourth and 27 and the Wildcats had good field position at the Tiger 41 yard line with 8:37 left in the half. Tabin Elmore had a big run for Custer and the Wildcats were at the Tiger 13 yard line. With 6:52 left in the half, Elmore scores on a seven-yard run. The PAT kick was

good and it was a 9-7 Groton lead.

Groton took over on its own 21 yard line to start its next drive. The Tigers had three first downs - two by Spencer Knecht and one with an Adam Herman catch. Knecht then had a big run down to the one-yard line, but a penalty recalled the play and instead for first and goal from the one-yard line, it was Second and 23. Groton was unable to recover from that play and the Wildcats took over from their own 34 yard line with 1:14 left in the half. They completed a pass and were quickly in Tiger territory at the 45 yard line. "We need to get out of this half 9-7," Wanner said as he was getting anxious with the quick Custer movement. The Wildcat receiver dropped the ball at the Tiger 15 yard line. Custer got a first down and the ball down to the Tiger 30



Jackson Doeden watches as Tom Woods and Scott Thorson try to repair his helmet at the start of the game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

yard line with 35 seconds left in the half. Then the Wildcats fumbled the ball and Adam Herman pounced on it to stop the Wildcat drive. Wanner got his wish as Groton led at halftime, 9-7.

“We made the adjustments at halftime (without Jackson Doeden playing) and I thought we shut them down in the second half,” Wanner said. “Spencer played really well. He had to go into out single wing and he’s never done that before. He did a good job. Seric (Shabazz) did a great job coming in as a freshman playing in a big game like this.”

Groton had possession of the ball to start the third quarter. After three first-downs, the Tigers had a to punt on fourth and five. Bennett Shabazz had a nice kick that landed the ball at the one-yard line. The Wildcats were considering going for it on fourth down and short, but called for a delay of game, so they ended up punting. Groton had excellent field position starting at the Custer 29 yard line. The Tigers got a first down and the ball was down to the 16. On fourth and one from the six yard line, Spencer Knecht runs into the end zone. Jacob Milbrandt kicked the PAT and Groton took a 17-6 lead with 1:08 left in the third quarter.

A penalty on Groton forced a rekick and the Wildcats had a 40 yard return to set up its drive at the Tiger 46 yard line. Carter Jondahl had a nice tackle and a holding penalty on Custer made it second and 21. The Wildcat drive went into the fourth quarter and they ended up punting on fourth and 20.

Groton took over on its own 32 yard line.

But then, a holding penalty on Groton followed by a Tiger fumble that was recovered by the Wildcats put Custer at the Groton 27 yard line. If that wasn’t enough, Groton was called for pass interference and it was first and 10 at the 12 yard line. Custer also fumbled the ball, but recovered it to make it second and 22. Thompsen then scored on a 24-yard pass play. The PAT kick was good and it was back to a two-point game, 16-14, with 9:16 left in the game.

Groton took over on its 28 yard line. The Tigers fell short of a first down and ended up punting on fourth and one at the Tiger 38 yard line. Custer had the ball at its own 35 yard line and ended up punting on fourth and 19.

Now time was getting to be a big factor. Groton was third and 10 at the Custer 23 yard line with 2:11 left in the game. On fourth and five, Custer calls time-out to stop the clock. Spencer Knecht muscled his way to a first down at the Custer 14. Shabazz made it down to the eight yard line on second down as Custer called another time out with 1:16 left. Shabazz’s run made it third and four as Custer used its final time out. Knecht got the ball down to the nine yard line with the clock running. Just before the official started counting, Groton called time-out with 20 seconds left. It was close for a first down as Custer took over at its own seven yard line with 15 seconds left. On a big pass play, it was intercepted by Adam Herman as the game ended with Groton winning, 16-14. Groton had more first downs, 14-8. The Tigers had more



Spencer Knecht led the Tigers with 28 carries for 129 yards and he had six tackles. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Bennett Shabazz had 20 carries for 82 yards and had several punt and kickoff returns. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

yards rushing with 55 carries for 227 yards and Custer had 23 carries for 65 yards. Leaders for Groton were Spencer Knecht with 28 carries for 129 yards, Bennett Shabazz had 20 carries for 82 yards, Jackson Doeden had five carries for 16 yards and Kelby Hawkins carried the ball twice for no gain. Joel Thomsen led Custer with nine carries for 33 yards, Tabin Elmore had six carries for 12 yards, Alex Kortemeyer had five for 11 yards and Anthony Jones had three carries for nine yards.

Tabin Elmore led Custer in passing, completing seven of 15 passes for 88 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Joel Thomsen had three catches for 53 yards. Kelby Hawkins completed two of four Groton passes for 22 yards, both caught by Adam



Nick Dalchow and Alec Voss bump into each other as the team is being introduced. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Herman.

Groton had two fumbles and lost one while Custer lost one of two fumbles.

The Tigers had a bunch of penalties, six for 65 yards. Custer had five for 30 yards.

Defensive leaders for Groton were Carter Jondahl with eight

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Redfield-Doland beats Lady Tigers, 3-1

Groton Area lost a tough battle with Redfield-Doland in volleyball action Thursday night in Groton. The Pheasants jumped out to a 6-0 lead en route to a 25-12 first game win. Groton earned four of its 12 points in the first game.

Groton scored first in the second game, but quickly fell behind, 11-2 as the Pheasants went on to win the second game, 25-16. Groton earned six of its 16 points.

Volleyball is a match of rallies and Groton got a rally going in the third game. After the game was tied four times and there were two lead changes, Groton took the lead, 7-4. Redfield-Doland came back to tie the game at 15, 17 and 22 before Groton pulled away at the end, 25-23. Groton earned 12 of its 25 points.

Redfield-Doland went on a nine-point rally in the fourth game as the Pheasants won, 25-11. Groton earned eight of its 11 points.

Groton was 52 of 64 in serving with five ace serves. Marlee Jones was 13 of 15 with one ace serve and Courtney Kurtz was 11 of 12 with one ace serve. Redfield-Doland was 79 of 89 in serves.

In sets, Groton was 92 of 92 with 14 assists. Kurtz had 80 sets with 13 assists.

Groton was 101 of 122 in spikes with 22 kills. Redfield-Doland was 122 of 134 with 34 kills. Paityn Bonn led Groton with 22 of 24 with seven kills and Ashley Gibbs was 13 of 16 with five kills. Tori Bjerke, Bonn and Katie Koehler each had one block. Kasey Waage had 26 of the team's 107 digs and Kurtz had 21.

Coach Chelsea Hanson had the following comments of the match: "We have certainly had better games. We had some mistakes at bad times and let them get the momentum and run with it. We



Ashley Gibbs



Courtney Kurtz

will practice tomorrow and work on the things that put us down tonight. Redfield served aggressively and we didn't serve receive well. We have a lot more to give than we did tonight, and I hope the girls forget about tonight and come ready to play Tuesday. Josie sprained her ankle in practice Tuesday it was questionable if she would play tonight. She will be back for regions and she will be ready to play. We should be playing out best right now but this is high school volleyball and anything can happen."



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