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both teams belonged to the WCHA, so the rivalry was hot all year around. "You find out real quick from the older leaders that it's a big deal. You find out it's a town thing and it seems

he could've been better. "I finally got to start against the Gophers opening night of the new Ralph. Been waiting and working for this moment... and totally shit the bed. I let the whole city down

ber at home how loud it got in that rink. 'Old Ralph' deafening when welcome to the jungle came on," Kollar said.

Along with the deafening cheers, UND fans partook in perhaps the most peculiar tradition in college hockey that Kollar to this day still cannot believe.

"No one told me about what happened when we scored the first goal," Kolar said. "I was laughing and shocked the first time I saw all those dead gophers come flying into the ice. That right there showed me a lot of how the town looked forward to this game as well. Catching and storing gophers in your fridge for months."

Recounting the final years as a "Fighting Sioux," Kollar was appreciative of the time he spent with one of the most storied hockey programs in college history and playing the Gophers as a final send off.

"My last game as a Sioux was against the Gophers in Mariucci and my first start there against them," Kollar said. "Another crazy atmosphere but didn't hold a candle to the Ralph. I'm happy to say that even though that game and that year didn't go as I wanted, that game was one of the best games I ever played in college and I'm very lucky to have been apart of the whole rivalry and honored to play a very small role in it."

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bigger than just a game," Kollar said. "I remember my first year driving into the rink parking lot on a Tuesday and there was tents set up outside lined up at the doors and I couldn't believe

(in my mind)," Kollar said. "Something I try not to talk about that much but still get questioned here and there."

With the unfortunate result Kollar still looks on the bright side, the privilege

"The Sioux-Gopher rivalry to me is something that gives you goosebumps. As an athlete every game is suppose to be the same, same emotions same prep, but this one is the one where your blood starts pumping a bit faster. When the schedule was released it was the first series you look for."

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Though Kollar admits that he spent a lot of time as a backup for Karl Goehring, when he did get the chance to start against the Gophers he felt like

to be there and be a part of the historic rivalry. Playing in both arenas and knowing that no matter where he went, the fans followed and they were loud and proud.

"The difference of home rink was incredible, I remem-

Hawks or Gophers?

What the stats say

Cole Johnson
Dakota Student

This Friday and Saturday will be the first time since 2012 that the Minnesota Golden Gophers hockey team makes its way to the Ralph Engelstad Arena. It looks to be a matchup of two young talented hockey teams.

Coming into the games, the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks are ranked fourth at a record of 3-0-1, and the Gophers are 2-2 and ranked eighth. This will be the Fighting Hawks first regular season matchup against a ranked opponent this year.

The Gophers are entering this weekend after a split series at home against eleventh ranked Penn State, their other loss came in overtime at the hands of ninth ranked Minnesota Duluth at the beginning of the season.

The roster for the Fighting Hawks is very different this year. The team has returned 18 players from last year; there are eight newcomers, seven of them being freshmen. This year's team returns four of the top seven point scorers, including the top scorer from last year in both points and goals, Shane Gersich. The Fighting Hawks will be looking to fill the big hole that Tyson Jost, Tucker Poolman and Brock Boeser left when they left for the NHL this year.

The Gophers roster is also very different. The team returned 21 players from the previous year. There are seven newcomers, six of whom are freshmen. The Gophers are very similar to the Hawks in that they will also be returning four of the top seven point scorers, with their top point and goal scorer in Tyler Sheehy returning.

A major matchup to look out for this weekend will be Gophers freshman

Casey Mittelstadt against Fighting Hawks own freshman Grant Mismash. Both players were drafted in the 2017 NHL entry draft; Mittelstadt was picked eighth overall by the Buffalo Sabres and Mismash went in the second round, 61st overall by the Nashville Predators. Mismash is coming off of NCHC Rookie of the Week honors after scoring two points, a goal and an assist against St. Lawrence. Mittelstadt is a standout freshmen. Mittelstadt was named Minnesota's 2017 Mr. Hockey, 2017 USA Today All-USA Athlete of the Year, 2016 and 2017 Associated Press Prep Hockey Player of the Year for Minnesota. This year, Mittelstadt has two goals along with an assist totalling three points.

Another player to watch for in this upcoming series is Fighting Hawks goalie, Cam Johnson. Johnson earned NCHC Goaltender of the Week honors after his performance against St. Lawrence, stopping 47 of 49 shots over the two games which helped him lower his school-record goals against average to 2.04.

The Fighting Hawks will need Johnson to be at his best this weekend. Both the Gophers and the Fighting Hawks are averaging three goals per game this season. It will be down to both goalies to see who can stop either offense.

This series is a matchup of two of the best teams in the country with one of the most historic rivalries in all of college hockey. Both teams know how much this series means to their fan bases. The games this weekend should be a very exciting matchup between two great schools.

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The story behind the greatest rivalry of the upper Midwest

Jacob Notermann
Dakota Student

When the University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota first took the ice back in 1930, the players probably didn't what they were about get their schools into. Did they know Grand Forks and the Twin Cities

only eight wins separating the two, this old-school athletics rivalry returns to the place where traditions never die. This will be the first time the Gophers enter Grand Forks since 2012, back when the two teams were conference foes. "There's so much bad blood between everyone," UND student Evan Dams-

tional ranking; it affects the morale of a school. It's not just saying one school is better than the other this season. It's saying one school is, and always has been, better than the other. What happens on the ice is just one aspect. The fans shaking the arena as well as those who join the action digitally all

game, everyone's going to be excited for it. You have to be in the moment for these kinds of games, because it can literally just happen in an instant." An instant. One second. Maybe even less. Perhaps, even 0.6 seconds can change the momentum of a rivalry. UND has been waiting over three years to correct what happened in Philadelphia in 2014. Seeing your team lose in the regular season gives you time to fix your season. When it's a rival, the season doesn't matter. A legacy has to be restored. However, this rivalry's tradition isn't just established on the ice. Kristofor Paulson, a UND Economics Instructor, has been following North Dakota hockey since he was a young North Dakotan. He and his parents are all UND alumni. While Paulson attended

UND, he recalled standing in line at 6 a.m. to ensure he got the tickets he wanted. This year, there will again be no shortage of students waiting in line outside the Ralph early in the morning just to get tickets. Getting tickets for this game has become another rivalry in itself. "Talking to some people, they bought season hockey tickets just so they could go to this Minnesota-UND game," Paulson said. Now, these two schools restart the fire. Two schools. Both ranked near the top. Both littered with championship trophies. Both well-represented in the NHL. A new era begins. The rivalry comes home.

"There's so much bad blood between everyone. Everyone just plays up. Every player gives a 110 percent in these games. They know the tradition. They know the rivalry. They just play up to those expectations. I think that's what makes it so much better of a game."

Evan Damsgard, UND student

would be linked forever? Did they know this one game would turn into an almost century-long war? Did they know one of the greatest rivalries of all time had just been conceived? Since that game in February of 1930, the two schools have been the Jordan vs. LeBron of collegiate hockey. Nearly 300 games later with

gard said. "Everyone just plays up. Every player gives a 110 percent in these games. They know the tradition. They know the rivalry. They just play up to those expectations. I think that's what makes it so much better of a game." That's the difference for a classic rivalry. A win or a loss doesn't affect a na-

have something at stake. "It's almost like going to the NCAA playoffs," Damsgard said. "I would say this big of a rivalry

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HOCKEY AFTER

A collage of NHL hockey players and teams, including the Chicago Blackhawks, Tampa Bay Lightning, Washington Capitals, Vancouver Canucks, San Jose Sharks, Minnesota Wild, Pittsburgh Penguins, and New Jersey Devils, set against a white background with the text "HOCKEY AFTER". The collage features various action shots and celebratory moments from different teams, including players in red, blue, white, and green jerseys. The text "HOCKEY AFTER" is prominently displayed at the top in a large, bold, black font.

Everyone who calls themselves a fan of college hockey has probably informed you they prefer watching it over the NHL. That is absolutely the case with most UND hockey fans. This year is even more meaningful. This year something magical happens in the season. UND gets to play the Gophers in the Ralph. The Ralph Engelstad Arena is popularly known as one of the best.

world's most competitive league of hockey. Now, it's time to really break down these two programs by the numbers. Just discussing the era of the Ralph Engelstad opening up, both programs have produced incredibly successful players. Household names included with the go-phers: Nick Leddy, Phil Kessel, Kyle Okposo, Erik Haula, Thomas Vanek, Nick Bjugstad and Blake Wheeler. UND has put out quite the household names as well. The big name that tops the list

Drake Caggiula of the Edmonton Oilers, Nick Schmaltz of the Chicago Blackhawks, who has been switched around with the likes of large named players like UND alumni Jonathan Toews and one of the best players in Blackhawks history: Patrick Kane.

Troy Stecher of the Vancouver Canucks quickly became a fan favorite last year and is looking to take on an even bigger role this year. Paul Ladue of the L.A. Kings has made his way onto the Kings opening night

roster and is looking to make a huge impact in the defensive core. Last but not least, Tucker Poolman of the Winnipeg Jets surprised even his head coach who had made the comment before the preseason started that no true rookie will be making the opening night roster for the Jets this year and Tucker proved him wrong. All players were a part of the 2016 national championship team at UND. Players for Minnesota that will be up and coming stars in the NHL are

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Two programs and their NHL Presence



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also in abundance similar to UND. Kyle Rau of the Iowa Wild will see quite a bit of playing time up with the NHL Wild, Hudson Fasching of the Buffalo Sabres, Mike Reilly of the Minnesota Wild already has two points in the three games he's played in, Brady Skjei having played all of the games with the New York Rangers so far this year is gaining confidence with his physical play from head coach Alain Vigneault. Looking forward, Casey Mittelstadt a dynamic threat

"UND and the U of M have had a lot of stellar players come through their programs. Most notably in recent years, the focus has come onto the players that have gone on to the NHL and become highly productive players in the world's most competitive league of hockey."

Andy Kollar, UND Hockey alumnus

of a player that currently is playing for Minnesota, was the eighth overall pick in last year's NHL draft and

the 2017 Minnesota Mr. Hockey award winner. Together, UND and the University of Minnesota have put out a combined

total of 72 players since 2001 to have touched the ice in an NHL uniform during the regular season. UND having the edge by only two players in this comparison. However, noticeably so the gophers have put forth a larger number of forwards who have become more productive with points and games played in the NHL having the edge on UND by 1,565 games played. The gophers also have outscored UND alumni in the NHL by 1,007 points accumulated. Yes, these

numbers sound discouraging to UND fans, but UND still has the gophers beat in what is considered to be the most important statistic: Stanley Cups won. UND alumni have won the Stanley cup on 15 separate occasions compared to the Gophers 11. This can be similarly compared to UND's overall amount of NCAA National Titles won, standing at eight over Minnesota's five. These are two incredibly big powerhouse programs that produce NHL stars just about

every year. It is incredibly possible you will see a good amount of the players that play in this upcoming series, facing off against each other in the near future while being paid large salaries in the NHL. But for the meantime, we are all going to enjoy this incredible rivalry in this upcoming series staged for an epic battle at the Ralph Englestad Arena.

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Where to get a cold one after the big game

Rhombus Guys or Half Brothers: which local brewery fits you best?



Nick Nelson / Dakota Student

Half Brothers Brewing Company offers a number of unique beers, including göse beers which have strong salt notes and bright flavors.

Shelby Johnson
Dakota Student

Grand Forks isn't known for its breweries, but in late 2015 Rhombus expanded their famous pizza place to include their own beers. The community was excited to finally have a brewery to add to the many restaurants that take space in the Grand Cities. Two years later the brewery is still thriving. This October, Half Brothers brewery opened and many people asked

their beers were made. With the same idea, they made their kitchen an open concept. Rhombus keeps their brewery hidden in the back, displaying a restaurant that specializes in beer. Half Brothers made their brewery open for all ages, allowing the whole community to engage in their fun. Rhombus' brewery is 21+ to separate it from their restaurant. Although both have their own creative feel, they bring their own tastes to life. So I started out my

usual carbon dioxide. The smooth, milky consistency with a chocolate and caramel forward taste was nothing like usual bitter coffee nitros and stouts. Also, this nitro was made with Grand Fork's own Bully Brew Coffee. I moved onto the Oktoberfest, which was less powerful and slid down easier than the beers I had at the Oktoberfest Pub Crawl earlier in September this year. I made my way up the list to the Chokecherry Göse. The sour beer gave me a break from the heavier beers

mixture of people. Their community ideal can be seen in the seating itself. While casually talking

than Half Brothers until the clean finish. The only sour on the menu was a fairly new one from what

the beer's flavor hits you at first and then smooths out for an easy drink. This kind of beer is easy for

“Half Brothers took a different direction than Rhombus had when they opened. Half Brothers allowed people to peer into their brewery and see where their beers were made. With the same idea, they made their kitchen an open concept. Rhombus keeps their brewery hidden in the back, displaying a restaurant that specializes in beer.”

Shelby Johnson, Features editor

the question: what's the difference? Half Brothers took a different direction than Rhombus had when they opened. Half Brothers allowed people to peer into their brewery and see where

hard day of work at Half Brothers, trying out the new beers. I went against the rules of going light to dark and began with the Coffee Brown Nitro. Nitros are made with nitrogen rather than the

I tried, and it gave my sweet tooth a kick start. Half Brothers inclusive environment allows people to use the bar to sit close with their friends or use the community style benches to sit with a

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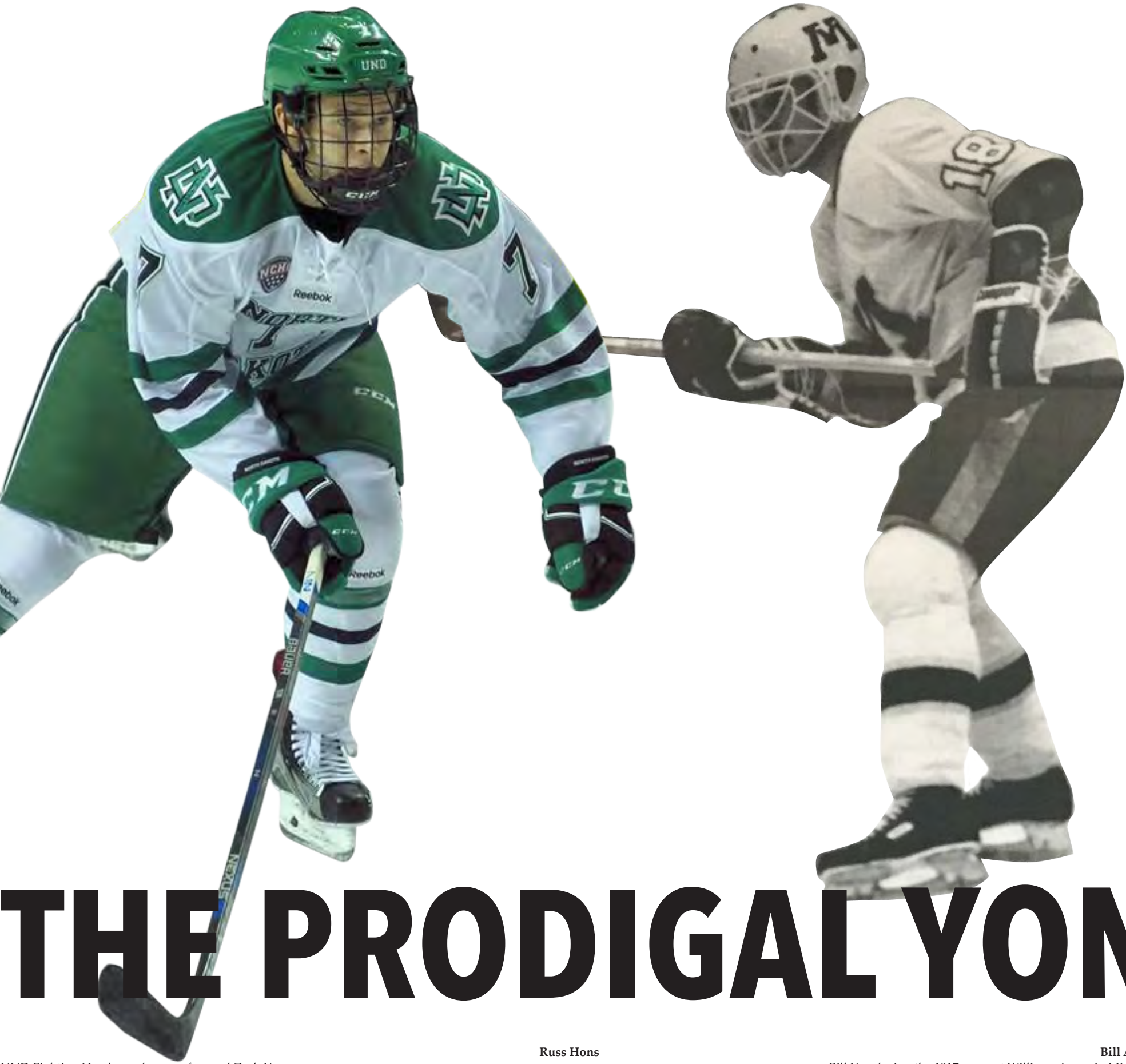
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Rhombus Guys Brewing Company maintains core beers available to guests year-round but also has seasonal selections, including their Blackberry Boogie (front right).



THE PRODIGAL YON

UND Fighting Hawks sophomore forward Zach Yon.

Quinn Robinson-Duff
Dakota Student

Let the skates glide and the pucks fly. The University of North Dakota and the Golden Gophers of Minnesota are at it once again bringing, their rivalry back to the Ralph Engelstad Arena for the first time in six seasons. For one player on the UND hockey team, this rivalry means something completely different than what the others will experience. Zach Yon, a forward for the University of North Dakota, has a family history in this storied rivalry, however, from the other side. Bill Yon, Zach’s father, was a part of the Golden Gophers hockey program from 1982-85. Stories from the grue-

some events of the rivalry during Bill’s time as a Gopher, where player safety and rules were an afterthought, were passed down from father to son starting from Bill’s first game at the ‘Old Barn.’ Bill recalled making his way to the ice to begin his shooting routine, one of the Sioux players punched one of Bill’s teammates in front of him and chaos soon erupted as both teams began whaling on each other. Troy Murray, a UND player, grabbed freshman Bill Yon during the brawl. “I just tried to survive. I was 18,” Bill said. This was Bill’s first game in college hockey, and he quickly realized how big of a deal this rivalry was. Not only was the rivalry a shock to

Bill, but the environment that surrounded him. “The old rink in itself had a sort of charismatic atmosphere to it,” Bill said. “I loved the rink, fans were right on top of us and every game was heated.” Knowing well from his father’s stories of the frequent fights and fierce competition of the historic rivalry between the two programs, Zach still decided to commit and play for Bill’s former rival: UND. Both raised in Roseau, Minnesota, Zach and Bill played for the storied Roseau high school hockey program. Roseau has appeared in the notorious MSHSL hockey tournament 34 times and are seven time Minnesota State High School hock-

ey champions. Hockey is life for all kids from Roseau, and Zach was definitely no exception. “Zach lived at the rink,” Bill said. “I just wanted whatever was the best for him, rivalries aside.” He stayed true to that statement even when Bill was approached by recruiters for UND that were interested in Zach becoming part of the North Dakota tradition. “I really liked the facilities and the coaches at UND,” Zach said. “It was something my dad and I were excited about.” The father and son toured UND’s campus and facilities together and were incredibly impressed. With the beautiful \$104 million Ralph Engelstad Arena, they both quickly fell in love

with the program. Bill still remained actively supportive and excited for his son, regardless of what he had experienced with the rivalry. “The school was a natural fit,” Bill said. “We loved the coaching staff and all of the facilities UND had to offer.” Fast forward to this season, the Yons will continue to cheer on Zach as he suits up for his second battle against

the Golden Gopher. “I’ve been treating the game like any other even with all the hype on campus,” Zach said. As for Bill, he will be cheering on his son, whether it’s in maroon and gold or green and white is still to be determined.

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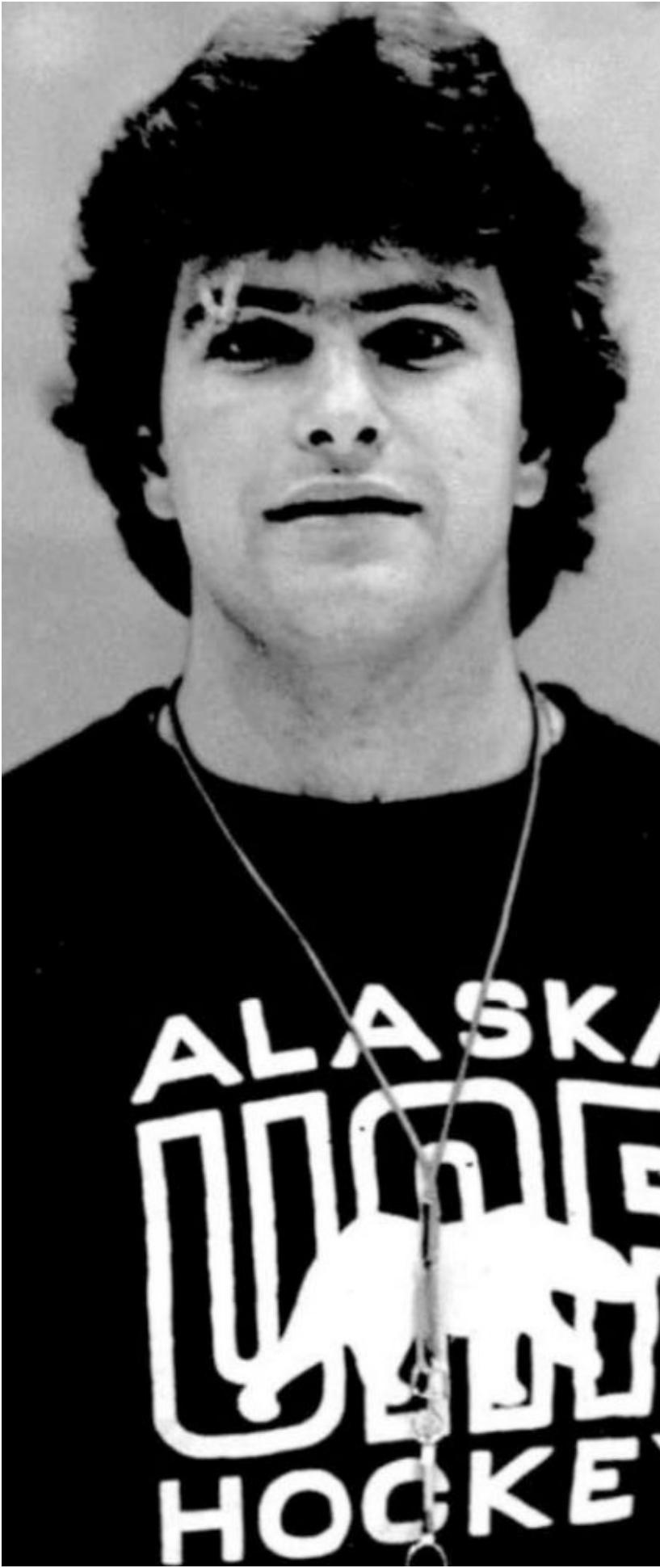
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A tale of two coaches



Fighting Hawks hockey caoch, Brad Berry. Ice Hockey Wikia



Gophers hockey coach, Don Lucia during his days as an Alaska-Fairbanks assistant coach. File Photo

Madison Overby Dakota Student

At first glance, the head coach of the University of North Dakota men’s hockey team, Brad Berry, and the head coach of the University of Minnesota men’s hockey team, Don Lucia, may seem to have a lot in common. Both men are currently coaching two of the most storied men’s hockey programs in the nation. They both played defense for Division I hockey teams while they were in school during the early to mid-’80s, Berry at UND and Lucia at Notre Dame. They were both drafted into the NHL following their collegiate careers, Berry to the Winnipeg Jets and Lucia to the Philadelphia Flyers. The similarities end there. Following the draft in 1983, Berry played for the Winnipeg Jets from 1983-84 and the Dallas Stars from 1985-90, the Minnesota North Stars from 1991-93 and the Dallas Stars from 1993-94. During his time in the NHL he played in 241 games over eight years. He then scouted for the Dallas Stars for a year in 1999 and returned to Grand Forks in 2000 to become the assistant coach. Berry bounced around to different assistant coaching jobs over the years for UND, the Manitoba Moose (American Hockey League) Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL) be-

fore coming back to coach under previous UND head coach Dave Hakstol from 2012-2015. When Hakstol left to coach for the Philadelphia Flyers in 2015, Berry took over. Following the draft in 1981, Lucia was drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers. However, Lucia was forced to look at his chances of making it successfully in the NHL and instead took his old Notre Dame assistant coach, Ric Schafer, up on an offer to help coach the Alaska-Fairbanks program. When Lucia first began coaching in Alaska, he was being paid as a graduate assistant/assistant rink manager at \$3,000. Lucia was in Alaska for 12 years before moving on to a coaching job at Colorado College where he and his team won the league three years in a row. In 1999, Lucia began coaching in Minnesota. Both Lucia and Berry have found a lot of success in their current roles as head coach. Berry became the first person in the history of NCAA Division I men’s hockey to win a national title in his first year as head coach. Since becoming head coach in 2015, UND has led the nation in points and points per game by defensemen. In addition to that, Berry has turned out 12 players to the NHL in only two years, six of whom have already made ap-

pearances on the ice. Lucia has been in the role of head coach at Minnesota for the past 18 years. He coached the Minnesota Gophers to back-to-back NCAA championships in 2001-02 and 2002-03. He is one of five coaches in NCAA history to lead his team to back-to-back NCAA titles. Over his 18 years Lucia has coached 82 players that were drafted to the NHL, including 15 first-round draft selections. It’s easy to see that both men have coached talented teams and developed great hockey players and that does not go unnoticed in the world of college hockey. Berry was named USCHO (United States College Hockey Online) Coach of the Year and NCHC (National Collegiate Hockey Conference) Herb Brooks Coach of the Year in 2015-16. Lucia is a four-time conference coach of the year, three times in the NCHC and once in the Big Ten conference. October 20 will mark the third time Berry has taken on Lucia and the Gophers since he became head coach. Berry’s current record against the Gophers is 0-1-1, but the team is looking to chalk up a couple wins in the home series this weekend.

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Gophers hockey coach, Don Lucia. Gophers Sports



Head coach Brad Berry watches an outdoor inter-squad match between players of the UND men’s hockey team at University Park in February 2016. Dakota Student File Photo