Northern Badger!

Harrison Ruppel had a busy weekend in River Falls going 6-3 over two days of wrestling at 150 pounds. Ruppel took 6th place. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

World of Sports...

by someone else.

The Mets become concerned when new $765 million addition Juan Soto is hospitalized with back issues after carrying his wallet around in his back pocket.

The NFL Playoffs feature early wins by both the Vikings and Packers, while the Kansas City Chiefs are upset and Taylor Swift announces she is breaking up with Travis Kelce. Her new song, "My Dodge Truck Ain't Parked in Kansas City No More" quickly hits the charts at number one.

February

The number of Wisconsin Badger Football players hitting the Portal reaches a critical stage with the team roster now numbering 17. By the end of the month, Coach Fickell announces six new signings, three each from UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater.

The Green Bay Packers are the new NFL Champions, despite a first quarter injury to Jaire Alexander, returning the Lombardi Trophy to Wisconsin. The game is delayed for 45 minutes when a very loud halftime performance by Kendrick Lamar brings police to the Stadium following noise complaints. The Packers players are covered with shredded cheese confetti as the game ends.

March

Taylor Swift is photographed holding hands with Aaron Rodgers in a New York restaurant. A survey of NFL players finds that 72.5% of them believe Swift's presence is positive for the league, while Rodgers' many conspiracy theories make him think she may help revigorate his career.

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team makes it to Sectionals, while Cumberland's Wrestlers makeit to Team State and Braden Johnson and Cooper Schramski join three other teammates at individual State. The Girl's Basketball Team, meanwhile, defeats Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 49-35 behind 12 points each from Melody Taylor and Macy Beecroft.

April

CBS announces that their sixteenth consecutive season of Survivor will be filmed in Aruba and Cumberland's Ritchie Narges will be one of this year's contestants. While leading one of three Tribes, Narges chooses Jim Richie, Mike Knutson, and Jamie Olson to join him on the show.

Although still unable to play due to his back injury, baseball's Juan Soto is currently making $5,000 for each hour he is awake.

Cumberland's first hole-in-one comes from High School team member Derrick Gideo, who aces number four in a match against Ladysmith.

May

Extreme Sports are becoming a major player in the retail market as they advertise, "Evidence shows that the alone time associated with our most popular sports are a major factor in mental health. Think personal best over leaderboards."

"First Resort," one of the preseason Kentucky Derby favorites, finishes a distance tenth, never recovering from reporting to the race season some 100-pounds overweight after a big winter of grasses and grains.

A Yankees game is disrupted when Aaron Judge receives a package from an Amazon Delivery Drone while standing at his position in right field.

June

Ryan O'Connell's High School Track Team heads to the State Meet in La Crosse with five competitors, while the Softball and Baseball Teams finish up good seasons.

Recently dropped by Taylor Swift and following a very disappointing 2024 season with the Jets, Aaron Rodgers tells reporters he will decide his future career plans by consulting with a gathering of occultists. It will take place in a completely darkened cave, to help decide, "What is best for me."

July

Juan Soto finally plays his first game for the New York Mets, but is quickly put on the disabled list after a bat flip reinjures his back leading to season-ending surgery.

Working with President Donald Trump, the City of Oakland formally asks that the Athletics be returned from a proposed move to Las Vegas. As part of the deal, the Trump Administration promises tax breaks to Vegas for the return.

After another rough start to their season, the Miami Marlins install the World's largest scoreboard and HDTV so fans in attendance can watch better games from ballparks across the league from their game seats.

August

The Beavers Football Team gets an opening season shutout as Doug Gilbertson and Logan Peterson lead a stingy Cumberland defense.

In establishing tougher safety measures, NASCAR announces that starting with the 2025 campaign, all cars must be wrapped in a denser layer of cooperate logos.

The 35th annual Rutabaga Scramble winners are Jason Lundequam, Jonah Lundequam, and Dave Anderson, who repeat their 2024 victory.

September

With the Pittsburgh Pirates struggling, fans unveil a countdown on the outfield wall representing the number of days before the first Steelers game.

Cumberland College athletes DaShaun Ames and Jack Martens each score two touchdowns on the same afternoon for their respective college football teams.

Desperate to improve the Cowboys, Owner Jerry Jones signs 48-year-old Tom Brady to be the team's new quarterback and Head Coach.

October

The NFL's new announcing team of Snoop Dogg, Caitlyn Clark and former President Joe Biden draws early strong reviews, despite President Biden misidentifying Aaron Jones as Bronko Nagurski.

Now retired Aaron Rodgers, never one to blame others for his failures, causes a controversy when he blames the Jets medical staff for his struggles last season because, "They never kept me healthy and the team never invested enough in the area." Additionally, he puts partial blame for his poor season on NASA, Verizon, and the Arctic Research Commission.

Fire Trucks drive through the city carrying new Survivor Champion, Ritchie Narges, to a gathering at City Hall.

November

With LaBron James announcing it is his last year and hoping to get LaBron and his son Bronny into the Playoffs, the NBA allows the Lakers to trade their second-round draft pick to the Washington Wizards in return for four of their victories.

After another disappointing season, the Badgers name Jim Leonhard as their new Head Football Coach. The newly married Bill Belichek and his wife Taylor Swift, meanwhile, celebrate North Carolinas 7-3 season, while Belichek's former 24-year old girlfriend Jordan Hudson heads to the TV show, Bachelorette.

Griffin Weaver shoots a 14-point Buck opening morning, one of the biggest in the area.

December

Paul Bucher hauls a nine-pound Walleye out of "Collingwood Lake" as ice fishing in the area hits high gear.

The Philadelphia 76er players credit their huge NBA turnaround to the hiring of more coaches. "Our left-hand lay-up coach, our corner shooting coach, and our pivot-foot coach have had a huge influence on my game," said forward Pete Nance as the Sixers take a page from the NFL.

Finally, it snows before Christmas and the residents of the Island City enjoy another year in Cumberland.

Happy New Year everyone!

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. a Caucus will be held in the Town of Cumberland for the purpose of nominating candidates for Town Chairman, Two Town Supervisors, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer. The Caucus will be held at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons.

Holly Nyhus, Clerk
Town of Cumberland

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NOTICE

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland will meet on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m., at the Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI for a regular meeting.

City Hall is accessible to all people. The agenda will be posted 24 hours before the meeting.

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
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