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Twins' Mahomes survives car wreck

Pitcher suffers cuts, bruises in early-morning rollover

By Jim Souhan
Staff Writer

Pat Mahomes is lucky he can walk. He'll be reminded of that the next time he sees his mother, who 15 years ago was not as fortunate as her son was early Monday morning.

The Twins' promising young pitcher survived a frightening wreck Monday when he crashed and rolled his Jeep Grand Cherokee across the 3rd Avenue bridge over the Mississippi River near downtown Minneapolis.

According to the Minneapolis Police Department report, Mahomes, 24, was leaving downtown "at a high rate of speed" when his car crossed the center line, struck the opposite guardrail and rolled over.

Police found him unconscious and bleeding on the ceiling of the overturned Jeep. Mahomes was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center and listed in critical condition, but was discharged 14 hours later with nothing more than cuts and bruises.

The police report says the "driver should be charged" with driving while intoxicated, careless driving and speeding. Police wouldn't release results of Mahomes' blood-alcohol level tests, saying they would await further tests, which could take several weeks.

Cindy Mahomes, his mother, wasn't so lucky 15 years ago. "When I first heard about it, the first thing I thought about is, 'Is he going to be like me?'" she said from her home in Lindale, Texas. "Is he going to be anything?"

Mahomes had planned to return to Lindale on Sunday but delayed his flight until Monday. Now he plans to fly home today. "I'm just glad he's healthy," Cindy Mahomes said. "I'm not about to go to worry about asking him any other questions right now."

He was admitted to Hennepin County shortly after 1 a.m. Monday. By 3:30 p.m., he had been upgraded from critical to satisfactory, then released. Visitors to his room said Mahomes had no cuts on his face or other apparent injuries, and that he was "acting normal."

Cindy Mahomes hasn't walked since a car she was driving in Georgia ran off the road and crashed in 1979.

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Vikings take a few cuts

By Curt Brewer
Staff Writer

Manassas, Minn. Defensive end Al Noga, who sacked 30 quarterbacks from 1989-92 with the Vikings, was welcomed back to training camp with open arms last month after a season in Washington. David Pool was handed the starting cornerback job Saturday night in the Metrodome.

Now you see 'em, now you don't.

Noga and Pool were among a half-dozen Vikings cut Monday in a roster-reducing move that came eight days before NFL teams need to stretch to 60 players.

"We've never been great believers in this day or that day," coach Dennis Green said. "We evaluate every single day and, basically, it wasn't working so there was no sense in prolonging things. Now they have a better chance to catch on than they would next week when 20 guys get cut from every team."

Safety Chris Crooks, running back Phil Brown, tight end Tony Lincecum and offensive tackle Tracy Boyd also were let go Monday.

Noga and Pool both played Saturday against New Orleans, but — surprise, surprise — neither made a tackle. Noga, 24, asked for a quarterback for Green & Co. in '92 and became a millionaire free agent. He was a bust in Washington, though, just as he was in Minnesota this summer.

"I think you could tell he hadn't been with us for a year," defensive line coach John Tortorella said.

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Vikings' Morris is a special specialist

Manassas, Minn. Mike and Nancy Morris and their three children have moved into a neighborhood of young families in Rosemount. "There are kids all over the place who will grow up with our kids," Morris said. "It's the best school district in the best education state. It's perfect."

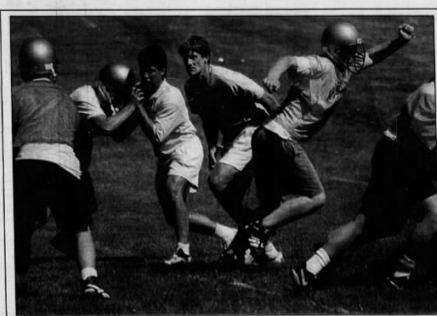
There is a tattoo that covers Morris' right forearm. This is a substantial tattoo because this is a very large forearm.



Patrick Reusse

"That is a replica from the cover of the Judas Priest album," Morris said. "I was a big metal guy, and I'm still a great metal head. Down here, I'm wearing my black and boots and listening to metal. When I get home, I go into my Clark Kent act and become Mike, the quiet family man."

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Staff Photos by John Hasselmann
Apple Valley coach Paul Miller, center, and assistant coach Joe Joran ran their defending Class AA champs through drills.

Prepping for '94

From top to bottom, high schools hit the field

By Russ Acquistone
Staff Writer

Optimism rules on the first day of football practice. Every season, everywhere.

On Monday, the 70-some varsity players at Apple Valley High School's two practices were awfully upbeat. The last time many of them had been together on the same field was during the Prep Bowl. The Eagles' mascot Rochester John Marshall 257 in the Class AA title game to finish 13-1.

There was similar hand-clapping and

shouts of encouragement at Minneapolis Southwest on Monday. The Lakers, also a AA team, were at the opposite end of the football food chain last season from Apple Valley.

Southeast went only once in nine games, by forfeit, and didn't score a single point.

"You're going to be the most popular team in the state of Minnesota when you beat Rosevelt," Lakers coach Lenno Sedlock said his players near the end of morning conditioning.

Rosevelt is Southwest's first opponent.

On Sept. 2, and the team the Lakers led to the forest points a year ago. Southwest lost to the Taddens 13-0.

"We're ready and excited, ready to win," Lakers' captain Rich Walker said. "I think we have a chance every game. We can't do any worse."

Originally, Sedlock had planned two conditioning practices the first day, but switched to one from 9 to 10:45 a.m.

"We've already had a tough summer. We

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Senior tour a struggle for rookie Shortridge

By Jon Roe
Staff Writer

In the beginning, George Shortridge had looked at his debut on the Senior PGA Tour with anticipation and optimism.

"I thought I might be able to win \$500,000 the first year," Shortridge said Monday.

Nearing the end of his rookie year, Shortridge looks at what has happened and shakes his head in frustration and disappointment.

"I'm short by about \$400,000," said Shortridge, preparing this week for the second Burrett Senior Classic at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids.

To hear Shortridge recount his first year on the 32-and-over pro tour, there have been about 400,000 times when he has been sitting at the top of his head.

"When the locals come along," Shortridge said, "they're anything is slight."

And Shortridge has been plagued.

"There have been a lot of really short," he said. "There have been a lot of bad one shots. And when you get six months without anything good happening to you, it's pretty hard to stay positive."

This from one of the most dominant players in Minnesota for many years with three State Open titles, six State PGA championships, eight state PGA match-play titles, and five State PGA Player of the Year awards.

But on the senior tour, Shortridge's numbers have been only \$1,000 in earnings in 10 tournaments, a scoring average of 74.44 shots a round, a first finish at a hole for 26th and only one other tournament in which he finished better than 50th. Shortridge, who won the club pro at Anoka Creek and then Public Creek, is 693 on the Burrett continued on page 3C.



Southwest High School captain Rich Walker is optimistic about the upcoming football season. Walker says "we can't do any worse" than last year, when the Lakers won just one game, by forfeit, and didn't score a point.

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Today's schedule: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. practice rounds; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$1 million hole-in-one contest; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$250,000 tournament; 11 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Northwest Diner.

Headline: "I'm short by about \$400,000," said Shortridge, preparing this week for the second Burrett Senior Classic at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids.

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MacPhail to join fray?

Twins GM Andy MacPhail might help represent baseball owners on a negotiating team if and when the sides get together for another round of talks. **SID HARTMAN, PAGE 3C**

Thunder lose in shootout

Greenbears rebounded as USISL champion by beating the Minnesota Thunder in a sudden-death shootout. **PAGE 3C**

'World's strongest man' dies

Paul Anderson, who set new world records in weightlifting in the 1950s, died at the age of 61. **BRIEFLY, PAGE 3C**



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