

Anoka prep soccer player dies at game

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Anoka High School soccer player died of an apparent heart ailment Tuesday night after he collapsed during a game.

Brad Boynton, 17, of Champlin, one of the captains of the team, collapsed during the opening minutes of the game and died soon after.

A doctor who attended to Boynton soon after he collapsed said that an autopsy "strongly" indicated that the player was suffering from an aortic dissection.

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Boynton collapsed, there was no attending physician officially designated for the game. Yelle first saw the action from the soccer field and was watching the Anoka-Sherburne game through a fence when Boynton collapsed.

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Boynton's teammates, meanwhile, decided instantly to either postpone or finish a game with immediate rescheduling for tonight. "They felt that initially there was no way they would be ready to play," said Tanka.

Yelle said he was the team captain, soccer was not Boynton's best sport. He has no plans to play in the eighth grade and was winning tournaments by the end of the year.

He already had received a scholarship offer from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Services for Boynton will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Anoka, with burial at Sunset Memorial Park in Minneapolis.

Funeral will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Carter-Miller Funeral Home in Anoka.

Funeral services for Brad Boynton, 17, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Anoka.



Brad Boynton

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Gophers

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Fred Hill had a quarterback's dream - helping guide the Gophers to a glowing 14-0 over the Minnesota and St. Cloud. He completed six of 10 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown.

Carlson started the next week but he lasted only three quarters in Minnesota's 21-12 win. He didn't start another game.

"I don't know that it takes a special kind of mental makeup to play quarterback," said Carlson. "Sure, everybody in the state can see if their team is moving, and they think that's because of the quarterback. But a lot of things are happening on the field that a quarterback doesn't always control that can decide if a team can move on."

"A lineman can make a block or a player on the other team can make a good play and that can mess up a guy just for a moment. I'm sure that's the way Coach Stone is too."

Stone apparently agrees. During his weekly media luncheon yesterday he said that Carlson would be the starter Saturday, but at the same time the coach defended Avery.

"Because Carlson is starting doesn't mean that I think it's Avery's fault that we lost the game," said Stone. "A lot of things you lose, it's the quarterback and the coach and the blame. But maybe a change will put us on a roll."

The mark of success for a quarterback is to get the ball in the end zone. Weidert played a decent game Saturday night, but he was the victim of circumstance. A big penalty inside the UCLA five, a fumble inside the UCLA five. And on top of that, the quarterback didn't have a chance to get the ball back.

The Gopher offense has had its strange moments this season. It generated 44 yards against Toledo in an overtime victory. It got only 10 yards less than Ohio State (27) in a 27-13 loss. And it produced 212 yards against UCLA (the Bruins had 212) but got only a field goal.

An interesting footnote to that game against UCLA is that the Bruins are contemplating a quarterback change this week - moving from the back to starter Rick Backus - and UCLA has a 21-7 record.

What the fans have seen is Carlson completing four of five passing attempts in the latter stages against Toledo and completing all seven attempts against Ohio State. He moved the Gophers to their only touchdown against the Buckeyes - completing four straight passes. Carlson played only the final minutes against UCLA, competing out of three games.

"Even (Frank) Tarantino got bored," said Carlson. "I guess you can expect when you're a quarterback."

Carlson's position on the team is not as sure as it once was. He was named MVP of the team last year, but he was named MVP of the team last year, but he was named MVP of the team last year.

Griffith

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conference, Bob Short, DFL candidate for the U.S. Senate, offered his services to help "beat the wedge" created by Griffith's remarks. Short, who formerly owned a major league baseball team, said that Griffith should be held responsible for the "wedge" he had created.

Short indicated that Griffith's public saying "Today is not the time to verify the situation. Short, who owns Griffith's company, said he thinks that more must be done and that he would like to see Griffith in a Senate seat.

"I've never heard Griffith say anything like that," Short said, "and he's been with me on occasions when he has had a few drinks. Griffith said before making the speech 'I don't know if it's right, what Carlos said, but I really think'."

Short added, "It is more a moral responsibility for me to help lead the wedge caused by the comments than it is to help the wedge in the DFL, caused by the primary fight with Tom Snodgrass."

Short at one time expressed an interest in helping Short in the Senate and Griffith as a partner of Griffith's. Griffith said he is longer in Minnesota and is being drafted in the election of Griffith.

In other developments, the Minneapolis Human Rights Commission, through a member of the executive committee, Thomas Ransom, also expressed "regret" at Griffith's "incoherent" statements.

"Griffith's commentary reflects an incredible ignorance and to call them insidious or abhorrent is indefensible while more does not begin to reflect the outrage he has," Ransom stated. "The fact that he has only seen it in the light of a political campaign, but without racial slurs against all black people. This disgusting performance can not be tolerated. Carlos Griffith has gone far in his public campaign to be a public figure and should step down. His previous and charged behavior is totally out of touch with modern thinking and is far from acceptable."

His plan to call an ear city council to take some action, Ransom said.

And the Sherburne City Council, a suburb north of St. Paul, voted to discontinue the city and its recreation department's annual ball excursion to a Twin game at Metropolitan Stadium.

Mahomedani woman advances in tourney

Ann Houston, Mahomedani, defeated Sue Nowycky in the 19-hole final round of the U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Championship at the 19th Street Racquet Club and is scheduled to play in the quarterfinal round for the U.S. women's indoor team championship, which are to be held at Metropolitan Sports Center next week.

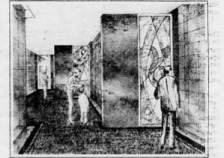
Houston, 18, is a sophomore at UCLA and ranked 20th in the 19-hole final round of the U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Championship. The qualifying round began Friday at the 19th Street Racquet Club and ended through Sunday. Thirty-two players will vie for the four berths into the \$100,000 championship Oct. 6-14.

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