



Emily Schleuter makes 1,000 career digs during tournament. Photo by Sylvia Larson

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Hurricane Harvey overpowers Houston

Billions of dollars in damage, thousands misplaced after one of the worst natural disasters in US history

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Hurricane Harvey, which hit as a category four, has pounded the Texas coastline for the past week with record setting amounts of water filling up America's fourth largest city, Houston. The highest rainfall totals were just above 51 inches.

The death count is now over 30 which left some wondering why an evacuation was not ordered. Along with this, Houston police alone have made more than 3,500 water rescues, but the mayor of Houston stuck with his decision.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner had told people to stay put, don't evacuate, and ride out the storm. He later stated, "If you think the situation right now is bad, you give an order to evacuate, you are creating a nightmare."

The damage didn't just stop at people's lives; roads, cars, houses, and everything in between has been destroyed by the massive surge of water. When all is over, the disaster is estimated to cost around 190 billion according to AccuWeather on USA Today. This would make it the costliest natural disaster in United States history and would be comparable to the cost of Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy combined.

To help with the cost, professional players and organizations are us-

ing their platforms to raise money. JJ Watt of the Houston Texans started up a fundraising campaign and has raised over 12 million dollars. Many professional teams have also given millions to the relief efforts.

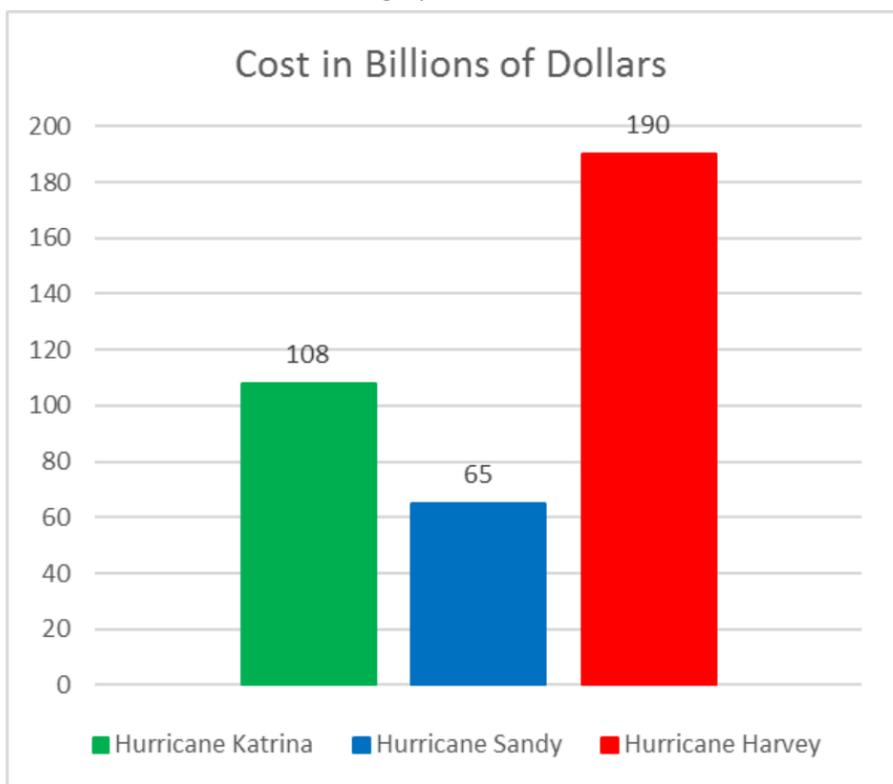
Along with monetary donations, other necessities such as food, water, and clothing are of the utmost importance as people start the beginning phases of recovery, making sure the people are safe. Businesses like Budweiser have stopped beer production in order to produce cans of drinking water.

Shelters in the area are filling up

quickly; now with over 30,000 people occupying due to the high flood waters. Near 50,000 homes have been destroyed, and in the ballpark of 500,000 cars which will contribute to the cost.

Much like how the storm hit, the recovery from it will not be fast moving. It is projected to take several years to rebuild.

With the flood waters expected to start receding soon, Houston and the surrounding areas are beginning to regain hope, but still with many challenging obstacles in front of them.



Garretson High School changes...or are they

Reinforcement of some policies surprise students at start of school year

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As Garretson High School starts its 2017-2018 school year, the administration has come up with some new policies and have reinforced some older ones. The ones receiving the most attention include food, phones, and backpacks etc. Both the students and staff have strong opinions about these changes.

The policy for food is that students aren't allowed to bring food to school unless its food for their lunch. This is a change from some students going to their locker for a snack in between, or some during, class. For students it was great to be able to have a mid-morning snack, something missed from their elementary days. However, the spills and crumbs made the custodians' jobs even more intensive.

Senior Isaiah Mader said, "I think it's a bit ridiculous that we have to go four hours and twenty-two minutes without any food."

Head custodian Joel Swenson has a different take, "I think it's a good idea because some kids are careless. Some carpets are three years old and already heavily stained. It's also a big expense to make the school look nice."

Also dealing with food is the emergence of only water in class. Students are no longer allowed to have coffee, pop, juice, or anything else in the classrooms and hallways. Students are also asked that there water is in a clear or translucent container.

One of the other policies is that kids can't bring their backpacks to the classrooms anymore. This is an old policy but it is being enforced more this year.

Before this year many students would often carry their backpacks to class, filled with their supplies yes, but also snacks, phones, and other distractions.

High school science teacher Ms. Howe said, "I don't think backpacks are necessary because students are

able to go between classes to their lockers without too much trouble."

While it may make the students have to utilize their lockers and their legs a bit more, it does make walking around the classroom and through the aisles much easier.

Finally phones are getting a lot of attention this year. Or maybe not enough attention. Students are required to keep their phones in their lockers, or if they happen to forget, all classrooms have pocket organizers to give the cell phones a rest for the period.

There haven't been too many issues with phones yet in this early part of the school year. So kids are either ignoring those snaps and texts or they are just getting sneakier.

Those are some of the new policies and as you know there are different opinions on the same thing. But regardless of the policy changes, the 2017-2018 school year seems to be off to a good start.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The longest time between two twins being born is 87 days.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: If you are thinking about ordering the 6-piece chicken nugget from McDonald's look again, it's probably cheaper to order two 4-pieces.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why do fireflies like thunderstorms?
(submitted by Colton B.)

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What can be seen once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 2

- Soccer @ Huron (11:00)

Monday, September 4

- No School—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

- XC @ Jesse James Invite (4:00)

- Soccer @ West Central (6:00)

Thursday, September 7

- VB @ BEC—Home (6:00/8:00)

Friday, September 8

- FB @ Menno/Marion (7:00)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

Junior High Volleyball had their home opener last night against Baltic. The seventh graders took a commanding two set win.

The academic eligibility policy will have its first grade check starting Monday, September 11. Students must be passing all classes to participate in school activities for the week.

JOKE: Because they are lightning bugs

BRAINTEASER: The letter "m"

Football overcomes season opening loss with shutout win over Parker

A rain delay and two day break didn't slow down tough Dragon defense

by **Peyton Sage**
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Football season has officially kicked off with a 1-1 record. The Garretson Blue Dragons fell to the Howard Tigers on August 18th with an ending score of 30-32. To come back from their loss, the football team made a few changes to benefit them in the Parker game the following week.

Junior running back, Hayden Pierret, commented, "We put up a good fight against Howard, who is one of the top ranked teams. After losing to them, we wanted to bring that defeat out on Parker, who we lost to last year. I think a lot of us were still really upset about that game so we wanted revenge."

Currently Howard is ranked #2 in class 9A according to the most recent South Dakota Prep media poll.

Looking to rebound, last Friday the football team travelled to Parker. Many of the players were ready for redemption after giving the Pheasants the victory last year. But as eager as they were, a victory would have to wait.

Due to inclement weather, the

game was called at halftime with Garretson in the lead, 22-0. The game was to be finished the following Monday after the junior high and junior varsity games.

Pierret stated, "During the delay, we added a couple new plays since they were already familiar with our ones from the first half. We also focused on hitting the right spot on offense and getting a stronger mentality."

After the rain delay, Garretson returned to Parker and held the score, winning the game 22-0.

With the bye week, the football team now has more time to prepare for their next game against Menno/Marion, a team just incorporated into their schedule this season.

Freshman Isaiah Robinson said, "As a team we are using this bye week to work on key blocking and timing plays perfectly. We're also lifting and watching film to focus on improvements that need to be made when we play Menno/Marion."

The football team will play their third game next Friday, in hopes of turning their record into 2-1, furthering their ascend into a successful season.



After receiving some time due to a good block on the Tigers' defenseman by Drew Blosmo (#24), Blue Dragon quarterback Brennan Mudder (#12) has enough time to drop back in the pocket and compete the pass to Keisean Deehr-Thornton (#3). Although Garretson fell to Howard to open their season, they were able to come back with a shutout victory over Parker this past week.

Volleyball crams six games into six days

Between a busy schedule during the first week of school and a tournament, the Blue Dragon netters gain lots of court time and experience

Garretson volleyball (0-6) has had a busy start to the season. On the first day of school, they travelled to Beresford. The Watchdogs are a new team on the Blue Dragon schedule as they have recently joined the Big East Conference.

Despite a competitive effort, Garretson had first competition jitters and were unable to secure a win, falling in three straight sets.

The Blue Dragons only had a day to recover because on Saturday they left for the annual Canton tournament. This tournament brings eight teams together. The first three games are pool play and then you play one final "tournament game."

First on the Blue Dragon lineup was the West Lyon Wildcats out of Iowa. They came out swinging and were ready to take advantage of novice mistakes on the Blue Dragon court. However, signs of rhythm and comfort were starting to show by the end of the last set.

The Dell Rapids Quarriers then faced Garretson. Games against the Quarriers in any sport are for bragging rights with a friendly school rivalry but Dell Rapids had Garretson's number, sweeping the Blue Dragons. The Quarriers went on to be the eventual tournament champions beating the Lennox Orioles.

The final team in Garretson's pool was West Sioux (IA). Even though it was a tit for tat fight, West Sioux found the way to close.

Garretson then played the Sioux Falls Lincoln JV in the seventh place match up. It was an exciting battle for the Blue Dragons as they 25-18 first set win.

Set two was just as exciting as the teams knotted at 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. However, Lincoln was able to come up with the final two points to push to even the score.

Third set played much like the first going back and forth between the two teams, tying half way through at 12s. Lincoln was able to close out the game 20-25.

A few highlights from the game include some great in-game experience from an overall very young team as well as a special moment for one senior.

Emily Schleuter, libero, made her 1,000th dig during the Canton tournament also becoming the all-time leader in digs in Blue Dragon history.

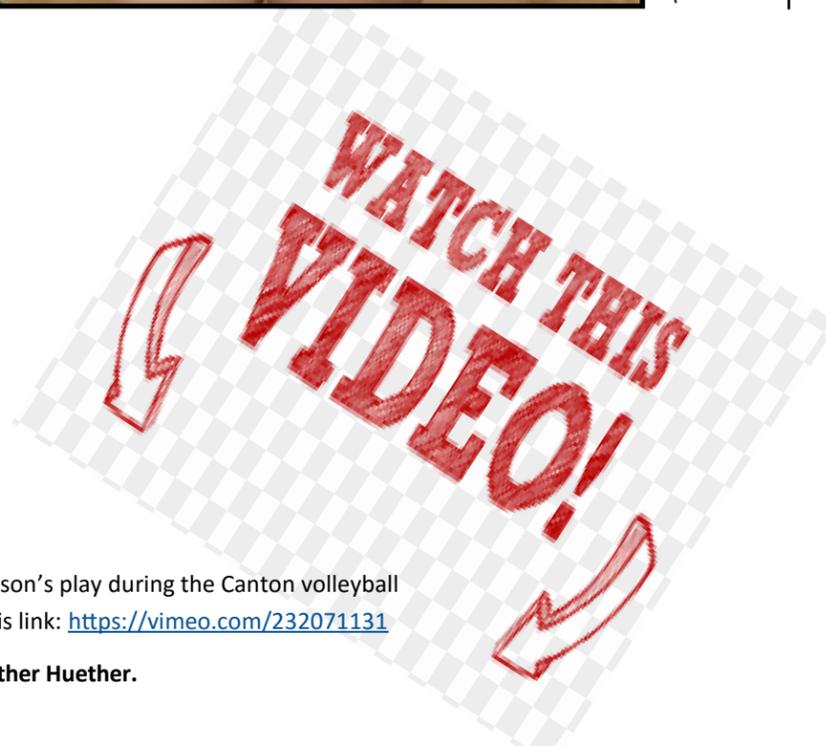
This past week, Garretson's tough schedule continued playing Sioux Falls Christian and Baltic.

Although the netters did not come out with a win, the Blue Dragons are definitely on the right track. The competitiveness is evident and the skill is there.



Emily Schleuter holds her sign made by her teammates after she made her 1,000th career dig at the Canton tournament versus Sioux Falls Lincoln JV. Schleuter is Garretson's all-time dig leader.

Photo by Heather Huether



Watch this video for a highlight reel of Garretson's play during the Canton volleyball tournament. Scan the QR Code or click on this link: <https://vimeo.com/232071131>

Video reel shot, edited, and compiled by **Heather Huether**.

McGregor couldn't weather Mayweather's onslaught during touted fight

The best in their respective fields talked the talk then tried to walk the walk

by **Mason Hofer**
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On August 26, the greatest boxing match of all time was put into play in the T-Mobile arena in Las Vegas. Connor McGregor (21-3 MMA, 9-1 UFC) vs. Floyd "Money" Mayweather (50-0 Boxing) went toe to toe in the ring. Most people would look at this fight and say, "Floyd Mayweather has a way better record so this wouldn't be a remotely close fight." But, Mayweather is 41 years old to McGregor's 27. So there are some advantages to both fighters.

An advantage that Mayweather has is that he has been boxing his whole life; this was McGregor's first boxing match.

McGregor has been dominating the UFC ever since his first fight in 2007; he won in the first round by TKO.

Out of McGregor's 21 MMA wins 18 of them are knockouts. Out of Mayweather's 50 wins 27 of them are knockouts. So Mayweather does

have more knockouts, but a higher percentage of Connors fights end in knockouts (54% to 86%).

To build the hype of the fight (make some extra money) the fighters went on a four city world tour. On the tour they stopped in four major cities, and trash talked each other at the top of their lungs until it was time to go.

- Los Angeles, July 11th
- Toronto, Canada, July 12th
- Brooklyn, July 13th
- London, UK, July 14th

Basically the tour was just a four day roasting session. Most of the taunting came from McGregor's side. He make jokes about Mayweather's struggle reading, and that he is having debt problems, and things of that sort. Most times McGregor would be very close to Mayweather's face screaming at him but "Money" was locked in not showing any emotion.

Showing no emotion was one of Mayweather's specialties, his composure is the best the boxing world

has every seen. He is fazed by almost nothing, no matter what happens he has always stuck in there and finished it out.

After all of the hype build up, it came time for the actual fight. Pay-per-view cost \$100, and median ticket price was \$3,824, to watch three fights and the main event of the evening, Connor McGregor Vs. Floyd Mayweather.

After a short delay, the fight started at around 12:15 a.m. ET. The delay was caused by some issues with the Pay-Per-View. There also was a delay in the Manny Pacquiao fight for the same reason.

After the Pay-Per-View was up and running again, the fighters took the stage. McGregor made his way to the ring all smiles and high-fiving fans, Mayweather on the other hand came out locked in. Mayweather was wearing a ski mask during his march toward the ring showing he was not playing any games.

At the beginning of the fight McGregor came out swinging,

throwing lots of punches but most were evaded or blocked by Mayweather. Mayweather came out very defensive, not throwing lots of punches just taking his time and playing defense.

The fight continued to be like this until about round seven. Since McGregor was an MMA fighter, the longest he had ever fought was 25 minutes. McGregor started to get tired from all this offense when the 25 minutes were up. Then Mayweather started playing some offense, landing punch after punch, McGregor was just getting demolished. It got to the point that this was border-line assault and the referee ended the fight in the tenth round. Mayweather won by TKO.

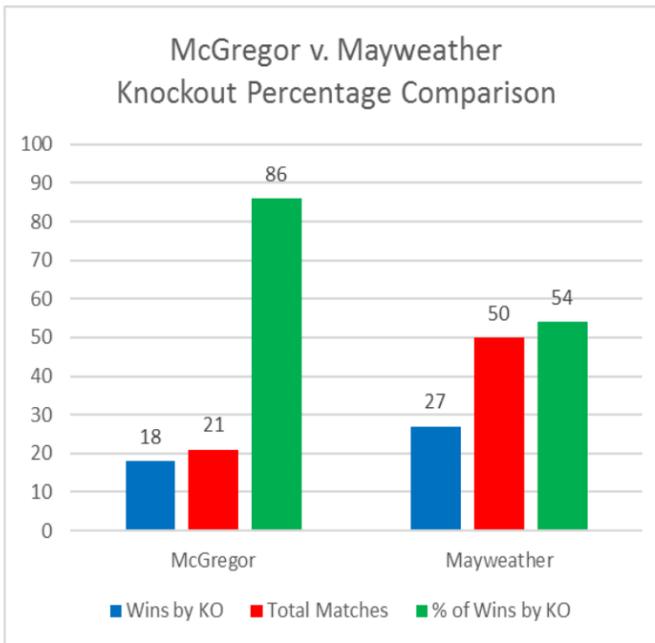
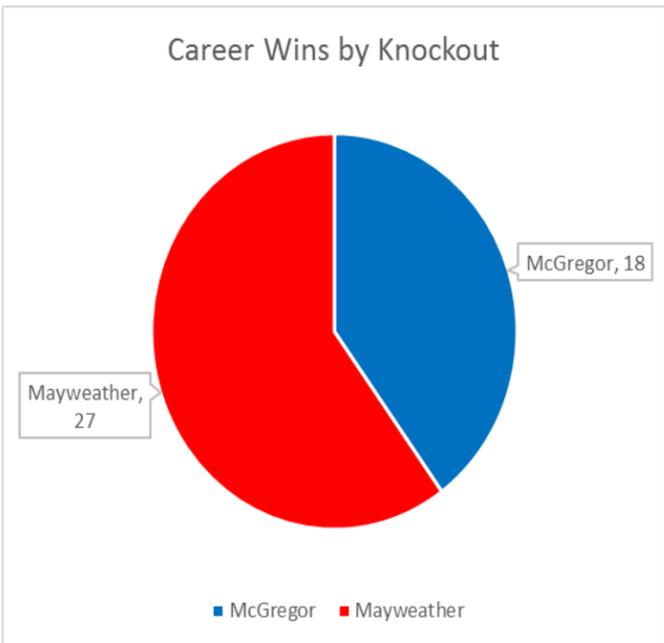
"I was really hoping for McGregor to win this one" states Sophomore Lucas Fitzgerald. "You've got to give the man some though, 50 wins is crazy".

Mayweather walked out of that arena with The Money Belt, and 300 million dollars; although McGregor lost, he still walked away with 100 million. "I've always thought that fighters get paid to much, but they do sacrifice their body for entertainment" says Junior Dakota Johnson.

Mayweather made about \$312K for every punch thrown during the fight, this is more than most families make in three years.

After the fight Floyd Mayweather joined an impressive group. Mayweather joined a club accompanied by, Tiger Woods, and Michael Jordan. The only three athletes with one billion dollars in career earnings.

After his 50th win (now the best record in Boxing History) Mayweather has decided to hang them up. We will never get to see another Floyd Mayweather fight again.



New team, new changes, new attitude

From different teams on their schedule to more playing time on the field, the Garretson soccer team has had to make some early adjustments

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Garretson soccer program (0-5-0) has had some new changes this year including adding a JV team and three new opponents. These changes provide new and tough challenges but the girls are ready to handle them as they have already shown early signs of improvement.

One of the improvements are their stingier defense. They are holding teams to less goals made than in previous years' matchups. The Garretson soccer team is also scoring more goals themselves and are working more as a team.

The JV team is a big deal to the whole program this year, because they never had one before. The big question is how will this affect them not only in the future but even game times this season.

This change could either make them or break them. Adding a JV team could possibly break them due to the cause that the JV game is usu-

ally before the varsity game. It would take a big chunk out of their endurance. So their legs will be more tired.

On the other hand It may help the team because everyone gets more playing time and it allows for opportunities to work on skills in other positions during JV games before implementing it into the varsity matches.

Another change this year is that the Garretson soccer program has new opponents: Huron Tigers, Dakota valley Panthers, and Worthington Trojans (MN). This will add three more games to their schedule which means more opportunities to play. Last year the Blue Dragons only played nine games and went 2-6-1. Although they have yet to secure a win this season, they still have seven games to go.

Tomorrow will be the first time ever Garretson plays Huron (0-6-0). The Blue Dragons travel to the Tigers, both teams hungry for their first win of the season.



Freshman Kaycie King passes the ball to teammate Kyley Greenhoff (#23) after coming up with a big stop on defense against Sioux Falls Christian. The Blue Dragons lost to the Chargers 2-4.

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