



ON THE BENCH by Byron Higgin, Publisher

The new Willmar High School varsity football coach is Jon Konold, son of Doug and Jeannette Konold of Minneota.

Konold's Cardinals beat Bemidji in the season opener.

Last year, before Konold took the reigns at Willmar, the Cardinals won just two football games. Konold came from Mankato West, where he was the offensive coordinator of the state champion Scarletts.

He's previously coached in Austin, MN and in Texas.

His sister, Dodie Derynck is the mother of Viking starting quarterback Sam Derynck and Ben Derynck, the recent Minneota Golf Club champion.

Since Willmar plays the same night as Sam, it's doubtful Jon Konold will get many chances to see his nephew quarterback the Minneota Vikings.

MINNEOTA runner Kathryn Anundson, who ran in the state cross country meet last year for Canby-Minneota, is a member of the Minnesota State Mavericks Women's Cross Country team

in Mankato, MN.

The team's first meet was the Oz Invitational in Minneapolis last weekend.

Anundson is hoping to make the top seven runners on the Maverick squad so she can run in all the team's meets this year.

ASHLYNN MUHL of Minneota sat out the Vikings two varsity games this week against KMS and R-T-R.

She has a sore knee. The team rolled to three-game wins in each match to make it nine straight games in three matches.

It was a good time for Muhl to rest her knee.

With Muhl out of the lineup, the Viking have been getting some nice net play from Haylee Davis and starter Rachel Cheadle has stepped up her game.

On top of that, Kaitlin Bottelberghe has become a reliable server coming off the bench for Minneota.

AT THE start of the volleyball season Viking Coach Steph Hennen predicted Canby would have a good girls' volleyball team.

The Lancer girls rolled up a 4-0 record without losing a game and should be a top contender in the Camden Conference along with the Vikings.

Canby and Minneota will have a showdown on Thursday, Oct. 8th when the Lancers come to Minneota.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jon Anderson of Minneota — the new season champion of the X-Treme Bullriding event.

What made it so special for Jon was to win at home Sunday night in Minneota.