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## Dress rehearsal No. 3 on tap tonight

### Jennings has an unforgettable memory of Denver

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DENVER — Greg Jennings is returning to the Green Bay Packers' lineup, and also to the scene of his signature NFL moment.

The Packers will welcome back their star wide receiver tonight in Denver after he missed the team's first two preseason games with a sore knee. Jennings had one of the best moments of his career against the Broncos last season, catching an 82-yard touchdown pass from Brett Favre on the first play of

overtime to power the Packers to a memorable 19-13 win.

It was the second-longest TD pass in NFL overtime history. On Nov. 10, 1985, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski hit wide receiver Mike Quick on a 99-yard play.

"Last year was last year," Jennings said. "I'm pretty sure they're probably thinking about that and don't want that to happen again. But it's preseason. It's time to get work. This is a time where we really perfect our craft, and this is a time to test yourself, especially for myself, this being my first preseason game."

The Broncos (1-1) will be without Tom Nalen again. Their star tight end center has missed most of

training camp and was scheduled for surgery on his left knee, his second in 2½ months. His status for the season is up in the air, depending on what the surgeon finds.

If Nalen can't return quickly, the Broncos have a big decision to make about whether or not to add him to their 53-man roster. They're already planning to hold open a spot for rookie running back Ryan Torain, who will miss the first half of the season recovering from a broken elbow.

With Nalen out, not a single incumbent starter is back from last year. Still, Jay Cutler has yet to be sacked, and he's completed 24-of-30 passes for 237 yards and a TD.

Denver has some experience in the interior line with free agent

Casey Wiegmann, who's entering his 13th NFL season, replacing Nalen, and Ben Hamilton and Chris Kuper at guard. At tackle, the Broncos are young, with first-rounder Ryan Clady protecting Cutler's blind side and second-year pro Ryan Harris on the right side. Harris was flagged four times in the exhibition opener.

"It's a learning experience. They're going to have some tough games. But they're excellent athletes. And they're great competitors. And they're learning every day on the job," Shanahan said.

Denver will get cornerback Champ Bailey (hamstring) back in the lineup for his preseason debut against Green Bay.

Bailey's presence will surely

provide more of a test for Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who struggled at San Francisco last week after a fairly sharp outing in his debut against Cincinnati.

Rodgers took the blame for some mental mistakes, including holding on to the ball too long against a heavy pass rush, but he didn't get enough help from wide on to the ball and an offensive line that allowed four sacks.

"We're not putting extra pressure on ourselves, but we definitely want to get some momentum going into the season," Rodgers said. "We realize the last game, a lot of times, is just polish for one or two series, maybe, stay healthy, get out of the game and let the younger guys play."

### A huge mismatch on paper

#### T'Jacks face struggling Titans

MENOMINEE — The Kettle Moraine Titans have started out like the Titanic in their first two Wisconsin State Football League games.

The Titans may keep taking on water Saturday when they visit the M&M Timberjacks in a 4 p.m. game.

After being blasted by league-leading Fox Valley Force 69-0 in their opener, the Titans were blitzed 40-0 by the Vipers. Kettle Moraine had a bye last week to regroup.

Prospects for the Titans reaching paydirt for the first time against a nasty T-Jack defense aren't good. The M&M team has allowed a combined total of just 28 points against the Force and Oostburg, two of the most explosive teams in the league.

**M&M Timberjacks (2-1) vs. Kettle Moraine Titans (0-2)**  
Saturday, 4 p.m. at Spies Field  
**Submerged Titans:** Kettle Moraine has been outscored 109-0 in its first two games.

**Timberjacks:** Ready to break out offensively against a porous Titan team.

**Leading Rushers:** Timberjacks — Randy Hoheneder 51-229 yards, 4.5 per carry, No. 2 in league; Dan Ries 46-158, No. 5 in league; Zak Shutte 14-109, 7.8 avg. Titans — Kirk Jimmerson 5-18

**Passing:** Timberjacks — Hoheneder 13-29-334 yards, 45 percent, 4 TD, 2 INT. Titans — Chad Schunelle 6-17-47, 35 percent, 0 TD, 2INT

**Defense:** Timberjacks — Jim Ahmrdt 13 tackles, 1 forced fumble; Alfonso Smith 12 tackles, two pass deflections; Joel Wortner 10 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery, 1 touchdown; Aric Chaltry 8 tackles, 2 sacks.

### A rally in progress



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Nite Court's Adam Ganter (right) gets a high-five from teammate Dan "Sparky" Lesperance after crushing a three-run homer in the sixth inning of Thursday's Marinette Recreation Men's Softball Tournament game at Big Higley Field. Ganter's blast helped start a 12-run eruption, powering Nite Court to a 30-7 triumph over Red Brick and winning the tourney title. (Color reprints: www.ehextra.com)

### Encouraging start for swim team

DE PERE, Wis. — Outnumbered nearly 2 to 1 and with nearly all underclassmen on her team, Marinette Marine swim coach Cathee Mayhew had a bad feeling about Thursday's season opener.

But her inexperienced team came through with impressive performances to keep the non-conference dual meet close.

De Pere defeated the Marines 91-79. "I thought we were going to come in and get killed," Mayhew acknowledged.

No more Alison Ceranski, who's swimming at Air Force Academy. The Rhoades sisters have long since graduated. Just one senior and a bunch of hungry, fast-learning underclassmen.

"I think they did really well," Mayhew said. "It was a good start. The new kids that we have are really tough. They're competitors. They want to win."

Freshman Taylor Schoen was Marinette's double-winner. She placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:21.85. Schoen joined Kelly Chmela, Jenna Carlson and Colleen Behrens on the first-place 200 freestyle relay team (1:59.68).

Marinette's only senior, Quinn Arnold, excelled with a first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly (1:08.99), second-places in the 400 freestyle relay and 200 medley relay, and second in the 200 individual medley.

Sophomore Rachel Breuer won the 200 free with a time of 2:23.99, and was second in the 500 free. Sophomore Danielle Johnson took first in the 50 free (27.68) and second in the 100 free.

**Marine results:**  
**200 medley relay** — Quinn Arnold, Taylor Schoen, Rachel Breuer & Danielle Johnson, second

**200 freestyle** — Rachel Breuer first, 2:23.99; Jenna Carlson third

**200 individual medley** — Arnold second, MaKenzie Krah third, Schoen fourth

**50 free** — Danielle Johnson first, 27.68; Brittany Behrens fourth; Erin Hoff sixth

**100 butterfly** — Arnold first, 1:08.99; Shaniece Carviou fourth, Brittany Behrens sixth

**100 free** — Johnson second, Kelly Chmela fifth, Jada Roehm sixth

**500 free** — Breuer second, Krah third, Colleen Behrens fourth

**200 free relay** — Chmela, Schoen, Carlson & Colleen Behrens first, 1:59.68; Brittany Behrens, Roehm, Hoff & Emily Connovich, fourth

**100 backstroke** — Carlson second, Carviou fourth, Chmela sixth

**100 breaststroke** — Schoen first, 1:21.85; Colleen Behrens third, Connovich sixth

**400 free relay** — Arnold, Breuer, Krah & Johnson, second; Chmela, Carlson, Carviou & Brittany Behrens fourth

### Marine golfers struggle again

OCONTO FALLS — Golf is among the most humbling of sports, and don't the Marinette Marine golfers know it.

Marinette, which returned four of five members of last season's Bay Conference championship team, finished behind Oconto Falls Thursday for the second time in two conference meets.

Falls won the meet with a 188 at the Par 36 River Island Golf Club. Marinette shot a 196.

For the Marines in the early season, it has

been seven or eight fair to good holes, and one or two bad ones.

"They're blowing up on some holes," Marinette coach Justine Braatz said. "There's no consistency. They're not finishing. Nines and sevens and eights are showing up on the scorecard, and they shouldn't be."

Shawano's Kayla Johnson shot a 43 to claim medalist honors. Marinette's Allie Parthie and

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### Not an Olympian, but not far off

#### Boren is a late bloomer among runners

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jenna Boren wasn't even a runner in high school. She's an elite runner now.

Boren, 31, can relate to the marathon competitors at the Beijing Olympics, because she competed at a high level against some of them.

The granddaughter of Clark and Maryon "Babe" Boren of Marinette, Jenna competed in the U.S. Olympic Time Trials in April in Boston, where she placed 94th out of 124 runners with a time of 2:49.

To get to that level is a remarkable accomplishment for Boren, who grew up on a farm near Menasha and did chores rather than play high school sports.

"I started running in college," Boren said. "I worked on a farm and I needed something to remain active in college. I think it was a turning point in my life. Being healthy is really important to my

family. I just didn't want to be passive in life."

At St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., Boren started out as a sprinter on the track team. She was switched to distance events and qualified for nationals.

After college, Boren continued running and relocated to the Twin Cities, where she co-owns a chiropractic clinic in St. Paul.

"I was enjoying it and wanted to keep going," she said of her running. "I found a really great group of people in the Twin Cities."

Her former college coach, Matt Haugen, helped Boren get her times down. At Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn., Boren improved from 34th place in 2002 to seventh in 2007. She qualified for the Olympic Trials at the 2006 Grandma's Marathon, and then improved her time by more than three minutes when she finished the 2007 Houston Marathon in 2:42:39.

The 2008 Olympic Trials were held in Boston the day before the Boston Marathon but on a different course.

"I didn't do very well," Boren said. "To be honest, it was one of those experiences just to finish."

Boren overcame ankle and leg injuries incurred last winter to run at the Trials.

"You just have to really be able to hold your composure, taking it one step at a time," Boren said. "A lot of it is just really keeping your mind on the moment you're at."

Sunday at the Olympics, Romania's Constantina Tomescu won the women's marathon with a time of 2:26:44. Boren hopes to qualify for the Trials for the 2012 London Olympics, but says she would need to run a time in the upper-2:20s or lower 2:30s to qualify for the Games.

"I don't see myself ever running under 2:35," Boren said.

Boren has fond memories of visiting her Marinette grandparents.

"I'm very close to my grandparents," she said. "My grandma is kind of my angel."

The daughter of Barb Boren and Clark Boren Jr., Jenna has no plans to stop running, and may try ironman triathlons.

"At this point I'm just enjoying running and entering my peak years," Boren said.



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