

Weekly Vikings Roundup

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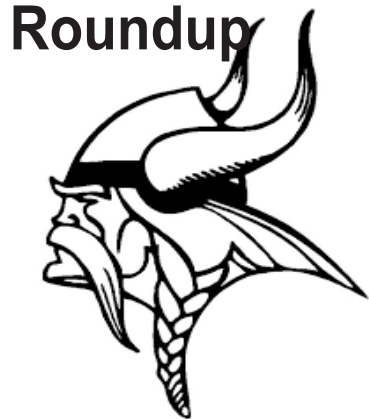
As the 2025 NFL season draws closer, the Minnesota Vikings find themselves in a rare position: built to win now, yet still developing key young talent across the roster. With training camp on the horizon and a deep, competitive team in place, I'll be breaking down each position group over the next seven weeks to get a clearer picture of who's locked in, who's on the bubble, and who could surprise us this summer. We'll start at quarterback and work our way through the entire roster, ending with the secondary just before the first preseason game kicks off.

Quarterback
J.J. McCarthy – The second year QB is firmly locked in as the starter for the 2025 season. McCarthy was a top-10 pick last year and was battling with Sam Darnold for positioning on the depth chart. Unfortunately an injury derailed his rookie season, but the front office is confident enough in his recovery that they chose not to sign another player to challenge McCarthy – most notably passing on future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers.

Sam Howell – A fifth-round pick by the Washington Commanders in 2022, Howell started one game as a rookie then all 17 games in his sophomore season in which he completed 388 of his 612 passes (63.4%) for 3,946 yards, 21 touchdowns and 21 interceptions. Following the 2023 season, Howell was traded to Seattle to be the team's backup. The Vikings traded for him during the draft this offseason to fill the same role. He's a young player with plenty of starts under his belt, but he's not in a position to challenge McCarthy for the starting spot.

Brett Rypien – An undrafted rookie in 2019, Rypien bounced around the league, spending time in Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle, New York (Jets), and Chicago before making it to Minnesota. His best case scenario would be making the team as the third/emergency QB.

Max Brosmer – Brosmer signed with the Vikings after going undraft-



ed in this year's draft. The former Golden Gopher will compete with Brett Rypien for the final spot on Minnesota's QB depth chart.

Running Back
Aaron Jones Sr. – Despite his age, the Vikings re-signed Jones to lead the backfield in 2025. Jones excels in multiple categories with his ability to run the ball (averaging 4.5 yards per carry last season) and catch the ball out of the backfield (51 catches for 408 yards). The biggest question marks for Jones are his age (he'll turn 31 this season), and his durability (last year was only the second time in his career he's played every game of the season).

Jordan Mason – After spending his first three seasons in San Francisco, Mason was acquired by the Vikings this offseason, then promptly given a new contract. With Christian McCaffrey out with an injury last season, Mason filled in admirably, including a 20-carry, 100-yard effort against the Vikings in week 2. The Vikings' plan is to have a two-headed monster at RB this season, with Jones and Mason splitting carries.

C.J. Ham – Entering his ninth season in the league, Ham will once again be the team's starting fullback. The two-time Pro Bowler is a solid blocker who is rarely given a chance to touch the ball (he only had two carries and five catches in 2024).

Ty Chandler – A fifth-round pick by the Vikings in 2022, Chandler enters the season third on the RB depth chart. He started four games for the Vikings in 2023, averaging 4.5 yards per carry that season. Unfortunately his yards per carry dropped to 3.3 in 2024, which

likely prompted the Vikings to trade for Jordan Mason.

Zavier Scott – Undrafted in 2023, Scott spent his rookie year on the Colts' practice squad. He's a bigger back who can also play receiver if needed. Scott will likely be a practice squad candidate unless he can impress the coaching staff with his versatility and special teams value.

Tre Stewart – An undrafted rookie this year, Stewart began his career at Limestone University before transferring to Jacksonville State in 2024. Despite the jump up in competition, Stewart ran for 1,604 yards and 23 touchdowns last season. He's an electric runner who needs to improve his hands out of the backfield and tighten up his ball security if he wants to carve out a role for himself on a practice squad.

Guide and Outfitter Exam Scheduled

The next guide and outfitter written examination is Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department office in Bismarck. Pre-registration is required no later than Aug. 8 by calling the Department's enforcement office at 701-328-6604.

In addition to passing a written exam, qualifications for becoming a guide include a background check for criminal and game and fish violations, certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid, and employment by or contract with a licensed hunting outfitter.

Hunting outfitter eligibility requirements include the guide qualifications, and an individual must have held a hunting guide license for two years and must have proof of liability insurance.



Glen Ullin Public Transportation Schedule

The Glen Ullin Transportation bus, is public transportation, and any age person may ride.

The city bus goes to Bismarck/ Mandan on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025.

The bus will start picking up at 8:00 a.m., unless otherwise notified and a \$10.00 fee is charged for the trip. It is best if possible to make your appointments between 9 and 12. It does not always work but is appreciated.

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Hello Readers,

Kim and I hit the Hwy 21 rummage sale on Friday. We found a few treasures as always and had a lot of laughs. Thanks Kim! Can't believe we didn't see you Margie. We were looking for you. I'm sure you girls had fun. Love you all!

A heck of a storm went thru here Friday evening. I didn't mind the rain, didn't like the other stuff that came with it. Saturday we went and had lunch with Reece. Then later we went to G.U. for a drink. We ran into Allan, Pickle Pat, Dennis, Karen and Brad. Good to see you all.

Thanks Jane for all the updates. "I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug!"

Baby powder and dish soap remove oil-based stains. Use equal parts of each.

Hey Cuz Carleen, love you!
Hey Don and Brenda, love you too!

Summer Activities Planned at Welk Homestead State Historic Site

Welk Homestead State Historic Site near Strasburg is hosting free family-friendly activities to promote learning and fun for adults and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

June 28, Pollinator Talk, 1-3 p.m. Elisha Mueller, a conservation biologist with North Dakota Game and Fish Department, will talk about the importance of pollinators. Then get the buzz on beekeeping as Touch of Honey from Linton shares the sweet secrets about bees.

June 28, Kite Flying, 1-3 p.m. Decorate your own kite with site interpreters, then send it soaring and take it home for more high-flying fun!

July 5, Blacksmith Demonstration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bob McCay and Rick Wengel will share their knowledge of blacksmithing and use of the coal forge.

July 5, Fabric Arts Demonstrations, 1-3 p.m. Discover the art of rug making and cross stitch through demonstrations and activities.

July 19, Lanette's Craft Room, 1-3 p.m. Spend the afternoon creating farm animal crafts.

The Welk Homestead State Historic Site illustrates the history of agriculture in the early 20th century, German Russian culture and architecture, and the career of bandleader Lawrence Welk, who grew up on the farm. While at the site, take a selfie with the new Lawrence Welk statue.

For more information, contact Brian Grove, shswelk@nd.gov or 701.336.7777. The Welk Homestead, located at 845 88th St. SE, Strasburg, is a state historic site managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Summer hours are Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 1.

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Notice of Public Organizational Meeting and Election Glen Ullin Rural Ambulance District

As required by N.D.C.C. 23-27-07, the territory described below must organize into a Rural Ambulance Service District. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all qualified electors living within the boundaries of the territory described below, Wednesday July 9th – 6 pm at Glen Ullin Fire Hall located at 206 South 2nd Street, Glen Ullin, ND 58631 an organizational meeting will be held to form the Glen Ullin Rural Ambulance District and elect a Board of Directors.

Immediately following the organizational meeting, the District Board of Director's will hold a public meeting with the following agenda.

- 1 Call the Meeting to Order
- 2 Nomination and Election of officers
- 3 Current ambulance service overview to District Board
- 4 Discuss Next Steps
- 5 Set next meeting date
- 6 Adjourn

Township	County	Range	Sections
Woodward	Mercer	141-88	Sections 20-29,32-36
Birtsell	Oliver	141-87	Sections 19-22,26-35
		140-88	All of 1-36
Estabrook	Morton	140-87	Sections 1-23, West ½ of 24, 25, 26 excluding SE ¼, 27-28, 29 excluding SE ¼, 30-32
Nordmore	Morton	140-86	Sections 6, West ½ of 7
		139-90	Section 36
Larrabee	Morton	139-89	Sections 1-3,10-15,22-27,31-36
Florance	Morton	139-88	All of 1-36
Sykeston	Morton	139-87	Sections 2-11,14-23,26-35
Bilodeau	Morton	138-90	Sections 1,12,13-14,23-26,35-36
Wyard	Morton	138-89	All of 1-36
Carrington	Morton	138-88	All of 1-36
Rose Hill	Morton	138-87	Sections 5-8,17-18, East ½ of 20, West ½ of 21, NE ¼ of 28,31-33
Haven	Grant	137-90	Sections 1-2,11-14,23-26, All of 35 North of River, 36
Rolling Prairie	Grant	137-89	All of 1-36
Johnson	Grant	137-88	All of 1-36
Hawksnest	Morton	137-87	Sections 4-9,16 excluding SE ¼,17-21, South ½ of 22, 27-33
Longview	Grant	136-90	Sections 1-4 N of River, 10-12 N of River
Melville	Grant	136-89	Sections 1-6, 7-11 N of River, 13-14 N of River
Bordulac	Grant	136-88	Sections 1-10,12,16-18
Bucephalia	Grant	136-87	N ½ of 6
City of Glen Ullin	Morton	All of City	