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Finally, it's time to play ball

Twins in scramble mode with spring training only days away

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Baseball's lockout is over. Now the lock-in begins. "We're tired in lock," Derek Fahey said of the Twins' player-acquisition staff, now acquiescent in the team's executive office in Fort Myers, Fla. "We might be here awhile."

That's because, three days from spring camp's formal opening and a mere four weeks before Opening Day, the Twins roster looks like a home improvement project on the contractors' day off: Some parts are missing, and it hits you just how much more work is required. The starting

rotation has seven power veterans, the bullpen has nothing but question marks, and even the Twins admit they don't know who their shortstop will be. "We don't have a blueprint for this. It's going to be difficult," Fahey, the Twins president of baseball operations, said in a video call with reporters about a half-hour after Major League Baseball formally ended its 99-day lockout of the players union. "It'll be hard to navigate a little bit of the challenges associated with roster-building in a really short period of time. We're going to navigate through it successfully because we have

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WHAT'S NEXT?
Now: MLB is back in business, free agents can sign.
Sunday: Players must report to spring training.
Thursday-Friday: First spring training games.
April 7: Opening Day, delayed by one week.

Fans disgruntled over this lockout will return to ballparks, as always

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"Please, let's never do this again." By "that," I mean, let's never pretend that a baseball labor negotiation is the end of the world or even the end of a season.

The popular stance regarding baseball's collective bargaining agreements and the owners' lockout of the players has been to scream and kvetch over the ground on display, and to vow that we'll never go to another ballgame.

But after all of the owners' threats and all the woe, what happens?
Baseball will for the 27th consecutive season not miss any games over a labor dispute. Every five years or so, the players and owners threaten and pose and posture during negotiations and baseball fans react like children who have had their bicycles taken away — and then baseball plays a full season.

If you want to blame someone for the belated start to spring training this year, blame the owners. They imposed the lockout, pointed their deadlines and made bogus threats.

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BOYS' HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENT CLASS 2A QUARTERFINALS: PRIOR LAKE 6, CEBTIN DERHAM HALL 3



Alex Bump celebrated after scoring a first-period goal. He finished with five goals, a total matched or exceeded by only two others in state tournament history.

1, 2, 3 goals ... and then 5

Prior Lake's Alex Bump scored a first-period hat trick, 'and then just kept going'

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Right from the jump, it was all Alex Bump. The Prior Lake senior and Mr. Hockey finally pumped in five goals — starting with a first-period natural hat trick — and assisted on another, leading his unseeded team to a 6-0 upset of second seed Cebtin Derham Hall in a Class 2A boys' hockey state tournament quarterfinal Thursday at Xcel Energy Center.

Bump credited linemates Sam Rice and Will Schumacher, and he said he definitely didn't have five goals on his mind to start. "Got one, got another," Bump said. "Had the hat trick in the first period, and then just kept going."

In the first state tournament for Prior Lake (DP-1), hockey fans witnessed the exceptional play Bump's teammates ascribed to repeatedly. "That big of a crowd, that's insane to me for him to come out and feel that comfortable on the ice," said Schumacher, who had two assists.

Each goal was a different type of jam-dropping, highlight-worthy play — over Bump's assist on the power play for a 4-0 lead in the third period on Rice's goal.

Bump has nine goals in his past two games and 46 this season along with 11 points.

Five goals in a state tournament game puts Bump in good company. Grant Besse scored

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6 p.m. today at Columbus (BSN)

Bustling, brawling crease as Wild wins

Zuccarello, Paila scored the decisive shootout goals.

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DETROIT — The spotlight kept hovering over the Red Wings crease.

That's where the Wild was the beneficiary of an own goal, had a goal wiped away because of goaltender interference and battled Detroit in a melee that broke out at the end of the second period — a bloody brawl that attracted both goalies.

And later, after each side erased a third-period deficit, the Wild finished off a tension-fueled 6-5 shootout win into the Red Wings net on Thursday in front of 17,644 at Little Caesars Arena to seal back-to-back victories for the first time in almost a month.

"That's the kind of team we are," Matt Dumba said. "Character team."

Matt Zuccarello and Kevin Paila delivered in the shootout, the only players to capitalize after Detroit was denied on its two tries.

For Zuccarello, who also scored in regulation, it was his 11th career game-winning goal, while Paila recorded his team-leading fourth shootout tally. Goalie Cam Talbot made 29 saves in his 11th consecutive victory, backstopping the

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Wild goalie Matt Bode celebrated one of his two goals at Detroit on Thursday night.