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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME June 22, 1984 1930 CDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) N. of Warren

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1 mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

- broken trees, turned over camper, barn
down away

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Aid urged as storms lash Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (CP) — Provincial politicians have called for this city to be declared a disaster area after violent thunderstorms knocked out power, flooded streets and basements, and killed a soccer player.

Opposition Leader Gary Filmon and other Progressive Conservatives told the legislature yesterday that Winnipeg homeowners need special assistance to recover from the damage inflicted by Thursday's storms.

However, no formal request for provincial help for the city is expected until at least Monday, when city council meets.

Outside Winnipeg, hailstorms and isolated tornadoes flattened garages and granaries, and flipped tractors and trucks.

And more was expected last night. Environment Canada issued a severe weather watch — which means thunderstorms with large hail, intense lightning, heavy rain or damaging winds — for parts for Manitoba.

Winnipeg resident Rose Peters could barely contain her frustration after Thursday's heavy rains submerged her basement for the second time in five days.

"I cleaned it out a couple of days ago and it's the same thing again," Peters said. "My basement is half-filled with gumbo" — a porridge-thick mud formed from river valley soil.

The downpours, coming on the heels of another heavy rainstorm last Saturday, were only the latest rounds of fickle springtime weather in southern Manitoba — everything from ice storms to dust bowls to flooding.

No requests

At the height of the storms Thursday evening, 57.2 millimetres — enough rain to reach the ankles — fell in 57 minutes.

"Now that is a new record amount for a one-hour period," said Ed Rosler, a spokesman for the Winnipeg weather office. Nearly 70 millimetres fell over 10 hours.

The only reported fatality was 23-year-old Winfred Bernard Meiers, who died in hospital after being hit by a bolt of lightning while playing soccer on a pitch in south Winnipeg. A witness said Meiers was flipped into the air.

Many of the city's storm sewers could not cope with the heavy flow of water, which backed up into basements in low-lying areas, where residents had just finished cleaning up from last Saturday's cloudburst.

Despite the damage, Urban Affairs Minister Mary Beth Dolin said Winnipeg city officials have not yet asked for assistance.

MLA Gerry Mercier (PC—St. Norbert) said storms as severe as Thursday's are expected only once every 25 years on average, and Winnipeg sewers are not designed to cope.

Winnipeg was last declared a disaster area in 1974 after a similar rainstorm.

Thursday's storm came in two stages, the first in the early afternoon and the second at about 7.30 p.m.

The fierce rain and lightning delayed a Canadian Football League preseason game between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the B.C. Lions.

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