

SPORTS



At center, the red team’s Mark Hauke dribbles down the court while being pursued by the orange team’s David Nguyen (left) of the Class of 1998 and Chris Tomczak (right) of the Class of 1991 in Saturday’s Alumni Basketball Masters Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.

Eleven teams compete in FHS Alumni hoops tourney

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The annual Falls High School Alumni Basketball Tournament wrapped up last week-end with 11 teams participating Friday and Saturday in the FHS gym to raise money in support of the Bronco basketball program.

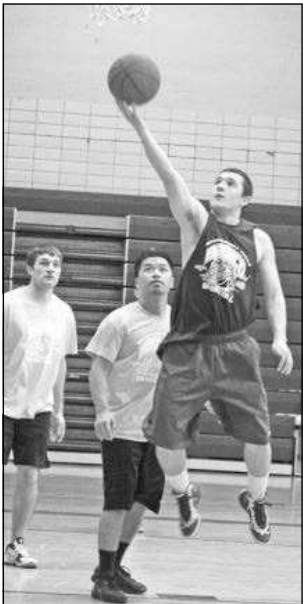
This year’s tournament had a Women’s Division for the second year in a row with two teams competing, in addition to the Men’s Masters Division (35 and older) with four teams and the Men’s Open Division with five teams.

In the Women’s Division, the blue team swept the pink team in two games, 42-33 and 56-40, to win the championship.

Saturday’s championship game in the Masters Division was decided in the finals seconds when David Nguyen of the Class of 1998 made two free throws with 6.1 seconds remaining to lift the orange team to a 51-50 victory over the red team, which had led by four points at halftime.

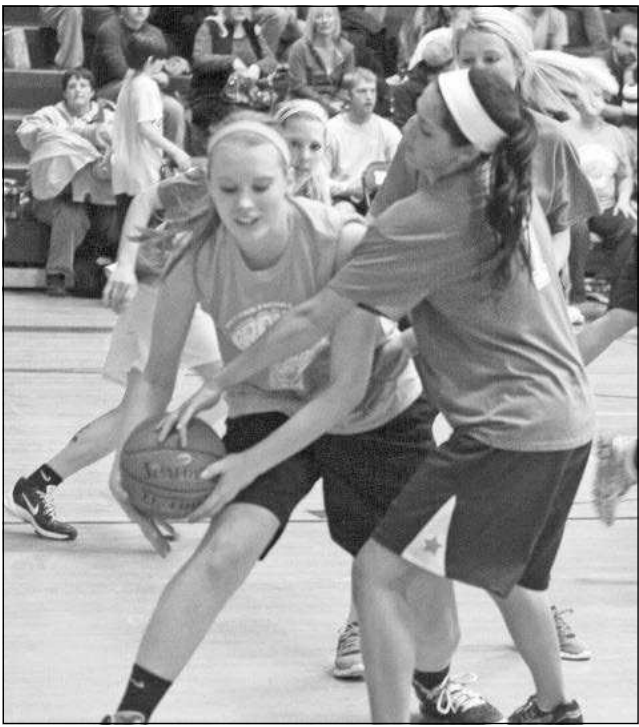
The Open Division championship game ended up as a blowout when the gold team turned a 13-point half-time lead into an 80-34 victory over the purple team.

The Alumni Basket-

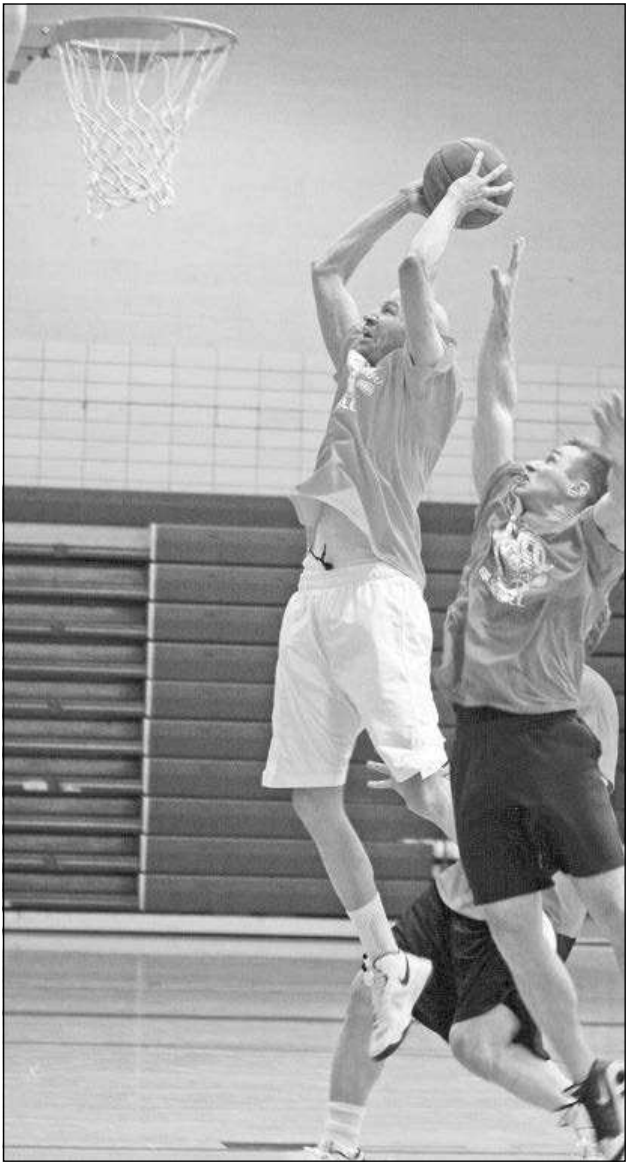


From right, the purple team’s Nick Bujold of the Class of 2011 shoots in the lane while the gold team’s Dan Nguyen of the Class of 1999 and Luke Zika of the Class of 2001 look on in Saturday’s Alumni Basketball Open Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.

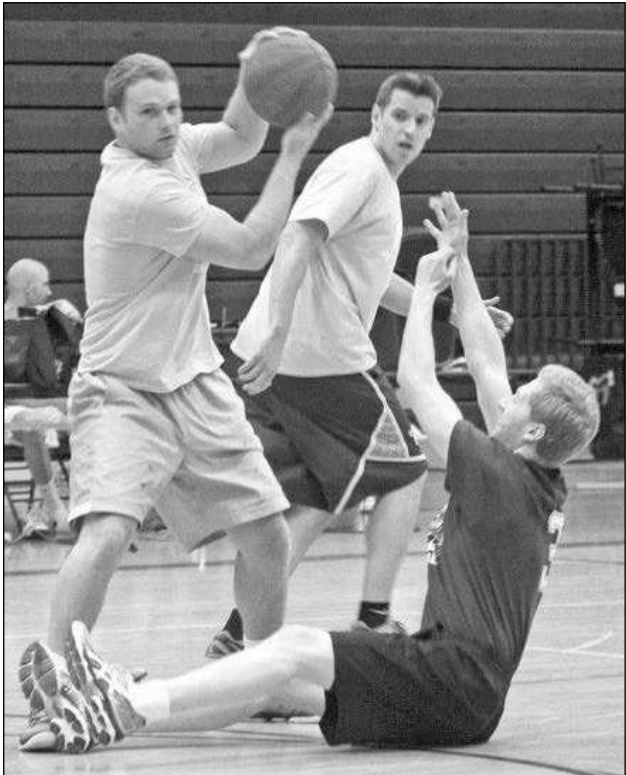
ball Tournament also featured some individual competitions. Shawn Filipiak of the Class of 2011 repeated as the slam dunk champion. Erik Moe of the Class of 2004 repeated as the skills competition champion. Dan Nguyen of the Class of 1999 won the 3-point shooting competition.



From left, the pink team’s Jenna Vergeldt and the blue team’s Reva Renollet, both of the Class of 2013, battle for the ball in the lane in Saturday’s Alumni Basketball Women’s Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.



From left, the orange team’s Brian Glad of the Class of 1996 drives to the basket in front of the red team’s Perryn Hedlund in Saturday’s Alumni Basketball Masters Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.



In front from left, the gold team’s Gunnar Anderson of the Class of 2013 keeps the ball away from the purple team’s Matt Paulbeck of the Class of 2011 while the gold team’s Gabe Greener of the Class of 2001 looks on in back in Saturday’s Alumni Basketball Open Division championship game in the Falls High School gym.

MEN’S BASEBALL

Voyageurs drop twin bill to Itasca

RRCC now 8-14

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College men’s baseball team found a playable site for a doubleheader Friday afternoon in Bemidji, where the Voyageurs lost both non-conference games to Itasca.

“Overall, we just didn’t come to the ball park ready to play (Friday) in any facet of the game,” said RRCC head coach Josh Koenig. “The pitching staff as a whole gave up nine walks and hit six batters. That’s 15 free bases that our defense can’t defend.

“The defense played passive which led to five errors on the day. Unfortunately, we allowed our poor performance pitching and defensively to carry over to the plate and into the dugout. We need to find a way to pick one another up when things are going our way.

“Good teams will take advantage of these things and capitalize on them and make them hurt. That is what Itasca did to us (Friday).”

In game one, Itasca shut out the Voyageurs, 10-0, in six innings.

RRCC could only muster three hits with Sean Deviney tallying a pair of doubles and Colten Boudreau adding a single with a stolen base.

Talon Kunkel recorded the pitching loss for the Voyageurs. In three-plus innings of work, Kunkel allowed seven runs, four earned, on seven hits with two walks and five hit batters while striking out four.

Jose Pedraza pitched in relief for two innings without allowing a run on three hits while striking out four. Jake Schulte pitched

the final inning, allowing three earned runs on three hits with a walk.



Colten Boudreau

ITASCA 9, RRCC 3

In game 2, the Voyageurs led after the first inning before losing to Itasca, 9-3.

Five RRCC players – Deviney, Boudreau, Tanner Helms, Makana Canda and Dyan Zayas – had a single apiece with Deviney driving in two runs and Helms scoring twice.

Four Voyageur pitchers gave up 11 hits between them with Gino Strebing recording the loss. Strebing was charged for six runs, five earned, on four hits with four walks and a hit batter while striking out one.

RRCC, which is now 8-14 overall, had its Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division doubleheader Saturday against Fond du Lac postponed and is tentatively scheduled to play its first conference doubleheader at home against Northland today at 2 p.m. at Scheela Field, depending on the field conditions.

This coming weekend, the Voyageurs are scheduled to play at Vermilion in a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Saturday and then play a doubleheader at Itasca starting at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Game 1	
Itasca 10, RRCC 0	
Itasca	0-2-3 2-0-3 - 10 13 0
RRCC	0-0-0 0-0-0 - 0 3 3
Game 2	
Itasca 9, RRCC 3	
RRCC	2-0-0 0-0-10 - 3 5 2
Itasca	1-2-0 1-5-0X - 9 11 1

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL

Voyageurs sweep Hibbing

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women’s softball team picked up two more victories in Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division action on Monday when the Voyageurs swept Hibbing in a doubleheader at Grand Rapids.

“We hit the ball pretty well,” said RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert. “Pitching, obviously, was solid.”

In game one, the Voyageurs shut out the Cardinals, 9-0, in five innings.

Oashaja Dobie recorded the pitching victory for the Voyageurs, allowing only one hit and hitting a batter while striking out 12.

Two of RRCC’s eight hits were home runs. Andrea Barylski homered and doubled, while Rachel Clark also hit a home run. Both players drove in two runs apiece.

Sam Cantu added a pair of singles for the Voyageurs.

RRCC 12, HIBBING 1

In game two, RRCC defeated Hibbing, 12-1, in five



Oashaja Dobie



Andrea Barylski

innings.

Dobie picked up another pitching victory, working three scoreless innings without a hit, while Beth Austad gave up an unearned run and two hits in two innings.

The Voyageurs erupted for 16 hits over five innings with Clark, Barylski, Dobie, Lynsi Emery, Ali-sha Brinker and Marina Johnson recording two hits apiece. Alexis Fancy added a double.

The doubleheader sweep improved RRCC’s season record to 13-4 overall and 4-0 in the MCAC North going into Tuesday’s doubleheader against Northland.

HOCKEY

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part in all four Lakers goals with his goal along with a trio of assists.

Fort Frances held the shots-on-goal edge in the contest by a 36-34 margin with Cartney picking up the win and Reichle recording the overtime defeat.

With the Lakers’ win, Fort Frances hosts the deciding game 7 set for 7:30 p.m. today at Ice for Kids Arena.

The SIJHL’s Bill Salonen Cup champion will advance to represent the league at the Dudley-Hewitt Cup Central Canada Junior A championship April 29-May 3 in Wellington, Ontario.

Game 5	
Fort Frances 2, Minnesota 0	
Minnesota	0 0 0 - 0
Fort Frances	0 2 0 - 2
Game 6	
Fort Frances 4, Minnesota 3 (OT)	
Fort Frances	0 2 1 1 - 4
Minnesota	1 0 2 0 - 3