

# SPORTS



**Who is...**  
Jenesa Casareto, Broncos senior defensive specialist, is featured

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## QUICK HITS

### Assistant girls hoops coach posting pulled

The third time on the International Falls School Board's agenda could be the charm for Jay Boyle to be rehired as the Bronco girls basketball assistant coach.

The board voted 5-1 Monday to pull a recommendation to rehire Boyle off its agenda and favored interviewing another candidate, whose application hadn't been considered because it either had been lost or hadn't been received before the deadline.

Falls athletic director Kevin Grover had said last week that Boyle had been the only one who applied for the position.

Though the position was going to be reposted, board member Willi Kostiuk said the job posting has been pulled after the other applicant backed out of further consideration, and a recommendation to rehire Boyle will be back on the board's agenda next month.

Boyle's rehiring had initially been put on hold this summer when a committee comprised of school administrators and three board members was formed to look into the situation with teachers being out of the classroom to coach and substitutes having to fill in for them.

Board members voted in June to rehire Shawn Gilbert as the head girls basketball coach when they held off making a decision on the assistant coaching position, which was then posted for anyone to apply.

### HOF inductees to be picked on Oct. 28

The Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame selection committee will be voting Oct. 28 on nominees up for consideration for the 2014 induction class.

The group involved in forming the Hall of Fame is planning on selecting four individuals and a team to be honored at an induction banquet scheduled for April 26 at the AmericInn in International Falls.

This will mark the third year in a row of honoring inductees nominated as athletes, coaches/directors/advisors, at-large members or teams.

Five members on the selection committee and two previous inductees will select next year's induction class.

There presently are close to 50 individuals as well as eight teams nominated for possible induction in 2014.

To have additional nominations considered for next year's induction class, Bronco sports fans must submit them by Oct. 1 to the Hall of Fame in care of Falls athletic director Kevin Grover. The nomination form is available on the school district's website at: <http://www.isd361.k12.mn.us/schools/fhs/sports/nominationform-halloffame.pdf>

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Today's games

#### Girls volleyball

L-BF at Burnsville  
Tournament, 9 a.m.

#### Women's volleyball

RRCC at Northland, Noon

#### Football

L-BF at MI-B, 1 p.m.

### Monday's games

#### Girls volleyball

I. Falls at Greenway, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday's games

#### Cross country

I. Falls at Ely, 4 p.m.

#### Girls volleyball

Hill City at L-BF, 7 p.m.

I. Falls at Virginia, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday's games

#### Women's volleyball

Vermilion at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.

## GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING



STAFF PHOTOS BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos' Breanna Shofner swims the butterfly portion of the 200-yard medley relay in Thursday's dual meet against Mesabi East in the Falls High School pool. Shofner ended up swimming on two winning relay teams and also won the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

# Broncos win big over ME Giants

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

In a girls swimming and diving dual meet in which both teams weren't at full strength, International Falls won Thursday in the FHS pool over Mesabi East, 112-73.

"Both of us were swimming sick, and it looks like Mesabi East left a few of their superstars at home," said Broncos head coach Jill Herzig. "Even though we ended up winning by (nearly) 40 points, the way we had it figured it was going to be a very tight race.

"I think when we are healthy and they are healthy, our next meet with them at the end of October is going to be another really good meet."

Thursday's home meet featured the Falls finishing first in eight of 12 events along with six second-place finishes.

"They're pretty fired up to swim against Mesabi East, and they did well in their home pool," Herzig said.

Senior Breanna Shofner was involved in half of the Broncos' winning races.

Shofner won both the 50-yard freestyle (27.07 seconds) and 100 freestyle (1:00.69).

She also joined senior Blair Johnson, sophomore Abby Kostiuk and freshman Emily Saari to win the 200 medley relay (2:04.61).

Shofner, Johnson and Kostiuk teamed with freshman Claire Herzig to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:51.01).

Kostiuk added a first-place finish in the 100 backstroke (1:07.91).

The Broncos were able to sweep all three relays when the team of senior Courtney Klow, junior Tayler Hebner, sophomore Abby Auran and freshman Emma Misner closed out the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay (4:18.81).

Misner and Klow also went 1-2 in the 100 butterfly in 1:09.76 and 1:18.01, respectively, with Klow

adding a runner-up finish in the 100 backstroke (1:13.42).

Auran won the 200 individual medley (2:48.51), the first time this season a Bronco swimmer finished first in that event.

"I thought I did good (in Thursday's dual meet)," Auran said. "I got a couple of personal bests and the other ones were pretty close."

Falls freshman Carolann Stone placed second in the 200 freestyle (2:21.32), while Saari added a runner-up finish in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.78), 1.29 seconds behind the top time of the Giants' Hailee Jofs.

The 500 freestyle was the only swimming event the Broncos were unable to place in the top two. Mesabi East's Anna Johnson won the 500 and had also placed first in the 200 freestyle.

In the diving competition, junior Jessie Hell had Falls' highest finish placing second with 140.25 points. The Giants' Savan-



The Broncos' Abby Auran swims the backstroke on the way to winning the 200-yard individual medley in Thursday's dual meet against Mesabi East.

nah Robertson had the top score of 154.65.

Following today's junior high "Shiverland Invitational," the Broncos, who have already hosted five dual meets this season and won four of them, won't have another home meet until Oct. 10 when they host Warroad. The Falls' next dual meet is Tuesday at Virginia.

"Because we haven't been away very much, I think the bus rides and the late nights may take a toll on the swimmers," Jill Herzig said. "The next meet that's in Virginia is only a four-lane pool, so we only get two in each event. The scoring is a lot different, so we are going to have to think strategically of who goes where."

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

# Broncos defeat Duluth Marshall

Falls up to 4-5

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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Three close games were played Thursday evening in the Falls High School gym with the Broncos' volleyball team sweeping all of them over Duluth Marshall, 25-21, 29-27, 25-19.

"It was a good match," said Falls head coach Erin Shikowsky. "I think Duluth Marshall is a much improved team.

"We struggled a little bit. We still have some injuries. We have some new players with injuries. Either way, I think Duluth Marshall played a great game."

Broncos Libero Marissa



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The Broncos' Lauren Rautio (11) digs out the ball while Marissa Meyer (5) and Tessa Walls (14) look on in Thursday's match against Duluth Marshall in the Falls High School gym.

Meyer limped off the court from what Shikowsky described as reinjuring an ankle. Meyer had recorded 13 digs before leaving the court.

Shikowsky also noted junior hitter McKenna Rasmussen didn't play Thursday against the Hilltoppers after having injured an ankle in Tuesday's match at Lake of the Woods.

Tessa Walls led the Falls against Duluth Marshall with 14 kills and added three ace blocks. Hailey Fentem had nine more kills with three ace blocks and seven digs. Maddie Filipiak had

seven kills with two ace blocks and six digs.

Other statistical leaders for the Broncos included: Lauren Rautio, 21 digs; Teagan Anderson, 28 set assists, 11 digs, three ace serves; and Clara Palm, four ace serves.

The Broncos, who improved their season record to 4-5, next have a road match Monday against Greenway.

## LOW 3, I. FALLS 2

The Falls lost a road match Tuesday in five games at Lake of the Woods, 25-21, 25-22, 23-25, 19-25, 13-15.

# Vikings fight NW Grizzlies to the end

L-BF loses in 5

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

For the second time this week, the Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team faced one of the top teams in Section 7A on the road and battled to the end before coming up short and losing in five games.

The Vikings lost Thursday at North Woods, 16-25, 19-25, 25-20, 30-28, 10-15.

After starting out flat, L-BF head coach Sarah Bradley said the Vikings played well in portions of the match against the Grizzlies, though it was frustrating for the girls to go back-to-back matches and lose both in five games.

L-BF faced having the match point scored on the team in game four when

North Woods led 24-19. However, the Vikings then scored five straight points for the tie before winning by two and forcing a fifth and deciding game up to 15 points.

Brooke Millerbernd led L-BF with 18 kills, while DyAna Imhof and Abby Thompson each had 10 kills. Emily Knaeble recorded 28 digs.

## N R 3, L-BF 2

The Vikings dropped Tuesday's road match in five games at Northeast Range, 16-25, 21-25, 25-15, 25-10, 11-15.

Imhof led L-BF with 20 kills, Thompson added 13 kills and Millerbernd had 30 digs.

The Vikings are back in action this weekend at a tournament in Burnsville.