

SPORTS



**North Stars
fall to Lakers**
Mason Meyer tallies
goal, assist in win
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QUICK HITS

Glenn Walls named MVC Golfer of Week

University of Northern Iowa senior golfer Glenn Walls of International Falls received Golfer of the Week honors in the Missouri Valley Conference last week following his third-place finish Sept. 22-23 in the 54-hole Jackrabbit Invite in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Walls, who ended up with a score of 214 after playing three 18-hole rounds on the par-71 course, entered the final round tied for 11th place at four-over. He closed out the tournament with the second-best round of the tournament, a three-under 68, and tied for third place. He finished two strokes behind the top finisher, Jordan Rykal of South Dakota.

“Walls played extremely well, especially in that last round,” said UNI head coach John Bermel. “To shoot a 68 while it rained the entire time is impressive. He definitely deserved this one.”

The final round of 68 tied the lowest round of the season for Walls. He shot the same score in early September in the final round of the Golfweek Challenge at Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he tied for 20th place with a 54-hole score of 212 on a par-72 course.

Walls, a 2011 Falls High School graduate and state golf tournament qualifier, won this past summer’s Smokey Bear Golf Invitational at the Falls Country Club with a 45-hole score of 178.



Glenn
Walls

RRCC spikers 2-2 at NDSCS Tourney

The Rainy River Community College volleyball team went 2-2 at last weekend’s NDSCS Tourney in Wahpeton, N.D.

On Friday, the Voyageurs beat Bottineau, 25-17, 25-17, 25-14, and lost to Williston, 17-25, 20-25, 20-25.

On Saturday, RRCC beat Anoka-Ramsey, 25-13, 25-15, 25-10, and lost to NDSCS, 16-25, 12-25, 9-25.

For the weekend, the Voyageurs’ statistical leader included: Tali Plate, 100 set assists; Jasmine Draper, 50 digs; and Kate Howell, 40 kills.

This week, RRCC travels to Virginia today to play Mesabi Range at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, the Voyageurs host Itasca at 6:30 p.m.



Tali
Plate

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today’s games

Women’s volleyball
RRCC at Mesabi Range, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday’s games
Girls swimming and diving
I. Falls at Grand Rapids, 5 p.m.

Girls volleyball
Grand Rapids at I. Falls, 7 p.m.
Nashwauk-Keewatin at L-BF, 7 p.m.

Friday’s games
Women’s volleyball
Itasca at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.
Football
Hibbing at I. Falls, 7 p.m.
L-BF at Silver Bay, 7 p.m.

Monday’s games
Girls volleyball
Deer River at L-BF, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



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The Vikings’ Peter Franz (40) runs with the football in Friday’s Homecoming game against Northeast Range. Franz rushed for 85 yards and a touchdown in Littlefork-Big Falls’ 28-16 victory over the Nighthawks.

Vikings win for Homecoming

L-BF now 2-3

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

The Littlefork-Big Falls football team is on a two-game winning streak after last Friday’s 28-16 Homecoming victory over Northeast Range.

“That was a great victory for us – that was a hard-fought battle,” said Vikings head coach Derek Bilben. “I’m most proud of the kids because we finally played four quarters of football.... We came out in the second half and we really played hard.... We won that game on the line of scrimmage.”

The Nighthawks scored first late in the first quarter after taking over on offense from L-BF’s 27-yard line following a botched punt snap. Brody Skala scored on a four-yard touchdown run and then ran in the two-point conversion to give Northeast Range an 8-0 lead with

1:46 left in the opening quarter.

L-BF tied the game with 8:28 left in the first half after Peter Franz capped off a 60-yard scoring drive on a one-yard run for a touchdown and Darian Erickson caught a pass from Quin Vork for the two-point conversion.

After the Vikings stopped the Nighthawks on downs near midfield with 6:24 to play before halftime, L-BF advanced inside the red zone. However, on a fourth-down play with a yard to go from the 16-yard line, Northeast Range stopped Franz short of the first down on a run up the middle with 1:26 before intermission. The half ended in an 8-8 tie.

Another stop on downs in the third quarter led to the Nighthawks scoring a touchdown. L-BF started the second half on offense from its 35-yard line and advanced to Northeast Range’s 38-yard line,



From left, the Vikings’ Rylan Henrickson runs a recovered fumble 23 yards for a touchdown while receiving blocking protection from Dallas Pearson (27) and Tommy Manninen in Friday’s Homecoming game against Northeast Range.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

L-BF 3-1, FHS 2-2 at Virginia

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Littlefork-Big Falls and International Falls volleyball teams were both in Virginia on Saturday to play four best-of-three matches in a 16-team tournament.

L-BF ended up going 3-1 for the tournament and placing ninth.

The Vikings lost their first match in two straight games to the Academy of Holy Angels, 13-25, 26-28. Amanda Nelson, Breann Larson and Sydney Wendt each had eight digs for L-BF. Wendt also recorded eight set assists and had a 100 percent serving percentage for the match.

L-BF then swept Bigfork, 25-19, 25-13. Taylor Wendt had five kills, two blocks and eight set assists. Larson recorded 12 digs, four kills and two ace serves. Ellie Julson added four digs, while Kaylee Kennedy had three blocks.

The Vikings closed out their consolation bracket play by sweeping two teams they had lost to earlier this season.



From right, the Vikings’ Maddie Filipiak (2) hits the ball into blocking opposition from Cloquet’s Cassidy Steen (18) in Saturday’s tournament at Virginia.

L-BF won in two straight games over Mesabi East, 25-19, 25-16. Nelson tallied 10 kills, a block and three ace serves. Larson had eight kills and 10 digs. Emily Knaeble picked up 16 digs and had an ace serve. Taylor Wendt had five kills, two blocks and eight set assists.

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From right, the Vikings’ Amanda Nelson (9) hits the ball into blocking opposition from Mesabi East’s Alex Cromley (14) at Saturday’s tournament in Virginia.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Broncos hammered at Hermantown, fall to 0-5

FHS to host winless Hibbing for Homecoming

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Going into this week’s Homecoming game, the International Falls football team remains winless on the season after five games.

The Broncos, whose available lineup was affected by injuries with senior captain Ben Humbert and some others out of last week’s game, lost Friday at Hermantown, 53-6.

The Hawks also dominated the offensive statistics with 451 total yards – 360 rushing and 91 passing – compared to the Falls’ 151 yards – 127 rushing and 24 passing.

Hermantown running back Paul Glowacki scored two first-quarter touchdowns with a 20-yard run followed by a 59-yard pass reception from quarterback Kole

Zuidmulder.

The Hawks, who led 40-0 at halftime, scored all their points before the Falls recorded its only touchdown in the third quarter on a nine-yard run by Wyatt Helgeson.

Helgeson accounted for about half of the Broncos’ rushing yardage on 13 carries for 64 yards. Nick Hedtke was the only other Falls player to rush for double-digit yardage on 16 carries for 56 yards.

Falls sophomore Riley Nemec started at quarterback and completed two of 11 passes for 24 yards. One of the completed passes went for 11 yards to junior Jakob Eide, who had started at quarterback the previous four games this season.

The Broncos, who are now 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the Sea-Range Conference, will seek their first win of the season this coming Friday for Homecoming against Hibbing, which is also winless on the season.