

SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Vikings devoured by NW Grizzlies

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team dropped its seventh game in a row Friday night after losing on the road to North Woods, 83-50.

“Offensively, we struggled,” said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish, who noted the team needed to play well on offense to have been able to compete against North Woods.

“The (Grizzlies) played really good defense,” said North Woods head coach Will Kleppe. “Our half-court press sparked a lot of things and gave us more opportunities to score.”

Though the Vikings kept it close in the opening minutes, the Grizzlies extended their lead at about the

6-minute mark by scoring multiple baskets on steals and intercepted passes.

The Vikings, who trailed 41-18 at halftime, had two players end up scoring in double figures led by Rylan Henrickson with 17 points. Zach Simon added 15 points.

Cole Martin led the Grizzlies with 23 points. Scott Rutar and Jaylen Strong also reached double digits with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

The loss dropped L-BF’s record to 5-16 going into Tuesday’s home game against Cherry. The Vikings host their final regular-season game this Friday against Deer River.

NW 83, L-BF 50	
L-BF	18 32 - 50
NW	41 42 - 83



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In front, the Vikings’ Rylan Henrickson (12) drives down the court while being guarded in back by the Grizzlies’ Cade Goggleye in Friday’s game at North Woods.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Voyageurs’ Sarina Phrathep (3) guards Mesabi Range’s Morgan Deutsch-Woods (22) while Voyageurs head coach Adam Rotar looks on in Saturday afternoon’s game in the RRCC gym.

RRCC

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three players score in double figures led by Morgan Deutsch-Woods with 19 points, which included four 3-points baskets. Danielle Lenci added a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds with Julia Elkins scoring another 11 points.

RRCC’s season record now stands at 1-11 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division and 5-18 overall going into today’s home game against Hibbing.

Friday’s game
Vermilion 81, Rainy River 75 (OT)
Rainy River 39 30 6 - 75
Vermilion 43 26 12 - 81
Rainy River: Sarina Phrathep 11, Shania Thompson 16, Renee Pantophlet 11, Roneisha Jordan 23, Dominique Hines 14. 3-pointers: Hines 4, Thompson 3, Phrathep 2, Pantophlet. Free throws: 11-20. Fouls: 13. Fouled out: Phrathep.

Saturday’s game
Mesabi Range 60, Rainy River 51
Mesabi Range 24 36 - 60
Rainy River 21 30 - 51
Rainy River: Shania Thompson 11, Roneisha Jordan 22, Dominique Hines 9, Sarina Phrathep 9. 3-pointers: Phrathep 3, Thompson, Hines. Free throws: 2-5. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: Pantophlet.

VOYAGEURS

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Mesabi Range had four players score in double figures led by Gary Innocent with 18 points. Ken Manigat added 16 points, Brown scored 13 and Kiwane Crowder put in 12 more.

Following last weekend’s two losses, RRCC’s season record dropped to 6-6 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division in fourth place in league play and 14-10 overall going into today’s home game against Hibbing.

Friday’s game
Vermilion 83, Rainy River 69
Rainy River 43 26 - 69
Vermilion 38 45 - 83
Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 14, Jammere Carlisle 14, Antoine Tobias 10, Darius Johnson 8, Teekay Biti 7, Sam Sturgis 16. 3-pointers: Poche 4, Sturgis 2, Biti. Free throws: 6-11. Fouls: 16.

Saturday’s game
Mesabi Range 71, Rainy River 68
Mesabi Range 32 39 - 71
Rainy River 32 36 - 68
Rainy River: Jammere Carlisle 20, Antoine Tobias 13, Ahmad Poche 19, Teekay Biti 4, Sam Sturgis 6, Arfron Janetkhan 6. 3-pointers: Poche 3, Janetkhan 2. Free throws: 5-10. Fouls: 18. Fouled out: Biti, Sturgis. Technical Fouls: Head coach Kristofer Babler.

SIJHL HOCKEY

Fort Frances Lakers down Iron Rangers, 4-1

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Dylan Robertson scored twice and added an assist Saturday night to help lead the Fort Frances Lakers to a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Iron Rangers in Superior International Junior Hockey League action at Ice for Kids Arena.

Fort Frances took a 1-0 lead after the opening period when forward Mason Meyer of International Falls put in the puck on the power play at 10:48 to score his



Lucas DeBenedet



Mason Meyer

24th goal of the season assisted by another Falls High School graduate, Lucas DeBenedet, and Wyatt Cota.

Robertson gave the Lak-

ers a 2-0 lead after 40 minutes when he recorded his first goal of the night near the 7-minute mark of the second period.

Minnesota snapped the shutout 51 seconds into the third period when Matt O’Dea scored his 22nd goal of the season.

Fort Frances pulled back in front by two goals when Robertson scored again at 1:22 of the final period.

Robertson then set up Cota for the final goal of the game midway through

the third period to close out the scoring.

Carter Chorney ended up with three assists for Fort Frances.

Nathan Park made 19 saves to earn the win in net for the Lakers, who fired 30 shots on former Fort Frances goalie Devin Tappenden, who recorded the loss.

The league-leading Lakers return to action on the road at 7:30 p.m. today against the Dryden Ice Dogs.

YOUTH WRESTLING

Mighty Mustangs compete in Rapids state qualifier

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The Mighty Mustangs competed Saturday in Grand Rapids at a Jaycees state-qualifying meet with four more wrestlers qualifying for the Jaycees state meet in Rapids on March 28.

The Mustangs’ results, by name, grade/weight and place, include: London Rasmussen, 7/130-140, 2nd; Anthony Bechik, 5/70-74, 2nd; Nathan Anderson, 5/140-150, 3rd; Hudson Mann, 5/105-115, 2nd; Nick Bernath, 4/105-115, 3rd; Kallan Kittelson, 3/52-56, 4th; Hannah Anderson, 3/75-80, 4th; Noah Armstrong, 3/75-80, 4th; Adley Deedrick,

3/80-85, 3rd; Carter Ellison, 3/60-65, 2nd; Dominick Juen, 2/60-65, 4th; Kyan Swanson, 1/50-55, 2nd; Ashden Lennox, 1/54-58, 1st; Kalvan Silvers, K/40-45, 1st; Aiden Juen, K/50-55, 3rd; and Austin Randal, PreK/40-46, 3rd.

On Sunday, Mann defeated 2014 Gopher National Champion Will Sather and placed second at the St. Michael “Tournament of Champions.”

This season, the Mighty Mustangs will be wrestling in meets into April, including the “Top of the Nation” tournament they will host April 12 at Falls High School.



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In front at right, Mighty Mustangs pre-kindergarten wrestler Austin Randal works on taking down a Titan wrestler in Saturday’s Jaycees state-qualifying meet at Grand Rapids.

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