

SPORTS



Girls swimming and diving
Broncos fly past Bluestreaks

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QUICK HITS

RRCC spikers swept in 3 at Mesabi Range

The Rainy River Community College volleyball team was swept in three games Wednesday night at Mesabi Range, 25-19, 25-16, 25-17.

Emily Jerome led RRCC with six kills and 12 digs. Tali Plate recorded 17 set assists and Jordan Vezina had three ace serves.



Emily Jerome

The Voyageurs, who are now 1-2 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division, today are wrapping up their second and final day in the Northland Classic at Thief River Falls. RRCC plays its next MCAC North match Wednesday at Hibbing.

RRCC baseball team wins at Vermilion

In a rain-shortened scrimmage Wednesday, the Rainy River Community College baseball team defeated Vermilion, 8-3.

The Voyageurs host a scrimmage at 1 p.m. today at Scheela Field against the Brandon Cardinals from Manitoba, Canada.

HOF nominations for 2014 being accepted

Just over two weeks remain for International Falls sports fans to submit nominations for possible induction next year into the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame.

The group involved with forming the Hall of Fame is planning for the third year in a row to honor inductees nominated as athletes, coaches/directors/advisors, at-large members or teams.

Nominations previously submitted but not selected in the first two groups of inductees remain in consideration for the future.

To have new nominations considered for the 2014 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/nominationformhalloffame.pdf>

The Hall of Fame group has its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 212 at Falls High School.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today's games**
Women's volleyball
RRCC at Northland Tourney, TBA
Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls at Hibbing, 1 p.m.
- Monday's games**
Girls volleyball
Ely at I. Falls, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday's games**
Cross country
I. Falls at Bagley, 4 p.m.
Girls volleyball
I. Falls at Lake of the Woods, 7 p.m.
L-BF at Northeast Range, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday's games**
Women's volleyball
RRCC at Hibbing, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday's games**
Girls swimming/diving
Mesabi East at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Girls volleyball
Duluth Marshall at I. Falls, 5:45 p.m.
L-BF at North Woods, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Vikings conquer Bluestreaks

L-BF gives Chisholm first loss, improves to 7-1 in 2013

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team played better as the night progressed Thursday when the Vikings won in the L-BF High School gym in four games over Chisholm, 23-25, 26-24, 25-15, 25-20.

"I thought we did a really good job working extremely hard (Thursday night)," said L-BF head coach Sarah Bradley. "(The Bluestreaks) were a really scrappy team, and in turn we kind of picked up our game and played at that level throughout the match."

The Vikings trailed for much of the first two games, which both tied at 23-23 before being decided. The Bluestreaks were able to finish game one on top, before L-BF shifted the match in its favor by pulling out a two-point victory in game two and then winning the final two games by larger margins.

"We had a lot of small mental errors in that first game," Bradley said. "We were called in the net I don't know how many times, a few missed serves — just some things that we gave them points that I don't think we should have."

The Vikings' statistical leaders included: DyAna Imhof, 21 kills, six blocks; Abby Thompson, 11 kills, five blocks; Brooke Millerbernd, 11 kills, 23 digs; and Breann Larson, 20 digs.

L-BF, which improved its match record to 7-1 and gave Chisholm its first loss of the season, has a pair of road matches next



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Vikings' Abby Thompson (7) hits the ball past blocking opposition from Chisholm's Katie Buria (14) and Taylor Gregg (3) in Thursday's match in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School Gym.

week against Northeast Range and North Woods before competing in a tournament next week-end in Burnsville.

"I told the girls that they have to plan on working as hard as they did (Thursday night) in every

game (this) season from here on out," Bradley said. "That's why Chisholm came in undefeated because (of) how hard they worked."

L-BF 3, ELY 0
The Vikings won at

home Tuesday in three straight games over Ely, 25-14, 25-15, 25-18.

Millerbernd led L-BF with 10 kills.

Imhof had nine kills, Emily Knaeble recorded 13 digs and Larson added 12 digs.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Broncos sweep Golden Bears, snap losing streak

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The International Falls volleyball team got back on the winning track at home Tuesday night when the Broncos swept Eveleth-Gilbert in three straight games, 25-13, 25-18, 25-19.

"We started strong — we had good passing and we brought some offense right away," said Falls head coach Erin Shikowsky. "The girls are excited."

The Broncos opened game one by scoring the first six points and going on to a double-digit win. The Falls also took early leads in games two and three, though the Golden Bears were able to narrow the deficit near the end of both games.

"I think we probably let up a little bit in the second and third game, maybe made a few more mental errors than I would have liked, but (the Bronco players) stayed tough, they stayed together and it's nice to come out with a win," Shikowsky said.

Hailey Fentem led the Broncos with 10 kills and added two ace blocks and four digs. Tessa Walls recorded another nine kills with an ace serve and four digs. McKenna Rasmussen had seven more kills with an ace block, five ace serves



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos' Tessa Walls (14) and McKenna Rasmussen (3) reach above the net to block a return hit by Eveleth-Gilbert in Tuesday's match in the Falls High School gym. Also shown for the Broncos is Teagan Anderson (6).

and eight digs.

Other statistical leaders for the Falls included Teagan Anderson with 26 set assists, two ace serves and five digs, and Maddie Filipiak with three kills, two ace

serves and seven digs.

The Broncos, who snapped a three-match losing streak and improved their season record to 2-4, return to action Monday when they host Ely.

CROSS COUNTRY

Bronco girls win Eveleth Lions Invite

Lexi Erickson finishes first

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls girls cross country team finished first at Thursday's Eveleth Lions Invitational.

The Broncos had the top score of 104 points, followed by South Ridge (110), Pequot Lakes (142), Cook County (156) and Duluth Marshall (177) rounding out the top five out of 14 teams.

Falls' girls also accounted for the top-two individual places with freshman Lexi Erickson finishing the 4,000-meter course first in 16 minutes. Senior Sydney Raboin placed second in 16:15.

"We all ran great races and we accomplished our goal of winning the meet," Erickson said. "I'm proud of how our team did (Thursday)."

The Broncos' three other runners who counted toward the team total in-

cluded: senior Abby Auran, 22nd in 17:48; senior Lexi Owen, 31st in 18:08; and freshman Lexi Edwards, 48th in 19:12.

FHS BOYS 11TH

In the boys competition, the Falls had 253 points and finished 11th out of 13 teams with enough runners to count in the standings.

Proctor finished first at 76, followed by Pequot Lakes (94), Cook County (113), Mesabi East (121) and Eveleth-Gilbert (138) in the top five.

The Broncos' top individual finisher was senior Wyatt Ulrich, who placed 20th on the 5,000-meter course in 20:00.

Falls' four other runners who counted toward the team total included: junior Cole Tatsak, 35th in 20:29; junior Billy Brokaw, 56th in 21:43; junior Ben Erickson, 68th in 22:34; and freshman Chase Howdahl, 69th in 22:47.

The Broncos' next meet is Tuesday at Bagley.