

SPORTS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

FHS wins at ME, falls to Rapids

L-BF sweeps N-K Spartans

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The International Falls volleyball team split the two matches it played this week. The Falls picked up a road victory Tuesday night by defeating Mesabi East in four games, 25-18, 27-25, 23-25, 25-23. The Broncos' statistical leaders included: Teagan Anderson, 40 set assists and 10 digs; Tessa Walls, 13 kills; McKenna Rasmussen, 13 kills and 14 digs; Maddie Filipiak, 12 kills; and Lauren Rautio, 39 digs. **RAPIDS 3, FHS 2** At home Thursday night against Grand Rapids, the Falls dropped its first two games, 12-25, 18-25, but then came back to win the next



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At right, the Broncos' Jena Sullivan (9) reaches up to block the ball while battling at the net with Grand Rapids' Mara Cameron (14) and Sidney Mattson (10) in Thursday night's match in the Falls High School gym.

two games, 29-27, 25-19, before losing the last game, 15-7, and the match. Three Bronco hitters recorded double-digit kills with Walls and Rasmussen having 12 kills each and Filipiak adding 10 kills. Anderson put up 39 set assists. The Falls' season record now stands at 11-5 going into next Tuesday's match at Chisholm. **L-BF 3, N-K 0** The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team evened its season match record to 10-

10 on Thursday night after winning at home against Nashwauk-Keewatin in three straight games, 25-21, 25-23, 25-14. L-BF's statistical leaders included: Amanda Nelson, 10 kills, 16 digs, four blocks and three ace serves; Breann Larson, 10 kills and 13 digs; Karly Swenson, 11 kills; Sydney Wendt, 21 set assists; and Taylor Wendt, 16 set assists. The Vikings return to action Monday with a home match against Deer River.

Packers rout Vikings 42-10

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Julius Peppers crossed the goal line and caught his breath. But his work wasn't done after returning an interception 49 yards for a touchdown. Teammate Morgan Burnett pointed to the stands — time for Peppers' first Lambeau Leap. One of many for the Packers on Thursday night. Aaron Rodgers threw for three scores, and Eddie Lacy ran for a season-high 105 yards and two touchdowns in the 42-10 rout of the Minnesota Vikings. Jordy Nelson hauled in a 66-yard touchdown catch. Things were going so well in Green Bay that even Peppers found his way to the end zone through the mist. But something was missing. "(Burnett) just said, 'Go, go, go, go!'" Peppers recounted. This is all new to Peppers after joining the Packers in the offseason as a free agent. "It was actually pretty tough to get up there. I was pretty tired after that run, so I barely got up there," Peppers said. "It was tough." The Vikings had it much worse.

The Packers led 28-0 after the first half played in a light rain. They essentially toyed with Minnesota the rest of the way. "Green Bay outplayed us," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "They were more physical than we were. They did a much better job all night." Peppers had the highlight-reel play in the second quarter after picking off a pass over the middle from Christian Ponder, who was hit by tackle Luther Robinson as he released the throw. The 34-year-old Peppers veered left across the field and waited for blocks before striding the final 10 yards along the sideline to make it 21-0 with 7:06 left in the second quarter. Peppers became the first player in NFL history with 100 sacks and 10 interceptions. "I like the way it went tonight," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "Yeah, I'll take this." Ponder struggled in getting the start at quarterback with rookie Teddy Bridgewater out with a sprained left ankle. Jamari Lattimore intercepted Ponder's pass over the middle on Minnesota's drive

after the Peppers' touchdown, setting up Rodgers' 11-yard scoring pass to Davante Adams to give Green Bay a four-touchdown lead with 4:55 left in the first half. That was Rodgers' 200th career touchdown — though he let Adams' keep the ball in honor of his first career score. "I'm very proud of Aaron," McCarthy said. "It seems like he's in the point of his career now where every week or every other week he's breaking a record."



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Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder (7) is sacked by Packers defensive end Mike Daniels (76) in Thursday night's game at Lambeau Field.



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Billy Brokaw, Bronco boys senior cross country runner, is featured

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GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Broncos 3rd at Rapids Invite

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The International Falls girls swimming and diving team had one first-place and three runner-up finishes Thursday when the Broncos placed third out of eight teams at the Grand Rapids Invitational. Grand Rapids finished atop the team standings with 482 points, followed by Two Harbors (389), the

Falls (300), Duluth Denfeld (281) and Perham (252) rounding out the top five. Each team was allowed two entries in both the individual events and relays. The Broncos went 1-2 in the 100-yard breaststroke. Sophomore Emily Saari, the school record holder in that event, won in 1 minute, 14.95 seconds. Another sophomore, Claire Herzig, placed second in 1:18.15.

Falls' school record holder in the 100 butterfly, junior Abby Kostiuk, finished second in 1:07.04. Sophomore teammate Emma Misner placed fourth in 1:08.35. Two Harbors' Mara Boulanger won in 1:06.65. The Broncos' other runner-up finish came from Kostiuk, Saari, Misner and Herzig in the 200 medley relay (2:01.76). Grand Rapids won in 1:58.39.

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