

SPORTS



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Blair Johnson, Bronco girls senior swimmer, is featured

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QUICK HITS

L-BF football team loses 55-14 at Ely

The Littlefork-Big Falls football team fell to 0-2 for the season on Friday after the Vikings lost at Ely, 55-14.

“We started out slow again,” said L-BF head coach John Larson. “We didn’t execute offensively and defensively like I wish we would have.”



Rylan Henrikson

The Vikings got on the scoreboard in the second quarter when Rylan Henrikson caught a touchdown pass inside the red zone from Quin Vork, who then scored the 2-point conversion on a quarterback sneak.

L-BF’s final touchdown came in the second half when Darian Erickson ran into the end zone from about 40 yards away.

The Vikings return to action this Friday when they host North Woods, which is 2-0 after winning 48-21 last Friday at Silver Bay, the team that defeated L-BF at John Thompson Field in the opening week of the season.

Driver dies in stock car at Emo Speedway

A 67-year-old race car driver from Vermillion Bay, Ontario, died Saturday at the Emo Speedway.

The deceased driver was identified as William G. Reimer, who had been racing in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds division this season.

According to a statement released by the Ontario Provincial Police, officers of the Rainy River District Detachment of the OPP were called to the Emo Speedway at approximately 8 p.m. Saturday to assist Rainy River District Emergency Medical Services after Reimer, who was operating a stock car, had left the race track during a race and then struck a post, before being found unresponsive inside his vehicle.

EMS removed Reimer from his race car and had been unable to resuscitate him. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police conducted an investigation into the incident with a member of the Regional Coroner’s office in attendance. This incident has been determined to be a sudden death and not a traffic collision.

OPP provincial constable Anne McCoy said an autopsy determined Reimer’s death is “non-suspicious” in nature and he died of “natural causes.”

Emo Speedway promoter Anthony Leek said the race track’s board is now deciding what to do to in Reimer’s memory when racing resumes at the track Sept. 21.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Broncos cut down at Cloquet



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The Broncos’ Jakob Ettestad (32) runs with the football in Friday night’s game at Cloquet. Ettestad led the Falls in rushing with 95 yards on 20 carries.

Falls drops to 1-1 in 2013

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

Cloquet senior running back Henry Backus scored more touchdowns in the first half Friday night than the International Falls football team did in the entire game.

All of the Broncos’ scoring came in the first 15 minutes of their second road game of the season when they lost to the Lumberjacks, 46-12.

“What it came down to is they were throwing fresh guys out on the field and we got tired,” said Falls head coach Jay Boyle. “That’s something that (with) small-school football it’s part of the game, and we just need to get better at it every week.”

Cloquet, which is a Class 4A school in football compared to the Falls being in Class 3A, had about twice as many players on the roster compared to the Broncos.

The Lumberjacks got on the scoreboard first in the first 6 minutes of the game when Backus scored the first of his three rushing touchdowns. The extra point by Nicholas Niemi gave Cloquet a 7-0 lead.

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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Voyageurs silence Thunder for first match win in 2013

RRCC record at 1-8 overall

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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After nine matches to open the 2013 season, the Rainy River Community College volleyball team has finally recorded a victory.

The Voyageurs won Saturday in the RRCC gym by sweeping Fond du Lac in three games, 25-6, 25-17, 25-15.

The Thunder had the minimum number of six players without any substitutes available when they faced the Voyageurs, who dominated the opening game and then trailed early in the last two games before pulling away to win.

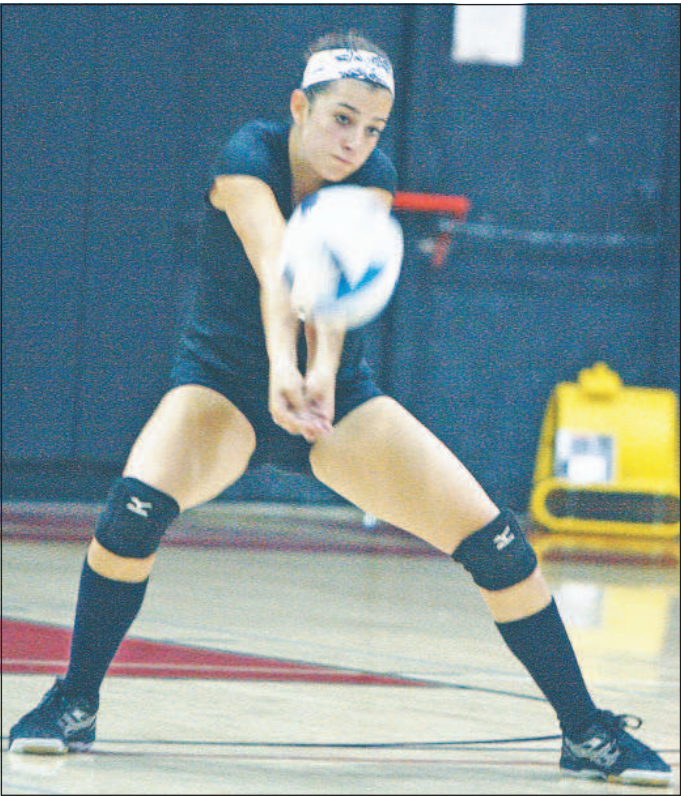
“It felt good to finally win a match,” said RRCC head coach Mel Millerbernd. “We’ve been playing some really tough teams, and Fond du Lac was a little bit down, so we knew that if we didn’t make too many errors on our side that we should be able to beat them.”

ITASCA 3, RRCC 0

The Voyageurs played their first home and Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division match of the season on Friday when they lost in three straight games to Itasca, 22-25, 17-25, 20-25.

“(Itasca has) a really good middle (hitter in Gabby Feldt) that kind of dominated,” Millerbernd said. “We just really had trouble stopping her.”

“They run a lot of quick stuff, and we just weren’t



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

Rainy River Libero Rachel Clark (3) digs out the ball in Saturday’s match against Fond du Lac in the RRCC gym. Clark, who recorded seven ace serves and 31 digs in two matches last weekend, has been named the MCAC North’s “Libero of the Week.”

able to stop that. We had a lot of errors. We missed serves and you can’t miss serves at this level.”

RRCC’s statistical leaders for the two matches combined last weekend included: sophomore Libero Rachel Clark, 31 digs, seven ace serves; sophomore hitter CaseyLynn Evans, 14 kills; freshman hitter Roneisha Jordan, 13 kills; and freshman setter Tali Plate, 41 set assists.

Clark has also been named the MCAC North’s “Libero of the Week” along with Therez Ranta from Itasca. Feldt was named the “Hitter of the Week.”

The Voyageurs, whose

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Vikings tame Mustangs

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team won its fifth match of the season Monday after sweeping three games in the L-BF High School gym against Northome/Kelliher, 25-11, 25-13, 25-17.

The Vikings dominated the first two games they won by double digits and trailed early in the third game before pulling away for the victory.

“I thought we did a really good job of playing at our level for the first and second game,” said L-BF head coach Sarah Bradley. “In the third game we got maybe a little lax — we weren’t getting to our spots, we missed some serves right off the bat and I

think we just shot ourselves in the foot more than anything.”

The Vikings’ statistical leaders included: Abby Thompson, eight ace serves, six kills; DyAna Imhof, nine kills; and Brooke Millerbernd, six kills.

Monday’s victory over the Mustangs was the first of three home matches for this week for L-BF, which also faced Ely on Tuesday and hosts Chisholm on Thursday.

Results from Tuesday night’s match against the Timberwolves, which took place after the production deadline for today’s edition, are posted on the ifallsjournal.com website and will also be published in Saturday’s paper.



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The Vikings’ Taylor Wendt (2) and DyAna Imhof (5) reach above the net to block a return hit from the Mustangs’ Tanyssa Olafson (11) in Monday’s match in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today’s games**
Women’s volleyball
RRCC at Mesabi Range, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday’s games**
Cross country
I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 4 p.m.
Girls volleyball
Chisholm at L-BF, 7 p.m.
- Friday’s games**
Women’s volleyball
RRCC at Northland Tourney, TBA
Football
Proctor at I. Falls, 7 p.m.
North Woods at L-BF, 7 p.m.
- Saturday’s games**
Women’s volleyball
RRCC at Northland Tourney, TBA
Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls at Hibbing, 1 p.m.