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QUICK HITS

Willie Corrin gets goal, assist in win

University of Minnesota Duluth men’s hockey junior defenseman Willie Corrin of International Falls recorded a goal and an assist Friday night when the Bulldogs won at Western Michigan, 6-3.

Corrin scored the first goal of the game and his third of the season at 4:36 of the second period assisted by Austin Farley and Tony Cameranesi.

At 17:46 of the second period, Corrin added an assist – his fourth of the season – on a goal from Karson Kuhlman.

UMD, which closed out last weekend’s two-game series Saturday after being shut out 3-0 by the Broncos, ended up in fifth place in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference regular-season standings and will open the NCHC playoffs this coming Friday at Denver in a best-of-three series.

Anderson, Humbert in ‘Border Battle’

Two basketball players from International Falls have been selected for the Duluth Amateur Youth Basketball Association’s High School “Border Battle” to take place March 24 in the University of Minnesota Duluth’s Romano Gymnasium.

Guard Teagan Anderson has been named to the girls all-star team from northeast Minnesota that will take on a girls all-star team from northwest Wisconsin in a game set for that evening at 6 p.m.

Forward Ben Humbert has been named to the boys all-star team from northeast Minnesota that will take on a boys all-star team from northwest Wisconsin in a game set for that evening at 7:30 p.m.

FHS Alumni hoops tourney April 3-4

Falls High School’s 2015 Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held April 3-4 in the FHS gymnasium.

This year’s tournament, which is a fund-raiser for the Bronco basketball program, includes three divisions — a women’s Open Division, a men’s Masters Division (35 and older) and a men’s Open Division — and is open to FHS Alumni or their relatives.

The entrance fee for players, who will receive a jersey/T-shirt, is \$30. The entrance fee for spectators is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

The games start at 6 p.m. April 3 and at 9 a.m. April 4.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broncos derail Proctor in 2nd half

FHS to face Rush City in Section 7AA semifinals

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After leading by only three points at halftime Saturday, the No. 1-seeded International Falls girls basketball team ended up defeating No. 4-seeded Proctor, 72-60, in the Section 7AA quarterfinals at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

“It was a really good effort. We had some players that stepped up that came off the bench,” said Broncos head coach Shawn Gilbert. “(Janet) Humbert really played really well. She really helped us in the defense. Grace (Gilbert) hit some (3-pointers) coming off the bench. Bianca (Carlson) played really well coming off the bench. It was a total team effort (Saturday).”

The Falls, which totaled 20 team fouls with two players fouling out and



From left, the Broncos’ Cassie Tomczak (21) dribbles down the court while being guarded by Proctor’s Kailee Dagger (32) in Saturday afternoon’s Section 7AA quarterfinal game at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

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WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Voyageurs’ season ends in national semifinals

RRCC finishes 18-5-3 in ACHA Division 2 games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team came within one game of playing for a national championship last weekend.

RRCC wrapped up pool play Friday at the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division 2 National Tournament in York, Pa., with a perfect 3-0 record to earn a No. 1 seed in Saturday’s semifinals after shutting out the California University of Pennsylvania, 4-0.

While the Voyageurs did all the scoring when they outshot the Vulcans, 36-9, Cal U committed 13 of the



19 penalties.

“We shut them down,” said RRCC head coach Jeff Wickstrom, who noted the Vulcans “switched over to more of a physical game” that “got out of hand a few times” after the Voyageurs took a 1-0 lead in the first period as 18 of the penalties came in the final two periods.

Shelby Tymkin scored the game’s first goal assisted by Katie Sinclair.

Sinclair gave RRCC a 2-0 lead after two periods when

she scored assisted by Shilo Beck.

The Voyageurs closed out the final period with two goals. Beck scored assisted by Clendenning before Clendenning put in the final goal assisted by Marissa Lindblad.

After a Cal U player, Kelsey Denardo, was ejected for fighting near the end of the game, Wickstrom noted the referees ended the game with 9 seconds left to play with RRCC ahead by four goals.

“That was a very smart move on the referees’ part,” he said.

Shay Perry recorded the shutout win in goal for the Voyageurs with Maria Sciacca picking up the loss in net for the Vulcans.

WCU 1, RRCC 0

Goals were hard to come by in the national semifinal game Saturday afternoon

when RRCC had its season come to an end with a 1-0 loss to West Chester University.

West Chester’s Emelia Bebee scored the only goal in the first period on the power play.

The Voyageurs had a 30-12 advantage in shots on goal, but were unable to put the puck past West Chester goalie Presley Fiorilli.

“We had every opportunity to put the puck in the net,” said Wickstrom, who noted the team had multiple shots that hit the pipe.

Perry made 11 saves in picking up the loss in goal for RRCC.

The loss ended the Voyageurs’ season with a record of 18-5-3 in ACHA D2 games.

“I think we had a great season considering what we all dealt with fighting through all the adversity,” said Wickstrom, who returned as the Voyageurs’

head coach last summer after replacing Evan Amdahl to lead a team that had only 10 players on the roster at the end of the season.

Two RRCC players were named All-American. Tymkin was selected for the ACHA D2 First Team with Sinclair picked for the Second Team.

This year’s national tournament did not have a third-place game for the semifinal losers. West Chester lost Sunday’s ACHA D2 championship game that was won by North Dakota State University, 8-1.

Friday’s game				
RRCC 4, Cal U 0				
RRCC	1	1	2	4
Cal U	0	0	0	0
Saturday’s game				
WCU 1, RRCC 0				
WCU	1	0	0	1
RRCC	0	0	0	0

Annual Kerry Park men’s hockey tournament set for this weekend

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The 15th Annual Kerry Park Men’s Hockey Tournament, which serves as a fund-raiser for the International Falls Recreation Hockey program and for capital improvements at Kerry Park Arena and Bronco Arena, will take place this Friday through Sunday at both arenas in the Falls.

Tournament Committee member Paul Nevanen said 26 teams in four divisions will be participating in the no-check, no-slap shot tournament, in which there will be six teams in the open division, six teams in the 30-plus age division, eight teams in the 40-plus age division and six teams in the 50-plus age division.

“In the open division, there’s going to be some very competitive hockey,”

he said. “The level of talent is really strong.”

Nevanen said each team in all the divisions is guaranteed at least three games in the tournament, which begins Friday at 4 p.m. at Bronco Arena and at 5 p.m. at Kerry Park with the teams having some sort of connection with the Falls.

He said the 26 teams include all of last year’s division champions – Nagurski Transportation in the open division, Rasmussen Logging in the 30-plus age division, the Metro Mallards in the 40-plus age division and Frank’s Taxidermy in the 50-plus age division.

Nevanen said the tournament has raised more than \$165,000 over the past 14 years.

He said admission is free to attend the tournament at both arenas, which will have concession stands

operating along with a beer garden being set up at Kerry Park.

No prize money is awarded to the winning teams in the three-day tournament, which Nevanen noted also functions as a reunion for former Bronco hockey players to get together as the tournament continues to attract its maximum-allowed number of 26 teams.

The annual men’s hockey tournament is scheduled on the weekend after the boys state hockey tournament. This year marks the 20th anniversary of when the Bronco boys hockey team last won a state championship.

Because of declining interest in having a shootout with goalies and shooters, Nevanen said this weekend



From front to back, Rasmussen Logging’s Nick Nagle (30) stops the puck while Chris Denardo (39) and the Hopper’s Bruins’ Rustin Dolyny (5) look on in the 2014 Jim Thompson Division championship game for players age 40 and older.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today’s games
Women’s softball
RRCC vs. Rowen College/ Kishwaukee in Titusville, Fla., 9 a.m./2 p.m.
Men’s baseball
RRCC vs. Hannibal LaGrange JV in St. Petersburg, Fla. (DH), noon

Thursday’s games
Girls basketball
I. Falls vs. Rush City in Section 7AA semifinals at UMD, 5:45 p.m.

Friday’s games
Men’s baseball
RRCC vs. Macomb CC in St. Petersburg, Fla. (DH), noon

Saturday’s games
Men’s baseball
RRCC vs. Sussex County CC in St. Petersburg, Fla. (DH), noon
Girls basketball
I. Falls/Rush City winner vs. Esko/Eveleth-Gilbert winner in Section 7AA finals at UMD, 7 p.m.