

SPORTS



Lakers open season 2-0

Mason Meyer tallies 3 goals in first 2 games

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QUICK HITS

Draper named MCAC North Defensive POW

For the second time this season, Rainy River Community College volleyball Libero Jasmine Draper has been named the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division's Defensive Player of the Week.

Draper, a freshman from Williams who played high school volleyball at Lake of the Woods, had 23 digs and three ace serves in Friday's home match loss in four games to Northern Division leader Northland.

Going into this week's matches, Draper ranked second in the MCAC North with 5.37 digs per game. She now has 257 digs for the season following Monday's home match loss in four games to Central Lakes.

HOF nominations for 2015 being accepted

International Falls sports fans who would like to submit nominations for possible induction next year into the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame have a week remaining to do so.

The group involved with forming the Hall of Fame is planning for the fourth 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 three groups of inductees remain in consideration for the future.

To have new nominations considered for the 2015 induction class, Bronco sports fans must submit them by Oct. 1 to the Hall of Fame in care of Falls athletic director Beth Shermoen. The nomination form is available on the school district's website at: <http://www.isd361.k12.mn.us/schools/fhs/sports/nomination-formhalloffame.pdf>

The 2015 Hall of Fame induction banquet is scheduled for the evening of April 18 at the AmericInn in International Falls.

RRCC 'Hire a Hitter'

The Rainy River Community College baseball team will once again be offering its "Hire a Hitter" program to help pay for its annual trip to Florida to play baseball in March.

As a part of this program, the team will be doing its annual window washing for businesses and homes on Sunday. To sign up, call Shelly Koenig at 283-3380.

The Voyageurs have been holding their "fall ball" practices this month.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games
Women's volleyball
RRCC at Vermilion, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
Cross country
I. Falls at Hibbing, 4 p.m.
Girls swimming/diving
Virginia at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Girls volleyball
L-BF at Lake of the Woods, 7 p.m.

Friday's games
Women's volleyball
RRCC at NDSCS Tourney, TBA
Football
Northeast Range at L-BF, 7 p.m.
I. Falls at Hermantown, 7 p.m.

Saturday's games
Women's volleyball
RRCC at NDSCS Tourney, TBA
Girls volleyball
I. Falls and L-BF at Virginia Tournament, 9 a.m.
Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls at Mesabi East Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Broncos fall to Raiders, no longer undefeated

FHS loses match after eight wins

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

The International Falls volleyball team tasted defeat for the first time this season when the Broncos were swept Monday night in the Falls High School by Greenway, 14-25, 20-25, 11-25.

"Greenway is an amazing team," said Falls head coach Erin Shikowsky. "A loss is OK as long as we learn from it."

After dropping the first game by double digits, the Broncos battled back in game two to lead 18-17, but instead of evening the match at a game apiece, the Falls was outscored 8-2 and dropped the game before losing the final game by double digits.

"When we were playing well, we were passing, we

were running our offense, and I think that's really key against a team like this," Shikowsky said.

The Broncos' statistical leaders included: Lauren Rautio, 16 digs; Teagan Anderson, 14 set assists; Maddie Filipiak, four kills; and McKenna Rasmussen, nine kills.

The Raiders were led statistically by: Seri Geisler, 15 kills; Sofie Rajala, 10 kills; Ashleigh Troumbly, 14 digs; and Jordan Ranta, 35 set assists.

The match loss dropped Falls' season record to 8-1 going into Tuesday night's home match against Virginia. Greenway, which has lost only one match this season when the Raiders fell Sept. 11 in four games to Cloquet, improved to 15-1.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

Broncos Libero Lauren Rautio digs the ball in Monday night's home match against Greenway.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

RRCC spikers lose in four to Northland, Central Lakes

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The River Community College volleyball team got off to good starts in its two latest matches by winning in the first game, but then lost the next three games and the match both times.

At home Friday night, RRCC lost its match to Northland, 25-23, 20-25, 21-25, 15-25.

"(The Pioneers) are a good team, and you can't make errors," said Voyageurs head coach Mel Millerbernd. "We made a few errors and gave them momentum. That hurts. That was a tough loss."

After the Voyageurs won the first game, Millerbernd noted that Northland, which ended the week on top of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division standings at 5-1, took control at the net as the match progressed.

"I thought we hit real well, we were aggressive and we were hitting, and then we kind of backed off a little bit and got too tippy," she said. "When you tip, they dug it up and hit it right back at us. (Pioneers hitter) Tori Davidson was just a force at the net."

RRCC's statistical leader included: DyAna Imhof, 18 kills; Brooke Millerbernd, 13 kills and 19 digs; Jasmine Draper 23 digs and three ace serves; and Tali Plate, 42 set assists.

CENTRAL LAKES 3, RRCC 1

The Voyageurs were back at home Monday night when they lost their match in four games to Central Lakes, 25-22, 21-25, 16-25, 16-25.

"It's frustrating. We have to learn how to win three (games)," Mel Millerbernd said. "We're right there with them."

Brooke Millerbernd led RRCC with nine kills and 12 digs. Draper picked up 26 digs, while Plate recorded 21 set assists and 17 digs.

The Voyageurs, who also dropped their Sept. 10 match to Hibbing in four games, have now lost their last three conference matches at home after winning the first game.

RRCC's season match



STAFF PHOTOS BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Voyageurs' DyAna Imhof (14) hits the ball into blocking opposition from Northland's Tori Davidson (16) in Friday night's match in the RRCC gym. For more photos, see Page B10.

record now stands at 1-4 in the MCAC North and 6-9 overall going into today's match in Ely against Vermilion, which is at the bottom of the conference standings at 0-5.

At right, the Voyageurs' Roneisha Jordan hits the ball while facing blocking opposition at left from Central Lakes' Sam Schlangen as the Voyageurs' Brooke Millerbernd (13) looks on during Monday's match in the RRCC gym.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

L-BF wins at Cherry, snaps 14-game team losing streak in win

FHS drops to 0-4 overall

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

For the first time since Oct. 5, 2012, Littlefork-Big Falls has won a varsity football game.

L-BF was victorious Friday night at Cherry, 40-12, and snapped a 14-game losing streak.

The Vikings, who led 6-0 after the first quarter and held a 12-6 advantage at halftime, took a two-touchdown lead after three quarters before outscoring the Tigers, 22-6, in the final 12 minutes.

L-BF, which rushed for 262 yards, scored five of its touchdowns on the ground. Peter Franz led the Vikings with 90 yards rushing on 17 carries with a touchdown. Rylan Henrikson added 88 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns, while Darian Erickson ran for 84 yards on seven carries with two touchdowns.

Vikings quarterback Quin Vork completed two of five passes for 35 yards. Henrikson caught one pass for 20 yards with Cole Stiles accounting for the other reception for 15 yards. L-BF, which improved its season record to 1-3, had also won its last game almost two years ago against the Tigers, the only team to have lost in 2012 to the Vikings.

L-BF plays next Friday at home against Northeast Range for Homecoming.

TWO HARBORS 47, FHS 7
Halfway into the 2014 football regular season, International Falls remains winless.

The Broncos lost Friday night at Two Harbors, 47-7.

The Agates took a 27-0 lead at halftime following four touchdowns by Kyler

Kinn, who ran into the end zone twice and also caught two scoring strikes.

FHS' only touchdown was set up in the third quarter when Two Harbors fumbled a punt return, after which Nick Hedtke ran into the end zone from nine yards away. Hedtke led the Broncos in rushing with 77 yards on 12 carries.

FHS ended up with 115 net yards of total offense – 116 rushing and -1 passing – compared to 467 yards on offense for the Agates – 410 rushing and 57 passing.

The Broncos, whose season record now stands at 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the Sea-Range Conference, play another road game next Friday at Hermantown.



Rylan Henrikson

L-BF 40, Cherry 12
L-BF 6 6 6 22 - 40
Cherry 0 6 0 6 - 12
Team statistics: L-BF: 262 yards rushing, 35 passing, 297 total.
Rushing: L-BF: Peter Franz, 17-90, 1 TD; Rylan Henrikson, 11-88, 2 TD; Darian Erickson, 7-84, 2 TD.
Passing: L-BF: Quin Vork, 2-5, 35 yards.
Receiving: L-BF: Henrikson, 1-20; Cole Stiles, 1-15.

Two Harbors 47, Int'l Falls 7
Int'l Falls 0 0 7 0 - 7
Two Harbors 14 13 13 7 - 47
Team statistics: IF: 116 yards passing, -1 rushing, 115 total. **TH:** 410 yards rushing, 57 passing, 467 total.
Rushing: IF: Nick Hedtke, 12-77, 1 TD; Wyatt Helgeson, 3-24; Tyler Coffield, 6-11; Lane Skallman, 1-3; Jakob Eide, 3-3; Colton Greenlee, 1-2; Shane Nicholson, 1-(-1); Ben Humbert, 1-(-3).
Passing: IF: Eide, 1-8, -1 yard, 1 INT.
Receiving: IF: Coffield, 1-(-1).

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