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DeBenedet scores twice in 7-4 win over Dryden
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QUICK HITS

RRCC spikers 1-1 at Mesabi Triangular

The Rainy River Community College volleyball team went 1-1 at Friday's Mesabi Range Triangular in Virginia.

The Voyageurs lost their first match in three close games to Mesabi Range, 21-25, 25-27, 21-25. RRCC's CaseyLynn Fulton had 11 kills, Tali Plate recorded 24 set assists and Emily Jerome had 14 digs.

The Voyageurs then won in four games over Gogebic, 26-24, 25-17, 22-25, 25-17.

Rachel Clark made all 30 of her serves and also recorded eight aces. Plate had 24 set assists and 12 digs. Jerome added 17 digs.

Plate, a freshman from Deer River who averaged 6.7 assists per game when the Voyageurs went 2-1 in matches last week, has been named the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division "Setter of the Week" along with Tiffany Hartung of Central Lakes.

RRCC, which now has an overall season record of 4-17, is back in action at 6:30 tonight when the Voyageurs host an MCAC North match against Mesabi Range.

FHS spikers 2-2 at Virginia tourney

The International Falls volleyball team finished 10th at Saturday's tournament in Virginia with a 2-2 match record.

The Broncos opened the tournament by losing two close games to Chisholm, 25-27, 23-25.

The Falls then swept Pine City in two games.

It took three games before the Broncos defeated Holy Angels, 25-20, 24-26, 15-8.

The Falls closed out the tournament by being swept in two straight games by Hermantown, 16-25, 21-25.

Cloquet ended up finishing first in the 15-team tournament.

'A Night with the Broncos' Oct. 11

Following the International Falls home football game against Virginia on the evening of Oct. 11, the Bronco Football Boosters will be holding a get-together of former and current Bronco football players along with family, friends and fans.

Informally called "A Night with the Broncos," this gathering will take place at the Elks Lodge and begin at approximately 10 p.m. in order for current players to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Scheduled speakers for the event include Frank Youso, Stuart Nordquist, Tony Palm, Chad Magner, Sam Skime, Nick Sether and Jay Boyle. This season marks 100 years of Bronco football.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today's games**
Women's volleyball
Mesabi Range at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday's games**
Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls at Grand Rapids
Invite, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls volleyball**
L-BF at Nashwauk-Keewatin, 7 p.m.
- I. Falls at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
- Friday's games**
Football
I. Falls at Hibbing, 7 p.m.
L-BF at Cherry, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Hawks fly past Broncos in 2nd half

Falls drops to 1-4 overall

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For the third week in a row, a halftime lead at home turned into a loss for the International Falls football team.

The Broncos led by a point at intermission before losing Friday night's game at Sports Stadium to Hermantown, 39-26.

"That was a great first half, and unfortunately we got scored on at the start of the second half," said Falls head coach Jay Boyle. "We knew there was a possibility they were going to come out with some thunder."

The Hawks scored first in the opening quarter when running back Zach Royer ran in the first of his four rushing touchdowns on a 23-yard scamper. The extra point by Cody McShane extended Hermantown's lead to 7-0.

The Broncos started Austin Geiselhart at quarterback when they used primarily a ground game against the Hawks. Geiselhart, who left the game in the first half with an injury and sat out the second half, ran once for 4 yards and didn't record a pass.

"We had a bit of a running quarterback in and he was doing a fantastic job out there helping us get that offense going," Boyle said. "Unfortunately, he's a little banged up now, but we're hoping that he's going to come back and be ready to go."

The Falls faced a fourth-and-goal from Hermantown's 3-yard line when the Broncos scored their first touchdown in the first quarter on a pass play from Jakob Ettestad to Ben Humbert. The Hawks remained in front, 7-6, when the run for the 2-point conversion

failed. The Broncos took the lead early in the second quarter on a 55-yard run by Cody Hallin. Ettestad ran in the 2-point conversion to extend Falls' lead to 14-7.

After stopping Hermantown on downs inside their own 30-yard line, the Broncos fumbled to give the ball back to the Hawks. Hermantown quarterback Kole Zuidmulder then connected with Justin Brendon for a 27-yard touchdown pass. Falls remained in front, 14-13, after the extra point failed.

The Hawks benefited from the Broncos botching a punting play and started on offense from inside Falls' 40-yard line. A 5-yard touchdown run by Royer put Hermantown back in front, though the lead remained at 19-14 when a pass for the 2-point conversion failed.

The Broncos went back in front with 11 seconds left in the half when Jakob Eide, who took over at quarterback after Geiselhart left the game, connected on a 34-yard touchdown pass with Humbert. The pass for the 2-point conversion failed and Falls led 20-19 at halftime.

Humbert ended up leading the Broncos in receiving with seven catches for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

Hermantown started the second half with the ball at its own 34-yard line and capped off its touchdown drive on a 4-yard run by Royer with 8:45 to play in the third quarter. A pass from Zuidmulder to Cade Zacharias for the 2-point conversion extended the Hawks' lead to 27-20.

Hermantown went back on offense when the Bron-

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STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos' Ben Humbert (2) catches the ball while being covered by Hermantown's Alex Vittorio (87) in Friday night's game at Sports Stadium. Humbert led the Falls in receiving with seven catches for 123 yards and two touchdowns.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Vikings blitzed by Chisholm

Bluestreaks for Homecoming

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

This season's losing ways continued Friday night for Homecoming when the Littlefork-Big Falls football team lost to Chisholm at John Thompson Field, 52-8.

"We did better on both sides of the ball this week, but we need to keep improving on all aspects of the game," said L-BF head coach John Larson. "We were able to move the ball well at times, but managed to stop ourselves on a few drives."

"If we keep our intensity up throughout the games it will go a long way in changing our season around."

The Bluestreaks scored first less than 4 minutes into the opening quarter on a 2-yard touchdown run by Logan Peratalo.

Chisholm picked up all the points it needed to win just over 2 minutes later when Vork fumbled on a fourth-and-one play and the Bluestreaks' Aaron Musburger picked the ball up near L-BF's 40-yard line and ran



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The Vikings' Rylan Henrikson (1) is tackled by a Chisholm player while running with the football in Friday's Homecoming game at John Thompson Field.

into the end zone for a touchdown.

The Vikings' only touchdown of the game came in the third quarter when quarterback Quin Vork threw a 61-yard scoring strike to Rylan Henrikson. Evan Wimmer ran in the 2-point conversion.

Wimmer led L-BF in rushing with 23 carries for 74 yards, while Henrikson gained 45 yards on 17 carries.

Peter Franz added 16 rushing yards on seven carries.

Vork's only pass completion in four attempts was the 61-yard touchdown pass to Henrikson, who also completed a 16-yard pass to Tommy Manninen.

The loss dropped the Vikings' season record to 0-5. L-BF returns to action this coming Friday at Cherry, which is 1-4.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING



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From left, the Broncos' Breanna Shofner, Abby Kostiuk, Claire Herzig and Blair Johnson pose for a picture after placing first in the 200-yard freestyle relay at Saturday's Taconite Invitational.

Broncos third at Taconite Invitational

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Earning medals in all three relays and also placing in the top three in three individual events highlighted the International Falls girls swimming and diving team's third-place showing out of nine teams at Saturday's Taconite Invitational hosted by Mesabi East.

Duluth East finished first with 326 points, fol-

lowed by Two Harbors/Silver Bay (231), the Falls (203), Mesabi East (165) and Eveleth-Gilbert (114.5) in the top five.

Broncos head coach Jill Herzig said facing Duluth East, a Class AA school, was like having Class A powerhouse Grand Rapids in the meet, while Two Harbors/Silver Bay is also among the top teams in

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