

SPORTS



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DeBenedet 3 goals, 2 assists in Lakers' wins

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QUICK HITS

L-BF boys hoops lose at Ely, Eveleth-Gilbert

After giving up 70 points in each of the last two games, the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team is now on a two-game losing streak. After falling behind by as much as 14 points and then trailing by seven at halftime Friday night, the Vikings went on an 8-0 scoring run to take the lead, but ended up losing at Ely, 70-63. “We couldn’t hit a shot down the stretch,” said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish, who noted the Vikings were within one possession of the lead late in the game, but had to foul when they didn’t score. Four L-BF players scored in double figures led by Rylan Henrickson with 17 points, followed by Taylor DeLack with 16, Jacob Franz with 14 and Zach Simon with 12. On Monday night, the Vikings scored fewer points and lost their road game at Eveleth-Gilbert, 70-45. Four Golden Bears scored in double figures led by C. J. Andrews with 18 points. L-BF’s season record dropped to 5-10 going into Thursday night’s game at Nashwauk-Keewatin.

Corrin records three assists in UMD sweep

University of Minnesota Duluth men’s hockey sophomore defenseman Willie Corrin of International Falls recorded three assists last weekend when the Bulldogs swept both road games against Western Michigan, 5-2 and 3-1. On Friday night, Corrin had his first multi-point game of his college hockey career with a pair of third-period assists. His other assist came on the final goal of Saturday’s game.

Jordan Christianson records goal, assist in Cobbers’ 4-0 win

Concordia-Moorhead men’s hockey freshman forward Jordan Christianson of International Falls scored a goal and added an assist Saturday when the Cobbers shut out Hamline University, 4-0. Christianson, who has played in all 21 of Concordia’s games this season, has recorded eight goals and six assists for 14 points.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today’s games**
Women’s/men’s basketball
Itasca at RRCC, 6/8 p.m.
- Thursday’s games**
Girls hockey
Silver Bay at I. Falls in Section 7A quarterfinals, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
Greenway at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.
L-BF at Chisholm, 7:15 p.m.
Boys basketball
L-BF at Nashwauk-Keewatin, 7:15 p.m.
- Friday’s games**
Girls basketball
I. Falls at Virginia, 7:15 p.m.
Boys basketball
Mesabi East at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.
Boys hockey
Grand Rapids at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday’s games**
Boys swimming/diving
I. Falls in Taconite Invite at Mesabi East, 9:30 a.m.
Women’s/men’s basketball
RRCC at Northland, 1/3 p.m.
Women’s hockey
RRCC at Minot State, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Falls overcomes 10-0 deficit, downs Virginia

FHS now at 11-10 overall

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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After giving up 10 unanswered points to start Monday night’s game, the International Falls boys basketball team battled back to defeat Virginia, 71-65, in the Falls High School gym. “A good battle for us (Monday night) down 10-0,” said Broncos head coach Derek Dowty. “We battled back right after we took a timeout (and) played pretty good basketball from there on out.” The Falls responded after the timeout with an 8-0 scoring run of its own capped off by a jump shot by Jack Bartkowski to cut the deficit to two points as the game remained competitive until the final buzzer. “I switched defenses a little bit and I thought that flustered (the Blue Devils) a little bit,” Dowty said. “Offensively, we just started attacking the basket more – trying to get them in foul trouble, putting some pressure on – and just kind of settled down.” Broncos junior forward Ben Humbert, who ended up with a game-high 34

points, gave the Falls its first lead of the game at 15-13 with 10:27 left in the first half after sinking a pair of free throws. Humbert recorded a double-double by also hauling in 18 rebounds and led the team with six assists. Virginia guard Cal Arnberg, who scored a team-high 21 points, put the Blue Devils back in front, 29-27, with 3:38 left in the first half after making two free throws. The lead shifted hands as the half wound down when Arnberg fouled Humbert, who completed a 3-point play from the charity stripe with 42 seconds left before halftime and gave the Falls a 35-33 lead at intermission. Both teams stayed within one possession of leading or tying the game through much of the second half as the lead continued to change hands. The Broncos took the lead for good at 62-61 with just under 4 minutes left when Humbert made a layup, after which Virginia head coach Rich Odell was visibly upset and thought traveling should have been called on the play. The Falls took a two-possession lead at 65-61 with 2:26 to play when



From left, the Broncos’ Ben Humbert (44) dribbles along the perimeter while being guarded by Virginia’s Cal Arnberg (12) in Monday night’s game in the Falls High School Gym. Humbert scored a game-high 34 points in the Broncos’ 71-65 victory over the Blue Devils.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Central Lakes raids Voyageurs, 104-63

RRCC drops to 1-7 in MCAC

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For the second time in eight days, the Rainy River Community College men’s basketball team lost in Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division play to Central Lakes by more than 40 points. The Voyageurs fell behind by double digits 6:30 into the first half and then weren’t able to cut the deficit to under 10 points Saturday afternoon when they lost to the Raiders, 104-63. “They were too tough on offense and we couldn’t play good (defense),” said RRCC head coach Jack Cook. “Our offense struggled, too, as far as moving the ball, and they had a lot better looks (at the basket) than we did.” Central Lakes outshot the Voyageurs from the field overall, 36-74 (48.6 percent) to 19-65 (29.2 percent), and also had a 55-37 rebounding advantage. A 3-point basket by the Raiders’ Nathan Holm late in the first half put Central Lakes up by 20, 36-16, before RRCC went on a 10-2 run capped off by two free throws by Demetrius Murphy. The Raiders then closed out the half on an 11-2 run to lead 49-28 at intermission. The Voyageurs opened the second half on an 11-3 scoring run capped off with a layup by Ahmad Poche to pull within 13, but that was the closest RRCC would come before Central Lakes extended its lead once again and won by 41. Bryan Gichaba led four Raiders scoring in double figures with a game-high 29 points, followed by Quincy Bethea with 16, Marcus Brown with 13 and Alex



From right, Rainy River’s Fedner Fleurant (1) looks to work the ball inside from the 3-point arc while being guarded by Central Lakes’ Nathan Holm in Saturday afternoon’s game in the RRCC gym.



From right, Rainy River’s Demetrius Murphy (34) shoots from the 3-point arc while being guarded by a Central Lakes player.

Koch with 12. Andrew Nichols led the Voyageurs with 20 points, while Poche also scored in double figures with 15 points. The game also marked the fifth straight conference loss for RRCC, which dropped to 1-7 in the MCAC North and 3-17 overall. The Voyageurs, who have six conference games remaining, return to action at 8 p.m. today when they host Itasca. **Central Lakes 104, Rainy River 63**
Central Lakes 49 55 – 104
Rainy River 28 35 – 63
Central Lakes: Benji Subah 1, Marcus Brown 13, Melvin Martin 3, Nathan Holm 3, Danon Briggs 2, Isaac Sawyer 7, Bryan Gichaba 29, Quincy Bethea 16, John Jedneak 8, Herbert Tarpeh 4, E. J. Zeigler 4, Alex Koch 12, Taylor Mykleby 2. 3-pointers: Bethea 4, Koch 3, Martin, Holm. Free throws: 23-32. Fouls: 19.
Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 15, Fedner Fleurant 6, Bryan Hasbargen 1, Harold Jenkins 8, Deion Miley 3, Andrew Nichols 20, Demetrius Murphy 9, Devante Miley 1. 3-pointers: Poche 3, Nichols 2, Deion Miley 1. Free throws: 19-26. Fouls: 22. Technical fouls: Devante Miley.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broncos come back to win over Cherry

L-BF beats K/N

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After trailing by three points at halftime Monday night, the International Falls girls basketball team came back in the second half to win at Cherry, 56-54. The Broncos had two players score in double figures led by Maddie Filipiak with a game-high 20 points. Teagan Anderson added 18 points, which included five 3-pointers. Abby Mayry led the Tigers as they only player scoring in double figures with 17 points. The win improved the Broncos’ season record to 14-4 going into Thursday night’s home game against Greenway.

L-BF 61, K/N 23

The Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team took a 28-point lead at halftime Monday night when the Vikings went on to a 61-23 home victory over Kelliher/Northhome. “Our defense played really well,” said L-BF head coach John Larson, who



Abby Thompson
Teagan Anderson

noted the team’s reserves were able to see plenty of playing time being on the court with the starters. Kaylee Kennedy led the Vikings with 21 points, while Abby Thompson also scored in double figures with 18 points. The win improved L-BF’s season record to 11-3 going into Thursday night’s game at Chisholm.

Int’l Falls 56, Cherry 54
Int’l Falls 24 32 – 56
Cherry 27 27 – 54
Int’l Falls: Maddie Filipiak 20, Shelby Wolden 2, Lexi Owen 4, Cassie Tomczak 3, Teagan Anderson 18, Janet Humbert 2, Jena Sullivan 4, Emma Gilbert 3. 3-pointers: Anderson 5, Gilbert. Free throws: 12-18. Fouls: 17.

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