

SPORTS



Dudley-Hewitt Cup title game

Lakers lose in finals to Soo Thunderbirds

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QUICK HITS

FHS boys golf team fifth at Wilderness

The International Falls boys golf team placed fifth out of 14 teams and had one player end up on the all-tournament team with a top-three finish at Monday's 18-hole Wilderness Invitational at Fortune Bay.

Duluth East had the top team score at 313, followed by Grand Rapids (317), North Woods (324) Hibbing (327) and the Falls (334) rounding out the top five.

Brett Kromy of Grand Rapids took the top individual honors after carding a 72, five strokes ahead of two players from Duluth East, Matt Sorensen and Liam Butche, and Broncos junior Eric Cann.

With the tiebreaker, Sorensen ended up as the silver medalist and Cann placed third.

The Falls' three other players whose scores for 18 holes counted toward the team total include Brady Wright (83), Austin Van Heel (86) and Josh Milette (88).

The Bronco boys will be back in action today when they host an 18-hole invitational at the Falls Country Club.

FHS girls golf team second at The Quarry

The International Falls girls golf team played in an 18-hole tournament Saturday at The Quarry at Giants Ridge and placed second.

Pequot Lakes had the top team score of 331, followed by the Falls (395), Bemidji (399), Hibbing (403) and Hermantown (410) rounding out the top five.

The six Bronco girls golfers and their scores for 18 holes included Olivia Besch (94), Maggie Roeder (95), Kenzie Wenberg (103) Kaitlin Stallard (104), Morgan Rasmussen (106) and Jenna Anderson (114).

Drew Fisher scores twice in final game

Tulsa Oilers forward Drew Fisher of International Falls scored twice, but it wasn't enough when the Oilers' season came to an end late last month in game five of the East Coast Hockey League's opening-round playoff series with a 3-2 loss to the Allen Americans.

Fisher, who recorded his second multiple-goal game of the series, which Tulsa lost 4-1, finished the playoff run as the Oilers' point leader with five goals and an assist.

During 2014-15, he also led Tulsa during the regular season in points (77) with 18 goals and 59 assists in 68 games.

Fisher first joined the Oilers at the end of the 2011-12 season after closing out his college hockey career at Bemidji State University.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Broncos run past Vikings, 5-2

FHS then beats Ely

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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The International Falls softball team remained undefeated after winning on the road Friday against nearby rival Littlefork-Big Falls, 5-2.

"We didn't get a lot of hits, but we hit the ball hard," said Broncos head coach Kevin Gordon. "We adjusted to a couple of different pitchers, but I thought Littlefork played very well defensively. Both teams performed pretty well in the field, I thought."

The game remained scoreless until the top of the third inning when FHS took a 1-0 lead after Janet Humbert doubled and then scored on a single by Cassie Tomczak.

The Broncos added four runs in the fourth inning when Emily Treat hit a two-out double to drive in two runs and Humbert singled to score two more before she was tagged out at second base trying to extend her hit into a double.

"Our defense made some really good plays and we just had that one inning where we kind of gave up the few runs that we couldn't afford to give up," said Vikings head coach Mike Imhof. "Otherwise, I thought our girls played well."

L-BF starting pitcher



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From left, the Broncos' McKenna Rasmussen (3) is tagged out at home plate by the Vikings' Anna Imhof (23) in Friday's game at Troy Janzen Field.

Karly Swenson left the circle after four innings, allowing all five runs on five hits with four walks and a strikeout. Anna Imhof closed out the final three innings for the Vikings without giving up another run on a hit with three walks and a strikeout.

Broncos pitcher Teagan Anderson threw all seven innings and didn't give up a run until the bottom of the sixth when the Vikings scored twice after Emily Knaeble led off with a single and scored on a double by Ellie Julson and Julson

scored on a double by Breann Larson.

Anderson ended up giving up only two runs on six hits while striking out eight.

FHS 23, ELY 7

The Broncos pounded out 19 hits Monday when they won at Ely, 23-7, in five innings.

"We just hit the ball," Gordon said.

FHS, which had several reserve players see action, led 13-0 after three innings before scoring 10 more runs in the top of the fourth. The Timberwolves scored all seven of their runs in the bottom

of the fourth.

Meghan Tomczak led the Broncos with four hits that included a home run, two doubles and a single. Amber Tilander and Stephanie Christianson added two singles and a double apiece. McKenna Rasmussen had two doubles. Cassie Tomczak singled and doubled. Abby Auran and Ashley Jonson each had two singles.

Rasmussen pitched the first 3 2/3 innings to record the victory, allowing four runs on a hit with eight walks while striking out three. Marissa Kerry closed out the final

1 1/3 innings, giving up three runs on two hits with two walks while striking out three.

The win improved FHS's season record to 9-0 going into Tuesday's home game against Eveleth-Gilbert.

Friday's game

FHS 5, L-BF 2

FHS 0-0-1 4-0-0 0-5

L-BF 0-0-0 0-0-2 0-2

WP-Teagan Anderson

Monday's game

FHS 23, Ely 7

FHS 5-6-2 10-0-23

Ely 0-0-0 7-0-7

WP-McKenna Rasmussen

MEN'S BASEBALL



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From right, the Voyageurs' J.D. Knutson tags out Vermilion's Chase Peterson at third base in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader at Scheela Field.

Voyageurs drop twin bill to Vermilion Ironmen

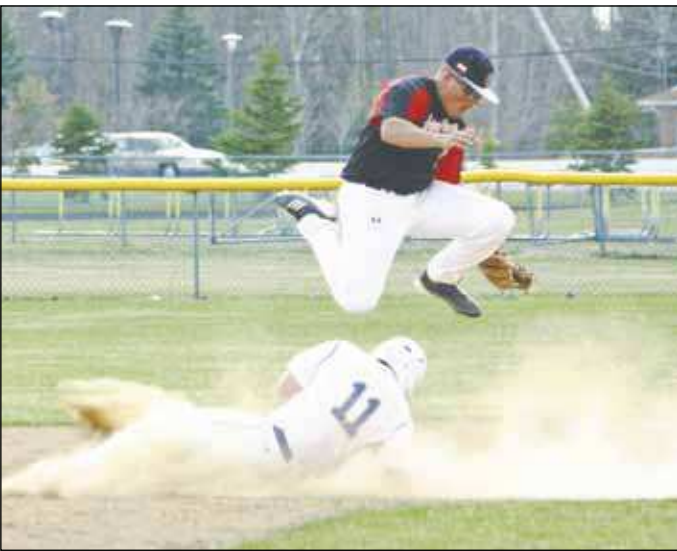
RRCC ends up seeded No. 5

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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The Rainy River Community College baseball team closed out its Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division schedule Saturday when the Voyageurs dropped both games of a home doubleheader to Vermilion Community College.

"We played good enough to win and just bad enough to lose," said RRCC head coach Josh Koenig. "We gave them too many opportunities and they took advantage of those opportunities."

In game one, the Voyageurs gave up seven runs in the second inning and ended up losing to the Ironmen, 8-1.



Vermilion's Nick Teske (11) slides into second base underneath the Voyageurs' Dyan Zayas in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader at Scheela Field.

Talon Kunkel pitched the first two innings for RRCC and recorded the loss, allowing five earned runs out of the seven scored on four hits with a walk and two

hit batters while striking out two.

Landon Freeman pitched

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Voyageurs' season ends in the MCAC North tournament

RRCC finishes 17-18 overall

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College softball team won't be heading to the Region 13 North Tournament this year.

The Voyageurs, last year's region champions who advanced to the NJCAA Division III National Tournament, were eliminated from postseason play in 2015 after losing twice Saturday in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division Tournament at Virginia.

"We just ended up with too many injuries," RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert said of the team being affected by injuries at the end of the season. "Our depth didn't match up with the other teams."

The Voyageurs, who forfeited their final three regular-season league games going into last weekend's MCAC North Tournament because of not having at least nine players available, were able to field a team Saturday.

RRCC 3, VCC 2

RRCC's only win of the tournament was in the opening game when Sierra Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to defeat Vermilion Community College, 3-2.

"We had a nice win to start the tournament," Humbert said.

The Voyageurs took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Ramirez, who also singled, drove in the first run of the game.

Vermilion center fielder Holly Petry doubled in the fifth inning and drove in two runs off of RRCC pitcher Deven Chandler for a 2-1 lead.

Chandler pitched all seven innings to record the victory, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out five.

In the field, the Voyageurs committed three errors, compared to two for Vermilion.

RRCC tallied only five hits in 6 1/3 innings off of Vermilion pitcher Miranda McGlade, who picked up the loss after also walking three and striking out six.

MRCTC 9, RRCC 1

The Voyageurs picked up their first loss of the tournament Saturday when they dropped their second game to this year's MCAC North regular-season champion, Mesabi Range Community and Technical College, 9-1, in five innings.

The game was tied at 1-1 after the first inning before Mesabi Range scored five runs in the bottom of the third and three more in the fourth inning.

"We just weren't able to get any more runs in that ballgame," Humbert said.

RRCC was able to generate only one hit off of

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games

Boys/girls golf

I. Falls hosting Invitational at FCC, 9:30 a.m.

Girls softball

I. Falls in IRC Tournament at Grand Rapids, 11 a.m.

Boys baseball

Nashwauck-Keewatin at L-BF, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Girls track and field

I. Falls at Hibbing, TBD

Boys track and field

I. Falls at Chisholm Invite, 4 p.m.

Girls softball

I. Falls at Warroad, 4:30 p.m.

LOW at L-BF, 4:30 p.m.

Boys baseball

L-BF at MI-B, 4:30 p.m.

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