

# SPORTS



**Bronco boys basketball**  
Humbert two double-doubles at North/South Challenge  
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QUICK HITS

FHS girls hoops team tops Duluth Marshall Hilltoppers

The International girls basketball team took a 16-point lead at halftime Friday night and went on to a 71-57 home victory over Duluth Marshall.

Teagan Anderson led the Broncos with a game-high 29 points, including four 3-pointers, while Cassie Tomczak added 12 points.

The Hilltoppers also had two players score in double figures led by Mary Baumgartner with 23 points and Rachel DeWitte scoring 14 more.

The win improved the Falls' season record to 18-4 going into Tuesday's home game against North Woods.

Meyer named SIJHL player of the week

The Superior International Junior Hockey League announced Monday that Fort Frances Lakers forward Mason Meyer, a 2012 International Falls High School graduate, has been the named Pizza Hut player of the week for the period running Feb. 10-16.

In three games during the week, Meyer amassed eight points in helping the league-leading Lakers skate to three victories.

This past Wednesday against the Dryden Ice Dogs, the 19-year-old Meyer scored once and dished out a pair of assists in a 6-2 road win.

Two nights later, Meyer had a natural hat trick, which included the game-winning goal, and he also set up another goal in another 6-2 victory, this time over the Minnesota Iron Rangers at Ice for Kids Arena in Fort Frances.

He then closed out the week Saturday night by adding another assist in a 3-2 decision over Minnesota as the Lakers completed a sweep of a home-and-home series with the Iron Rangers in Hoyt Lakes.

On the season, Meyer sits third overall in the SIJHL in offensive production with 84 points. His 36 goals tie him for the second most in the league and he is third in assists with 48. Meyer also shares the top spot in the SIJHL in power-play goals with 13.

BOYS BASKETBALL

## Vikings devoured by Grizzlies, then hold off Mustangs

Taylor DeLack reaches 1,000 career points

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

A two-point halftime lead turned into a double-digit defeat Friday night when the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team lost at home to North Woods, 74-59.

Vikings senior guard Taylor DeLack, who capped the first half's scoring with a 3-pointer to give L-BF a 34-32 lead, also became the Vikings' latest 1,000-point career scorer with a 3-point basket in the first minute of the game.

"It's a great achievement, but it's a team game," DeLack said. "You've got to have people around you that will give you open shots. I give my teammates credit along the way, too."

Turnovers plagued L-BF in the second half as the Vikings fell behind by double digits midway in the half and were unable to wage a comeback.

"Turnovers in the second half shot us in the foot," said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish. "It's kind of the tale of our season. We'll come out and play really well and take care of the ball in the first half. The turnovers just started to mount in the second half."

"The difference was they were converting on turnovers and we weren't. The kids still played hard, and my five seniors that we



From right, the Vikings' Jacob Franz (23) shoots over the Grizzlies' Cole Martin (22) in Friday night's game in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym.

started at the beginning of the game, those five kids mean a lot to this team and it will be a loss to have those five leave."

Senior center Jacob Franz led L-BF in scoring with a game-high 31 points, while DeLack added 13 points.

The Grizzlies had three players score in double figures led by Darnell Gogglye with 21 points, followed by Hank Halverson with 18 and Cole Martin with 13.



From left, the Vikings' Taylor DeLack (4) dribbles past North Woods' Jaylen Strong (13) in Friday night's game in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym. DeLack became the Vikings' latest 1,000-point career scorer when he made a 3-pointer in the first minute of the game.

L-BF 60, N/K 58

Monday night's game in the L-BF High School gym remained competitive until the final buzzer when the Vikings held off Northome/Kelliher, 60-58, and avenged a road loss from last month when DeLack was out of the lineup because of an ankle injury.

"To hold a high-flying offensive team like Northome to 58 points, that's a pretty good defensive effort from our guys," Maish said.

L-BF broke a 12-12 tie midway in the first half when Franz made a pair of free throws. The Vikings remained in front until intermission when the Mustangs' Isaiah Rahier made

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From right, the Vikings' Taylor DeLack battles on the floor for a loose ball with the Grizzlies' Hank Halverson (10) and Jaylen Strong (13) while Marcus Hoagland (3) looks on in Friday night's game in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Voyageurs down Vermilion, then lose to Mesabi Range

RRCC now at 2-8 in MCAC

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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The Rainy River Community College women's basketball team split two games last weekend by winning on the road and losing at home.

On Friday night, the Voyageurs avenged a loss from earlier this season when they won at Vermilion, 63-53.

"I was really pleased with our defense, and offensively, our execution is better," said RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert, who noted the team made around 48 percent of its shots in the second half. "Our shot selection really has improved and we were more disciplined. We worked harder, made more passes, broke down the defense and were able to attain the shots that we wanted."

The Voyageurs overcame a three-point halftime deficit by outscoring Vermilion 37-24 in the final 20 minutes.

RRCC also ended up outshooting Vermilion from the field overall, 27-76 (35.5 percent) to 20-64 (31.2 percent).

Roneisha Jordan recorded a double-double for the Voyageurs with a game-high 28 points and 17 rebounds, while Tali Plate also scored in double figures with 12 points.

Vermilion's Taneisha Brooks recorded a double-double with 20 points and



From left, Rainy River's Reggie Krickeberg (33) dribbles around Mesabi Range's Danielle Lenci (24) in Saturday afternoon's game in the RRCC gym.

12 rebounds with Lindsey Zeitler adding 18 points.

MESABI RANGE 71, RAINY RIVER 54

The Voyageurs, who are now down to six available players for the rest of the season, were back in action Saturday afternoon when they lost at home to Mesabi Range, 71-54.

"Probably the biggest challenge in playing the second day with six kids is the depth factor," Humbert said. "Obviously, Mesabi (Range is) very deep with 11

girls. They're all players. I mean, they're well-balanced. You look at their scoring and it's evenly distributed, so that was probably our biggest challenge (Saturday to) keep up with the pace of fresh players coming at you."

Mesabi Range led 19-7 when the game was halted for several minutes with 7:41 left in the first half after Lady Norse starting guard Maria Clement landed on the floor and hit her head upon running into the Voyageurs'

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Voyageurs lose twice to Vermilion, Mesabi Range

RRCC drops to 1-11 in MCAC

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The Rainy River Community College men's basketball team has extended its losing streak to nine games after dropping both games it played last weekend.

On Friday night, the Voyageurs trailed by 20

points at halftime and ended up losing on the road to Vermilion, 107-74.

"Very poor shooting in (the) first half put the game out of reach early," said RRCC head coach Jack Cook. "(We) shot well from the free-throw line in (the) first half, but did not get there enough. Foul trouble early in (the first half also hurt)."

The Voyageurs shot only 9-48 (18.8 percent)

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Wednesday's games**  
**Women's/men's basketball**  
Hibbing at RRCC, 6/8 p.m.
- Thursday's games**  
**Boys swimming/diving**  
I. Falls in Section 6A preliminaries at Hibbing, 3 p.m.  
**Boys basketball**  
L-BF at South Ridge, 4:45 p.m.  
Greenway at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.  
**Girls basketball**  
Northeast Range at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.
- Boys hockey**  
Greenway vs. I. Falls winner in Section 7A quarterfinals at Hermantown, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday's games**  
**Girls basketball**  
MI-B at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.  
Blackduck at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.  
**Boys basketball**  
I. Falls at Duluth Marshall, 7:15 p.m.  
L-BF at Deer River, 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday's games**  
**Boys swimming/diving**  
I. Falls in Section 6A finals at Hibbing, 11 a.m.  
**Women's/men's basketball**  
Fond du Lac at RRCC, 1/3 p.m.  
**Boys hockey**  
Section 7A semifinals in Grand Rapids, 7:30 p.m.

## Ben Gordon named CHL player of week

For the third time this season, Tulsa Oilers forward Ben Gordon of International Falls has been selected as the Central Hockey League's Player of the Week.

In four games last week, Gordon recorded six goals and four assists to help the Oilers to three victories.

Gordon joined Adam Pleskach as the second Oiler to record four goals in a single period when he lit the lamp four times in the first period of the Feb. 11 game in Rapid City. The 29-year-old Gordon also recorded an assist to cap off his third five-point outing of the

season.

Back on home ice on Friday, Gordon scored a goal and dished out three assists in Tulsa's 9-4 triumph over Arizona.

The sixth-year pro ended the week with another goal on Saturday night and is now tied for the team lead with 63 points (27 goals, 36 assists) and tied for sixth in the CHL scoring race.



Ben Gordon