

SPORTS



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Cory Netland, Bronco boys basketball senior forward, is featured

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QUICK HITS

Jordan Christianson scores game-winner in overtime vs UWRF

Freshman forward Jordan Christianson of International Falls scored the game-winning goal in overtime Tuesday to lift the Concordia-Moorhead men's hockey team to a 2-1 home victory over the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Christianson's winning shot on goal from in front of the Falcons' net at 1:41 of the extra session was assisted by Tucker Coborn and Jeremy Johnson.

"(The puck) was in my skates and I was lucky to get a stick on it," said Christianson, who scored his fifth goal of the season.

The win marked the first game of the new year for the Cobbers, who then returned to action Friday night at home against Marian University.



Jordan Christianson

Foes from the Falls in UMD-UNO series

Two 2010 International Falls High School graduates who are defensemen — Willie Corrin and Matt Youso — and a nephew and his head-coaching uncle from the Falls — Corrin and Dean Blais — are on opposing Division I men's hockey teams this weekend.

This weekend marks the first of two two-game series the University of Minnesota Duluth and University of Nebraska Omaha will have against each other this season as members of the newly formed National Collegiate Hockey Conference.

UNO, for which Blais is in his fifth year of coaching and Youso is a freshman, and UMD, for which Corrin is in his sophomore season, play the final game of the first series tonight in Omaha.

The Mavericks and Bulldogs split the four games the two teams had against each other last season when Blais and Corrin faced each other on opposite college hockey teams for the first time.

Following this weekend's series, the two teams have another pair of games against each other scheduled for March 7-8 at AM-SOIL Arena in Duluth.



Willie Corrin

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rapids flies past Falls in 2nd half

L-BF gallops past K/N

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

Thursday night's girls basketball game in the Falls High School gym turned out as the proverbial tale of two halves.

The Broncos led by seven at halftime, before losing to Grand Rapids, 69-51.

"We weren't ready for their intensity in the second half," said Falls head coach Shawn Gilbert. "It was kind of the way (the loss to) Bemidji turned out. They spread us out, and we really didn't know what to do.

"Like I told the girls, it was kind of my fault that we don't have something for that when they end up pushing us out like that on offense on their 2-3 zone or their 1-3-1 (defense)."

The Broncos had been able to take advantage of outside

scoring opportunities in the first half when they made nine 3-three point baskets, including four in the first 18 minutes by Teagan Anderson, who ended up as the only Falls player to score in double figures with a game-high 20 points.

"What it really comes down to is we're a perimeter-oriented team...," Gilbert said. "We really don't have much of an inside game, especially against bigger schools. "Right now our post players are mostly eighth-graders. We just don't have much of a post presence."

The Thunderhawks, who made only two baskets behind the 3-point arc the entire game, were able to work the ball inside and also capitalized on multiple Bronco turnovers in the second half.

After the Falls tied the game at 45-45 on a pair of free throws by Shelby Wolden with 12:15 to play, the Broncos could only score six more points before the final buzzer.

Rapids junior center Taylor Kane led three Thunderhawk players scoring in double figures with 19 points, followed by senior guard Maggie Gibbons with 16 and

senior forward Megan Allen with 12.

The loss marked the second defeat this season for the Falls, which returned to action Friday night in an Iron Range Conference game at Hibbing.

L-BF 67, K/N 38

The Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team led Thursday night's road game by 29 points at halftime and went on to a 67-38 victory over Kelliher/Northome.

"We started out strong," said Vikings head coach John Larson, who also noted the team ended up not taking care of the ball very well in its first game of the new year and committed almost 20 turnovers.

Kaylee Kennedy led four L-BF players scoring in double figures with 22 points. Brooke Millerbernd added 13 points and also recorded a double-double by hauling in 11 rebounds, while Breann Larson had 12 points and DyAna Imhof scored 10 more.

The win improved the Vikings' season record to 6-1. L-BF returns to action Monday when the Vikings host Ely, the first of three games on next week's schedule.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Broncos' Cassie Tomczak (21) dribble the ball while being guarded by the Thunderhawks' Hannah Morris (30) in Thursday night's game in the Falls High School gym.

G. Rapids 69, I. Falls 51

G. Rapids 31 38 - 69
I. Falls 38 13 - 51

I. Falls: Maddie Filipiak 9, Shelby Wolden 3, Lexi Owen 3, Cassie Tomczak 5, Teagan Anderson 20, Janet Humbert 2, Jena Sullivan 6, Emma

Gilbert 3. 3-pointers: Anderson 6, Filipiak 2, Owen, Tomczak, Gilbert. Free throws: 6-10. Fouls: 24.

L-BF 67, K/N 38

L-BF 43 24 - 67
K/N 14 24 - 38

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Bronco girls win, boys lose make-up game

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After having their road games postponed two days earlier when classes were called off, the International Falls boys and girls hockey teams were able to make up those games Thursday night, but with different results.

The Bronco girls scored three first-period goals en route to defeating Eveleth-Gilbert, 4-2.

The Falls' Hillary Fox, Sydney Raboin and Amy Au-

ran scored to open the game, before the first Golden Bear goal with 15 seconds left in the opening period.

Jenna Anderson scored in the second period to put the Broncos back in front by three goals, before Eveleth-Gilbert closed out the scor-



Amy Auran

ing with a goal in the final period.

Auran ended up with three points for the evening by also having two assists.

The Falls outshot the Golden Bears, 43-16, with Keanna Carlson making 14 saves to record the win in goal.

The Broncos, who then had a road game Friday night against Park Rapids Area, play their third game in three days when they host Crookston at 1 this afternoon.

VIRGINIA/MI-B 2, I. FALLS BOYS 0

For the second time this season, the Bronco boys hockey team was unable to score against Virginia/Mountain Iron-Buhl and lost to the Blue Devils, 2-0.

Travis Kemp got Virginia/MI-B on the scoreboard in the opening minute of the game. The Blue Devils closed out the scoring early in the second period on a goal from Jay Peterson.

Virginia/MI-B outshot the

Falls, 46-21, with Lucas Murray recording the shutout victory and Wyatt Ulrich picking up the loss in goal.

The Broncos returned to action Friday night by hosting Greenway.

Girls hockey
Int'l Falls 4, Eveleth-Gilbert 2
Int'l Falls 3 1 0 - 4
Eveleth-Gilbert 1 0 1 - 2

Boys hockey
Virginia/MI-B 2, Int'l Falls 0
Int'l Falls 0 0 0 - 0
Virginia/MI-B 1 1 0 - 2

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cardinals fly past Voyageurs in second half

RRCC 0-1 in MCAC

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After trailing by only a point at halftime Wednesday night, the Rainy River Community College men's basketball team ended up losing its Minnesota College Athletic Conference opener

at Hibbing, 79-63.

"Poor shooting in the second half kept us out of the game," said RRCC head coach Jack Cook, who noted the Voyageurs were sluggish and slow on both offense and defense. "We need to rebound better and relocate after passing the ball. We will get there."

Both teams took 28 shots from the field in the second

half with the Cardinals making 18 of them, compared to 10 for the Voyageurs.

For the game, Hibbing shot 30-59 (50.8 percent) from the field overall, compared to 23-65 (35.4 percent) for RRCC. The Cardinals also outrebounded the Voyageurs, 45-29.

Four Hibbing players scored in double figures led by Sam Willis with 16 points,

followed by Jerry Pratt with 15, Marcellis Beard with 12 and Tori Mason Jr. with 11.

RRCC had three players score in double figures led by Deion Miley with 16 points. Devante Miley added 12 points and Harold Jenkins scored 10 more.

The Voyageurs, who are now 0-1 in the MCAC North and 2-11 overall, return to action at 3 this afternoon when

they host a conference game against Vermilion.

Hibbing 79, Rainy River 63
Rainy River 32 31 - 63
Hibbing 33 46 - 79

Rainy River: Fedner Fleurant 7, Deion Miley 16, James Sausser Denesia 3, Demetrius Murphy 8, Devante Miley 12, Amhed Poche 3, Jimson Clerveus 2, Harold Jenkins 10, Fred Perard 2. 3-pointers: Deion Miley 2, Fleurant, Sausser Denesia, Devante Miley. Free throws: 12-22. Fouls: 18.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games
Girls hockey
Crookston at I. Falls, 1 p.m.
Women's/men's basketball
Vermilion at RRCC, 1/3 p.m.

Monday's games
Girls basketball
Ely at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.
Boys basketball
L-BF at Kelliher/Northome, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday's games
Girls hockey
Lake of the Woods at I. Falls, 7 p.m.
Boys basketball
Hibbing at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.
Bigfork at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.
Girls basketball
I. Falls at Warroad, 7:30 p.m.
Boys hockey
I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games
Women's/men's basketball
Northland at RRCC, 6/8 p.m.

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