

# SPORTS



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QUICK HITS

Tina Ostroot finishes the Boston Marathon

The first female who will be inducted into the Bronco Athletic Hall of Fame has finished the Boston Marathon for the second year in a row.

Tina (Bahr) Ostroot, 52, whose girls track and field records she set at Falls High School more than 30 years ago in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs still stand today, was among the thousands who completed the 26.2-mile route Monday in the Boston area.

Ostroot's time of 3 hours, 57 minutes, 11 seconds, was 17,317th overall and 6,492nd among women runners. She also ran in the Boston Marathon for the first time last year when she reached the finish line minutes before the explosions that occurred there.

A 1980 FHS graduate, Ostroot participated in cross country, basketball and track and field in high school and was a six-time state qualifier. She won the Class AA individual state title in cross country her junior and senior years.

At Saturday night's induction banquet at the Ameri-clnn, Ostroot will be honored among the Hall of Fame's Class of 2014, which also includes hockey coach Dean Blais, hockey players Keith "Huffer" Christiansen and Oscar Mahle and the 1954 International Falls football team.

Summer Hockey Camps registration

Registration is now open the International Falls Summer Hockey Camps that will run July 7-18 at Bronco Arena.

The Monday-Friday camps include instruction for Termites, Mighty Mites, Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams. Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam players may register for one or two weeks of the developmental camps.

Players should register for the level that they will be playing in for the 2014-15 hockey season. The camps are recommended for both boy and girl hockey players. The deadline for registration is June 25.

A Night League is also being formed for the evenings of the camps for players at the high school level to adult. Full-face protection is required for players under the age of 19.

Brochures for the camps are available at The Sports Shop in downtown International Falls.

For any questions regarding the camps, contact camp director Kevin Gordon at 285-7223.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

## Vikings come back to defeat Deer River

### L- BF wins home opener

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

After giving up four runs and the lead in the sixth inning, the Littlefork-Big Falls girls softball team rallied in the late innings Monday when the Vikings won their home opener over Deer River, 7-6.

"It was a good time (for) a gut check for us - not to give up when we got behind," said L-BF head coach Mike Imhof. "Thank God that the girls came through when they had to and they didn't give up."

The Vikings, who ended up with 11 hits for the game, took a 2-0 lead in the opening inning when Amanda Nelson and Emily Knaeble both singled and scored. L-BF added another run in the second inning when Karli Little singled and scored.

Deer River got on the scoreboard in the fourth inning with two runs after a pair of Warriors who walked on base then crossed the plate.

Nelson, who pitched the first four innings for the Vikings, didn't allow a hit, but gave up 10 walks before she switched to third base and Brooke Millerbernd took over the pitching duties.

Millerbernd gave up four of the five hits she allowed over three innings when

Deer River plated four runs in the top of the sixth and took a 6-3 lead.

L-BF then scored twice in the bottom of the sixth with two outs after Knaeble and Millerbernd reached base and DyAna Imhof doubled.

The Vikings still trailed 6-5 going into the bottom of the seventh when Breann Larson had a leadoff double to left field and Little reached base on an error. After a single by Katie Fort to right field tied the game, Deer River made a pitching change, replacing starter Kerrie Humble with Lauren Fairbanks.

Still with no one out, Karly Swenson singled off of Fairbanks to drive in Little and win the game.

"Breann started off (the seventh inning) with a big double and then Karly Swenson came up with a big hit," said Mike Imhof, who also noted the defense played well overall in Monday's cold and windy conditions. "If the pitching comes around, we'll be fine."

The win improved L-BF's season record to 1-1 going into Tuesday's home game against Kelliher/Northome.

**L-BF 7, Deer River 6**  
**Deer River 0-0-0 2-0-4 0-6**  
**L-BF 2-1-0 0-0-2 2-7**



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

At left, the Vikings' Karli Little (24) reaches home plate to score in Monday's home opener against Deer River. Little scored twice, including the game-winning run, in Littlefork-Big Falls' 7-6 victory over the Warriors.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

## Broncos split doubleheader to open season

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The 2014 girls softball season finally started Monday for International Falls when the Broncos split a doubleheader hosted by Greenway.

"The girls are pretty excited to play outside," said Falls head coach Kevin Gordon, who also noted the weather was windy and cold during the two make-up games that had initially been scheduled for earlier this month.

In game one, the Broncos defeated Chisholm, 10-0, in

six innings.

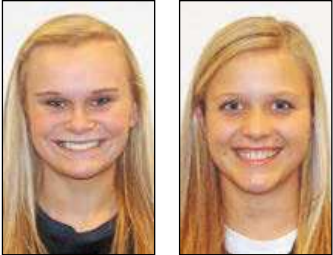
Gordon said the Falls got off to a slow start at the plate as the game remained scoreless before the Broncos erupted for nine runs in the fourth inning.

Falls juniors Teagan Anderson and Ashley Jonson had two hits apiece with junior Cassie Tomczak adding a double.

Anderson also recorded the pitching victory by limiting the Bluestreaks to two hits over six innings.

**GREENWAY 8, I. FALLS 5**

In game two, the Falls led



by a run after five innings, before Greenway scored four times in the sixth and defeated the Broncos, 8-5.

Greenway outhit the Falls, 15-6, with three Raid-

er players tallying three hits apiece.

"They did the damage," Gordon said.

Broncos junior Meghan Tomczak had a pair of hits while Cassie Tomczak tripled and Anderson, Jonson and Emma Johnson each singled.

Rylie Donahue recorded the pitching victory for Greenway with Anderson picking up the loss for the Falls.

The Broncos, whose home game scheduled for Tuesday against Mountain

Iron-Buhl was postponed, are next slated to play three games on Friday in the Iron Range Conference Tournament at Grand Rapids, where they open the eight-team tournament at 1 p.m. against Deer River.

**Game 1**  
**I. Falls 10, Chisholm 0**  
**Chisholm 0-0-0 0-0-0 - 0**  
**I. Falls 0-0-0 9-0-1 - 10**

**Game 2**  
**Greenway 8, I. Falls**  
**Greenway 0-2-1 0-1-4 0-8**  
**I. Falls 0-0-0 2-3-0 0-5**

SIJHL HOCKEY

## Lakers tie Bill Salonen Cup finals with MIR

Game 7 tonight

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Superior International Junior Hockey League's Bill Salonen Cup finals are now tied at 3-3 after two wins in three days by the Fort Frances Lakers.

Facing a must-win situation at home Saturday night, Fort Frances got a 24-save shutout from Jordan Cartney, who made his second start of the playoffs to backstop the Lakers to a 2-0 victory over the Minnesota Iron Rangers in game 5 at Ice for Kids Arena.

Following a scoreless opening 20 minutes, the Lakers got their first goal on a power-play effort from Fort Frances defenseman Cameron Jackson at 9:22 when Jackson put the puck past Minnesota goalie Alex Reichle.

The Lakers took a 2-0 lead in the second period when Hunter Leishman scored his first goal of the postseason with 78 seconds left in the period.

Cartney improved to 2-0 in playoffs for Fort Frances, while Reichle finished with 30 saves in defeat for Minnesota.

**LAKERS 4, IRON RANGERS 3 (OT)**

Jackson's bank-in goal 4:30 into overtime lifted the Lakers to a 4-3 victory over the Iron Rangers on Monday in game 6 at Hoyt Lakes Arena.

Minnesota opened the scoring late in the opening period when Max Seiter chipped in a rebound off an Eric Madison blast from the right side past Cartney at 18:52.

The score stayed that way until the latter stages of the second period when Fort Frances connected for a pair of goals less two minutes apart to grab a 2-1 lead after two periods of play.

Lakers forward Lucas DeBenedet of International Falls intercepted a clearing attempt and then fed a cross-ice pass to Falls native Mason Meyer, who shot the puck past Reichle in the Minnesota net at 17:56 for the tying goal.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Lakers' Lucas DeBenedet (16) watches Mason Meyer (9) with the puck while the Iron Rangers' T.J. Samec (37) and Austin Frank (21) set up on defense in Saturday night's game at Ice for Kids Arena in Fort Frances.

The go-ahead goal came with 8.6 seconds left in the period during a Fort Frances power play when Lyndon Lipinski knocked in a loose puck from the top of the crease following a goal-mouth scramble.

After DeBenedet put the visitors up 3-1 at 11:25 of the

third period on a power-play goal, Minnesota tied the game on goals from Jonathan Losurdo and Trevor Hoth a minute and a half apart to force overtime.

Near the midway point of the first 10-minute overtime, Jackson banked his shot towards the net off an

Iron Rangers defender and in to give Fort Frances the victory and force game 7 tonight.

DeBenedet, the SIJHL's leading point producer during the regular season, finished the night playing a

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today's games**  
**Men's baseball**  
Northland at RRCC (DH), 2 p.m.  
**Boys baseball**  
Mesabi East at L-BF, 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday's games**  
**Boys baseball**  
I. Falls at Greenway, 4:30 p.m.  
L-BF at Hill City, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls softball**  
L-BF at Hill City, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday's games**  
**Girls softball**  
I. Falls in IRC Tourney at Grand Rapids, 1 p.m.  
**Track and field**  
I. Falls in Kerzie Invite at Virginia, 3 p.m.
- Saturday's games**  
**Girls softball**  
L-BF at Greenbush-Middle River Tournament, 9 a.m.  
**Women's softball**  
RRCC at Itasca (DH), noon  
**Men's baseball**  
RRCC at Vermilion (DH), 1 p.m.