

SPORTS



Motocross in Canada
Ray teen competing north of the border
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QUICK HITS

Fusion 14U softball team sweeps Rapids

The International Falls Fusion 14U softball team swept both games of a doubleheader it hosted Tuesday against Grand Rapids.

The Falls defeated Rapids in the first game, 19-1, in four innings.

Mariah Leahy pitched the first two innings for the Falls when Rapids scored its only run. Libby Miggins closed out the final two innings without allowing a run.

In game two, the Falls defeated Rapids, 10-1, in six innings.

Marissa Kerry pitched the first three innings for the Falls when Rapids scored its only run. Leahy threw the final three shut-out innings.

Fusion 16U falls twice at Cherry

The International Falls Fusion 16U softball team lost both games of a doubleheader it played Monday at Cherry, 10-1 and 17-3.

“We did not play very well,” said Falls head coach Jeff Kerry, who also noted the team committed too many errors and didn’t play sharp defensively.

The Fusion 16U will be back in action this coming Monday to host a doubleheader against the Grand Rapids Black starting at 5:15 p.m.

Rain postpones 18U softball, JL baseball

Rain prevented the start of the International Falls Fusion 18U softball team’s season Wednesday when a doubleheader at Park Rapids was called off.

The Fusion 18U team has a tournament scheduled this weekend in Winnipeg, prior to playing a home doubleheader this coming Wednesday starting at noon against Greenway.

The Falls this summer is fielding 14U, 16U and 18U softball teams with a total of 22 girls among the three teams, said coach Jeff Kerry.

Falls’ Junior League baseball team also didn’t play a home doubleheader as scheduled Wednesday against Fort Frances because of the rain.

Falls fifth-grade girls in state hoops tourney

International Falls’ fifth-grade girls basketball team is playing today in the Pace-setter Minnesota Invitational Tournament (MIT) at St. Ben’s in St. Joseph.

The Falls will open the tournament at 11 a.m. today against Crookston.

All the teams will play 3-4 games. The championship game tips off at 5:55 p.m. today.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Monday’s games**
Juniors baseball
Mesabi East at I. Falls (DH), 5 p.m.
16U softball
Grand Rapids Black at I. Falls (DH), 5:15 p.m.
- Tuesday’s games**
VFW baseball
Grand Rapids at I. Falls (DH), 2 p.m.
Legion baseball
I. Falls at Brookston (DH), 2 p.m.
14U softball
Virginia at I. Falls (DH), 5:15 p.m.
- Wednesday’s games**
18U softball
Greenway at I. Falls (DH), Noon
Juniors baseball
I. Falls at Grand Rapids Black (DH), 5 p.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF

West 29th, Walls 39th at state

Cann finishes 57th in AA

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Two of the three International Falls golfers competing in the Class AA State Tournament at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan finished in the top 40 when the two-day event wrapped up Wednesday.

“I think they did very well,” said Broncos head coach Kelly Blair. “There’s some fierce competition there...”

“The seniors wanted to do better, but they happened to shoot around their average.”

Falls senior girls golfer Katie West, who qualified for the state tournament for the second year in a row, tied for 29th place with a 36-hole score of 171.

West, who opened the tournament Tuesday by recording a 43 on both the front and back nine for an 86, carded an 85 on the final 18 holes Wednesday when she had a 41 on the front nine and a 44 on the back nine.

She finished 28 strokes behind the two individual champions, Pequot Lakes junior Maggie Heggerston and Detroit Lakes sophomore Kate Smith, who tied for first at 143.

West, who was the only Bronco girl to qualify for state this year, improved upon her 70th-place finish in 2013 when the tournament had been shortened to 27 holes because of rain delaying the final day of competition.

This year, Blair said the course was in “beautiful” condition to play the full 36 holes.

Detroit Lakes, which was one of the eight section champions in Class AA competing as an entire team, had four girls finish in the top six and repeated as the state champion with the top score of 590, a new girls team record in Class AA and 58 strokes ahead of runner-up Pequot Lakes, the Section 7AA champion.

BRADY WALLS 39TH

The Broncos had two state qualifiers in the boys competition with se-



The Broncos’ Brady Walls, shown putting Tuesday at the State Class AA Tournament at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan, finished Wednesday tied for 39th on the final day of competition after recording a 158 for 36 holes.

nior Brady Walls back for the second year in a row and sophomore Eric Cann in his first state meet.

Walls, who placed 44th in 2013, moved up the leaderboard this year when he tied for 39th with a 36-hole score of 158.

He had identical scores on both days of the tournament, carding a 39 on the front nine and a 40 on the back nine for a 79 after 18 holes on each day.

Walls ended up 14 strokes behind the three individual champions, Virginia senior Andrew Sederlund, Mankato East sophomore Carter Haley and Staples-Motley sophomore Andrew Israelson, who tied for first at 144.

Cann ended up in 57th place after carding a 164. He had a 41 both days on the front nine and also recorded back-nine scores of 42 Tuesday and 40 Wednesday.

Blair said she expects Cann, who has two years of high school golf left to play, to return to the state meet.

The boys Class AA team title was won by Providence Academy (Plymouth), which had the low score of 602, 10 strokes ahead of Mar-



PHOTOS BY TODD ABELN OF THE JORDAN INDEPENDENT

The Broncos’ Katie West, shown chipping Tuesday at the State Class AA Golf Tournament held at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan, finished tied for 29th Wednesday after closing out the second day of competition with a 36-hole score of 171.

shall. Virginia, the Section 7AA champion, placed sixth at 635.

Class AA State Tournament GIRLS

Team scores: Detroit Lakes 590, Pequot Lakes 648, Red Wing 650, Minnewaska Area 687, Osakis 717, Visitation (Mendota Heights) 733, Jordan 738, Breck School (Golden Valley) 748.

Top individuals: 1. Maggie Heggerston, Pequot Lakes, 143; 1. Kate Smith, Detroit Lakes, 143. **International Falls golfer:** 29. Katie West, 171.

BOYS

Team scores: Providence Academy (Plymouth) 602, Marshall 612, The Blake School (Minneapolis) 614, Mankato East 618, Fergus Falls 629, Virginia 635, Staples-Motley 640, Byron 677.

Top individuals: 1. Andrew Sederlund, Virginia, 144; 1. Carter



The Broncos’ Eric Cann, shown following through on a swing Tuesday at the State Class AA Golf Tournament at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan, placed 57th Wednesday when he ended the final day of competition with a 36-hole score of 164.

Haley, Staples-Motley, 144; 1. **International Falls golfers:** 39. Andrew Israelson, Staples-Motley, 144.

Preregistration deadline nearing for Bronco 5K Run/Walk

Start time moved up by an hour

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Just under a week remains to preregister for the 8th annual Bronco 5K Run/Walk that will start this year at 8 a.m. July 4 at the Falls High School track.

Bronco 5K race organizer Jen Erickson said this year’s starting time for the annual Independence Day race is being moved up an hour earlier because of the heat and warm temperatures the event has experienced the past few years.

If preregistered by June 20, the 5K Run/Walk is \$20 with a T-shirt and \$12 without a T-shirt. The entry fee for ages 10 and under will be \$15 by the preregistration deadline.

The race starts at the entrance to the track, before going along 11th Street to Kerry Park and looping

back to Falls High School, ending with a lap on the track.

Preregistered entrants will be able to pick up their bib numbers and T-shirts at the track July 3 between 6-7 p.m. Those not yet registered will be able to sign up at that time.

Race-day registration begins at 7:15 a.m. The entry fee on the day of the race will be \$20 without a T-shirt.

Medals will be awarded to the top-three males and females in nine age categories.

Following the Bronco 5K at approximately 9 a.m., a free Kids Fun Run will be held on the track with the choice of a 400- or 800-meter run. All participants in the Kids Fun Run will receive a ribbon.

Registration forms are available at the Falls High School Community Education office, the FHS main office or Snap Fitness. The forms can also be obtained

online at www.northland-runner.com or www.isd361.k12.mn.us.

To preregister, mail registrations to Jen Erickson, 344 County Road 24, International Falls, MN 56649, or drop them off at the FHS main office. Checks should be made payable to Bronco Track Boosters. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Proceeds from the Bronco 5K benefit the FHS track and field teams.

For more information, call Jen Erickson at 324-0221 or e-mail kjerickson@midco.net.

Brandy Erholtz (423) and John Sobczynski (729) arrive at the Falls High School track to run a lap and complete last year’s Bronco 5K Run/Walk. Erholtz finished first overall and also set the women’s course record in 19 minutes, 3 seconds.



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