

# SPORTS



**Who is...**  
Wyatt Ulrich, Bronco boys hockey senior goalie, is featured

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## QUICK HITS

### Viking boys hoops team wins at Cherry

Taylor DeLack scored 30 points, including six 3-pointers, to lead the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team on Tuesday night to a 68-56 victory at Cherry.

L-BF, which led 34-25 at halftime, also had Rylan Henrickson and Tommy Manninen end up in double figures with 12 points apiece.

Vikings head coach Jeff Maish said L-BF took advantage of favorable matchups on offense to score from 3-point range and also played well at times on defense.

Maish said the win put the Vikings in a position to receive the No. 6 seed ahead of Cherry in Section 7A and not have to play in a play-in game when the playoffs begin next Tuesday.

### Viking girls hoops team trounces LOW

The Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team led by more than 40 points at halftime Tuesday night and went on to a 79-17 home victory over Lake of the Woods.

Kaylee Kennedy led L-BF with 30 points, while Abby Thompson also scored in double figures with 18 points as 10 Viking players recorded points with the reserves seeing plenty of playing time. The win improved L-BF's season record to 13-5.

The Vikings' home game that had been set for Thursday night against Northeast Range was rescheduled for next Tuesday. L-BF had Blackduck on its schedule for Friday and next hosts North Woods on Monday night.

### FHS Alumni hoops tourney April 18-19

Falls High School's 2014 Alumni Basketball Tournament to raise money for the Bronco basketball program will be held April 18-19 in the FHS gymnasium.

This year's tournament includes three divisions — a women's Open Division, a men's Masters Division (35 and older) and a men's Open Division — and is open to FHS Alumni or their relatives.

The entrance fee for players, who will receive a jersey/T-shirt, is \$25. The entrance fee for spectators is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

The games start at 7 p.m. April 18 and at 9 a.m. April 19.

For more information and player registration materials, contact Charlie Anderson (canderson@isd361.k12.mn.us) or Chris Oustad (chrisoustad@yahoo.com).

## BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Lucy in Section 6A finals in four events

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Thursday's snowstorm couldn't stop International Falls senior swimmer Levi Lucy from advancing to today's Section 6A finals for the opportunity to qualify for the Class A State Meet in four events.

During Thursday's Section 6A preliminary competition in Hibbing, where the first of two days of the boys swimming and diving meet took place inside as the flurries flew outside, Lucy finished in the top eight individually by placing fourth in the 200-yard individual medley (2 minutes, 23.3 seconds) and eighth in the 100 butterfly (1:04.67) and advanced to today's championship finals, where the top-three finishers in each event will qualify for state.

Lucy's preliminary time in the 200 individual medley was less than a second slower than the finalist in

third place — Virginia senior Mike Hildreth — while the top finalist, Grand Rapids senior Caleb Bissonette, clocked a time of 2:14.25.

The top-three preliminary times in the 100 butterfly were all under a minute with Mesabi East senior Evan Kalb recording the fastest time of 55.25.

Lucy was also part of the Broncos' two relay teams that had preliminary times in the top eight and will be competing today for a state berth.

He joined juniors Ian Ducharme and Cole Tatsak and eighth-grader John Cowman on the 200 medley relay team that finished eighth in 2:05.62. Virginia posted the fastest preliminary time of 1:47.63.

Lucy, Ducharme, eighth-grader Joey Griffith and seventh-grader Ed Serrano joined forces on the 200 freestyle relay team and came in seventh in 1:50.57. Grand Rapids had



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**The Broncos' Levi Lucy, shown swimming the butterfly during a home meet this season, has qualified for today's Section 6A finals in both the 100-yard butterfly and 200 individual medley and as part of the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay teams.**

the top preliminary time of 1:32.29.

In addition to the top-eight section preliminary finishers having an opportunity to qualify for state, those placing 9-16 Thursday will be competing today in the consolation finals.

Ducharme advanced to the consolation finals with a 12th-place finish in the 100 freestyle (57.39). He also missed out on a spot in the 50 freestyle consolation finals by less than a half of a second by coming in 18th in 26.26.

Cowman advanced to

the consolation finals after having the 14th-fastest preliminary time in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.22).

Today's Section 6A meet in Hibbing begins at 11 a.m. with the diving preliminaries, followed by the swimming and diving finals at 3 p.m.

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Broncos down Greenway in Section 7A opener

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The No. 8-seeded International Falls boys hockey team opened the Section 7A playoffs at home Tuesday night with a 5-2 victory over No. 9-seeded Greenway.

The Broncos took a 2-0 lead 2:26 into the opening period on goals from Jakob Ettestad and Clay Bergstrom. Greenway then pulled within a goal midway in the period when Darin Estey scored on a power play.

A goal by the Falls' Jakob Eide 49 seconds into the second period resulted in Greenway starting goalie Mike LaDoux being pulled out of the net and replaced by Austin Anick.

Greenway's Taylor Lantz scored at 5:07 of the second period cut the Broncos' lead to 3-2, before Bergstrom scored his second goal of the game 1:22 later.

After Greenway pulled Anick out of the net with 2:05 to play in the final



**From right, the Broncos' Wyatt Boyum (21) advances the puck while Greenway's Andrew Stish (19) sets up on defense in Tuesday night's Section 7A playoff game at Bronco Arena.**

period to put an extra attacker on the ice, Ettestad added an empty-net goal with 1:19 remaining.

The Broncos outshot Greenway, 29-26, with Wyatt Ulrich picking up the win in goal.

The Falls advanced to the Section 7A quarterfi-

nals to play at top-seeded Hermantown. The quarter-final game was postponed Thursday night because of the snowstorm and rescheduled for Friday.

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**In front from right, the Broncos' Jakob Ettestad (15) and Brady Walls (13) celebrate Ettestad scoring his second goal of Tuesday night's Section 7A playoff game against Greenway at Bronco Arena.**

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- ★ We are inviting you to join us in the fight against hunger this March!
- ★ Inspire your organization to **BE THE HERO** and collect donations of food or funds the entire month of March to help the Falls Hunger Coalition during the Minnesota FoodShare statewide campaign!
- ★ Border State Bank will be the central drop point for this community-wide effort. As in previous years, we will match up to \$1000.00 of funds donated.
- ★ All donations collected will benefit Falls Hunger Coalition.

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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Today'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.

**Monday's games**  
**Girls basketball**  
North Woods at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.

**Tuesday's games**  
**Girls basketball**  
Ely at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.  
Northeast Range at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.

**Wednesday's games**  
**Boys basketball**  
I. Falls vs. opponent TBA in Section 7AA Tournament, 7 p.m.