

SPORTS



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At right, the Falls VFW’s Jackson Vollom reaches home plate to score in Saturday afternoon’s Sub-District Tournament game against the Grand Rapids Grey at Ely.

VFW BASEBALL

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defeated the Rapids Grey, 2-0, in Ely to win its second game of the Sub-District Tournament and clinch a spot in the District Tournament.

“Ben just pitched really well,” said Falls VFW assistant coach Jay Bartkowski. “He had good control. He was always around the strike zone. He had them on their heels a little bit.”

Both of the Rapid Grey’s hits came in the sixth inning off Humbert, who also gave up four walks while striking out 13 over seven innings.

“In the sixth, give (the Rapids Grey) credit — they

hit a couple balls hard, got a couple guys on, and the next thing you know you’ve got the bases loaded and one out,” Jay Bartkowski said. “Benny beared down a little bit and got a couple of big outs (with strikeouts).”

The Falls scored both of its runs in the bottom of the third when Vollom led off with a single followed by a bunt single by Kulig. Darian Erickson then advanced the two runners in scoring position on a sacrifice bunt.

Ulrich singled to drive in Vollom and Jack Mellstrom grounded into a fielder’s choice to bring home Kulig.

“Guys executing little plays scored us our runs,” Jay Bartkowski said.

Of the five hits the Falls could muster off Rapids

Grey pitcher Noah Johnson, Ulrich had two of them.

I. FALLS 15, R. ORANGE 0

The Falls opened the Sub-District Tournament on Saturday morning in Soudan and ended up shutting out the Grand Rapids Orange, 15-0, over five innings.

“We hadn’t played in a long time — it had been almost 10 days — it was just nice to see us swinging the bat and making some plays defensively,” Jay Bartkowski said. “Both pitchers threw well (Saturday).”

Mellstrom started on the mound for the Falls, but left after facing one batter in the top of the third when he complained of having tightness in his back and shoulder area.

Max Vergeldt closed out the final three innings and recorded the pitching victory. Both pitchers only gave up a hit apiece.

The Falls tallied 13 hits over four innings at the plate. Humbert had a pair of doubles, while Ulrich and Jack Bartkowski each added two singles.

I. Falls 4, Hibbing 3
Hibbing 0-0-3 0-0-0 0-3-2
I. Falls 0-1-0 0-3-0 X-4-7-1
WP—Wyatt Ulrich

I. Falls 2, R. Grey 0
R. Grey 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-2-1
I. Falls 0-0-2 0-0-0 X-2-5-3
WP—Ben Humbert

I. Falls 15, R. Orange 0
R. Orange 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-2-0
I. Falls 3-6-6 0-X-15-13-2
WP—Max Vergeldt

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