

SPORTS



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Kevin Kilbride, FHS baseball senior outfielder, is featured

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QUICK HITS

FHS girls golfers third at Virginia

Rainy weather throughout northern Minnesota on Thursday didn't prevent the International Falls girls golf team from playing 18 holes at an invitational at Virginia, where the Broncos placed third out of 10 teams with at least four golfers who finished their rounds.

Duluth East had the top team score of 374, followed by Hibbing (381), the Falls (382), Moose Lake/Willow River (419) and Eveleth-Gilbert (423) rounding out the top five.

Duluth East junior Nikki Frederickson had the top individual score of 81, a stroke ahead of Hibbing senior Vanessa Yeager at 82. Another Duluth East junior, Maddy Schintz, placed third with an 83.

The Broncos had two golfers finish in the top 10 with eighth-grader Maddie Roeder placing eighth at 92 and sophomore Olivia Besch ending up 10th with a 94.

The Falls' other two golfers whose scores counted toward the team total included senior Jenna Anderson at 95 and eighth-grader Kenzie Wenberg at 101. Also golfing for the Broncos were sophomore Kaitlin Stallard with a 102 and eighth-grader Morgan Rasmussen at 105.

FHS trap team top 10

The Falls High School trap team's top-10 shooters for the third week of competition, out of a total of 50 attempts, include Sidney Norstad (43), Cole Mann (35), Gage Bergstrom (34), Kori Battalion (33), Malachi Mayfield (33), Nathan McRoberts (33), Trace Clark (32), Cole Hay (32), Ben Keeney (30) and Lauren Rautio (30).

Additions

An article in The Journal's May 13 edition should have listed two additional runners from International Falls who also competed last Saturday in the annual Fargo Marathon and Half Marathon.

Hailey Silvers, 27, was one of four females from the Falls to finish the marathon, which she completed in 4 hours, 30 minutes, 8 seconds. Chad Belanger, 42, completed the half marathon in 2:10:00.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Vikings soak Wolves, Eagles

L-BF wraps up regular season

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After being rained out earlier in the week, the Littlefork-Big Falls softball team played its final two regular-season games amid the raindrops.

When the rain didn't go away Wednesday, the Vikings played on at home anyway. L-BF ended up soaking Ely, 24-4, in five innings at Troy Janzen Field.

"It was either play (Wednesday) or we couldn't make it up because we're running out of days (before the playoffs begin)," said Vikings head coach Mike Imhof. "We played fine. We hit the ball and made some plays in the field and that's all we can ask for."

L-BF took a 13-0 lead after two innings before the Timberwolves got on the scoreboard in the top of third when walks by Vikings starting pitcher Karly Swenson led up to Ely being able to score twice.

After L-BF didn't score in the bottom of the third, Anna Imhof relieved Swenson to pitch the fourth



In front, the Vikings' Karly Swenson delivers a pitch in Wednesday's home game against Ely.

inning when the Timberwolves scored another run.

The Vikings sent 16 batters to the plate when they scored 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth, which included a triple by Emily Knaeble to drive in the first run and Amanda Nelson hitting a double and a single.

Ely was only able to add one more run in the top of the fifth, after which the game ended amid the raindrops



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At left, the Vikings' Gina Thydean (25) crosses home plate to score a run in Wednesday's home game against Ely.

because of the 10-run rule.

L-BF 12, NORTHLAND 2

The Vikings also found the road rainy Thursday when they played at Mountain Iron and won a make-up game against Northland, 12-2, in five innings.

"We played pretty well despite the pouring rain, but we got the game in," Mike Imhof said.

Swenson pitched in the

first two innings for L-BF, then Anna Imhof threw in the final three.

At the plate, Nelson had three hits, including a double and a triple, while Knaeble picked up a single and a double.

The Vikings were scheduled to play a second game Thursday against Mountain Iron-Buhl, but that game was called off because

of the rain.

L-BF is scheduled to begin the Section 7A Tournament next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. against an opponent to be determined once the playoff pairings are finalized this weekend. Mike Imhof said he expects the Vikings, whose season record is above the .500 mark, to open the tournament at home.

BOYS BASEBALL

Vikings lack hits in home doubleheader loss

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Runs and hits were hard to come by Tuesday when the Littlefork-Big Falls baseball team was able to play after the rain stopped, but lost both games it hosted.

"Losing 4-1 and 9-0 means we didn't swing the sticks very well (Tuesday)," said L-BF head coach Dan Beste. "We've got to find a way to score some runs, otherwise we're not going to win games."

In the first game, the Vikings fell to Cherry, 4-1.

L-BF, which scored its only run on a ball that got past the Tigers' catcher, tallied only two hits with Rylan Henrickson doubling and Darian Erickson picking up a single.

Evan Wimmer pitched all seven innings and recorded the loss for the Vikings, allowing the four runs on nine hits with four walks while striking out three.



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Below, the Vikings' Tate Promersberger dives back to first base to avoid the tag of Eveleth-Gilbert's Mark Tikkanen (10) in the second game Littlefork-Big Falls hosted Tuesday.

E-G 9, L-BF 0

In game two, the Vikings also tallied only two hits

when they were shut out by Eveleth-Gilbert, 9-0.

Tommy Manninen sin-

gled in the third inning and Matt Kennedy picked up an infield single in the bottom

of the seventh for the only two hits L-BF recorded off of Golden Bears winning pitcher Cooper Dosan.

"Defensively, I thought we played pretty well and then in the fifth and sixth inning we kind of let Eveleth run it up to nine runs," Beste said.

Manninen pitched the first five innings and recorded the loss, giving up seven runs. Henrickson allowed the other two runs pitching in the sixth inning, while Erickson retired all three batters he faced in the top of the seventh.

The doubleheader loss dropped the Vikings' season record to 3-12. L-BF's road games scheduled for Wednesday against Lake of the Woods and Thursday against Kelliher/Northome were canceled.

The Vikings host nearby rival International Falls next Tuesday, before playing their final regular-season game next Wednesday at Mountain Iron-Buhl.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games

Boys baseball

I. Falls at Duluth Marshall (DH), 1 p.m.

Tuesday's games

Girls softball

I. Falls vs. opponent TBD in Section 7AA Tournament, TBA

L-BF vs. opponent TBD in Section 7A Tournament, TBA

Boys baseball

I. Falls at L-BF, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Track and field

I. Falls in Sub-Section Meet at Hibbing, 10 a.m.

Boys baseball

North Woods at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.

L-BF at MI-B, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Girls softball

Section 7A Tournament in Grand Rapids, TBD

Section 7AA Tournament in Cloquet, TBD

Boys baseball

I. Falls at Ely, 4:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Girls golf

I. Falls at Pokegama Invitational, 9 a.m.

VOYAGEURS SCRIMMAGE WITH 9TH-GRADE BRONCOS



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Players from the Rainy River Community College men's basketball team and ninth-grade Bronco boys basketball players scrimmaged May 8 at the Backus Community Center. The basketball pizza party was organized as a fun end-of-the-season event for the Broncos, who qualified to attend the Pacesetter Minnesota Invitational Tournament in June. From left, the players shown include DeJuan Williams, Ahmad Poche, Kylan Bjorkquist, Mason Buller, Taylor Nelson, Jammere Carlisle, Charlie Hoppe, Tanner Budris, Teekay Biti, Hunter Cornelius, Sheldon O'Neal.

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