

# SPORTS



## Brady Hjelle back in goal

Falls native to try out for pro team in Finland

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### QUICK HITS

#### Humbert back as RRCC head softball coach

After initially announcing he would be stepping down as both Rainy River Community College’s head women’s basketball and softball coach to spend more time watching his own children play sports, Dieter Humbert has now indicated he will be coming back to coach the Voyagers’ softball team in 2015.

“I was able to work things out with my schedule to allow me to continue coaching softball at Rainy River Community College,” Humbert said. “I will not resume basketball as there are too many conflicts with my kids’ basketball schedules. However, softball should be more manageable.”

This coming school year, Humbert, who has coached basketball at RRCC for more than 20 years, will have three children in grades 7-12 playing sports.

Humbert, who has also coached the Voyageurs’ softball team for more than a decade and led the team to the NJCAA Division III National Tournament this past season, said he already has commitments from nine players to be on the team in 2015.

“I’ve got some good commitments,” he said. “I just need to land a pitcher or two.”

#### Fusion 18U splits with Pequot Lakes

The International Falls Fusion 18U softball team remained at the .500 mark this season after splitting Wednesday’s road doubleheader against Pequot Lakes.

The Falls lost game one in eight innings, 12-11.

“I was happy with our offense,” said Fusion 18U head coach Dieter Humbert, who also noted the team hurt itself with errors.

Taylor Sears and Teagan Anderson had two hits apiece for the Falls.

Anderson recorded the pitching loss. In 6 1/3 innings, she allowed eight runs, three earned, on 10 hits with three walks and a hit batter while striking out four. Marissa Kerry pitched the other 1 1/3 innings, allowing four unearned runs on two hits with two walks.

The second game was a defensive battle with the Fusion 18U shutting out Pequot Lakes, 2-0.

Anderson picked up the pitching victory. In five innings, she allowed only one hit and struck out three.

Maddie Truty led the Falls with two hits. Sears and Anderson had a hit apiece.

### VFW BASEBALL

## Falls drops seeding games to Hibbing, Greenway

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls VFW baseball played four games in two days this week and ended up losing three and tying one, dropping both contests that counted for tournament seeding purposes.

The Falls hosted Hibbing in Tuesday’s doubleheader at Scheela Field, where a burst of rain temporarily halted the first game but didn’t prevent both contests from going at least seven innings.

In game one, which counted for tournament seeding, the Falls lost to Hibbing, 7-2.

Riley Nemec pitched all seven innings in recording the loss for the Falls. Hibbing’s winning pitcher, Jaiman Lamphere, worked the first six innings.

The Falls had five hits from five different players, including a double from Tyler Coffield. Hibbing was led at the plate by Logan Radovich, who had three hits with a double.

**FALLS 7, HIBBING 7**

Game two, which didn’t count for tournament seeding purposes, ended after eight innings in a 7-7 tie after both teams agreed to stop play because the Falls wouldn’t have had enough players available to continue with those heading over to Bronco Arena to play hockey that evening in a night league taking place as part of the Falls Summer Hockey Camps.

The Falls scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into extra innings. Hibbing then left the bases loaded without scoring in the top of the eighth, before singles by Walker Wegner



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At left, the Falls VFW’s Clay Bergstrom tosses the ball to first base to retire the side as Hibbing’s Jon Boggio (3) runs to second base in the second game of Tuesday’s doubleheader at Scheela Field.

and Dallas Pearson gave the Falls runners on first and second base with one out, prior to a double play that ended the inning.

Tate Promersberger led the Falls at the plate with two singles and a double, while Coffield added two singles.

Clay Bergstrom, who also plays for Falls’ Legion team, pitched for the VFW early in the second game.

**GREENWAY 13, FALLS 3**  
The Falls played a road doubleheader Wednesday against Greenway and lost the first game that counted for tournament seeding purposes, 13-3, in six innings.

“We had a lot of walks that game,” said Falls VFW head coach Mike Coffield.

Walker Ulrich pitched the first 2 1/3 innings for the Falls, allowing 11

runs on four hits with five walks and a hit batter. Brett Lindvall closed out the final 3 2/3 innings, giving up two runs on two hits with three walks.

Of Falls’ six hits, Dari-an Erickson doubled with five other players recording singles.

**GREENWAY 8, FALLS 2**  
The Falls dropped the second game to Greenway, 8-2.

Pearson pitched the first three-plus innings for the Falls, allowing six runs on four hits with three walks while striking out a batter. Erickson pitched three innings in relief, allowing two runs on three hits with two walks and a strikeout.

Nemec accounted for two of Falls’ six hits with a pair of singles.

The Falls returns to action Monday for a home doubleheader against Ely.



From right, Falls VFW catcher Riley Nemec tags out Hibbing’s Joe Lescarbeau (14) at home plate in the second game Tuesday.

### YOUSO SCORES ON ULRICH



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, Jake Youso, a forward at Holy Cross, scores a goal on Wyatt Ulrich, the Broncos’ starting goalie this past season, during Tuesday’s Night League game at Bronco Arena. The Night League is being held as part of the Falls Summer Hockey Camps, which run through July 18.

## Lucas DeBenedet to try out for NAHL team

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

After leading the Superior International Junior Hockey League in points this past season for the Fort Frances Lakers, Lucas DeBenedet will be seeking a spot in the North American Hockey League.

DeBenedet, a 2013 Falls High School graduate who played forward for the Broncos and then joined the Lakers last season, was selected last month in the second round of the NAHL draft by the Minot Minotauros.

He currently is playing in a night league as part of the Falls Summer Hockey Camps and getting ready for the Minotauros’ try-out camp July 18-20 in Andover.

“I’m looking to have a really good camp there,” he said. “I already got drafted by them, but I’m still not technically on the team, so I’ve got to do well and impress them, so I can sign after the camp.”

Going into this coming season, DeBenedet said Minot has openings on its top lines.

“I looking to lead the

team in points and get some goals,” he said.

DeBenedet noted the NAHL is a larger junior hockey league with more teams than the SIJHL.

“Each year there’s a hundred and some Division I-III (commitments from the NAHL),” he said.

DeBenedet said he hopes playing on an NAHL team next season would land him a scholarship with a Division I team in Minnesota.

“That would be pretty awesome if Bemidji (State University) or maybe (the University of Minnesota) Duluth could be interested,” he said. “It would be awesome to be picked up by them.”

This past season, three players from the Falls played Division I college hockey – Jake Youso, a forward with Holy Cross; Willie Corrin, a defenseman with UMD; and Matt Youso, a defenseman with the University of Nebraska Omaha.



Lucas DeBenedet

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Today’s games

##### Legion baseball

I. Falls vs. Ely/Proctor at Ely Classic, 1/5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday’s games

##### Legion baseball

I. Falls vs. Pine City at Ely Classic, 11:45 a.m.

#### Monday’s games

##### VFW baseball

Ely at I. Falls (DH), 4 p.m.

#### Tuesday’s games

##### Legion baseball

I. Falls at Grand Rapids (DH), 4 p.m.

##### Juniors baseball

Grand Rapids Orange at I. Falls (DH), 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday’s games

##### 18U softball

Dryden at I. Falls, Noon

##### Juniors baseball

Ely at I. Falls (DH), 5 p.m.

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