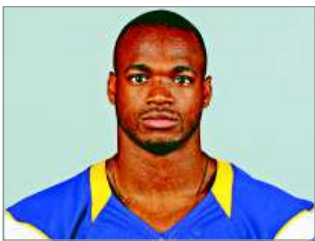


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QUICK HITS

Three RRCC spikers named All-Division

Three players on this season's Rainy River Community College volleyball team have received Minnesota College Athletic Conference All-Northern Division honors.

Freshman Libero Jasmine Draper, who was named to the MCAC North's First Team, registered 504 digs in 100 games for an average of 5.04 digs per game – second highest in the division. She also recorded 28 ace serves to average .28 aces per game – ninth highest in the MCAC North.

Freshman hitter Brooke Millerbernd, who was named to the All-Division Second Team, had 44 ace serves in 101 games to average .44 aces per game – second highest in the MCAC North. She also picked up 353 digs to average 3.5 digs per game – sixth highest in the division.

Sophomore setter Tali Plate, who was also named to the All-Division Second Team, recorded 751 set assists in 96 games to average 7.82 assists per game – third highest in the MCAC North.

The Voyageurs finished the 2014 season 14-18 overall and 3-9 in the MCAC North for sixth place in the division.

Four FHS girls on the All-IRC team

Four members of the International Falls girls swimming and diving team have been named to the All-Iron Range Conference team.

They include: junior Abby Kostiuik, who won both the 100-yard butterfly and 100 backstroke at the IRC True Team Meet; sophomore Emily Saari, who placed second in the 100 breaststroke; sophomore Claire Herzig, who swam a 27.17-second split for 50 yards in the 200 freestyle relay; and sophomore Emma Misner, who swam a 30.32 butterfly split for 50 yards in the 200 medley relay.

The Broncos next compete Thursday in the Section 7A preliminaries at Grand Rapids.

DeBenedet rejoins Fort Frances Lakers

There are once again two players from International Falls are on the Fort Frances Lakers.

The Superior International Junior Hockey League team announced last weekend that Lucas DeBenedet returned for a second season with the Lakers after having started the year in the North American Hockey League with the Minot Minotauros, where he played in only five of Minot's first 14 games and tallied two points.

The Minotauros had drafted DeBenedet in the offseason after his first season with the Lakers.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY



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From left, the Voyageurs' Shelby Tymkin (17) advances the puck while being pursued by Iowa State's Ashley Bye (13) in Saturday night's game at Bronco Arena.

RRCC Voyageurs sweep Cyclones

RRCC 4-0 in ACHA games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women's hockey team swept last season's American Collegiate Hockey Association Division 2 national champion in a two-game home series last weekend.

"That's a pretty amazing, awesome thing," said Voyageurs head coach Jeff Wickstrom, who also noted the pair of victories over Iowa State University presently places RRCC at the top of the standings for ACHA D2 Western Division teams.

Wickstrom said the Voyageurs, who were coming off four games the previous weekend in the CAN-AM Tournament, played better as last weekend's series against ISU progressed.

On Saturday night, a five-on-three, power-play goal by Micah Cabral with 1:35 left in the third period

lifted RRCC to a 2-1 victory over the Cyclones to open the series at Bronco Arena.

ISU's Taylor Armstrong scored first with the only goal of the first period.

Cabral was serving 6 minutes in the penalty box for checking and a double misconduct when the Voyageurs tied the game at 1-1 with 2:02 left in the second period on a short-handed goal by Hailey Clendenning.

Shots of goals favored the Cyclones, 32-28. Shay Perry made 31 saves to record the win in net for RRCC, while Sophie Puente stopped 26 shots in picking up the loss for ISU. **RRCC 5, ISU 2**

The Voyageurs closed out the series Sunday with a 5-2 victory over the Cyclones.

RRCC led 1-0 after the first period on the first of three goals by Katie Sinclair.



From left, the Voyageurs' Hailey Clendenning (14) celebrates scoring a goal with Shilo Beck (18) in Saturday night's game against Iowa State University at Bronco Arena.

Both teams then scored six goals between them in the next 17 minutes.

Second-period goals by Shelby Tymkin and Sinclair extended the Voyageurs' lead to 3-0 before ISU got on the scoreboard with 9:45 left in the period on a goal by Hannah Bangen.

Sinclair completed a hat trick with an unassisted goal before Bangen scored her second goal of the game with 7:46 left in the second period.

Shilo Beck then scored RRCC's final goal and the last goal of the game with 3:17 left in the second period.

Perry stopped 30 of 32 shots to record the win in goal.

The Voyageurs, whose season record now stands at 4-2 overall and 4-0 in ACHA games, play next Saturday and Sunday on the road against the club team at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Twins tab hometown Hall of Famer Molitor to manage

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The last time the Minnesota Twins searched for a manager, Paul Molitor was in the mix. He withdrew from consideration, with the franchise's future uncertain during Major League Baseball's failed attempt to eliminate two clubs.

The job didn't open for another 13 years, but this time Molitor was ready. The challenge he accepted is to help turn around a team that lost 92 or more games in each of the last four seasons.

The Twins announced Monday they had agreed to a three-year contract for the Hall of Fame infielder and native of Minnesota, who was introduced Tuesday as Ron Gardenhire's replacement during a news conference at Target Field.

"It's pretty exciting. I'm a huge Molitor fan," second baseman Brian Dozier said. "He's a bright individual, with a better IQ in the game of baseball than anyone I've ever been around. He's just an exceptional man."

This is the first man-

aging job at any level for Molitor, who has the 10th-most hits in major league history. He spent 2014 as a coach on Gardenhire's staff. Prior to that, he served for 10 seasons as a minor league instructor in the organization, a noted influence on many young players.

Three finalists who had multiple interviews with general manager Terry Ryan were Molitor, Boston Red Sox bench coach Torey Luvollo and Twins minor league manager Doug Mientkiewicz, according to reports. Matching the organization's patient, deliberate style, Ryan took his time with the search before settling on the candidate widely believed to be the favorite all along, particularly given the franchise's penchant for promoting from within.

"I know he hasn't man-



Paul Molitor

aged, but I don't think that should be a problem at all, just because his knowledge of the game. He's been around the game for so long now," Dozier said. "It's just taking all he's learned over his career and just going on the other side of it now."

Molitor, 58, will be the 13th manager of the Twins, who will begin their 55th season. He was an initial candidate in 2001 when Tom Kelly retired, after serving as bench coach during Kelly's last two years, but Gardenhire got the job then.

Gardenhire led the Twins to the AL Central title in his first year, the first of six on his watch, and a spot in the 2002 AL championship series. The last of those division titles was as late as 2010, but gaps in the organizational talent pool quickly caught up with a club that was revered throughout the previous decade playing in the dingy, low-revenue Metrodome as one of best-run in baseball.

These days, the fan base

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From left, the Voyageurs' Renee Pantophlet, Shania Thompson and Dominique Hines line up for a shooting drill during a recent women's basketball practice in the RRCC gym.

RRCC hoopsters prepare for 2014-15

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College men's and women's basketball teams are preparing to open the season Nov. 14 at the Mesabi Range Tourney in Virginia.

Both teams have new head coaches — Kristofer Babler for the men and

Adam Rotar for the women — and also have only two returning players. The RRCC men's team has 12 players on the roster, while the women's team is entering the season with seven players.

Season previews of both teams will be in the Nov. 12 edition of The Journal.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday's games

Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls in Section 7A preliminaries at Grand Rapids, 5 p.m.

Saturday's games

Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls in Section 7A finals at Grand Rapids, 11 a.m.
Women's hockey
RRCC at UMD, 2 p.m.

Sunday's games

Women's hockey
RRCC at UMD, 9 a.m.

Tuesday's games

Girls hockey
Roseau at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.