

SPORTS



Voyageurs basketball
Jordan scores 33 points in loss to Fond du Lac
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QUICK HITS

Lucas DeBenedet named Pizza Hut player of week

The Superior International Junior Hockey League announced Monday that Fort Frances Lakers forward Lucas DeBenedet, a 2013 Falls High School graduate, has been selected the Pizza Hut player of the week for the period concluding Jan. 26.

Taking to the ice three times during the week, the 18-year-old DeBenedet registered seven points to hep the league-leading Fort Frances skate to a trio of victories.

He began with an assist Wednesday in Day 1 play at the SIJHL Showcase in Spooner, Wis., when the Lakers defeated English River, 5-2.

The next night at the Showcase in Spooner, DeBenedet scored four consecutive goals, including a natural hat trick in the second period, when Fort Frances stormed back from an early deficit to beat the Dryden Ice Dogs, 5-2.

He then added another goal and an assist Saturday to help the Lakers skate past the second-place Thunder Bay North Stars, 6-4, at the Fort William Gardens.

Jordan Christianson scores winning shootout goal

Concordia-Moorhead men's hockey freshman forward Jordan Christianson of International Falls scored the winning shootout goal Saturday after the Cobbers skated to a 2-2 tie at home against Augsburg.

Christianson's goal was the only one made in the three-round shootout.

On Friday night, Christianson scored a goal in regulation when Concordia skated to a 5-5 tie before winning the shootout on a goal by Andrew Deters.

Jake Youso scores his first goal for 2013-14 season

Holy Cross men's hockey junior forward Jake Youso of International Falls scored his first goal of the 2013-14 season and added an assist Saturday when the Crusaders lost at home to Bentley, 5-3.

Youso's goal at 3:02 of the second period tied the game at 2-2. His fourth assist of the year came midway in the final period when Holy Cross was outscored, 3-1.

Youso, who has played in 20 of the Crusaders' 24 games this season, also has a .509 percentage in faceoffs, winning 84 and losing 81.

Chilly 10th Arrowhead 135 begins

More than half already drop out

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

Of the 141 bikers, runners and skiers who began the Arrowhead 135 ultramarathon Monday morning from Kerry Park in International Falls, well over half have already dropped out in the below-zero weather before reaching the finish line at the Fortune Bay Casino near Tower, where those remaining in the race have until 7 p.m. today to arrive.

"That's what I would have expected," said race director Ken Krueger, who also described the 135-mile route this week as having "good trail conditions (and) brutal weather."

Krueger, who noted frostbite and the fear of getting frostbite prevented several entrants from finishing, had been involved Tuesday in shuttling people who dropped out of the race back to the Falls.

All the competitors were required to have survival gear rated to

sub-zero temperatures along with them.

This year's athletes began the ultramarathon in the pre-dawn darkness at around 7 a.m. Monday with the air temperature at -24 degrees Fahrenheit.

The frigid conditions were made worse as they headed toward the first checkpoint at the Gateway General Store in Kabetogama with the wind increasing to add to the chill.

To remain in the race, all the entrants must leave the three checkpoints by the designated times.

The cutoff time at the Gateway General Store was 9 p.m. Monday. The second checkpoint at Melgeorge's on Elephant Lake, which had accommodations for the racers to stay, had a cutoff time of 2 p.m. The cutoff time for the third checkpoint, about 25 miles away from Fortune Bay, is 11 a.m. today.

IDAHO BIKER TOP FINISHER

An Idaho biker was the first to finish early Tuesday morning when Jay Arrowhead to B3 ➤



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Arrowhead 135 biker Jay Petervary (71) of Idaho, shown reaching the Gateway General Store checkpoint in Kabetogama first Monday morning, also was the first to reach the finish line at the Fortune Bay Casino near Tower when he arrived at 3:11 a.m. Tuesday. Those remaining in the ultramarathon have until 7 p.m. today to finish.

GIRLS HOCKEY



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From right, the Broncos' Katie West (15) advances the puck while being pursued by Moose Lake's Mackenzi Louzek (10) in Saturday afternoon's game at Bronco Arena.

Broncos beat Rebels in overtime

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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After three scoreless periods Saturday afternoon, Amy Auran found the back of the net with 4:05 left in overtime to lift the International Falls girls hockey team to a 1-0 victory over Moose Lake at Bronco Arena.

"I knew it would be a good game," said Falls head coach Gerald Bolstad. "Their goalie, I thought, made a lot of good saves. I thought we were the better team, and I'm glad we got rewarded."

The Broncos ended up

Girls to B3 ➤



From right, the Broncos' Amy Auran (8) moves the puck around the back of the net while being pursued by Moose Lake's Karina Cisar (17) in Saturday afternoon's game at Bronco Arena.

BOYS HOCKEY

Rapids routs International Falls, 14-0

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The longtime boys hockey rivalry between International Falls and Grand Rapids turned into a double-digit rout Friday night in favor of the home team.

The Broncos were shut out on the road by the Thunderhawks, 14-0.

Rapids, which outshot the Falls, 58-16, got four goals from Avery Peterson, two more from Alex Adams and Brendan Mark, and single scores from six

other players.

Wyatt Ulrich gave up 12 goals in the first two periods while making 34 saves and recording the loss in net. Lane Skallman stopped 10 of 12 shots while

Boys to B3 ➤

BOYS BASKETBALL

Broncos dominated by Crosby-Ironton, 89-62

Ben Humbert sets new FHS boys career scoring record

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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Facing one of the state's top-ranked teams in Class AA, the International Falls boys basketball team stayed close to Crosby-Ironton for the first several minutes Saturday afternoon, before losing by a landslide in the Falls High School gym, 89-62.

"I thought we actually played pretty good basketball," said Broncos head coach Derek Dowty. "They just shot the ball really well."

Crosby-Ironton scored inside and out, ending up with 11 3-pointers for the game.

After Cody Hallin made one of Falls' two 3-point baskets midway in the first half to pull the Broncos within two, 18-16, the Rangers went on a 12-4 scoring run capped off by a field goal by Will Goodwin to take their first double-digit lead.

Crosby-Ironton's Riley Jacobs made a 3-pointer just before the buzzer to take a 41-29 lead at halftime. The Rangers extended their lead in the second half by outscoring the Broncos in the final 18 minutes, 48-33.

Jacobs led four Ranger players scoring in double figures with 22 points, followed by Goodwin with 21, Daniel Hudrlik with 14 and Brady Tesdahl with 10.

Junior forward Ben Humbert led the Falls in scoring with a game-high 28 points and in the process set a new career scoring mark for Bronco boys basketball players at 1,426 points, breaking the previous boys record of 1,409



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From left, the Broncos' Cole Miggins (12) dribbles the ball while being guarded by Crosby-Ironton's Riley Jacobs (34) in Saturday afternoon's game in the Falls High School gym.

points set by Gunnar Anderson from 2009-13.

"It's fun to watch him play – very good basketball player, very unselfish," Dowty said of Humbert.

Jack Bartkowski was the only other Bronco player to score in double figures with 13 points.

The loss dropped Falls' season record to 9-10 overall. The Broncos' game originally scheduled for Tuesday night at home against Virginia was postponed.

Crosby-Ironton 89, I. Falls 62
Crosby-Ironton 41 48 – 89
International Falls 29 33 – 62
Crosby-Ironton: Cam Larson 9, Jack Silgen 3, Will Goodwin 21, David Kuhlmann 2, Brady Tesdahl 10, Riley Jacobs 22, Ben Jordan 2, Noah Gindorff 6, Daniel Hudrlik 14. 3-pointers: Larson 3, Goodwin 3, Tesdahl 2, Jacobs 2, Silgen. Free throws: 8-10. Fouls: 15.

International Falls: Connor Ward 2, Cody Hallin 7, Allen Johnson 3, Cole Miggins 2, Jack Bartkowski 13, Paul Skoglund 1, Max Vergeldt 4, Brandon Barras 2, Ben Humbert 28. 3-pointers: Humbert, Hallin. Free throws: 10-14. Fouls: 10.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today's games**
Women's/men's basketball
RRCC at Mesabi Range, 6/8 p.m.
- Thursday's games**
Girls basketball
I. Falls at Mesabi East, 7:15 p.m.
L-BF at Deer River, 7:15 p.m.
Boys basketball
Warroad at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.
Hill City at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.
Girls hockey
Eveleth-Gilbert at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Boys hockey
I. Falls at Hibbing, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday's games**
Boys basketball
L-BF at Ely, 7:15 p.m.
Boys hockey
Eveleth-Gilbert at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.