

# SPORTS



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Paul Skoglund, Bronco boys basketball senior forward, is featured

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## QUICK HITS

### L-BF girls hoops team enters playoffs 15-6

The Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team is entering the Section 7A playoffs on a two-game winning streak. At home Tuesday night, the Vikings pulled out to an eight-point halftime lead and held on to a 67-65 victory over Northeast Range.

“It’s a big win,” said L-BF head coach Larson, who noted the Nighthawks have been ranked No. 3 in the subsection ahead of L-BF at No. 4.

Abby Thompson led the Vikings in scoring with 25 points, followed by Kaylee Kennedy with 20 and Brooke Millerbernd with 18. Thompson and Millerbernd also hauled in at least 10 rebounds apiece to each record a double-double.

L-BF wrapped up the regular season Thursday night with an 87-52 road victory against Fond du Lac Ojibwe.

The Vikings, whose record now stands at 15-6, will play their first Section 7A Tournament game next Thursday against an opponent and at a location to be announced once the pairings are finalized.

### RRCC’s Jordan named All-MCAC First Team

Rainy River Community College women’s basketball freshman forward Roneisha Jordan has been named to the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s 2013-14 All-State First Team.

In 24 regular-season games, Jordan topped the MCAC Northern Division in rebounds per game (12) after hauling in 288 rebounds. On offense, she ranked fourth in the division in points per game (17.7), scoring 425 points, and sixth in field goal percentage (.458), making 168 of 367 attempts.

In the MCAC North, Jordan was an All-Northern Division First Team selection, having received the fifth-highest number of votes.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Today’s games**  
**Boys basketball**  
I. Falls vs. Proctor in Section 7AA quarterfinals at UMD, 5:45 p.m.  
**Women’s basketball**  
RRCC at Northland in Region 13 North semifinals, 2 p.m.  
**Sunday’s games**  
**Women’s basketball**  
Region 13 North finals at Northland, 2 p.m.  
**Tuesday’s games**  
**Boys basketball**  
I. Falls/Proctor winner vs. Esko/Aitkin winner in Section 7AA semifinals at UMD, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday’s games**  
**Girls basketball**  
I. Falls vs. opponent TBA in Section 7AA Tournament, 7 p.m.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Broncos cut down Giants, 71-41

## FHS advances to 7AA quarterfinals

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

Defeating Mesabi East for the third time this season has advanced the International Falls boys basketball team to today’s Section 7AA quarterfinals.

The No.2-seeded Broncos opened the playoffs at home Wednesday night with a 71-41 victory over the No. 7-seeded Giants.

“They’re a little short-handed, but I still thought we did a pretty good job of playing basketball at our level,” said Falls head coach Derek Dowty. “We started off pretty tough – three turnovers. We’re having trouble starting the basketball game – hopefully that does not continue. But after that (start), I thought we played pretty sound basketball.”

After giving up the first field goal of the game, the Broncos went on a 13-0 scoring run to pull in front by double digits and held the lead for the rest of the game.

The Falls found scoring opportunities on the outside early on as junior guard Cole Miggins sank

three of his four 3-pointers within the first 7 minutes of the game.

“They packed the 2-3 zone in pretty good,” Dowty said. “We had trouble kind of creating (points) down low, which is usually where we try to do most of our scoring. Miggins opened it up a little bit. He started off 3-for-3 on 3s. A couple of other guys hit some 3-pointers as well (and) opened it up and then we were allowed to get the ball inside a little bit, too.”

Miggins led three Broncos scoring in double figures with a game-high 18 points.

Junior forward Ben Humbert, who added 11 points, became the FHS career scoring leader for both boys and girls players at 1,575 points. Nicole Friend, who played for the Bronco girls basketball team from 1999-2003, previously held Falls’ overall career scoring mark at 1,571 points.

“It’s a huge accomplishment for me, and I’m honored to be part of that group (of 1,000-point career scorers),” Humbert said.

Falls senior guard Cody Hallin, who sank a



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**From right, the Broncos’ Cody Hallin (2) dribbles past Mesabi East’s Daniel Radtke (20) in Wednesday night’s Section 7AA playoff game in the Falls High School gym.**

pair of 3-pointers, ended up with 10 points.

Mesabi East had only one player score in double figures, sophomore forward Riley Erickson, who had 12 points.

The Broncos, who held a 43-20 lead at halftime, had their reserves see plenty of playing time in

Deer River, 80-65.

The Broncos defeated the Rails, 68-48, when the two teams faced each other Jan. 17 during the regular season.

“I think it’s going to be a completely different ballgame (in the playoffs),” Dowty said. “They’re a pretty good basketball team. They’re putting up a lot of points right now.

“They’ve got a couple of very good scorers. We’ve got to make sure we shut those guys down defensively.”

The Falls’ quarterfinal game against Proctor is scheduled to start at 5:45 p.m. today in the University of Minnesota Duluth’s Romano Gymnasium.

**Int’l Falls 71, Mesabi East 41**  
**Mesabi East 20 21 – 41**  
**Int’l Falls 43 28 – 71**  
**Mesabi East:** Cody Pulju 1, Riley Erickson 12, Daniel Radtke 7, Daniel Schubbe 2, Drew Giese 9, Daniel Bobence 2, Micheal Greene 8. 3-pointers: Giese 4, Erickson. Free throws: 8-12. Fouls: 11.  
**Int’l Falls:** Connor Ward 2, Cody Hallin 10, Allen Johnson 2, Andrew Snyder 5, Cole Miggins 18, Cory Netland 4, Jack Bartkowski 4, Max Vergeldt 2, Clay Tomczak 9, Brandon Barras 4, Ben Humbert 11. 3-pointers: Miggins 4, Hallin 2, Snyder, Tomczak. Free throws: 7-14. Fouls: 10.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Huskies outpace Vikings, 60-43

## L-BF ends season 10-12

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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Playing Bigfork for the third time this season didn’t turn out to be the charm Thursday night for the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team.

The No. 6-seeded Vikings, who had lost both regular-season games between the two teams, ended up “one and done” in the Section 7A Tournament when they opened the playoffs at Greenway High School with a 60-43 loss to the No. 3-seeded Huskies.

“They played pretty tough man-to-man defense on us,” said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish. “When it comes to the playoffs, it’s physical basketball, and they played physical with us (Thursday night).”

L-BF got off to a good start by opening the game with a 7-0 scoring run that began with a 3-pointer by Evan Wimmer. However,

Bigfork then took the lead by responding with 13 unanswered points.

“You can’t win a ballgame in the first 5 (minutes), but you can certainly lose a game in the first 5 minutes,” Maish said. “We got off to a good start and then we kind of let Bigfork kind of jump back in there. If we could have maintained that same intensity and tried to stretch a lead, I think we could have been there the whole game.”

After the Vikings’ Rylan Henrickson scored a 3-pointer as they put together a 5-0 scoring spurt to pull within a point at 13-12, the Huskies extended their lead. However, L-BF closed out the first half by keeping the game close and trailed Bigfork by only four points, 27-23 at halftime.

“We were going to have some matchup problems with some of their big guys, but I thought that our diamond-and-one (defensive) adjustment went really well for us,” Maish said. “It got us back in the game.”

The Vikings opened the

second half with a scoring drought and could only muster a single field goal from Jacob Franz when they were outscored by the Huskies, 9-2, in the first 7 minutes of the second half.

L-BF had to play the final 10:05 without Zach Simon after he fouled out of the game. After the Vikings’ Taylor DeLack sank a 3-pointer to cut Bigfork’s lead to 38-31, the Huskies went on an 8-0 scoring run to pull in front by double digits with less than 5 minutes to play and put the game out of reach.

Bigfork found scoring opportunities inside and outside and was led by Josh Lovdahl and Brady Thomas with 18 points apiece. Lovdahl sank four of his five 3-pointers in the first half. Andrew Anderson also scored in double figures for the Huskies with 12 points.

Franz led L-BF with 16 points, while DeLack added 10 points.

The Vikings ended the season 10-12 overall with Franz and DeLack being among the five seniors the



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**From left, the Vikings’ Tommy Manninen (20) dribbles past Bigfork’s Zeke Forseen (1) in Thursday night’s Section 7A Tournament game at Greenway High School.**

team will be losing to graduation.

Bigfork advanced to this afternoon’s Section 7A quarterfinals in Hibbing.

**Bigfork 60, L-BF 43**  
**L-BF 23 20 – 43**  
**Bigfork 27 33 – 60**  
**L-BF:** Taylor DeLack 10, Rylan Henrickson 3, Evan Wimmer 6, Tommy Manninen 2, Jacob Franz 16, Zach Simon 6. 3-pointers: DeLack 2, Wimmer 2, Henrickson. Free throws: 6-9. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: Simon.  
**Bigfork:** Zeke Forseen 4, Josh Lovdahl 18, Joe Anselmo 6, Andrew Anderson 12, Brady Thomas 18, Curt Titze 2. 3-pointers: Lovdahl 5, Forseen, Anderson. Free throws: 11-16. Fouls: 15.

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