

SPORTS



Border Battle
Lacy, Packers grind past Vikings 24-21
B2, B12

QUICK HITS

Bronco boys hoops team downs Warriors

Two International Falls players combined for 50 points Friday night when the Bronco boys basketball team opened the season with a 75-64 victory at Deer River.

“Overall, a pretty good first game,” said Falls head coach Derek Dowty.

Ben Humbert recorded a double-double for the Broncos by scoring 27 points and hauling in 15 rebounds, while Jack Bartkowski added 23 points and also recorded six rebounds and five blocked shots.

The Falls led 42-22 at half-time, then saw the Warriors narrow the lead to single digits, before the Broncos extended their advantage and won by 11 points.

The Falls had its home opener Tuesday night against Cloquet. Results from that game, which took place after the production deadline for today’s edition, are posted on the ifallsjournal.com website and will also be published in Saturday’s paper.

Trio of Bronco girls swimmers All-Section

Three members of the International Falls girls swimming and diving team have been named to 2014 All-Section 7A Team for their split times earlier this month in the 200-yard medley relay section finals.

Falls junior Abby Kostiuik had the fastest split time in the backstroke for 50 yards at 30.11 seconds, sophomore Emma Misner had the third-fastest split time in the butterfly at 28.62 and sophomore Claire Herzig had a split time in the freestyle at 26.22, third-fastest among the top-seven relay teams.

In the Section 7A finals, the Broncos placed third in the 200 medley relay in 1:58.07.

Reva Renollet named MCAC South 1st team

Reva Renollet, a 2013 graduate of International Falls High School, was named this past volleyball season to the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s All-Southern Division First Team while playing setter for Minnesota State-Fergus Falls.



Reva Renollet

Renollet finished her sophomore season for the Lady Spartans by setting a new school record of 1,309 assists over two seasons.

This year, she had 276 digs, 20 blocks and a 97.5 serving percentage by making 309 of 317 serves, which is also a school record.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday’s games

Boys hockey
Little Falls at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Monday’s games

Girls basketball
Bigfork at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.
I. Falls at Esko, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday’s games

Boys basketball
Bemidji at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.
L-BF at Warroad, 7:30 p.m.

Boys hockey

I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 7:15 p.m.

Girls hockey

Fort Frances at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Vikings gallop past Mustangs in 14-15 opener

L-BF then loses at Northland

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The Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball is off to a 1-1 start before the Thanksgiving break after winning at home and losing on the road.

The Vikings trailed for much of Friday night’s game before pulling in front in the second half and holding on to win the season opener in the L-BF gym over Northome/Kelliher, 47-44.

“We needed to come out and match their intensity,” said Vikings head coach Jeff Maish. “In the rebounding category, we lacked that intensity in the first half. When we were missing shots, we just couldn’t get something to go down and we kept plucking away. It was a physical game.”

Neither team shot well in the first half, which ended with N/K holding an 18-14 lead.

L-BF continued to trail until after the midway point of the second half when a layup by Rylan

Henrickson gave the Vikings a 31-30 lead. The Mustangs then retook the lead with a 4-0 scoring run, before L-BF tied the game. Then a 3-pointer by Henrickson gave the Vikings a lead they never gave up.

“I had a funny feeling coming into this game that if we were going to have a chance to win this game, we were going to have to grind it out on the defensive end,” Maish said. “I thought we played defense really well (Friday night).”

L-BF held a 47-44 lead with 10.7 seconds left after Henrickson sank two free throws. N/K then had a chance to tie the game before the final buzzer, but a 3-point attempt by Cal Roosdett missed the mark.

“(The Mustangs’) Eli Rahier was a kid that we wanted to take away there,” Maish said. “He had hit a couple of (3-point shots) to get them back into the ballgame, so our strategy was to make sure that they weren’t going to get a free release on the (3-point shot)”

Rahier led the Mus-

tangs with a game-high 18 points.

Henrickson led three L-BF scorers in double figures with 16 points, followed by Tommy Manninen with 12 and Zach Simon with 10.

NORTHLAND 68, L-BF 57

The Vikings got into foul trouble Monday night when they lost on the road to Northland-Remer, 68-57.

Simon fouled out for the Vikings, who also had another inside player, Peter Franz, pick up four fouls.

Henrickson led L-BF with 32 points, while Ryan Bobst added 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Vikings return to action after the Thanksgiving break when they play Dec. 2 at Warroad.

Friday’s game
L-BF 47, N/K 44
N/K 18 26 - 44
L-BF 14 33 - 47

Monday’s game
N-R 68, L-BF 57
L-BF 29 28 - 57
N-R 34 34 - 68



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From right, the Vikings’ Rylan Henrickson (12) shoots in the lane past the Mustangs’ Giizhik Wagner (4) in Friday night’s game in the Littlefork-Big Falls gym.

FHS girls hockey team swamped by Detroit Lakes



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From right, the Broncos’ Lexi Erickson (10) advances the puck while being pursued by Detroit Lakes’ Chandra Johnson (5) in Saturday afternoon’s game at Bronco Arena.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

RRCC splits with NDSU, hands Bison their first loss

Voyageurs 6-2-2

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team picked up a split in last weekend’s two-game road series against North Dakota State University, which lost a game for the first time this year.

“We skated right with them,” said Voyageurs head coach Jeff Wickstrom, who also noted NDSU has been ranked No. 1 this season in the American Collegiate Hockey Association’s Division 2 in the Western Divi-

sion with RRCC ranked No. 2.

On Saturday, the Voyageurs ended up losing to the Bison, 3-1.

After a scoreless first period, NDSU’s lone goal of the second period came on an unassisted power-play goal from Kaylee Lothspeich.

RRCC tied the game 2:38 into the third period on a power-play goal from Shelby Tymkin assisted by Katie Sinclair.

The Bison then closed out the scoring with third-period goals from Kelly Morris and Kacie Johnson.

Both goalies, the Bison’s Sydney Swanson and the Voyageurs’ Shay Perry, each made 27 saves.

RRCC 5, NDSU 4

On Sunday, RRCC scored five consecutive goals and held on to defeat NDSU, 5-4.

Morris gave the Bison the lead less than a minute into the opening period on a goal assisted by Johnson and Erica Sevigny.

A pair of goals by Sinclair gave the Voyageurs a 2-1 lead after the first period.

RRCC’s first of three second-period goals came from the Voyageurs’ Micah

Cabrel assisted by Shilo Beck and Marissa Lindblad 1:06 into the period. April Assiniboine then scored assisted by Sinclair at 3:20 of the second period. Hailey Clendenning scored the Voyageurs’ final goal at 7:32 of the second period assisted by Cabrel.

NDSU cut the lead to three goals after the second period on a goal from Johnson.

The Bison did all the scoring in the final 17 minutes on goals from Kennedy Stromme and Lothspeich, but couldn’t come any closer before time expired.

their one-goal lead after the first 17 minutes to 4-0 by scoring three times in the second period with goals from Emily Seebold, Randa Larsen and Savanna Nolan.

Falls’ only goal of the game came 18 seconds into the third period when Lexi Edwards scored unassisted on a power play.

Detroit Lakes goalie Veronica Badurek stopped 22 of 23 shots to record the victory, while Taylor Fish picked up the loss in goal for the Falls.

The Broncos, whose season record now stands at 2-3, won’t have another game until after Thanksgiving when they host their nearby rival from across the Rainy River, Fort Frances, on Dec. 2.

Detroit Lakes 4, Int’l Falls 1
Detroit Lakes 1 3 0 - 4
Int’l Falls 0 0 1 - 1

Saturday’s game
NDSU 3, RRCC 1
RRCC 0 0 1 - 1
NDSU 0 1 2 - 3

Sunday’s games
RRCC 5, NDSU 4
RRCC 2 3 0 - 5
NDSU 1 1 2 - 4