

SPORTS



Boys swimming
Broncos host 'Fast and Frozen Invitational'

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QUICK HITS

Bronco boys hockey team finishes 0-3 at Warroad Tourney

The International Falls boys hockey team closed out last week's holiday tournament in Warroad without a victory in three games.

On Saturday, the Broncos were shut out by the Warriors, 6-0.

Warroad took a 4-0 lead after the first period on four goals by Kobe Roth, who also had a second-period assist on a goal by Jared Bethune and another assist on a third-period goal by Nick Jaycox.

Falls senior goalie Wyatt Ulrich stopped 45 of 51 shots on goal. The Broncos had only nine shots on goal with Alex Burke and Andy Knudsen splitting time in the net for the Warriors, who won the four-team tournament with a 3-0 record.

The Broncos were also unable to score in Friday's tournament game when they lost to Grafton/Park River, 8-0.

Seven different players scored for Grafton/Park River with Brit Brouillard being the only player with two goals.

The Falls, which opened the tournament Thursday with a 7-2 loss to Osseo, has lost six games in a row and now has a season record of 3-7. The Broncos return to action Thursday in a road game against Greenway.

Elk's Hoop Shoot

The Elk's Hoop Shoot will be held Saturday in the Falls High School gym with registration beginning that day at 8:30 a.m. and the Hoop Shoot starting at 9 a.m.

The Elk's Hoop Shoot is a free event for boys and girls between the ages of 8-13 with the shooting ages based on how old they are on April 1, 2014.

Correction

The ice arena schedule for Dec. 30-Jan. 5 that was initially received by The Journal and published in Saturday's paper contained incorrect information. A corrected ice arena schedule for the week is posted on the ifallsjournal.com website.



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The International Falls VFW baseball team poses for pictures July 30 after winning the District 8 Tournament championship in Grand Rapids. The Falls then advanced to the state tournament held Aug. 8-11 in Ely.

Borderland sports year in review

State tourney trips top 2013

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The top sports stories in Borderland for 2013 feature a number of state qualifiers and also those coming close to qualifying.

The International Falls VFW baseball team qualified for the state tournament after winning all four games in its double-elimination district tournament.

The Bronco girls cross country team qualified for the Class A State Meet for the third year in a row.

Among the state qualifiers on the International Falls girls track and field team, three placed in the top nine at the Class A State Meet.

For the first time since 2005, members of the International Falls girls swimming and diving team qualified for the Class A State Meet.

The Bronco boys base-

ball team and the Littlefork-Big Falls softball team both came close to qualifying for state after finishing runner-up in their Section tournaments.

The Journal's top-five sports stories for 2013 include:

1. FALLS VFW BASEBALL TEAM WINS DISTRICT TITLE, HEADS TO STATE

The International Falls VFW baseball team qualified in late July for this year's Minnesota State Tournament in Ely after winning the District 8 Tournament with a perfect 4-0 record.

In the district championship game July 30 at Legion Field in Grand Rapids, the Falls defeated Rapids, 2-1.

The victory marked the second time the Falls defeated Rapids in the eight-team, double-elimination district tournament. The Falls had also won against



The Bronco girls cross country team poses for pictures Oct. 24 after placing runner-up in the Section 7A Meet at the Cloquet Country Club. The Falls qualified for the State Class A Meet for the third year in a row.

Rapids a week earlier in the North Sub-District Tournament at Ely.

Falls starting pitcher Wyatt Ulrich not only recorded the victory and accounted for two of the

team's six hits, but also scored what turned out to be the winning run in the bottom of the fifth.

Ulrich pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing a run on six hits with two walks

while striking out three. Ben Humbert retired both batters he faced pitching the final two-thirds of an inning in relief.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Broncos 1-1 at the Esko Tournament

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys basketball team split the two games the Broncos played at last weekend's holiday tournament in Esko.

On Friday, the Falls led by four at halftime before defeating Hinckley-Finlayson, 67-54.

Four Bronco players scored in double figures led by Ben Humbert with 22 points, followed by Cody Hallin and Cole Miggins with 14 points apiece and Jack Bartkowski with 12 points. Humbert recorded a double-double by also hauling in 17 rebounds.

The Falls shot 24-58 (41.4 percent) from the field overall and 17-30 (56.7 percent) from the charity stripe.

ESKO 80, I. FALLS 45

On Saturday, the Broncos closed out the tournament with an 80-45 loss to the Eskomos.

The Falls, which lost for the second time this season to Esko, trailed by 19 points at halftime.

Humbert was the only Bronco player to score in

double figures with 19 points.

The Falls shot 16-41 (39 percent) from the field and 10-18 (55.6 percent) from the free-throw line.

The Broncos, whose season record now stands at 4-7, return to action Friday at Virginia.

Friday's game

I. Falls 67, H-F 54

I. Falls 33 34 - 67

H-F 29 25 - 54

I. Falls: Ben Humbert 22, Cody Hallin 14, Cole Miggins 14, Cory Netland 4, Jack Bartkowski 12, Max Vergeldt 1. 3-pointers: Humbert, Hallin. Free throws: 17-30. Fouls: 15.

Saturday's game

Esko 80, I. Falls 45

I. Falls 23 22 - 45

Esko 42 38 - 80

I. Falls: Allen Johnson 3, Ben Humbert 19, Cole Miggins 9, Connor Ward 2, Cory Netland 1, Jack Bartkowski 6, Max Vergeldt 5. 3-pointers: Humbert 2, Johnson. Free throws: 10-18. Fouls: 18.



Ben Humbert

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broncos win Hibbing Tournament

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls girls basketball team finished off last week's holiday tournament in Hibbing by going undefeated and winning the championship.

In Friday's semifinal, the Broncos faced Virginia for the second time this season and scorched the Blue Devils, 58-36.

Three Falls players scored in double figures led by Maddie Filipiak with 13 points, followed by Olivia Hyduke with 11 and Katie Warner with 10. Sellman ended up fouling out of the game.

Kaylie Pucel was the only Virginia player to score in double figures with 11 points

I. FALLS 57, HIBBING 49

In Saturday's title game, the Broncos led by two points at halftime before de-

feating Hibbing 57-49.

Anderson led the Broncos with a game-high 19 points, followed by Cassie Tomczak with 10.

Three Bluejacket players scored in double figures led by Chanowa Sellman with 18 points, followed by Olivia Hyduke with 11 and Katie Warner with 10. Sellman ended up fouling out of the game.

The Falls, which opened the three-day tournament Thursday with a 70-40 victory over Eveleth-Gilbert, improved its season record to 7-1.

Falls' junior varsity team also won all three



Teagan Anderson

of its tournament games, defeating Nashwauk-Keewatin, 44-9, Chisholm, 52-16, and Hibbing, 50-28.

The Broncos return to action Jan. 7 on the road against Warroad.

Friday's game

I. Falls 58, Virginia 36

Virginia 20 16 - 36

I. Falls 34 24 - 58

I. Falls: Maddie Filipiak 13, Shelby Wolden 6, Madeline Dahle 4, Lexi Owen 2, Cassie Tomczak 5, Teagan Anderson 12, Jena Sullivan 4, Emma Gilbert 10, Bianca Carlson 2. 3-pointers: Anderson 3, Tomczak 1, Gilbert 1.

Saturday's game

Falls 57, Hibbing 49

I. Falls 29 28 - 57

Hibbing 27 22 - 49

I. Falls: Maddie Filipiak 4, Shelby Wolden 2, Madeline Dahle 5, Lexi Owen 6, Cassie Tomczak 10, Teagan Anderson 19, Janet Humbert 3, Emma Gilbert 2, Bianca Carlson 6. 3-pointers: Anderson 3, Dahle 1.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday's games

Girls hockey

I. Falls in Schwan Cup Tournament, TBD

Thursday's games

Boys swimming/diving

I. Falls at Mesabi East, 4:30 p.m.

Boys hockey

I. Falls at Greenway, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Women's/men's basketball

RRCC at Northland Tourney in Thief River Falls, TBA

Boys basketball

L-BF at MI-B, 7:15 p.m.

I. Falls at Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Women's/men's basketball

RRCC at Northland Tourney in Thief River Falls, TBA

Boys hockey

Hermantown at I. Falls, 3 p.m.

Monday's games

Girls basketball

L-BF at Mesabi East, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday's games

Boys swimming/diving

I. Falls at Virginia, 4:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

I. Falls at Warroad, 7:15 p.m.

Boys basketball

Greenway at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.

L-BF at Nashwauk-Keewatin, 7:15 p.m.

Girls hockey

I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 7:30 p.m.

Boys hockey

I. Falls at Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

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