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SECTION 7A GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Vikings down South Ridge, tame Bulldogs

L-BF next faces Cherry Tigers

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Littlefork-Big Falls softball team remains undefeated at 3-0 in the Section 7A Tournament after winning a pair of games Thursday afternoon in Cloquet.

The top-seeded Vikings won their first game over No. 4-seeded South Ridge, 10-4.

"We played excellent," said L-BF head coach Mike Imhof. "Brooke (Millerbernd) pitched a whale of a game. We played great defense and we really hit the ball well."

Millerbernd threw three strikeouts over seven innings in recording the victory. The Vikings tallied four triples, includ-

ing two from DyAna Imhof with Amanda Nelson and Breann Larson each hitting a triple.

L-BF scored its first two runs in the bottom of the first by taking advantage of the first two batters being walked by Panthers pitcher Mallory Thibault when Millerbernd singled and DyAna Imhof tripled to each drive in a run.

The Vikings had a 4-1 lead going into the bottom of the fifth when they added three insurance runs. After South Ridge responded with three runs of its own in the top of the sixth, L-BF added three more runs in the bottom of the frame to close out the scoring.

L-BF 13, CARLTON 8

In game two, the Vikings trailed No. 2-seeded Carlton, 7-2, going into the

bottom of the fifth when they erupted for 11 runs and ended up defeating the Bulldogs, 13-8.

"We didn't give up," Mike Imhof said. "This team's got a lot of character and it kind of showed."

L-BF sent 15 batters to the plate in the bottom of the fifth when Carlton's fielding miscues mushroomed into multiple runs for the Vikings.

"We got some runners on base and they couldn't field our bunts," Mike Imhof said. "They lost their line of thought and they started making some pretty bad mistakes."

Millerbernd, who recorded another complete-game pitching victory, also had three hits. Larson added three hits with Katie Fort and Karli Little having two hits apiece.

With the win, the Vi-



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From right, the Carlton's Brianna Walton (4) slides under the tag of the Vikings' Karli Little in Thursday's Section 7A Tournament game at Cloquet.

Game 1		Game 2	
L-BF 10, SR 4		L-BF 13, Carl. 8	
SR 0-0-0 1-0-3 0- 4		Carl. 0-1-4 2-0-1 0- 8	
L-BF 2-0-2 0-3-3 X- 10		L-BF 0-1-0 1-11-0 X- 13	

SECTION 7AA GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Broncos repel Rebels, then get shut out by Hermantown

FHS next faces VHS Blue Devils

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After scoring only a single run over 14 innings Thursday, the International Falls softball split the two games it played in the double-elimination portion of the Section 7AA Tournament in Cohasset.

In game one, the No. 3-seeded Broncos didn't score until the top of the seventh when Ashley Jonson singled to drive in Janet Humbert for a 1-0 victory over No. 2-seeded Moose Lake/Willow River.

"The girls played very well defensively," said Falls head coach Kevin Gordon. "Teagan (Anderson) pitched well. The girls played with confidence all the way through the game."

"We hit the ball a couple of times and didn't score, but we had runners on towards the last couple of innings. We

were able to get a runner on second and Ashley Jonson hits one over the infield and we get that run and go out and shut them down in the bottom of the seventh."

The game marked the first time this season the Broncos faced the Rebels, who were then eliminated from the tournament Thursday by Esko, 7-2.

HAWKS 6, BRONCOS 0

In game two, the Falls tallied only three hits when the Broncos were shut out by top-seeded Hermantown, 6-0.

"Hermantown was a little more offensively skilled team," Gordon said. "We made a couple of errors in the field that gave up some unearned runs and that kind of hurt us (Thursday)."

The Hawks were able to plate two runs with two outs in the bottom of the first after Jordyn Thomas reached base on an infield single and Jillayne Gilbert hit a fly ball that fell in short right field. Both scored when Brooke

Dahlin hit a ground ball through legs of Falls shortstop Cassie Tomczak.

Hermantown scored again in the bottom of the second when a fielder's choice grounder hit by Tess Johnson with the bases loaded drove in another run.

The Broncos threatened to score in the top of the third when Hawks pitcher Kylie Hoff walked two batters and a two-out single by Tomczak loaded the bases. However, Hermantown got out of the inning when Falls first baseman Meghan Tomczak struck out for the final out.

The Hawks took advantage of another infield error in the bottom of the third with two outs after Ashley Irwin reached base on an off-target throw to first to put runners on second and third. Allison Samberg then singled to bring both runners in and extend Hermantown's lead to 5-0.

A pair of doubles by Dahlin and Irwin produced the

Hawks' final run in the bottom of the fifth.

Anderson allowed six hits and three walks while striking out a single batter over six innings in recording the pitching loss.

The Broncos, whose season record now stands at

9-6, resume tournament action at noon Tuesday in Cloquet for a losers' bracket game against No. 2-seeded Virginia.

Hermantown advances to the winners' bracket game at 2 p.m. Tuesday against top-seeded Pequot Lakes.

Game 1		Game 2	
I. Falls 1, ML/WR 0		Herm. 6, I. Falls 0	
I. Falls 0-0-0 0-0-0 1- 1		I. Falls 0-0-0 0-0-0 0- 0	
ML/WR 0-0-0 0-0-0 0- 0		Herm. 2-1-2 0-0-0 X- 6	

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