

SPORTS



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Austin Geiselhart, FHS baseball senior outfielder, is featured

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QUICK HITS

Season wraps up for RRCC baseball team

The season came to an end for the Rainy River Community College baseball team on Thursday when the Voyageurs lost twice in the Region 13 Tournament at St. Cloud. RRCC, seeded No. 8 in the eight-team, double-elimination tournament, lost its first game to top-seeded Century College, 8-2. The Voyageurs then lost in the losers' bracket to No. 5-seeded Minnesota State-Fergus Falls, 4-0. RRCC, which advanced to the region tournament for the first time in the baseball program's five-year history, ended the season 17-21 overall.

RRCC softball team opens DIII tourney

Following a rain delay Thursday in Rochester, the No. 5-seeded Rainy River Community College softball team lost its opening NJCAA Division III National Tournament game to No. 4-seeded Monroe Community College of New York, 8-3. The Voyageurs then got on the winning track Thursday in the losers' bracket of the eight-team, double-elimination tournament by defeating No. 8-seeded Anne Arundel of Maryland, 13-0, in five innings. RRCC was scheduled to play Friday against No. 2-seeded Herkimer County of New York, which lost a winners' bracket game Thursday to No. 3-seeded Rock Valley of Illinois, 2-0. Further details about the tournament will be posted on the ifallsjournal.com website and also published in the May 21 edition of The Journal.

FHS softball team shut out at Bemidji

After being rained out twice earlier in the week, the International Falls softball team took the field Wednesday at Bemidji, where the Broncos were shut out by the Lumberjacks, 10-0, in five innings. Bemidji outhit the Falls, 16-6. Meghan Tomczak led the Broncos at the plate by batting 2-2 with a double. The loss dropped the Broncos' record to 6-5 going into Friday's regular-season finale at home against North Woods. The Falls is scheduled to begin the Section 7AA Tournament next Tuesday against an opponent and at a site to be determined once the playoff pairings are finalized this weekend.

BOYS BASEBALL

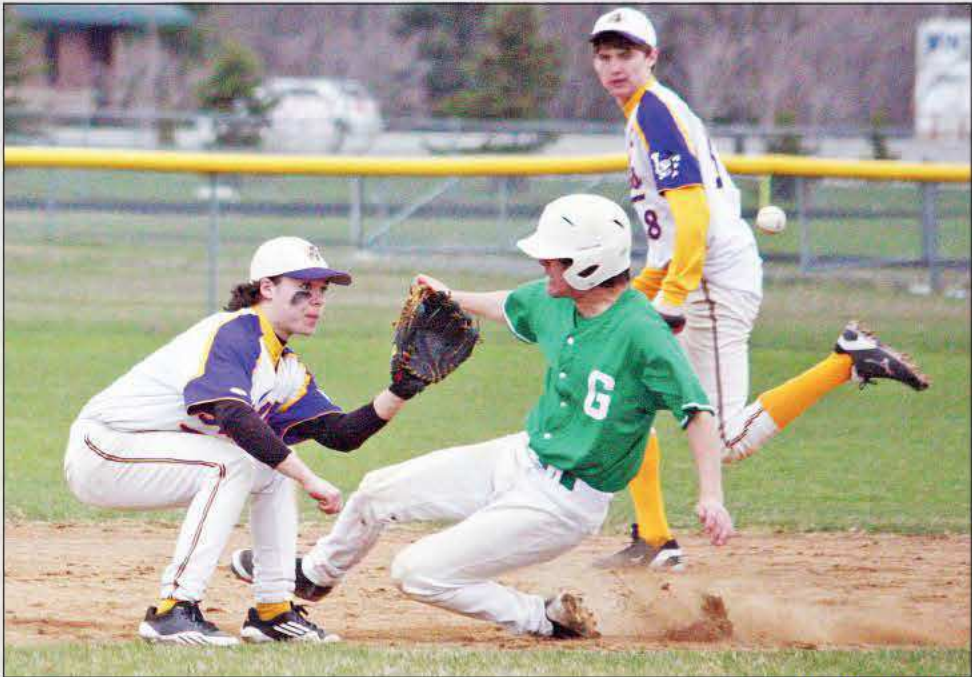
Broncos fall twice against Greenway

FHS drops to 6-4 for season

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All the things the International Falls baseball team did right offensively Thursday when the Voyageurs couldn't offset what the Broncos did wrong defensively. As a result, the Falls lost both games of a doubleheader at Scheela Field to Greenway. "Overall, we swung the bats not too bad," said Broncos head coach Eric Walls. "We had seven errors (Thursday), which is typically not Bronco baseball, and ultimately it cost us the games and I'm not happy about that." In game one, the Broncos tallied 10 hits, but gave up 11 hits and committed three errors and lost to the Raiders, 9-4. The Falls, which started Luke Spilde on the mound, allowed four runs in the first two innings before scoring twice in the bottom of the second. Spilde doubled and Jack Bartkowski singled with both scoring after Jake Kulig hit a sacrifice fly and Cole Miggins singled.

Greenway added a run in the third and scored three more times in the top of the fourth when Spilde left the mound and Bartkowski came in to pitch for the rest of the game. The start of the Broncos' fourth inning was similar to the second inning when Spilde led off with a double and Bartkowski singled. A fielder's choice ground ball by Kulig scored Spilde, but no more as the Falls left two runners stranded. After the Raiders added another run in the top of the fifth, the Broncos final run came in the bottom of the frame on a solo home run by Ben Humbert. Jacob Neumeyer recorded the complete-game pitching victory for Greenway, while Spilde took the loss for the Falls. At the plate, Kole Kalisch had three hits and drove in four runs to lead the Raiders. **RAIDERS 7, BRONCOS 5** In game two, in which the Broncos batted first, both teams picked up a pair of runs in the opening inning before the lead changed hands three times and Greenway ended up winning, 7-5. After the Raiders picked up another run to



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Broncos' Jackson Vollom sets up to catch the ball thrown from home plate while Greenway's Damon Meza slides toward second base and the Broncos' Wyatt Ulrich looks on in the first game of Thursday's doubleheader at Scheela Field.

lead in the bottom of the third, the Falls pulled in front, 5-3, in the top of the fourth on a three-run homer by Humbert, his second round-tripper of the day. Broncos starting pitcher Cole Miggins held that lead until the bottom of the sixth when he allowed four runs, including a three-run homer by Patrick Shea that made the difference. Shea ended up with three of Greenway's five hits and 3 RBI. The Falls had an opportunity to tie the game in the top of the seventh

with two outs when Jakob Eide singled and Clay Bergstrom doubled to put a pair of runners in scoring position. However, the game ended after Miggins hit a catchable fly ball in short right field. Greenway was error-free in the field, compared four fielding miscues from the Falls. The Raiders' Justin Guyer scattered nine hits over seven innings to record the pitching victory. The Broncos' Jackson Vollom picked up two of those hits. The doubleheader de-

feat dropped the Falls' season record to 6-4 going into today's twin bill at Warroad. The Broncos' next home game is Tuesday against nearby rival Littlefork-Big Falls.

Game 1
Greenway 9, Int'l Falls 4
Greenway 1-3-1 3-1-0 0-9 111
Int'l Falls 0-2-0 1-1-0 0-4 103
WP-Jacob Neumeyer;
LP-Luke Spilde

Game 2
Greenway 7, Int'l Falls 5
Int'l Falls 2-0-0 3-0-0 0-5 94
Greenway 2-0-1 0-0-4 X-7 50
WP-Justin Guyer;
LP-Cole Miggins

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Vikings win 4 road games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Littlefork-Big Falls softball team found the road a friendly place to play earlier this week. L-BF improved its season record to 11-3 against Minnesota State High School League teams after four road victories in three days. The Vikings won Tuesday at Northland Remer, 18-3, in six innings. L-BF was led at the plate by DyAna Imhof and Amanda Nelson, who each homered, and Katie Fort and Karli Little, who had three hits apiece. Nelson recorded the pitching victory in four innings of work, not allowing a hit and striking out two. Brooke Millerbernd gave up a hit and struck out three pitching two innings. On Wednesday at Ely, the Vikings scored twice



Brooke Millerbernd



DyAna Imhof

in the top of the seventh to force extra innings and then plated a run in the top of the eighth to defeat the Timberwolves, 7-6. Nelson homered with Imhof and Breann Larson each doubling for L-BF. Millerbernd pitched six innings and recorded the victory, allowing three hits and striking out five, while Nelson struck out two without giving up a hit during her time in the pitching circle. The Vikings won the first of two road games

Thursday with a 16-4 victory at Mesabi East. Millerbernd and Imhof each homered. Little had two hits with Fort tallying two more. Millerbernd also recorded the pitching victory. L-BF won its second game Thursday against Mountain Iron-Buhl, 21-7. Millerbernd and Larson each homered. Little had three hits with Imhof tallying a pair of doubles. Millerbernd picked up another pitching victory. The Vikings had the regular-season finale scheduled at home Friday against Lake of the Woods. L-BF head coach Mike Imhof said he expects the Vikings will open the Section 7A Tournament at home next Tuesday with the opponent to be determined after the playoff pairings are finalized this weekend.

BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF

FHS boys third at Pokegama

Girls tie for 4th at Virginia

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys golf team finished in the middle of the pack Wednesday when the Broncos placed third in a five-team meet at the Pokegama Golf Course in Grand Rapids. Six strokes separated the top-three teams when Virginia won with the top score of 326, followed by Eveleth-Gilbert (329), the Falls (332), Hibbing (339) and Two Harbors (410). Virginia senior Alex Lackner took top individual honors for 18 holes after carding a 76, followed Eveleth-Gilbert senior

Mitchell Huffman and Virginia senior Andrew Senderlund, both at 78, and Eveleth-Gilbert senior Nick Moe at 79. T w o Bronco freshman golfers also made the top six for medalist honors. Brady Wright carded an 80 for fifth place, while Riley Nemec had an 82 to place sixth. The other two Falls golfers whose scores counted toward the team total included senior Brady Walls (83) and sophomore Eric Cann (87). Broncos freshman Brock O'Loughlin came in with an 89, while eighth-grader Josh



Jenna Anderson

Cann finished with a 99. **FHS GIRLS 4TH AT VIRGINIA** The Falls girls golf team was in action Thursday at the Virginia Invite, where the Broncos tied for fourth out of 14 teams. Grand Rapids won with the top score of 375, followed by Duluth East (386), Hibbing (388) and Crosby-Iron-ton and the Falls, both at 410. Duluth East sophomore Maddie Schintz took individual honors for 18 holes after carding an 84, a stroke ahead of the runner-up, Grand Rapids senior Maria Stampohar. The Falls had two players tie for 12th with senior Katie West and freshman Olivia Besch both carding a 97, a career low for Besch for 18 holes.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

FHS Broncos 3rd at the Warroad Eagles Invite

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

In the final varsity meet before Wednesday's Sub-Sections in Hibbing, the International Falls boys track and field team placed third out of six teams at Thursday's Warroad Eagles Invite. Roseau finished first with 141 points, followed by Warroad (124), the Falls (116.5), Lake of the Woods (51), BGMR Freeze (49) and West Marshall (25.5). Of the Broncos' six first-place finishes, sophomore Ethan Phung had three of them, winning the high jump (5 feet, 10 inches), triple jump (32-4) and long jump (18-2.5). "The goal of this meet was to have fun and try new things," Phung said. "We did a fantastic job of doing both and we also tried our hardest at the same time. The meet ended well and everyone was pretty content afterwards."

The Falls had two others besides Phung finish in the top six in both the long jump and triple jump. In the long jump, junior Nehemiah Olson and sophomore Wyatt Helgeson placed fourth and fifth, respectively, with jumps of 16-0 and 15-8.75. In the triple jump, seniors Jakob Ettestad and Levi Skogstad placed fourth and sixth, respectively, with leaps of 32-4 and 27-7.75. Ettestad and Helgeson went 4-5, respectively, in the pole vault after clearing 10-0 and 9-6. Helgeson also tied for fifth in the high jump (5-4). Olson won the 100-meter dash (12.1 seconds) with sophomore Peter Griffith placing third in 12.4.

Griffith also won the 400 dash (56.66). Broncos junior Gary Harala won the shot put (40-6) with Olson coming in fifth at 36-6.5. Harala added a third-place finish in the discus (105-0). "(Thursday) was a pretty good meet," Harala said. "The warmer weather helped our team bring some (personal records) in the field." Falls senior Paul Skoglund placed runner-up in the 110 hurdles (19.15) with sophomore teammate Spencer Jessen finishing sixth in 20.39. Skoglund, Skogstad, Harala and senior Brandon Barras finished second in the 4X100 relay (55.4). "We had a good day (Thursday) considering how many key players we were missing to the junior high (Iron Range Conference) meet in Grand Rapids," Skoglund said. "I am proud that we came out and had fun and did well." Three Broncos had top-six finishes in the 200 dash, where Helgeson came in third in 25.5, Ettestad placed fifth in 25.7 and Griffith ended up sixth in 25.8. Falls' girls team had initially been scheduled to also compete in the Warroad Eagles Invite, but didn't participate after qualifying for today's State True Team Meet in Stillwater. The Bronco girls will also compete at Wednesday's Sub-Sections in Hibbing.

Warroad Eagles Invite BOYS
Team scores: Roseau 141, Warroad 124, Falls 116.5, Lake of the Woods 51, BGMR Freeze 49, West Marshall 25.5.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games
Women's softball
NJCAA DIII National Tournament in Rochester, TBA
Girls track and field
I. Falls in State True Team Meet at Stillwater, 10 a.m.
Boys baseball
Ely at L-BF, 11 a.m.
I. Falls at Warroad (DH), 1 p.m.

Monday's games
Boys and girls golf
I. Falls in ERC Championship at Virginia, 2 p.m.

Tuesday's games
Girls softball
I. Falls in Section 7AA Tournament, TBA
L-BF in Section 7A Tournament, TBA
Boys baseball
L-BF at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games
Track and field
I. Falls in North Sub-Section 7A Meet at Hibbing, 9:45 a.m.
Boys baseball
Northeast Range at L-BF, 2:30 p.m.