

# SPORTS



**Women's hockey**  
Voyageurs sweep Bulldogs by identical 2-0 scores  
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## QUICK HITS

### L-BF boys hoops team loses season opener to Chisholm

After trailing by double digits early, the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team pulled within a point in the second half Friday before the Vikings lost their season opener at home to Chisholm, 66-53.

“The first 10 minutes is where we ended up losing the ballgame,” said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish, who noted the Vikings were behind 24-8 in the first half and then weren’t able to maintain their comeback in the second half after trailing 43-42.

Two L-BF players scored in double figures led by Taylor DeLack with 19 points, which included five 3-pointers. Jacob Franz added 11 points and recorded a double-double by also hauling in 11 rebounds.

Aaron Musburger led the Bluestreaks with a game-high 23 points, followed by Austin Campbell with 19 points.

The Vikings returned to action Tuesday night when they hosted Lake of the Woods.

### Drew Fisher 2nd star in win over Arizona

Tulsa Oilers forward Drew Fisher of International Falls recorded a goal and two assists Sunday when he was named the second star in Tulsa’s 4-3 home victory over the Arizona Sundogs.

Fisher, who has three goals and 11 assists (14 points) in 24 games this season, also recorded an assist Friday in the Oilers’ 5-3 home victory over Arizona.

Another Tulsa forward from the Falls, Ryan Cramer, recorded an assist in Sunday’s win. Cramer, who has seven goals and four assists (11 points) in 24 games this season, also scored the game-winning goal in Friday’s victory over Arizona.

Sunday’s victory saw an eight-game point streak come to an end for the other Oilers’ forward from the Falls, Ben Gordon, who scored the game-winning goal in Saturday’s 4-1 victory at Wichita.

Over the eight-game point streak, Gordon recorded 15 points (six goals nine assists) and ranks fifth in the Central Hockey League with 27 points on the season. Gordon has recorded at least one point in 16 of his 21 games this season.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Broncos stampede Golden Bears in opener

### Falls then downs Chisholm and improves to 2-0

**BY KEVIN BONESKE**  
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After pulling in front by double digits just past the midway point of the first half, the International Falls girls basketball team took a 20-point lead at half-time and then extended the lead in the second half Friday when the Broncos won their season opener at home over Eveleth-Gilbert, 88-45.

The Falls led throughout the game, but it wasn’t until the final minutes of the first half when the Broncos began to pull away from the Golden Bears with a combination of layups and baskets behind the 3-point arc.

“We didn’t come out ready to play in the first couple of minutes,” said Falls head coach Shawn Gilbert. “I thought we were a little complacent at the beginning. We picked up a lot of early fouls.”

Both teams ended up in the double bonus for the first half when each side committed at least 10 fouls.

Gilbert said he wanted to play a man-to-man defense for the entire game, but switched to a zone defense and had better results against Eveleth-Gilbert.

“One of the things we do really well is play that

1-3-1 zone,” he said. “Most of (the Broncos) have been playing it since they’ve been in the sixth and seventh grades, so we’ve got it down pretty good. We’ve just got to get a couple of the other things down, like a man-to-man defense.”

On offense, the Falls had five players score in double figures led by junior guard Teagan Anderson with 25 points, which included four 3-pointers. Maddie Filipiak added 14 points, Emma Gilbert scored 11 points and Lexi Owen and Cassie Tomczak had 10 points apiece.

“I know that there’s not going to be too many teams that should be able to keep up with us,” Shawn Gilbert said. “We get a rebound, we’re going to get out and run.”

The Golden Bears were led in scoring by freshman center Cora Delich with 11 points, while Olivia Grummett added 10 points.



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From left, the Broncos’ Teagan Anderson (23) dribbles past Eveleth-Gilbert’s McKenzie Perushek (5) in Friday’s season opener in the Falls High School gym. Anderson scored a game-high 25 points in the Broncos’ 88-45 victory over the Golden Bears.

### INT’L FALLS 67, CHISHOLM 48

The Broncos improved their season record to 2-0 on Monday night with a 67-48 victory at Chisholm.

The lead see-sawed in the first half when the Bluestreaks scored the game’s first six points, before the Falls led by double digits at 25-11 and Chisholm went on a 14-0 run to tie the game. The half ended with the Broncos in front, 28-25.

Anderson led the Falls in scoring with 15 points,

10 of which came in the second half. Tomczak and Jena Sullivan each added 10 points.

Toria Marturano led the Bluestreaks with a game-high 16 points, while Katie Buria added 12 points.

The Broncos return to action Friday when they host Virginia.

**Friday’s game**  
**Int’l Falls 88, Eveleth-Gilbert 45**  
**Eveleth-Gilbert 26 19 – 45**  
**Int’l Falls 46 42 – 88**  
**Int’l Falls:** Maddie Filipiak 14, Shelby Wolden 5, Madeline Dahle 4, Lexi Owen 10, Cassie Tomczak 10, Teagan Anderson 25, Janet Humbert 3, Jena Sullivan 6, Emma Gilbert 11. 3-pointers: Anderson 4, Gilbert. Free throws: 15-22. Fouls: 22. Fouled out: Dahle.

**Monday’s game**  
**Int’l Falls 67, Chisholm 48**  
**Int’l Falls 28 39 – 67**  
**Chisholm 25 23 – 48**  
**Int’l Falls:** Maddie Filipiak 5, Shelby Wolden 9, Lexi Owen 8, Cassie Tomczak 10, Teagan Anderson 15, Janet Humbert 2, Jena Sullivan 10, Emma Gilbert 8. 3-pointers: Anderson 2, Owen, Tomczak. Free throws: 9-16. Fouls: 17.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

# Broncos shut out by Proctor/Herm.

**BY KEVIN BONESKE**  
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Though the International Falls girls hockey team wasn’t able to shoot the puck in the net Saturday afternoon at Bronco Arena, Falls head coach Gerald Bolstad said the team played better than the 4-0 score indicated in the loss to Proctor/Hermantown.

“I was happy with our effort,” Bolstad said. “It was a game of special teams. (The Mirage) had two shorthanded goals and a power-play goal (that) were their first three goals and that broke our back.”

After a scoreless first 17 minutes, Proctor/Herman-

town sophomore forward Sophie McGovern recorded a hat trick in the second period when she scored on the power play 4 minutes into the period and then added two shorthanded goals.

The Broncos came close to scoring a goal when senior defensive player Katie West shot from the left side just inside the blue line and hit the right pipe.

“We just didn’t get any bounces and that’s all part of the game,” Bolstad said. “It was 1-0 midway in the second (period) and Katie West hits the pipe. That goes in it’s a 1-1 game, it’s a different game, but that’s hockey.”

The Mirage added a goal



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At right, the Broncos’ Kaitlin Van Heel battles on the ice for the puck with Proctor/Hermantown’s Reilly Albert in Saturday afternoon’s game at Bronco Arena.

in the final period when Mikayla Kero scored on the power play with 7:24 to play. Shots on goal were close to even for both teams as Proctor/Hermantown

goalie Kylie Hommerding recorded the shutout with 31 saves while the Broncos’ Keanna Carlson stopped 29 of 33 shots.

The Falls returned to

action Tuesday night by hosting Hibbing/Chisholm.

**Mirage 4, Broncos 0**  
**Mirage 0 3 1 – 4**  
**Broncos 0 0 0 – 0**

## BOYS HOCKEY



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

At center, the Broncos’ Jakob Eide (12) battles for the puck between Proctor’s Jake Malec (9) and goalie Tanner Haedrich in Saturday night’s game at Bronco Arena.

# Broncos split weekend games at Bronco Arena

### FHS loses to Hibbing, then edges Proctor

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys hockey team split two games the Broncos hosted last weekend at Bronco Arena.

On Friday, the Falls trailed by only a goal going into the final period before giving up a pair of goals late and losing to Hibbing, 4-1. Hibbing scored first 2:39

into the first period on a goal from Joe Kanipes. The Bluejackets then took a two-goal lead when Eric Riihinen scored with 51 seconds to play in the period.

The Broncos’ only goal came with 36 seconds left in the opening period when Jordan Tilander scored assisted by Luke Spilde and Jackson Vollom.

The score remained at 2-1 until late in the final period when the Broncos pulled Wyatt Ulrich out of the net for an extra attacker on the

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Thursday’s games**  
**Girls basketball**  
MI-B at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.

**Friday’s games**  
**Women’s/men’s basketball**  
Riverland at RRCC, 6/8 p.m.  
**Girls hockey**  
I. Falls at St. Francis, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball**  
Virginia at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.  
**Boys basketball**  
Blackduck at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.  
I. Falls at Ely, 7:15 p.m.  
**Boys hockey**  
Virginia at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday’s games**  
**Women’s/men’s basketball**  
Anoka-Ramsey at RRCC, 1/3 p.m.  
**Boys basketball**  
Esko at I. Falls, 2:30 p.m.  
**Boys hockey**  
I. Falls at Duluth Marshall, 3 p.m.  
**Girls hockey**  
I. Falls vs. Wadena-Deer Creek at Long Prairie, 2 p.m.  
**Women’s hockey**  
Minot State vs. RRCC at Bronco Arena, 7 p.m.