

SPORTS



Voyageurs basketball

Jordan two double-doubles at Central Lakes Tourney

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QUICK HITS

FHS boys swimmers third at Virginia triangular meet

The International Falls boys swimming and diving team had a pair of top-three finishes at Friday’s triangular meet at Virginia, in which the Broncos, Blue Devils and Duluth Marshall competed.

Falls senior Levi Lucy placed third in the 100-yard butterfly (1:13.43), while Broncos junior Ian Ducharme finished third in the 100 freestyle (1:01.42).

Lucy added a fourth-place individual finish in the 200 individual medley (2:37.47) and Ducharme came in fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:31.29).

Other fourth-place finishers for the Falls included Cole Tatsak in the 50 freestyle (28.35), Alex Belanger, John Cowman, Edward Serrano and Ducharme in the 200 medley relay (2:23.37) and Serrano, Belanger, Ducharme and Lucy in the 200 freestyle relay (1:57.32).

In head-to-head scores between the three teams, the Broncos finished behind both Duluth Marshall, 52-38, and Virginia, 67-24, while the Blue Devils topped the Hilltoppers, 56-33.

The Falls returns to action this coming Friday when the Broncos host their first home meet of the season in the Shiverland Invitational.

DeBenedet gets 6 points as Meyer scores hat trick

A night after trouncing Dryden on home ice, the Fort Frances Lakers played the Ice Dogs on the road Saturday when Fort Frances skated to a 9-3 victory in Superior International Junior Hockey League play at Memorial Arena.

Lyndon Lipinski and 2013 Falls High School graduate Lucas DeBenedet both recorded six points apiece for the Lakers. Lipinski had a hat trick and dished out three assists, while DeBenedet scored a goal and had five assists.

Mason Meyer, a 2012 FHS graduate, had a three-goal night of his own for Fort Frances with Aaron Wesley-Chisel and Miles Nolan supplying single scores.

Kyle Lipinski added a pair of assists for the Lakers.

Chris Belhumeur, Syn-ee Coonishish and Derek McPhail scored for Dryden in the loss.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday’s games

Girls basketball

I. Falls vs. Eveleth-Gilbert at Hibbing Tournament, 3:45 p.m.

Boys hockey

I. Falls vs. Osseo at Warroad Tournament, 7:30 p.m.

Friday’s games

Boys swimming/diving

I. Falls hosting Shiverland Invitational, 10 a.m.

Boys basketball

I. Falls vs. Hinckley-Finlayson at Esko Tournament, 5:45 p.m.

Girls basketball

I. Falls at Hibbing Tournament, TBD

Saturday’s games

Girls basketball

I. Falls at Hibbing Tournament, TBD

Boys basketball

I. Falls at Esko Tournament, TBD

Boys hockey

I. Falls vs. Warroad at Warroad Tournament, 2:15 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Golden Bears tarnish Broncos

Falls drops to 3-6 this season

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

The International Falls boys basketball team stayed close with Eveleth-Gilbert for about the first four and a half minutes Friday night, but then fell behind by double digits and was unable to wage a comeback before losing at home to the Golden Bears, 92-76.

“A tough loss,” said Broncos head coach Derek Dowty. “I thought we had our defense figured out and they scored 92 points.”

The Falls took a 10-8 lead early in the first half on a 2-point jump shot by Cole Miggins, before Eveleth-Gilbert went on an 8-0 scoring run that included a 3-pointer by Austin Hujanen as the Golden Bears stayed in front until the final buzzer.

The Broncos ran into foul trouble as they compiled 29 fouls that restricted playing time, such as junior forward Ben Humbert sitting out much of the first half after picking up his second foul.

“(The Golden Bears) shot 44 free throws, but they’re a very aggressive team...,” Dowty said. “It goes on us, too. We’ve got to move our feet better and get position and go straight up. We’ve just really got to work in the

defensive area.”

Eveleth-Gilbert led 41-32 at halftime and maintained that lead through the midway point of the second half before pulling further in front of the Falls.

The Golden Bears had four players score in double figures led by Jake Laeupple with a game-high 28 points, followed by Hujanen with 24, William Olson with 16 and Mark Tikkanen with 11.

The Broncos also had four players score in double figures led by Miggins with 17 points, followed by Jack Bartkowski and Cody Hallin with 15 apiece and Humbert with 13.

The Falls, which had its season record drop to 3-6, returns to action this coming Friday when the Broncos open the two-day Esko Tournament against Hinckley-Finlayson.

E-G 92, I. Falls 76

E-G 41 51 - 92

I. Falls 32 44 - 76

E-G: Jake Laeupple 28, William Olson 16, Austin Erickson 5, Mark Tikkanen 11, Austin Hujanen 24, C.J. Andrews 5, Evan Brinkman 3. 3-pointers: Laeupple 3, Hujanen 2, Andrews. Free throws: 28-44. Fouls: 19.

I. Falls: Cody Hallin 15, Allen Johnson 6, Cole Miggins 17, Jack Bartkowski 15, Paul Skoglund 8, Max Vergeldt 2, Ben Humbert 13. 3-pointers: Hallin 3, Miggins 2, Johnson. Free throws: 10-29. Fouls: 29. Fouled out: Hallin, Vergeldt.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From front, the Golden Bears’ Austin Hujanen dribbles past the Broncos’ Cody Hallin while Eveleth-Gilbert’s Austin Erickson (5) looks on in Friday night’s game in the Falls High School gym.

GIRLS HOCKEY



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From right, the Broncos’ Amy Auran (8) works the puck from behind the net where the Prowlers’ Frances Marshall (30) is in goal and Emily Bergland (9) sets up on defense in Friday evening’s game at Bronco Arena.

Broncos fall victim to Prowlers

FHS now 4-6-1

BY KEVIN BONESKE
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Despite giving up almost twice as many shots on goal Friday evening, the International Falls girls hockey team stayed close with Thief River Falls, but ended up losing to the Prowlers, 3-1.

“Thief River’s a very nice team – No. 1 in the state in Class A – and we played them tough, so I was pretty happy with our effort,” said Broncos head coach Gerald Bolstad.

The Prowlers scored first 6:09 in the first period on a goal from Brandi Malwitz assisted by Emily Ber-

gland and Sylvia Marolt.

Thief River Falls didn’t score again until late in the second period on a goal from Bergland assisted by Marolt to lead 2-0.

However, International Falls pulled back within a goal about 35 seconds later when Amy Auran scored assisted by Jenna Anderson and Emily Saari with 48.1 seconds left in the second period.

The Prowlers’ final goal of the game came with 7:51 left in the final period when Malwitz scored assisted by Bergland and Kora Torkelson.

Thief River Falls outshot the Broncos, 43-23. Prowlers goalie Frances Marshall picked up the victory in net, while Keanna

Carlson recorded the loss playing all three periods in goal for International Falls.

“Keanna played really well,” Bolstad said. “I thought she was squaring up to the puck really good. She was battling all night, and I think we did a pretty good job of clearing rebounds, which I thought was pretty important, also.”

The Broncos, whose season record fell to 4-6-1, return to action next Monday when they open the three-day Schwan Cup Tournament in Blaine against Worthington.

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BOYS HOCKEY



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Broncos’ Luke Spilde (22) passes the puck inside while Duluth Denfeld’s Wyatt Wutz (9) plays defense in Saturday afternoon’s game at Bronco Arena.

Broncos shut out by Prowlers, Hunters

Falls now at 3-5

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys hockey team wasn’t able to score and gave up 13 goals last weekend after playing six periods at Bronco Arena.

In Friday night’s home game, the Broncos were shut by Thief River Falls, 7-0.

The Prowlers took a 2-0 lead after the first 17 minutes on a pair of goals by Ethan Johnson.

Thief River Falls then extended their lead to 4-0 after two periods on goals by Logan Ose and Ian Lund.

The Prowlers put in their final three goals in the first 8:15 of the final period when Lund, Chris Sanders and Zeb Nelson each scored.

Thief River Falls outshot International Falls, 31-23, as the Prowlers won back the Border State Bank trophy presented to the annual winner between the two teams.

Tanner Holmes recorded

the shutout victory in goal for Thief River Falls, while Wyatt Ulrich recorded the loss in net for the Broncos.

DENFELD 6, I. FALLS 0

Duluth Denfeld had six different players score Saturday afternoon when the Hunters shut out the Broncos, 6-0.

Denfeld’s first goal came from Kadin Ferguson with 3:16 left in the opening period.

The Hunters extended their lead to 3-0 after two periods on goals from Tre Opack and Steven Maciver.

Denfeld added three third-period goals from Reid Lemker, Jake DeCaro and Logan Parzych.

The Hunters outshot the Falls, 38-17, as Denfeld’s Wes Cook recorded the shutout in goal. Ulrich made 32 saves in a losing effort for the Broncos.

The Falls, which dropped to 3-5 on the season, returns to action Thursday when the Broncos open the three-day Warroad Tournament against Osseo.