

# SPORTS

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Broncos fall to Rapids, Crookston, Roseau

FHS now 4-20

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys hockey team has extended its losing streak to six after dropping three more games within four days.

On Friday night, the Broncos were shut out 8-0 at Grand Rapids in the only game scheduled this season between the two long-time high school hockey rivals.

Jonah Bischoff recorded a hat track with Mitchell Mattson adding two more goals for Rapids.

The Thunderhawks outshot the Falls, 52-11, with Kyle Sjoblom recording the loss in goal.

### CROOKSTON 6, FALLS 3

On Saturday afternoon at Bronco Arena, the Falls led by a goal after the first period and ended up losing its regular-season home finale to Crookston, 6-3.

Jackson Vollom gave the Broncos a 1-0 lead midway through the first period when he scored assisted by Riley Nemec.

The Pirates tied the game less than 2 minutes into the second period on an unassisted power-play goal from Doug Larson.

The Falls retook the lead at 7:08 of the second period when Clay Berg-



The Broncos' Jackson Vollom (11) battles Crookston players in the crease as he scores the first goal in Saturday afternoon's game at Bronco Arena.

STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

strom scored assisted by Jordan Tilander and Riley Rasmussen.

Crookston tied the game at 2-2 at 11:05 of the second period on a power-

play goal from Bobby Tiedemann. Larson scored again less than a minute

later, then a goal from Harrison Bjorgo gave the Pirates a 4-2 lead going

into the final 17 minutes.

Tiedemann's second goal of the game came 5:50 into the third period, before Vollom scored his second goal assisted by Chase Bernard with just over 10 minutes left to play.

Crookston closed out the scoring with 2:10 remaining on a goal from Chandler St. Michel.

Shots on goal favored the Pirates, 37-20, with Adam Huglen recording the win and Lane Skallman picking up the loss in net.

### ROSEAU 4, FALLS 0

On Monday, the Falls was shut out at Roseau, 4-0.

The Rams scored all four of their goals in the second period.

Roseau outshot the Broncos, 41-19, with Skallman recording the loss in goal.

The Falls' record now stands at 4-20 going into Thursday's regular-season finale at Lake of the Woods.

Friday's game	
G. Rapids 8, Int'l Falls 0	
Int'l Falls	0 0 0 - 0
G. Rapids	5 2 1 - 8

Saturday's game	
Crookston 6, Int'l Falls 3	
Crookston	0 4 2 - 6
Int'l Falls	1 1 1 - 3

Monday's game	
Roseau 4, Int'l Falls 0	
Int'l Falls	0 0 0 - 0
Roseau	0 4 0 - 4

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

# Broncos wrap up regular season

Nick Hedtke to compete at the Section 7A meet

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

High school wrestlers from International Falls wrapped up their regular-season competition last Thursday in Blackduck in a season in which the Broncos resumed a wrestling program for the first time in more than 20 years.

Falls' two youngest wrestlers, seventh-grader London Rasmussen and eighth-grader Levi Cottrell, competed in their final high school matches of the season, while sophomore Nick Hedtke will seek to qualify for the Minnesota State High School League State Tournament later this month.

Hedtke will be competing at the Section 7A Individual Tournament in Pierz on Feb. 20. He heads into the



FILE PHOTO

At right, the Broncos' Nick Hedtke, shown wrestling against an opponent at a meet last month in Grand Rapids, will be competing Feb. 20 at the Section 7A Individual Tournament at Pierz.

section tournament following a regular season that included a pair of third-place finishes at the Skip Nalan Invitational in Grand Rapids and the Northwest Tournament in Fertile.

"We're really optimistic about Nick's odds to make it to state," said coach Dan

Schermerhorn. "To have the opportunity to possibly be the first Bronco wrestler to compete in the state tournament in over two decades is really exciting, and I think it has given Nick some extra motivation to finish the season strong."

## YOUTH WRESTLING

# Mighty Mustangs in 'Clash of the Titans'

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Several Mighty Mustang wrestlers competed Saturday at Nashwauk in the "Clash of the Titans" tournament.

Individual results include, by name, grade/weight and place: London Rasmussen, 7/135, 1st; Nick Bernath, 4/115, 2nd; Austin Hamm, 4/71, 4th; Adley Deedrick, 3/80, 4th; Dominick Juen, 2/62, 3rd; Kyan Swanson, 1/52, 1st; Andrew Hamm, 1/51, 3rd; Kalvan Silvers, K/45, 1st; and Austin Randal, PreK/41, 3rd.

Two other Mighty Mustang wrestlers, Charlie Bannert and Hudson Mann, competed last weekend at the Gopher State Nationals in Monticello. Both wrestlers made it to the fourth round, but fell short of the finals.

On Sunday at North Branch, Mann competed in



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At right, the Mighty Mustangs' Kalvan Silvers competes against a wrestler from Deer River in Saturday's "Clash of the Titans" tournament in Nashwauk. Silvers placed first wrestling at 45 pounds at the kindergarten level.

a MN/USA state qualifier. He won all three matches, one on a 5-0 decision and two others on pins, to take first and rack up 80 more points, bringing his total to 305. His record is now

16-1 with nine pins in MN/USA action.

This coming Saturday, the Mustangs will be in Grand Rapids to compete in a Jaycees state-qualifying tournament.

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