

# SPORTS



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## QUICK HITS

### Lexi Erickson 3rd at Virginia Invite

International Falls freshman Lexi Erickson placed third Thursday when the Broncos opened the cross country season in a meet at Virginia.

Erickson finished the 4,000-meter girls race in 16 minutes, 8.3 seconds, 13.4 seconds behind the top finisher, Grand Rapids senior Erin Baker. Eveleth-Gilbert senior Johannah Wyrick was second in 16:03.1.

“The meet went well (Thursday),” Erickson said. “We were missing some of our better runners.”

The Bronco girls only had three runners in the varsity competition and consequently did not score in the team standings with a minimum of five finishers required.

Falls junior Jenna Anderson placed 36th in 19:27.6, while senior Lexi Owen was 61st in 21:23.9.

The top-three girls teams included Grand Rapids finishing first with 15 points, followed by Duluth Denfeld (41) and Hibbing (64).

#### WYATT ULRICH 40TH

In the boys competition, which had a thunderstorm roll through around the time of the race, the Falls’ best individual finish came from senior Wyatt Ulrich, who placed 40th in 20:32.1.

Falls’ other finishers included: junior Cole Tatsak, 43rd in 20:38.2; junior Billy Brokaw, 60th in 22:21.2; junior Gary Harala, 63rd in 22:51.3; and junior Eric Mathew, 73rd in 24:51.9.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Thursday’s games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls at Roseau, 4 p.m.  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
Eveleth-Gilbert at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Cherry at I. Falls, 7 p.m.  
Northland at L-BF, 7 p.m.

**Friday’s games**  
**Women’s volleyball**  
Itasca at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.  
**Football**  
I. Falls at Cloquet, 7 p.m.  
L-BF at Ely, 7 p.m.

**Saturday’s games**  
**Women’s volleyball**  
Fond du Lac at RRCC, Noon

**Monday’s games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls at Warroad, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Kelliher/Northome at L-BF, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday’s games**  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
Chisholm at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Eveleth-Gilbert at I. Falls, 7 p.m.  
Ely at L-BF, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 11 games**  
**Women’s volleyball**  
RRCC at Mesabi Range, 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 12 games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 4 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Chisholm at L-BF, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 13 games**  
**Women’s volleyball**  
RRCC at Northland Tourney, TBA  
**Football**  
Proctor at I. Falls, 7 p.m.  
North Woods at L-BF, 7 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos’ Nehemiah Olson (21) runs with the football in the first quarter of Friday’s game at Eveleth-Gilbert. Olson rushed for 142 yards and a touchdown in the Falls’ 50-0 win over the Golden Bears. For more photos, see pages B2-3.

# Broncos stampede Golden Bears

## FHS wins 100th season opener 50-0

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

International Falls opened its 100th season Friday by scoring half as

many points as the years the football team has been in existence.

The Broncos shut out Eveleth-Gilbert, 50-0, on the Golden Bears’ home field. “The guys played well,” said Falls head coach Jay Boyle. “We came out with fire — it took us a little bit longer than it should have to get rolling, but we really picked it up.

“The guys really turned it on and started hitting. We saw some things we could do better, but overall it was a great effort by everybody — guys blocked, backs worked hard, guys played pretty disciplined defense — it was a good game.”

Total offense favored the Broncos, 503-177 yards, with 481 of Falls’ yardage coming on the ground as a pair of running backs each rushed for more than 100 yards.

Senior Jakob Ettestad ran for 188 yards in 13 attempts with three touchdowns, while junior Nehemiah Ol-

son had 15 carries for 142 yards and a touchdown.

“We got a lot on the ground because our guys blocked well and ran hard,” Boyle said.

The Broncos set up their first touchdown following an interception by senior defensive back Luke Spilde, who picked off a pass from Eveleth-Gilbert quarterback Sam Roberts and returned it 9 yards to the Falls’ 42-yard line with 8:28 to play in the opening quarter.

Three minutes later, Ettestad ran into the end zone from about 2 yards away for the Broncos’ opening touchdown.

After being backed up 5 yards for a penalty on the 2-point conversion attempt, a pass from sophomore quarterback Jakob Eide to senior Cody Hallin gave the Falls an 8-0 lead.

The Broncos scored again with 2:31 left in the opening quarter on a 21-yard run by Olson. The Falls’ lead remained at 14-0 when the pass for the 2-point conversion failed.

Broncos junior Ben Humbert blocked a Golden Bear punt late in the first quarter to set up Falls’ third touchdown drive, which began on Eveleth-Gilbert’s 28-yard line.

Ettestad scored his second rushing touchdown of the game from about 2 yards away with 10:53 left before halftime. Humbert leaped up to catch the 2-point conversion pass from Eide to give the Falls a 22-0 lead.

The Broncos added two more touchdowns before the first half ended.

The Falls capped off a 93-yard scoring drive with a 40-yard touchdown run by Hallin. Ettestad ran in the 2-point conversion to extend the lead to 30-0.

The Broncos ran down the clock to end the first half when Humbert hauled in a touchdown pass from about a yard way as time expired. The pass for the 2-point conversion failed as the Falls led 36-0 at halftime.

The Broncos scored their

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## COLLEGE HOCKEY

# Matt Youso to play at UNO

## Three Falls players in Division I for 2013-14

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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A defenseman from International Falls will play Division I college hockey this season for a head coach from the Falls.

University of Nebraska Omaha head coach Dean Blais has confirmed that Matt Youso has been offered a partial scholarship to join the Mavericks in 2013-14.

Blais said UNO found itself looking for a defensive player to add to the roster this coming season. He noted defenseman Tony Turgeon signed a professional contract this summer with the NHL’s Florida Panthers after three seasons with the Mavericks.

“I needed a player that was like Matt — big, strong, physical,” Blais said.

Youso, a 2010 Falls High School graduate, is entering his freshman year of eligibility at UNO, where he will be majoring in criminal justice, after having played

junior hockey since graduating from high school.

He played in 53 games for Brookings of the North American Hockey League during the 2012-13 season, when he had three goals and 10 assists along with a team-leading 131 penalty minutes.

In 2011-12, Youso played for both Alexandria in the NAHL and Dubuque in the United States Hockey League.

In 24 games for Dubuque, he recorded 73 penalty minutes.

In his 16 games with Alexandria, Youso had three goals and five assists along with 29 penalty minutes.

He began his junior hockey career with Owatonna in the NAHL during 2010-11, scoring a goal and adding two assists while recording 81 penalty minutes in 41 games.

Blais said he won’t be able to work with Youso until UNO’s formal practices begin Sept. 15, prior to the team’s first exhibition game Oct. 7

against the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Youso, the son of Brian and Laurie Youso, is also the brother of another Division I hockey player, Jake Youso, a forward who will be entering his junior year of eligibility at Holy Cross.

UNO this season is joining the newly-formed National Collegiate Hockey Conference and, with the regular-season schedules set for the next two years, Blais said the Mavericks wouldn’t be facing Holy Cross unless the two teams meet in the playoffs.

However, UNO this season is scheduled to play another Division I team with a player from the Falls.

Blais will once again face his nephew, Willie Corrin, who is a defenseman for the University of Minnesota Duluth, which is also joining the NCHC and will play the Mavericks in a pair of two-game series, Jan. 10-11 in Omaha and March 7-8 in Duluth.

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