

SPORTS

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From left, Rainy River Community College scholarship recipients Nick Anderson, Missy Mesdag, Brandon Shofner, Jaime Sjoblom and Wes Gunnerson served meals to the college’s foundation donors at the 15th Annual RRCC Foundation Golf & Social held last month at the Falls Country Club. This annual event raised more than \$20,000, which will go toward scholarships and development at RRCC. The golf team of Mike Shermoen, Steve Shermoen (with grandson Will), Jerrod Shermoen and Greg Anthone took first place. Second place went to the team of Jeff Shermoen, Andy Shermoen, Kalan Wagner and Tom Biondich.

LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS



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Waschke’s won this year’s International Falls Little League Major B championship and finished the season 8-1-1 overall. From left, team members shown include, front row, Ethan Maas, Adrian Mannasau, Nick Smith, Kale Archie, Anthony Bechick. Middle row, Alex Larson, Riley Larson, Jace Hallin, Brady Wicklund, Blair Werner. Back row, coaches Cody Hallin, Wade Larson, Jeff Hallin. Not pictured, coach Shelly Koenig.

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draft picks. Tight end Kyle Rudolph, the Pro Bowl MVP, will also be relied on even more as a down-field weapon. “Christian, I’m excited. He’s a great quarterback. He’s going to shock people,” Jennings said last month.

2. ALL DAY CAN GO ALL YEAR: Peterson left no doubt about his determination, focus and seemingly superhuman skills by returning from reconstructive surgery on his left knee to rush for 2,097 yards, 9 short of the NFL record. If Ponder can improve, the Vikings offense should be more balanced, which would make cracking the 2,000-yard mark again even more challenging for Peterson. But he’s one of the rare players for whom any feat seems possible.

3. UNDER THE DOME: The Vikings have long

enjoyed a significant advantage under the noisy Metrodome’s roof on the spongy artificial turf, but this is their last year in the quirky, outdated stadium. They’ll play two seasons outside at the University of Minnesota before opening their new indoor venue in 2016. They’ll also have one fewer home game this fall, too, when they “host” the Pittsburgh Steelers in London on Sept. 29.

4. THE NEW DEAL, ON THE DEFENSIVE LINE: The front four has long been a strength of this franchise, from the Alan Paged-led Purple People Eaters to the era of Hall of Fame pass rushers Chris Doleman and John Randle to the current group led by Jared Allen. But Allen, fellow defensive ends Everson Griffen and Brian Robison and stalwart defensive tackle Kevin Williams have all begun the final year of their current contracts. Given age, productivity and salary

cap factors, envisioning all of them still around in 2014 is all but impossible. So not only will these guys need to re-establish their worth, for either their present employer or other teams on the open market, but the Vikings themselves must make some important decisions about who to invest in for the future. First-round draft pick Sharif Floyd is in line to replace Williams, a six-time Pro Bowl pick.

5. STILL UNDER SIDE-LINE SCRUTINY: Despite the feel-good vibe and vast improvement he helped produce last season, Leslie Frazier hasn’t yet secured his future with the franchise. The Vikings routinely exercised their option for 2014 on his contract, but since coaches rarely enter the final year of a deal without an extension, this is another prove-it season for Frazier, a subject he has tread carefully around in public.

UP NORTH VOLLEYBALL WINNERS



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From left, award winners in last week’s Up North Volleyball Camp for grades 8-12 at Rainy River Community College include Emma Johnson, Teagan Anderson, Emma Gilbert, Lauren Rautio. Forty-eight girls participated in this year’s camp.

2013 MEN’S SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Team Names

- 1) Coca-Cola
- 2) Super One/Hardee’s
- 3) Covenant Church/City Drug
- 4) Slammers/The Journal
- 5) Up North Builders/City Cab

Team listed first on the schedule is the home team.

Monday, July 29

- 6:30 p.m. – 5 vs. 4
- 7:30 p.m. – 1 vs. 3
- 8:30 p.m. – 4 vs. 3

Tuesday, July 30

- 6:30 p.m. – 2 vs. 5
- 7:30 p.m. – 4 vs. 1
- 8:30 p.m. – 2 vs. 1

Monday, Aug. 5

Playoffs begin

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Playoffs

Monday, Aug. 12

Playoffs

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Playoffs

NOTE: All make-up games will be played at 8:30 p.m.

Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk set for Aug. 24

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Preregistration is now underway for the third annual “Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk” to start at Smokey Bear Park at 9 a.m. Aug. 24, the Saturday of the ninth annual International Falls Bass Championship.

The 5-kilometer course, which will finish inside the main tent at the park, is the same as last year.

The run/walk entry fee through Aug. 10 is \$20, which

includes a T-Shirt. The fee increases to \$25 on Aug. 11.

Discounts of 15 percent will be available for groups of 15 or more and families of three or more.

Medals will be awarded to the top-three males and females in seven age divisions.

Registration forms are available at www.ifallsbass.com, where a PayPal link for online registration has also been set up, and at the Chamber of Commerce and Stride Fitness. Groups and families

cannot register online with PayPal.

Registrations may be mailed with checks payable to: International Falls Bass Dash, P. O. Box 906, International Falls, MN 56649.

Registration/shirt pickup will take place at the Smokey Bear Park Pavilion from 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 23 and from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on race day.

For more information, contact Betsy Brokaw at 324-0665, or email ifbassdash@yahoo.com.

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