

# SPORTS



## Who is...

Jacob Franz, Viking boys basketball senior center, is featured

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### QUICK HITS

#### FHS Bronco boys swimming, boys hockey postponed

Due to classes in the International Falls school district being called off Thursday, the Bronco boys swimming and diving meet at Mesabi East and the boys hockey game at Greenway scheduled for later in the day were postponed. The hockey game was rescheduled for Friday.

### MINNESOTA

#### Parise, Suter named to Team USA hockey

Minnesota Wild players Zach Parise and Ryan Suter have been named to represent Team USA in Sochi, Russia, at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

The announcement of Team USA's roster came Wednesday after the National Hockey League's Winter Classic between the Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Parise and Suter both are familiar with international competition.

The 2014 Olympics will be the eighth tournament Parise has represented the United States. Parise tallied eight points (four goals and four assists) in six games for Team USA at the 2010 Winter Olympics. He ranked tied for third in the tournament in scoring and served as an alternate captain.

It will be the 11th time Suter has represented the red, white and blue. Suter recorded four assists, which tied for the team lead, in six games as an alternate captain for Team USA in 2010. He led Team USA in time on ice per game at 22:50 and tied for the tournament lead with a plus-nine rating.

Parise and Suter will be joined by Minnesotan natives David Backes (St. Louis Blues), TJ Oshie (St. Louis Blues), Derek Stepan (New York Rangers), Ryan McDonagh (New York Rangers), Justin Faulk (Carolina Hurricanes), Blake Wheeler (Winnipeg Jets) and Paul Martin (Pittsburgh Penguins) in search of gold in Sochi.

The National Hockey League will suspend play for two weeks in February as the best players in the world represent their countries at the tournament.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

## Broncos third at Schwan Cup tourney

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls girls hockey team finished third in the "White Division" at this week's Schwan Cup holiday tournament in Blaine.

On Monday night, the Broncos set a school record for the most goals scored and the largest margin of victory in a game when they opened the tournament by shutting out Worthington, 19-0.

The Falls, which scored six times in the opening period and added the other 13 goals in the second period, outshot Worthington, 67-2.

Amber Tilander and Lexi Erickson each recorded a hat trick for the Broncos, while Tessa Walls, Amy

Auran, Sydney Raboin and Jenna Anderson added two goals apiece.

The Falls also picked up single scores from Hillary Fox, Lexi Edwards, Ashley Jonson, Katie West and Emily Saari.

Tilander and Raboin each had five assists, while Erickson and Anderson recorded four assists apiece.

The win, which featured the most goals scored and largest margin of victory in Falls' girls hockey history since the varsity program began in 1999, broke the previous record set last season



Katie West

when the Broncos shut out Lake of the Woods, 13-0.

#### ST. FRANCIS 1, I. FALLS 0

The Broncos weren't able to put a puck in the net Tuesday night when they ended up losing their semifinal game in a shootout to St. Francis, 1-0.

Erin Downey scored the winning shootout goal for St. Francis, which had also tied with the Falls, 1-1, when the two teams faced each other Dec. 13.

The semifinal tournament contest had a shootout after no one scored in overtime to determine which team should advance to the finals, while the game officially counts as a 0-0 tie for season record purposes.

Taylor Fish made 25 saves in goal for the Broncos.

#### I. FALLS 2, BLADES 1

West scored the winning goal at 6:18 the third period Wednesday to lift the Broncos to a 2-1 victory over the St. Paul Blades in the third-place game.

After a scoreless opening period, the Blades scored first at 8:04 of the second period on a goal by Mikayla Rogers, before the Falls tied the game 37 seconds later on a goal by Walls assisted by Edwards and West.

West's game-winner came on the power play assisted by Fox.

Keanna Carlson stopped 18 of 19 shots in goal to record the victory for the Broncos, who improved

their season record to 6-6-2.

The Falls returns to action Tuesday in a road game against Eveleth-Gilbert, which won the Schwan Cup's White Division with a 4-3 overtime victory over St. Francis in Wednesday's championship game at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis.

Monday's game

I. Falls 19, Worthington 0
Worthington 0 0 0 - 0
I. Falls 6 13 0 - 19

Tuesday's game

St. Francis 1, I. Falls 0 (S/O)
St. Francis 0 0 0 0 1 - 1
I. Falls 0 0 0 0 0 - 0

Wednesday's game

I. Falls 2, Blades 1
Blades 0 1 0 - 1
I. Falls 0 1 1 - 2

## Silver medalist details hockey career in book

### Henry Boucha, Ojibwa Native American Olympian

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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The 2014 Team USA has several native Minnesotans who will be seeking an Olympic gold medal next month when the men's hockey team plays in Sochi, Russia.

A number of players from Minnesota also represented the silver medal-winning 1972 U.S. Olympic hockey team, which included three players from International Falls. One of the players from northern Minnesota has put together a book about his hockey experiences.

Henry Boucha of Warroad, who also played in the National Hockey League and was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, has written *Henry Boucha, Ojibwa Native American Olympian*.

"*Henry Boucha, Ojibwa Native American Olympian*, is my first-hand account of the triumphs and tragedies I experienced, going from humble Minnesota beginnings to centerman for the Detroit Red Wings," said Boucha, who also noted he is one of six Native American Olympic medalists.

Boucha, who presently resides in Anchorage, Alaska, and began Boucha Films in 2011, said he got the idea to write the book while putting together documentaries about Native American Olympians.

"I thought, 'Well I'll start with myself, first, because I know all about me,'" he said. "I thought, 'Well, if I'm going to do that, I'm just going to go ahead and do a book and see how that turns out.'"

Boucha, who has held a number of book signings in northern Minnesota recently, including in the Falls last month, said he wrote the book in two-and-a-half months and took another 16 months to edit it and get the book ready for sale.

"One never knows when you do a project like this whether the book is going to sell or not," he said.

The three Falls players Boucha played with on the 1972 U.S. Olympic hockey team included forwards Tim Sheehy and Keith "Huffer" Christiansen and goalie Mike "Lefty" Curran.

"It really was a pleasure playing with (them on the



STAFF PHOTOS BY KEVIN BONESKE

Henry Boucha, a silver medalist on the 1972 U.S. Olympic hockey team, stands in front of a display related to his hockey career while at The Sports Shop in International Falls last month for a book signing.



Henry Boucha signs a copy of his book, *Henry Boucha, Ojibwa Native American Olympian*, while at The Sports Shop last month.

Olympic team)," Boucha said. "It seems like when

you're in high school, each town has their stars...

"You never think about playing with them, unless you go to a university or a college or something. The U.S. National Team and Olympic Team was unique, because it brought people together from all over the country. It was even more unique when you're playing with three of the players from just down the road, because you have that certain bond of hockey in northern Minnesota."

Having fallen between the U.S. teams that won gold medals on home ice in 1960 and 1980, Boucha said the 1972 team that won the silver medal in Sapporo, Japan, is the "forgotten team."

"Nobody really even talks about that team win-

ning a silver medal when you're between two golds," he said.

When asked about pro hockey players now being allowed to play in the Olympics, Boucha said, "It really takes a lot of the pizzazz out of it."

"We were college kids (and played) Junior A hockey," he said. "We had to have jobs to support ourselves. We played hockey as a secondary career."

"Some of us were able to play full-time because we were in the service, but it's different now to have the pros in there. The whole complexity of the game has changed to what it is today. During (the early 1970s) it was certainly a different era, and now you have the best in the world playing against each other (in the Olympics)."

## Formation of the Falls Trap Team planned

#### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The formation of new sport in International Falls for students in grades 6-12 is being planned for this spring.

Eric Norstad, who is seeking to form the Falls Trap Team for trap shooting, said a sign-up is planned Jan. 9 from 5-7 p.m. in the Falls High School cafeteria.

He said he got the idea of forming the team after he had been trap shooting with his 13-year-old son and came across information from the Minnesota

State High School Clay Target League, which is involved in attracting students to participate in shooting sports and compete among high school throughout the state.

Norstad said the season would begin mid-April with the shooting taking place locally at the Falls Trap Club.

He said the trap shooting, which is a growing high school sport in the state, would take place only one night a week and be arranged so that those involved locally could also participate in other spring

sports.

Norstad noted the team would be co-ed for boys and girls to compete together and also be open to students in wheelchairs, while students from school districts near the Falls could also participate with up to 30 students able to be involved.

An evening of shooting, Norstad said, would involve two rounds with 25 clay pigeons to shoot at in each round.

He said there would be no traveling involved for the sport, unless the team would compete at the state tourna-

ment in June, and the results would be posted online to compare to other teams.

Norstad said the "trap house" for each team is set up according to standardized trap rules, so that all the teams shooting at different locations would all have the same set-up with the clay pigeons going out at the same angle and speed.

With five stations at the trap club, he said five students could be on the same team, which could be at the novice, junior varsity or varsity level based on ability.

Norstad said the sign-up fee will be \$50 per student, while each participant would have to supply his or her own gun and fund-raisers would be held to help to cover the costs of the ammunition and clay pigeons.

Though those as young as the sixth grade could participate this spring, he said the Minnesota State High School League is planning to make trap shooting an official high school sport effective in the fall of 2014 when those in grades 7-12 could be involved.

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