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QUICK HITS

Bronco girls hockey ends season in 2 OT

After more than 64 scoreless minutes, the season came to an end in double overtime Tuesday night for the International Falls girls hockey team in Cloquet.

The Section 7A semifinal game between the No. 3-seeded Broncos and No. 2-seeded Hibbing/Chisholm remained 0-0 through the first three 17-minute periods and the first 8-minute overtime session.

Then the Bluejackets' Erin Scovill shot the puck past Falls goalie Keanna Carlson with 11:41 to play in the second overtime to give Hibbing/Chisholm the 1-0 victory.

"It was a heck of a game, and we didn't get the bounces (with the puck)," said Broncos head coach Gerald Bolstad. "It was a tough loss."

Carlson made 26 saves in a losing effort for the Falls, while the Bluejackets' Megan Frider stopped 16 shots to record the shutout victory in goal.

The Broncos ended the season at 15-9-3 overall. Hibbing/Chisholm advanced to Friday night's Section 7A title game in Cloquet to face top-seeded Proctor/Hermantown, which won its semifinal game Tuesday night against No. 4-seeded Moose Lake Area, 5-2.

Bronco boys hoops team falls at MI-B

The International Falls boys basketball team scored 33 points in each half Tuesday night when the Broncos lost at Mountain Iron-Buhl, 86-66.

Ben Humbert led the Falls in scoring with 29 points and recorded a double-double by also hauling in 13 rebounds. Cody Hallin was the only other Bronco player to score in double figures with 10 points.

The loss evened the Falls' season record to 11-11 going into this weekend's two-game North/South Challenge in Virginia.



Ben Humbert

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broncos defeat Vikings, even season series

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

The local rivalry in girls basketball between International Falls and Littlefork-Big Falls has ended up in a 1-1 season split.

The Broncos avenged last month's loss in Littlefork with a 60-44 victory over the Vikings on Tuesday night in the FHS gym.

"I thought a lot of times we played pretty well (Tuesday night), then there was a couple of other times we just made a lot of silly mistakes and got some turnovers, but I'm still glad to get the victory," said Broncos head coach Shawn Gilbert.

FHS took the lead early on and stayed in front until the final buzzer, taking the first double-digit lead with just over 4 minutes to play in the first half on a field goal by Cassie Tomczak to pull in front, 23-13. The half ended with the Broncos leading, 29-17.

Unlike the first game between the two teams this season, FHS worked the ball inside for multiple scoring opportunities as L-BF played without starting senior forward Brooke Millerbernd, who sat on the bench in street clothes because of injury. Millerbernd had scored a game-high 21 points when the two teams faced each other Jan. 23 and L-BF won, 60-50.

"I'm not going to make excuses – they played better than us (Tuesday night) – that's the bottom line," said Vikings head coach John Larson. "They rebounded better than they did the first game and they made a couple more shots than they



The Broncos' Jena Sullivan (31) battles for the ball between Viking players Karly Swenson (12) and Abby Thompson in Tuesday night's game in the Falls High School gym.

did the first game. That's huge."

L-BF cut the deficit in the second half to trail by five, 40-35, with 10:04 to play. However, after the Broncos called timeout, they went on a 5-0 scoring run capped off by two free throws from Teagan Anderson with 7:21 remaining to once again pull ahead by double digits and stay in front by three or more possessions.

"They called timeout and switched up their defense and were able to make a couple shots toward the end to make (the Broncos' lead) wider than what I thought it was going to be," Larson said.

The Vikings also played without another front-court



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From left, the Broncos' Cassie Tomczak (21) looks to work the ball inside while being guarded by the Vikings' DyAna Imhof (11) in Tuesday night's game in the Falls High School gym.

player for the final 2 minutes when senior forward DyAna Imhof left the game limping off the court.

Anderson led the Broncos with 17 points, while Maddie Filipiak added 14 points.

The Vikings also had two players score in double figures led by Abby Thompson

with 13 points and Imhof with 11 points.

FHS improved its season record to 17-6 going into Friday night's home game against Duluth Marshall.

FHS 60, L-BF 44
L-BF 17 27 - 44
FHS 29 31 - 60
L-BF: Alexis Doucette 2, Kaylee

Kennedy 9, DyAna Imhof 11, Karly Swenson 4, Breann Larson 5, Abby Thompson 13. Free throws: 12-20. Fouls: 9.

FHS: Maddie Filipiak 14, Shelby Wolden 4, Madeline Dahle 4, Lexi Owen 2, Cassie Tomczak 6, Teagan Anderson 17, Janet Humbert 4, Jena Sullivan 2, Emma Gilbert 7. 3-pointers: Anderson 2. Free throws: 6-10. Fouls: 19.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Vikings rein in Huskies, 74-51

L-BF now at 12-5

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After falling behind by six points early Thursday night, the Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team pulled in front by 11 at half-time and went on to a 74-51 home victory over Bigfork.

"Our intensity wasn't there the first half," said L-BF head coach John Larson. "The second half (was) much different, much better for us. We came and were able to push the ball."

"They gave us a run right away – I'm not going to lie – I was kind of scared there for a second to see what we were going to do and they played tough from the get-go, so it was nice to see that we could start pulling away and doing the things that we needed to do to get the win."

Trailing 10-4 less than 3:30 into the first half, the Vikings went on a 14-2 scoring run to take the lead for good as L-BF found multiple scoring opportunities working the ball inside for layups.

"When they went man-to-man defense against us, we were able to move the ball and actually get some lobs inside, which was really nice to see," Larson said. "It helps when you've got three tall girls to rebound and that was key (Thursday night)."

The Vikings had senior forward Brooke Millerbernd back in the lineup after she had sat out Tuesday's loss at International Falls because of injury.

"We're a completely different team with her in the lineup," Larson said. "I wish we weren't like that, but we



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

In front at center, the Vikings' Brooke Millerbernd works the ball in the lane while drawing double coverage from Bigfork's Alicia Youngkin (25) and Jessica Schmit (31) in Thursday night's game in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym.

are, and she kind of settles everybody down and calms everybody down. It's nice to have her playing again."

Millerbernd was one of four Vikings who scored in double figures. Senior center Abby Thompson and freshman guard Kaylee Kennedy led L-BF with 19 points apiece, while senior forward DyAna Imhof added 12 points and Millerbernd scored 10 more.

Tiandra Haley led the Huskies with a game-high 22 points, while Lexi Becker also scored in double figures with 12 points.

The win snapped a two-

game losing streak and improved the Vikings' season record to 12-5. L-BF returns to action at home Tuesday against Lake of the Woods.

L-BF 74, Bigfork 51
Bigfork 26 25 - 51
L-BF 37 37 - 74
Bigfork: Emma Rauzi 6, Lexi Becker 12, Tiandra Haley 22, Alicia Youngkin 2, Jessica Schmit 7, Kendra Porter 2. 3-pointers: Becker 2, Haley. Free throws: 8-11. Fouls: 12. Fouled out: Haley.
L-BF: Kaylee Kennedy 19, DyAna Imhof 12, Karly Swenson 6, Breann Larson 6, Abby Thompson 19, Kylie Clark 2, 3-pointers: Kennedy 3. Free throws: 7-13. Fouls: 12.

BOYS HOCKEY



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From right, the Broncos' Luke Spilde (22) and Roseau's Austin Hogenson (17) go after the puck along the boards in Tuesday night's game at Bronco Arena.

Broncos bucked by Rams, then tame Timberwolves

FHS ends regular season at 7-17-1

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys hockey team could only muster a single goal Tuesday night when the Broncos played their final home regular season game on Senior Appreciation Night and lost to Roseau, 7-1.

The Rams pulled out to a 2-0 lead after the first period on goals from Dylan Mielke and Alex Halstengard.

After Roseau took a three-goal lead when Brady Castle scored in the second period, Brady Walls scored Falls' only goal unassisted. The Rams then added two more second-period goals from Alex Strand to lead 5-1 going

into the final 17 minutes.

Roseau closed out the scoring in the third period on goals from Jack Helgeson and Austin Hogenson.

The Rams outshot the Broncos, 51-11, with Ryan Anderson recording the victory and Wyatt Ulrich picking up the loss in goal.

I. FALLS 8, ELY 1

The Broncos closed out their regular season schedule Thursday with an 8-1 victory at Ely.

The Falls' season record stands at 7-17-1 going into the start of the Section 7A playoffs Tuesday night against an opponent to be announced.

Tuesday's winner plays in the quarterfinals.

Tuesday's game
Roseau 7, I. Falls 1
Roseau 2 3 2 - 7
I. Falls 0 1 0 - 1