

# SPORTS

## QUICK HITS

### NFL reinstates Adrian Peterson

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The NFL has reinstated Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson on Thursday, clearing the way for him to return after missing most of last season while facing child abuse charges in Texas.

Commissioner Roger Goodell sent Peterson a letter advising him of his reinstatement. Goodell wrote that Peterson will have to fulfill all the obligations of his plea deal that reduced a felony charge to a misdemeanor.

Goodell also told Peterson he would have to continue attending counseling while adhering to the league's new personal conduct policy to avoid further discipline.

Peterson's agent has said the star running back wants to play elsewhere next season. But the Vikings say they have no plans to trade him.

"We look forward to Adrian re-joining the Vikings," the team said in a statement issued after the announcement.

Peterson was indicted on abuse charges after inflicting injuries on his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch. He played the opener against St. Louis, then sat out the remaining 15 games of the season while tangling with the league over the discipline.

Harold Henderson, a league-appointed arbitrator, rejected Peterson's appeal and upheld the suspension in December. The NFLPA's petition in federal court to overrule Henderson was granted by U.S. District Judge David Doty, who ordered the appeal back to the NFL for re-arbitration. The league promptly appealed Doty's decision to a higher court.

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals won't hear that case for months, so those proceedings will be merely for principle in the ongoing dispute between NFL owners and players over protocol and fairness of the personal conduct policy.

The league essentially tabled Peterson's suspension in February after Doty's ruling, putting him back on the exempt list to allow the Vikings to communicate with him, but the announcement Thursday means he's finally in the clear to take the field again.

The question, then, is what colors he'll be wearing this fall.

Despite several cordial meetings with Vikings officials, Peterson's public stance on returning to the only NFL team he has ever played for has been uneasy at best.

## BOYS BASEBALL

# Broncos fend off Warriors

## FHS now 4-0

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After giving up a three-run lead at home Thursday, the International Falls baseball team went back in front by four runs and ended up defeating Warroad, 7-4, at Scheela Field.

"Defensively, we were pretty good," said Broncos head coach Eric Walls, who also noted the team "struggled a little bit" with hitting and pitching, tallying seven hits and giving up 10 walks over seven innings.

The Falls started on the mound with University of Minnesota recruit Ben Humbert, who worked the first three innings, allowing two earned runs on six walks while striking out eight.

In his last pitching outing April 10, Humbert threw seven shutout innings when he only gave up one hit and a walk with 17 strikeouts. He had also struck out a dozen batters when he pitched six innings April 3 in the season-opening shutout victory over Hibbing.

"Not every day is going to be as easy as the first two (pitching appearances this spring) have been for him," Walls said. "We'll rest him up for the weekend. He'll start and probably throw 4-5 innings on Tuesday

against (Eveleth-Gilbert)." Cole Miggins pitched the final four innings and recorded the victory, giving up two earned runs on three hits with four walks and two hit batters while striking out four. Miggins, who is coming off an Achilles tendon injury that sidelined him for the basketball season, had also pitched three innings in relief a week earlier at Cherry.

"It's nice to see Cole out there....," Walls said. "He doesn't look like he has a lot of leg drive.... We'll work on that as he gets stronger as the season goes on."

The Bronco bats produced three hits in the second inning when they took a 3-0 lead.

Jack Bartkowski, who ended up with a game-high two hits, led off the bottom of the second with a single, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jakob Eide and scored on a single from Clay Bergstrom. Miggins singled to score Lane Skallman, who reached base on a walk. The last run of the inning scored on a sacrifice fly by Tyler Coffield.

The Warriors cut the deficit to 3-2 in the top of the third when Humbert gave up four walks.

Warroad tied the game in the top of the fifth when Seth Ditsch singled to drive in a run. Kevin Kilbride then put the Falls back in front at the



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The Broncos' Jackson Vollom (17) reaches home plate to score in Thursday's home game against Warroad.

bottom of the inning after he walked, stole second, tagged up on a fly ball to advance to third and scored on an error.

"I thought we ran the bases very well (Thursday)," Walls said. "We took some extra bases when they gave them to us."

The Broncos added three runs on three hits in the sixth inning when Jackson Vollom and Coffield each

singled and scored with Kilbride scoring his second run of the game on a single by Bartkowski.

Warroad went all six innings on the mound with Logan Wilmer, who took the loss after allowing seven runs, six earned, on seven hits with eight walks while striking out two.

The Warriors were able to load the bases in the top of

the seventh, but could only score a single run.

The win improved the Falls' undefeated season record to 4-0 going into Tuesday's road game against Eveleth-Gilbert.

**Int'l Falls 7, Warroad 4**  
**Warroad 0-0-2 0-1-0 1-4-3 1**  
**Int'l Falls 0-3-0 0-1-3 X-7-7 0**  
**WP-Cole Miggins;**  
**LP-Logan Wilmer**

## TRACK AND FIELD

# Broncos runner-up at the BSU Beaver Relays

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls varsity track and field teams competed in their second meet in three days Thursday when the Broncos placed runner-up in the Bemidji State University Beaver Relays.

In the girls competition, Bemidji had the top score of 169 points, followed by the Falls (136), Bagley/Fosston (120), East Grand Forks (80), Red Lake County (73), BGMR Freeze (38), Northome/Kelliher/Blackduck (25) and Trek North (3) among the eight teams scoring points.

"It was warm (Thursday), and our legs were a little tired from Tuesday's meet, but we still performed well," said Falls sophomore Emily Saari.

The Bronco girls recorded individual first-place finishes from Savannah Olson in the shot put (39 feet, 1 inch), Lexi Erickson in the 1600-meter run (5 minutes, 43.49 seconds) and Tayler Hebner in the 3200 run (14:00.38).

Two Falls girls placed runner-up. They included Emma Gilbert in the discus (93-5.5) and Erickson in the high jump (4-10).

Gilbert also placed third in the shot put (36-9) and the 200 dash (29.08). Other third-placed individual finishers for the Falls included Claire Herzig in the long jump (14-0) and Hebner in the triple jump (28-9).

In the four relays, the Bronco girls had two top-three finishes by Erickson, Hebner, Abby Kostiuk and Carolann Stone winning the 4X800 (10:53.64) and Kostiuk, Herzig, Gilbert and Erickson placing



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In front from left, the Broncos' Lexi Erickson leads a group of runners Thursday while competing in the 1600-meter run at the Bemidji State University Beaver Relays. Erickson won the race in 5 minutes, 43.49 seconds.

third in the 4X400 (4:34.05). **FHS BOYS 2ND**

The boys competition was also won by Bemidji, which had the top score of 171, followed by the Falls (121), Red Lake County (88), East Grand Forks (84), BGMR Freeze (60.5), Bagley/Fosston (54), Northome/Kelliher/Blackduck (53) and Clearbrook-Gonvick (50.5) among the eight teams scoring points.

The Bronco boys recorded three first-place finishes in the field events. Ethan Phung won both the high jump (6-0) and triple jump (41-9.25), while Austin Rupert placed first in the discus (127-0).

Phung also came in second in the long jump (19-10.5). Cole Tatsak added a runner-up finish for the Falls in the 300 hurdles (46.26).

The Bronco boys got third-place individual finishes from Wyatt Helgeson in the pole vault (10-0) and high jump (5-10) and Chase Howdahl in the 3200 run (13:00.96).

The Falls also recorded two top-three finishes in the four relay events by winning the 4X100 (48.17) and placing third in the 4X400 (4:07.13).

The Broncos will be back in action Tuesday when they host the Falls Invite.

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

# Broncos hammer Hibbing, then raid Greenway early

## FHS now 5-0

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls softball team has extended its undefeated season record to 5-0 after two more home victories in which the Broncos jumped out to big leads early.

On Tuesday, the Falls scored seven runs in the first inning and five more times in the bottom of the second en route to defeating Hibbing, 15-1, in five innings.

"(The Broncos) were hitting the ball," said Falls head coach Kevin Gordon. "We hit the ball up the middle."

Of the Broncos' 16 hits, Amber Tilander and Emily Treat each recorded a double and two singles, while Teagan Anderson also picked up three hits for the Falls. Meghan Tomczak doubled and singled, while Emma Johnson tallied two singles. Ashley Jonson doubled.

Anderson pitched all five innings in the victory, allowing a run on six hits while striking out four. **FALLS 10, GREENWAY 4**

On Thursday, the Broncos once again scored seven runs in the first inning when they defeated Greenway, 10-4.

"We hit the ball well at the beginning of the game and we played some solid defense throughout the entire game....," Gordon said. "(Anderson) really put herself in a good situation to throw the pitches that she wanted. I thought she had good command out there and moved the ball out there the way a veteran pitcher would."

Over seven innings, Anderson gave up four runs on



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos' Teagan Anderson (18) crosses home plate to score in Thursday's home game against Greenway.

seven hits with a hit batter while striking out four.

Falls' first-inning rally began with two outs and the bases loaded when McKenna Rasmussen hit a base-clearing double. Treat and Tilander also doubled to drive in runs in the opening frame.

The Broncos added a run in the second inning and kept the Raiders scoreless until the top of the fourth when Greenway cut the deficit to 8-3.

The Raiders scored their final run in the top of the sixth when Seri Geisler hit a solo homer off of Anderson. The Falls then closed out the scoring with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Cassie Tomczak led the Broncos at the plate with four hits. Tilander added three hits with Anderson and Rasmussen recording two hits apiece.

The Broncos will seek their sixth win of the season Tuesday on the road against Mountain Iron-Buhl, before next Friday's Iron Range Conference Tournament in Grand Rapids.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Today's games

#### Women's softball

Vermilion at RRCC (DH), noon

#### Men's baseball

RRCC at Mesabi Range (DH), 6 p.m.

### Sunday's games

#### Women's softball

RRCC at Mesabi Range (DH), noon

### Tuesday's games

#### Girls golf

I. Falls at Hoyt Lakes, TBD

#### Track and field

I. Falls hosting Falls Invite, 4 p.m.

#### Girls softball

I. Falls at MI-B, 4:30 p.m.

#### Boys baseball

I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 4:30 p.m.

L-BF at Chisholm, 4:30 p.m.

### Wednesday's games

#### Men's baseball

Hibbing at RRCC (DH), 2 p.m.

#### Women's softball

Hibbing at RRCC (DH), 3 p.m.