

SPORTS



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From left, the Broncos’ Abby Kostiuk and Mesabi East’s Isabelle Kalb pose for a picture after placing 1-2, respectively, in the 100-yard backstroke in Saturday’s Section 7A finals and qualifying for the State Class A Meet.

SWIMMING

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pair of third-place finishes in the 50 freestyle (25.57) and 100 freestyle (56.99). Her time in the 50 was only 12 hundredths of a second behind the school record set by Ashley Mitchell in 2003.

Grand Rapids senior Solveig Viren, the defending Class A state champion in the 100 and runner-up in the 50, once again won the Section title both events.

Shofner, Johnson, Kostiuk and Claire Herzig missed setting a school record by four tenths of a second with they placed fourth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.78). Grand Rapids won in 1:42.59.

The Falls had three swimmers in the 100 butterfly finals won by Hibbing senior Sammy Bird in 1:03.13, a new pool record. The Broncos’ best finish came from freshman Emma Misner, who placed fourth in 1:07.79. Kostiuk finished sixth in 1:09 and Klow came in eighth in 1:11.41.

Falls’ 400 freestyle relay team with Misner, Johnson, Klow and junior Tayler Hebner placed sixth in 4:06.71. Grand Rapids won in 3:44.59.

The Broncos’ best finish in the diving competition came from junior Jessie Hell, who placed seventh with a personal-best score for 11 dives of 273.55 points. Junior teammate Kylie Skallman finished 12th in 254.3. Grand Rapids junior Morgan Justus won with the top score of 452.15.

Medals were awarded to the top-eight finishers in each event.

In addition, the Falls, which placed fourth

out of the 10 Section 7A teams with 273 points, had swimmers with the ninth-through-16th fastest preliminary times in six events advance to Saturday’s consolation finals. The 500 freestyle was the only swimming event the Broncos didn’t have anyone finish in the top 16.

Grand Rapids won the team title with the top score of 488.5, followed by Two Harbors/Silver Bay (315) and Hibbing (285) rounding out the top three.

The State Class A swimming preliminaries begin at noon Nov. 19. The Class A swimming and diving finals start at noon Nov. 20.

Section 7A Meet

**Team scores:** Grand Rapids 488.5, Two Harbors/Silver Bay 315, Hibbing 285, International Falls 273, Mesabi East 250, Eveleth-Gilbert 136.5, Chisholm 123, Duluth Denfeld 92, Virginia 84, Northeast Range/Ely 64.

International Falls finalists

**200-yard medley relay** – 1. Abby Kostiuk, Emily Saari, Breanna Shofner, Blair Johnson, 1:56.57. **200 freestyle** – 11. Emma Misner, 2:11.67.

**200 individual medley** – 13. Saari, 2:37.98.

**50 freestyle** – 3. Shofner, 25.57; 11. Johnson, 27.57; 15. Claire Herzig, 27.78.

**Diving** – 7. Jessie Hell, 273.55; 12. Kylie Skallman, 254.3.

**100 butterfly** – 4. Misner, 1:07.79; 6. Kostiuk, 1:09; 8. Courtney Klow, 1:11.41; 11. Abby Auran, 1:12.73.

**100 freestyle** – 3. Shofner, 56.99; 16. Tayler Hebner, 1:02.53.

**200 freestyle relay** – 4. Kostiuk, Johnson, Herzig, Shofner, 1:46.78.

**100 backstroke** – 1. Kostiuk, 1:04.26; 4. Klow, 1:09.14.

**100 breaststroke** – 2. Saari, 1:12.28; 8. Herzig, 1:18.3; 16. Anna Earley, 1:22.38.

**400 freestyle relay** – 6. Misner, Hebner, Johnson, Klow, 4:06.71.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Voyageurs defeat, tie Minnesota Duluth

RRCC now 1-2-1 in ACHA games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team won for the first time this season in last weekend’s two-game road series against the club team from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

After a scoreless opening period Saturday, Taylor Durocher scored two goals to lead the Voyageurs to a 3-1 victory over the Bulldogs.

RRCC broke the scoreless tie with 14:24 to play in the second period on a goal from freshman defensive player Rebekah Ford assisted by Taylor Dixon and Kayla Richardson.

The Voyageurs took a 2-0

lead with 24 seconds left in the second period on Durocher’s first goal of the game assisted by Rebecca Dilley.

UMD pulled within one with 3:54 left in the final period on a goal from Katherine Johnson.

Durocher’s second goal of the game came with 2:33 to play assisted by Alicia Beckel.

RRCC’s Shay Perry recorded the win in goal, while the Bulldogs’ Colleen Jacoby picked up the loss.

RRCC 2, UMD 2

The Voyageurs also held a two-goal lead in Sunday’s series finale, but gave up a pair of goals in the final period to the Bulldogs and



Taylor Durocher

Kaartinen.

The Voyageurs took a 2-0 lead with 11:01 to play in the third period on a power-play goal from Kaartinen assisted by Jaylene Anderson.

UMD tied the game in the final 7 minutes of regulation with goals coming 30 seconds apart from Allison Jonas and Carlie Wagner, the latter scoring on the power play.

ended up with a 2-2 tie.

Dixon got RRCC on the scoreboard with 9:11 to play in the opening period on a goal assisted by Durocher and Taina

The third period had been penalty-laden with both teams recording four, 2-minute penalties apiece.

Neither team scored in the overtime session.

Perry once again played in goal for RRCC, while Jacoby was in net for UMD.

The weekend win and tie improved the Voyageurs’ season record to 1-2-1 in ACHA games and 1-5-1 overall. RRCC’s next games will be Nov. 23-24 at North Dakota State.

Saturday’s game

RRCC 3, UMD 1	
RRCC	0 2 1 - 3
UMD	0 0 1 - 1

Sunday’s game

RRCC 2, UMD 2	
RRCC	1 0 1 0 - 2
UMD	0 0 2 0 - 2

SIJHL HOCKEY

Fort Frances Lakers win 15th in a row

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Fort Frances Lakers skated to their 15th straight Superior International Junior Hockey League victory Saturday when they picked up a 5-2 road win over the Ice Dogs at Dryden’s Memorial Arena.

Miles Nolan and 2012 Falls High School graduate Mason Meyer put the Lakers up by two goals early, then Chris Sitko got Dryden on the scoreboard

before the opening period concluded.

After Brent Aiken gave Fort Frances a 3-1 lead in the second, the Ice Dogs’ Tim Kavanaugh connected on the power play midway through the period to make it a one-goal game.

However, the Lakers’ Billy Grillo put the visiting team back up by a pair before the second period was complete.

Fort Frances forward Hunter Leishman then



Mason Meyer

sists for the game.

Fort Frances goalie Jordan Cartney stopped 23 of the 25 shots he faced to reg-

closed out the scoring in the final period at the 12:40 mark.

Lakers forward and 2013 FHS graduate Lucas DeBenedet ended up with two as-

ister the win, while Robert Kopytek-MacKenzie faced 41 shots in recording the loss for Dryden.

The Lakers’ next game won’t be until Nov. 19 when they face the North Stars in Thunder Bay. Fort Frances leads the six-team SIJHL standings with a record of 16-1-0-1 and 33 points.

Lakers 5, Ice Dogs 2

Lakers	2 2 1 - 5
Ice Dogs	1 1 0 - 2

MEN’S

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sion in rebounds per game (10).

Of the 15 players on the 2013-14 roster, the only returning player from last season’s team is Fedner Fleurant of Coral Springs, Fla., a guard whom Cook describes as a “good defender.”

Three incoming players of note include forwards Will Anderson of Fort Frances and Jimson Clerveus of Lake Worth, Fla., and guard Devin Washington of Dallas, Ga.

Cook said he expects the Voyaguers to be “very physical this year,” though building the team chemistry has been “slow in coming.”

“Rainy River is look-

ing forward to being more physical on the floor and having the ability to be more competitive in the MCAC,” he said.

Cook said the team goals this season include a top-four finish in the MCAC North to qualify for the Region tournament.

While he is concerned the most this season about team chemistry, Cook said he is looking forward to “getting started and seeing how we compare to the rest of the conference.”

He said the teams to watch out for this season include all the teams in the MCAC South and Vermilion, Central Lakes and Northland in the Northern Division.

The Voyageurs open the season Friday at the Mesabi Tourney in Virginia. Their first home game is Dec. 13 against Riverland.

WOMEN’S

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to the Region 13B Tournament with a top-four finish in the MCAC North.

“We may be low in numbers, but we’re big in heart,” Brinker said. “The girls are quick.”

“We only have only nine girls, but we have a lot of talent,” Fulton said. “We have a lot of guards. We have a lot of 3-point

shooters, so it’s going to be really hard to defend a lot of us.”

Four incoming players of note include three from Florida – forward Roneisha Jordan, who was a hitter on RRCC’s volleyball team this fall, and guards Sarina Phrathep and Ebony Joseph – and a guard from Wisconsin, Kurstyn Gordon.

Humbert said the strengths of this year’s team are shooting, quick-

ness and chemistry. However, he also noted the 2013-14 Voyageurs have a lack of depth, size and experience.

This season’s team goals, Humbert said, include daily improvement, along with building “outstanding team loyalty and chemistry” and having “academic and athletic success.”

Humbert said he is concerned the most this season about injuries as well as losing focus on remaining academically eligible.

“Academic success precedes athletic success,”

he said.

Humbert said he is looking forward this season to “working with these players daily and building their minds to accomplish great things with positive attitudes and strong moral commitment.”

He said the teams to watch out for include Northland, Anoka-Ramsey and Central Lakes.

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From left, Bryan Hasbargen guards Jimmy Sausser while Voyageurs head coach Jack Cook looks on during a practice last week in the RRCC gym.



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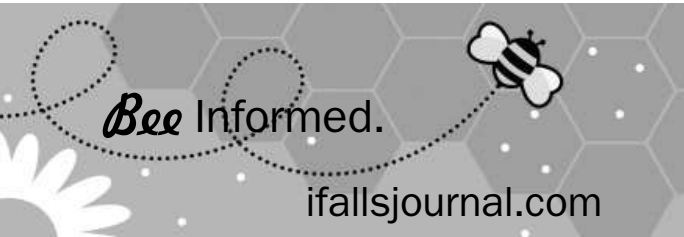
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