

SPORTS

TRACK AND FIELD



In front from left, the Broncos’ Marina Wiley and Bailey Milette compete in the 200-meter dash in Tuesday’s Old River Invitational at Grand Rapids.

Bronco girls second in Old River Invite

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls girls track and field team recorded four individual first-place finishes Tuesday when the Broncos came in second out of nine teams in the Old River Invitational at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids topped the team standings with 172.5 points, followed by the Falls (132), Hibbing (111), Duluth (83) and Cromwell (76) rounding out the top five.

Broncos sophomore Lexi Erickson was double individual winner by placing first in both the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 30.52 seconds) and 1600 run (5:38.38).

“The weather was beautiful and it was a great day to race,” Erickson said. “I’m proud of how our team competed (Tuesday) both on the track and in the field.”

Erickson also came in second in the high jump (5 feet), tying the winning height of Eveleth-Gilbert’s Madilyn Jankela, who won the event on tiebreaker criteria that includes the number of missed attempts.

Falls’ other two first-place finishes came in the field events.

Broncos sophomore Claire Herzig won the pole vault (8-6) with teammates Emily Saari and Lexi Edwards tying for second at 8-0.

Falls senior Savanah Olson won the discus (110-0).

Olson added another top-three finish by placing third in the shot put (37-2.5), an inch and a half behind the runner-up toss of freshman teammate Emma Gilbert. Grand Rapids’ Olivia Lopac



The Broncos’ Ethan Phung competes in the high jump in Tuesday’s Old River Invitational at Grand Rapids. Phung placed first after clearing 6 feet, 2 inches.

won event with the top toss of 37-10.5.

The Falls’ best finish in the four relay events came in the 4x200, in which Herzig, Abby Kostiuik, Anna Earley and Grace Gilbert placed third in 1:58.83. Duluth East won the race in 1:54.92.

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In the boys competition, the Broncos came in fourth out of the nine teams.

“The boys continue to improve,” said Falls head coach Paul Hjelle. “They work hard in practices and that is really starting to show in our meets.”

Grand Rapids had the top team score of 177, followed by Eveleth-Gilbert (151), Duluth East (116), the Falls (81) and Hibbing (72) in the top five.

Broncos junior Ethan Phung accounted for both of the team’s first-place finishes by winning the high jump (6-2) and long jump (21-0).

Falls senior Cole Tatsak placed runner-up in the 300 hurdles (44.24), 37-hundredths of a second behind the winning time of Grand

Rapids’ Alex Margo.

“We had a great day (Tuesday) and I’m really happy I got a personal best in the 300 hurdles,” Tatsak said.

Broncos junior Wyatt Helgeson came in third in both the high jump (5-6) and the pole vault (11-0).

In the four relay events, the Falls recorded a pair of third-place finishes with Helgeson, Tatsak, Phung and Tanner Budris in the 4X100 (48.31) and Tatsak, Jared Hunter, Nick Hedtke and John Cowman in the 4X400 (3:56.46).

The Broncos will be at home Tuesday when they host the Section 8A True Team Meet.

**Old River Invite GIRLS**

**Team scores:** Grand Rapids 172.5, International Falls 132, Hibbing 111, Duluth East 83, Cromwell 76, Eveleth-Gilbert 71.5, Bigfork 18, Deer River/Northland 14, Grand Rapids JV 8.

**BOYS**

**Team scores:** Grand Rapids 177, Eveleth-Gilbert 151, Duluth East 116, International Falls 81, Hibbing 72, Cromwell 55, Grand Rapids JV 20, Bigfork 15, Deer River/Northland 11.

MEN’S BASEBALL

Voyageurs sink Bismarck, Itasca in non-league games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College baseball team was in Grand Rapids on Wednesday for a pair of non-conference games and defeated both Bismarck State College and Itasca Community College.

“(Wednesday) was a landmark day for our program,” said RRCC head coach Josh Koenig, who noted the team defeated an NJCAA Division II school, Bismarck, and also won for the first time in program history against Itasca. “These are two big non-conference wins.”

In the first game, the Voyageurs jumped out to an 8-0 lead after two innings and defeated Bismarck, 10-2.

J.D. Knutson pitched the first four innings to record his first college victory, allowing two unearned runs on three hits with two walks and two hit batters while striking out four.

RRCC also had three relief pitchers throw an inning apiece without giving up a run. Will Aesoph allowed two hits and struck out one, Jake Schulte hit a batter and Tanner Helms walked one.

Of the Voyageurs’ 16 hits, Helms had two doubles and a single with 4 RBI. Connor McGuinness added three



Landon Freeman



J.D. Knutson

singles with 2 RBI. Jaymon Cervantes and William Thomas each doubled and singled. Sam Pelechaty, Sean Deviney and Dyan Zayas had two singles apiece.

**RRCC 2, ITASCA 1**

In the second game, the Voyageurs fell behind by a run in the opening inning before scoring once in the top of the fourth and another run in the fifth to defeat Itasca, 2-1.

Landon Freeman, who had lost a close conference game for RRCC while on the mound last Saturday against Itasca, threw the first five innings Wednesday to pick up the victory, allowing an earned run on four hits with a walk while striking out two.

McGuinness threw in the sixth inning without giving up a run or a hit. Talon Kunkel recorded a save pitching in the seventh inning when he hit the leadoff batter and retired the next three.

The Voyageurs got six

hits from six different batters with the only multiple-base hit coming from Zayas, who doubled.

With the two wins to improve RRCC’s overall season record to 18-20, Koenig noted the Voyageurs set a new team record for the most wins in a single season since the Voyageurs began a baseball program in 2010.

“We’re playing our best baseball right now when you need to be,” Koenig said.

RRCC, which is also 3-5 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division, plays its final home games of the season today in a league doubleheader against Vermilion when the Voyageurs’ sophomores will also be recognized.

The opponent and location RRCC will play in the MCAC North mini-series starting May 8 will be determined after this weekend’s twin bill. The mini-series winner advances to the NJCAA Division III Region 13 Tournament that begins May 14 in St. Cloud.

**RRCC 10, Bismarck 2**  
**Bismarck 0-0-0 2-0-0 0 - 2 54**  
**RRCC 3-5-0 0-2-0 X - 10 16 1**  
**WP-J.D. Knutson**

**RRCC 2, Itasca 1**  
**RRCC 0-0-0 1-1-0 0 - 2 6 2**  
**Itasca 1-0-0 0-0-0 0 - 1 4 1**  
**WP-Landon Freeman**

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL

Voyageurs win 1, forfeit 1 at Central Lakes

RRCC then forfeits 2 to Mesabi Range

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College softball team recorded its third doubleheader split in three days after winning an extra-inning game and having to forfeit another contest Tuesday at Central Lakes.

The Voyageurs won the first and only game they played by scoring four runs in the top of the eighth to defeat Central Lakes, 9-7.

“It was a great first game,” said RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert, who noted the game was tied at 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh when the Voyageurs prevented Central Lakes from scoring the winning run with a runner on second base.

RRCC’s Deven Chandler pitched all eight innings to record the victory, allowing seven runs, five earned, on 11 hits with

four walks while striking out two.

Of the Voyageurs’ 17 hits, Sierra Ramirez tallied four of them with three singles and a double with 3 RBI. Ebony Joseph added three singles, while Jaimie Shaw hit two singles with 3 RBI. Chandler, Megan Johnson and Karen Sondergard also had two singles.

Humbert said RRCC forfeited game two because the team didn’t have at least nine players available to start the game after one of the nine players who made the trip to Central Lakes experienced concussion-like symptoms.

**TWO MORE FORFEITS**

Injuries continued to take their toll Thursday on the Voyageurs’ available players when RRCC didn’t have the minimum of nine to play and forfeited a road doubleheader against Mesabi Range.

As a result, the Voyageurs’ season record



Deven Chandler



Sierra Ramirez

dropped to 6-6 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division and 16-16 overall going into this weekend’s MCAC North Tournament that will be hosted by Mesabi Range, this year’s regular-season league champion.

Humbert said he expects RRCC will have enough players available and be ready to play this weekend when the Voyageurs open the seven-team tournament against Vermilion and must finish among the top-two teams not including Mesabi Range to qualify for the NJCAA Division III Region 13 North Tournament that will be held May 7-8 in Virginia.

# NOTICE

## City of International Falls Water Customers

Staff will be installing remote water meter reading equipment to the external touch pads on all metered buildings in the City. This will allow remote radio technology to be used to read your monthly water use more efficiently and allow employees to work on other City projects.

You may notice our employees, who will be wearing lime green vests with identification cards, in your yard for a short time to install a small cover/radio box to the existing touch pad.

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1998 ford f-250 mileage 205226  
2002 ford f-150 mileage 146185  
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Bids must be in a sealed envelope with item listed on the outside.  
Bids will be accepted until May 17, 2015.

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for the Weekend!!

**Fri. May 8<sup>th</sup> Open at 4 p.m.**  
**Sat. May 9<sup>th</sup> Closed for Private Party**  
**Sun. May 10<sup>th</sup> Open at 11 a.m.**  
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