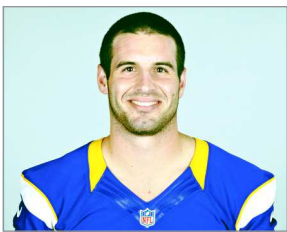


SPORTS



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QUICK HITS

Jeff Shermoen to play golf at BSU

Jeff Shermoen of International Falls is one of seven golfers who will be added to the Bemidji State University men's golf roster for 2014-15, the university announced this week.



Jeff Shermoen, a 2011 Falls High School graduate who was also a state qualifier for the Broncos, previously played golf at the collegiate level for two seasons at Bellevue University in Nebraska. The Beavers' roster additions for next season include Shermoen, Derek Ambrosie of Moorhead, Boston Boylan of Forest Lake, Robert Goff of Fargo, N.D., Kyle Thompson of Aitkin, Trevor Martensson of Calgary, Alberta and Samuel Otto of Hastings.

Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk set Aug. 23

The fourth annual "Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk" will be held at Smokey Bear Park starting at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 during the 10th annual International Falls Bass Championship.

The 5-kilometer course will once again finish inside the main tent at the park. Awards will be presented to the top-three males and females in seven age groups.

If registered by Aug. 10, the run/walk entry fee is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. After Aug. 10, the registration fee will increase to \$25 with T-shirts not included on race day.

Registration forms are available at www.ifallsbass.com and at the Chamber of Commerce and Stride Fitness. Online registration is also set up through a link on the website.

Registrations may be mailed with checks payable to: International Falls Bass Dash, P. O. Box 906, International Falls, MN 56649.

Registration/shirt pickup will take place at the Smokey Bear Park Pavilion from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22 and in the main tent from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on race day.

For more information, contact Betsy Brokaw at 324-0665, or email ifbassdash@yahoo.com.

Junior high football registration Aug. 11

A sign-up for seventh- and eighth-grade boys interested in playing football this fall will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 in the Falls High School cafeteria.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 283-2571, extension 138.

Purple Pride having fund-raiser Aug. 14

Purple Pride, a designated fund of the Falls Education Foundation, will be holding a golf scramble fund-raiser Aug. 14 at the Falls Country Club. The golf scramble will have teams of four with the proceeds used to provide grants for extra-curricular activities.

For more information, contact Purple Pride Committee Chairman Gordy Dault at 286-2083.

U of M president wants Redskins name out

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The University of Minnesota says it is working with the Minnesota Vikings to keep the Washington Redskins' nickname from being used when the two teams play on campus in November.

University President Eric Kaler gave the assurances in a letter to U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, a Democrat who has said use of the name would violate school policies on equity and diversity.

The Vikings are playing home games at TCF Bank Stadium the next two seasons while their new stadium is being built.

Vikings spokesman Lester Bagley told the Washington Post the team hasn't made any decision on the issue.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Falls runner-up in IRBL tourney

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Junior League baseball team closed out its season last weekend with a runner-up finish in the Iron Range Baseball League Tournament at Hibbing.

On Friday, the No. 1-seeded Falls opened the tournament with an 8-3 victory over Virginia.

Trimble Butler pitched the first six shutout innings to record the win, allowing four hits with four walks while striking out eight.

Gage Wherley gave up all three Virginia runs pitching two-thirds of an inning in relief, allowing two hits, two walks and a hit batter while striking out one.

Nathan McRoberts then came in to pitch and struck out a Virginia batter to record the game's final out.

At the plate, Butler accounted for three of Falls' eight hits. Wherley added two hits. McRoberts, Barrett Kalar and Riley Beck had a hit apiece.

FALLS 13, ELY 3

In Saturday's semifinal game, the Falls trounced Ely, 13-3, in five innings.

McRoberts pitched all five innings in recording the victory, allowing three runs, one earned, on a hit with two walks and two hit batters while striking out eight.



FILE PHOTO

The Falls Junior League's Nathan McRoberts (12), shown delivering a pitch in a regular-season home game last month against Ely, also recorded the pitching victory in Saturday's Iron Range Baseball League Tournament semifinal game against the Timberwolves.

The Falls tallied 14 hits. McRoberts hit an inside-the-park home run along with a triple and a double for his three hits. Casey Maruk had three hits that included a pair of triples. Kalar and Wherley added two hits each. Beck, Butler, Garrett Koenig and

Blaine Humbert had a hit apiece.

GREENWAY WEST 2, FALLS 1

Sunday's championship game was a low-scoring affair when No. 2-seeded Greenway West defeated the Falls, 2-1.

Wherley scored in the bottom

of the second to give the Falls a 1-0 lead, before Greenway West tied the game in the fourth inning and then took the lead with another run in the top of the fifth.

Humbert pitched the first 4 2/3 innings in recording the loss, giving up both runs on five hits with a walk while striking out three.

Butler threw the final 2 1/3 innings in relief without allowing another run while giving up two hits and striking out two.

Of Falls' six hits, Wherley and Humbert had two apiece with Maruk and Butler each added a hit.

In addition to finishing the IRBL Tournament in second place, the Falls also ended up with an overall season record of 26-4-1 and a regular-season league record of 13-1 that earned the team the tournament's top seed.

Friday's game	
Virginia	0-0-00-0-03 - 3 6 2
Int'l Falls	5-0-00-1-2 X - 8 8 1
WP-Trimble Butler	
Saturday's game	
Int'l Falls 13, Ely 3	
Ely	0-1-20-0 - 3 1 1
Int'l Falls	6-0-11-5 - 13 14 2
WP-Nathan McRoberts	
Sunday's game	
G-way West 2, Int'l Falls 1	
G-way West	0-0-01-1-00 - 2 7 1
Int'l Falls	0-1-00-0-00 - 1 6 1
LP-Blaine Humbert	



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Pat Auran putts on the ninth green at Falls Country Club Thursday during the Pete Peterson Men's Senior Tournament.

GOLFING FOR A CAUSE

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Sunny skies accompanied senior golfers Thursday at Falls Country Club for the Pete Peterson Men's Senior Tournament.

The tournament, in its 42nd year at FCC, is named for the late Pete Peterson, who was involved with starting golf leagues for seniors in Northern Minnesota. The tournament was open to golfers over age 50.

They were placed in flights based on handicap and age, with the top gross score in each flight winning.

Tournament results were not available as of press time.



Ron Ruelle hits a chip shot towards the ninth green Thursday.