

# SPORTS



**Gophers football**  
Cobb carries UM past MT  
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## QUICK HITS

### L-BF spikers defeat N/K, improve to 3-3

The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team evened its season match record to 3-3 after winning on the road Monday night against Northome/Kelliher in four games, 21-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-11.

“We gave them a lot of points in game one on errors and generally had a tough night serving,” said Vikings head coach Kim Wimmer. “However, we were able to come back and win in four, and the team didn’t get down and kept playing better as the match went on.”



**Breann Larson**

L-BF’s statistical leaders included: Breann Larson, 10 kills and 19 digs; Karly Swenson, 12 kills and four blocks; Amanda Nelson, 13 digs and four ace serves; and Sydney and Taylor Wendt, 17 set assists apiece.

Results from the Vikings’ match Tuesday night at Ely, which took place after the production deadline for today’s edition, are posted on the ifallsjournal.com website and will also be published in Saturday’s paper.

### RRCC spikers lose in 5 games at Itasca

The Rainy River Community College volleyball team went the distance Friday night in Grand Rapids before losing its Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division match in five games to Itasca, 16-25, 25-20, 25-20, 22-25, 10-15.



**Katie Langaas**

The Voyagers’ statistical leaders included: Katie Langaas, 15 kills; Jasmine Draper, 23 digs; Kate Howell, 9 kills and 17 digs; and Tali Plate, 40 set assists.

RRCC’s season record now stands at 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the MCAC North. The Voyagers host Hibbing at 6:30 tonight in the RRCC gym.

### RRCC ‘Hire a Hitter’

The Rainy River Community College baseball team will once again be offering its “Hire a Hitter” program to help pay for its annual trip to Florida to play baseball in March.

As a part of this program, the team will be doing its annual window washing for businesses and homes on Sept. 28. To sign up, call Shelly Koenig at 283-3380.

The Voyagers presently are holding their “fall ball” practice and will host a doubleheader scrimmage Saturday at Scheela Field.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Lumberjacks clear-cut Broncos

FHS now 0-2

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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Despite driving next to the end zone at the end of the first half, the International Falls football ended up with no points at home Friday night.

The Broncos went scoreless for all 48 minutes when they were shut out by Cloquet, 45-0.

“We played a big squad, and whether the score shows it or not, we made improvements over last week...,” said Falls head coach Glen Anderson.

“Our improvements were our backs hit the holes correctly and our line blocked – they continued to carry out their blocks.

“That was definitely an improvement from last week. We saw ourselves moving the ball (Friday night). Little mistakes held us up, but we’ll improve on that, too.”

The Broncos ended up with 12 more yards of offense than they had in their season-opening loss a week earlier to Eveleth-Gilbert. However, Cloquet had almost three times as much total offense with 402 yards – 254 rushing and 148 passing – compared to the Falls’ 136 yards – 94 rush-



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**The Broncos’ Wyatt Helgeson (35) is pursued by two Cloquet players in Friday’s game at Sports Stadium.**

ing and 42 passing.

The Lumberjacks, an undefeated Sea-Range Conference team in Section 7AAAA, went up by four touchdowns in the first half before the Broncos’ potential scoring drive stalled going into intermission.

Cloquet’s first touchdown came on a nine-yard run by Zach Gerlach. Gerlach then caught a 67-yard touchdown pass from Nathan Weets. Extra points kicked by Nick Niemi extended the Lumberjacks’ lead to 14-0 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Cloquet added two touchdown runs – one by Kyle Klatt a yard out of the end zone and another by Gerlach from 43 yards away – and a pair of extra points from Niemi to extend the lead to 28-0.



**From left, Broncos quarterback Jakob Eide drops back to pass with blocking from Tyler Coffield (34) in Friday’s home game against Cloquet.**

**Football to B2 ➤**

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Vikings trampled in 2nd half by Huskies

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After a scoreless first half Friday evening, the Littlefork-Big Falls football team couldn’t keep pace with Bigfork in the final 24 minutes.

The Vikings ended up losing their home opener to the Huskies, 26-8.

Both teams relied on their ground games in the first half when the scoreboard didn’t show any points.

L-BF kept Bigfork out of the end zone after stopping the Huskies on downs at the Vikings’ 24-yard line with 6:47 left before halftime.

L-BF’s subsequent drive stalled and, after a punt, Bigfork went back on offense at its own 21-yard line, before a series of three fumbles as the half winded down.

The Huskies fumbled the ball with 3:30 left in the first half when the Vikings went back on offense at Bigfork’s 25-yard line.

However, L-BF then fumbled to give the ball back to Bigfork at the same spot with 2:08 left in the second quarter.



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**In front at left, the Vikings’ Rylan Henrickson (1) runs with the football in the first half of Friday’s home game against Bigfork. Henrickson scored Littlefork-Big Falls’ only touchdown in the 26-8 loss to the Huskies.**

The Huskies went back on offense and advanced the ball to midfield, where a fumble gave the ball back to the Vikings with 1:24 left before halftime.

L-BF wasn’t able score in the remaining time and the half ended at 0-0.

Bigfork took control in the third period scoring 20 points and then added another touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings’ only touchdown was scored in the final quarter by Rylan Henrickson, who ran into the end zone from beyond midfield. Darian Erickson added the two-point conversion.

Henrickson accounted for 113 of L-BF’s 173 rushing yards on 14 carries.

Erickson added another 46 yards rushing on 17 carries, while Cole Stiles ran for 14 yards on seven carries.

Vikings quarterback Quin Vork completed just one of nine pass attempts with Henrickson recording the only reception for three yards.

The loss dropped L-BF’s season record to 0-2 going into next Friday’s home game against undefeated Ely, which is ranked by the Associated Press as the No. 6 nine-man team in the state of Minnesota.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Broncos third at the Warroad Invitational

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

For the second meet in a row, the International Falls boys and girls cross country teams have both finished third.

At Monday’s Warroad Invitational, the Bronco boys were two points out of second place when Roseau had the top score of 26, followed by Thief River Falls (81), International Falls (83) and Warroad (113) as the only teams with at least five finishers to score in the team standings.

The only Bronco boy to finish in the top 10 and in under 20 minutes was freshman John Cowman, who placed sixth on the 5,000-meter course in 18:48.

“(Monday) I think was a good meet,” Cowman said. “Our team times were closer together this meet than the last one (Thursday at Roseau). Despite the wind, some of our runners got personal bests. I ran my best time (Monday), too, and I think we will continue to improve over the season.”

Falls’ four other runners who counted toward the team total included: Ben Erickson, 17th in 20:49; Billy Brokaw, 19th in 20:59; Chase Howdahl, 20th in 20:59; and Brock O’Loughlin, 21st in 21:03.

The Broncos’ top individual finish came from sophomore Lexi Erickson, who placed fourth on the 4,000-meter course in 16:56.

“(Monday) went well for the girls,” Erickson said. “The wind was really blowing and it was pretty hot. We all ran well.”

Falls’ four other runners whose finishes counted toward the team total included: Jenna Anderson, 15th in 18:08; Avery Sivonen, 16th in 18:24; Faith Black, 20th in 19:11; and Lexi Edwards, 28th in 20:12.

The Broncos’ next meet is Thursday at Eveleth-Gilbert.

## Warroad Invitational

### BOYS

**Team scores:** Roseau 26, Thief River Falls 81, International Falls 83, Warroad 113.

**International Falls runners:** 6. John Cowman, 18:48; 17. Ben Erickson, 20:49; 19. Billy Brokaw, 20:59; 20. Chase Howdahl, 20:59; 21. Brock O’Loughlin, 21:03. 25. Gary Harala, 21:34; 26. Jared Hunter, 20:59; 30. Joey Griffith, 22:35; 31. Eric Mathews, 22:54.

### GIRLS

**Team scores:** Roseau 48, Thief River Falls 59, International Falls 83, East Grand Forks 103, Warroad 120, West Marshall 132.

**International Falls runners:** 6. Lexi Erickson, 16:56; 15. Jenna Anderson, 18:08; 16. Avery Sivonen, 18:24; 20. Faith Black, 19:11; 28. Lexi Edwards, 20:12; 38. Grace Gilbert, 21:36.



**Lexi Erickson**

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Today’s games**  
**Women’s volleyball**  
Hibbing at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday’s games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls at Eveleth-Gilbert, 4 p.m.

**Friday’s games**  
**Football**  
Ely at L-BF, 7 p.m.  
I. Falls at Proctor, 7 p.m.

**Saturday’s games**  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
I. Falls at Hibbing Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
L-BF at Sauk Rapids-Rice Tournament, 9 a.m.  
**Women’s volleyball**  
RRCC at Anoka-Ramsey Tourney, TBA