

# SPORTS

# Cassie Tomczak to play softball at RRCC

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

International Falls senior Cassie Tomczak has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball next season at Rainy River Community College.

Tomczak has started at shortstop this spring on the Bronco girls softball team and is also one of the Falls' top hitters. She tallied seven hits over two games in last Friday's tournament the Broncos won at Hibbing.

RRCC head softball coach Dieter Humbert said he expects to play Tomczak in the infield next season.

"We're really excited to have her in (the Voyageurs' softball program)," Humbert said. "I think she's going to be a great infielder."

Tomczak will join another local player, Brooke Millerbernd of Littlefork, who played shortstop for RRCC this past season and plans to return in 2016 for her sophomore year.

Though the Voyageurs' softball team is an NJCAA Division III program and unable to offer athletic scholarships, Tomczak is receiving a \$3,000 "Top of



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From left, International Falls senior Cassie Tomczak signs at National Letter of Intent to play softball next season at Rainy River Community College while RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert looks on.

the Class" academic scholarship to attend RRCC.

Tomczak has also played basketball for the Falls and this past season started at

guard on the Broncos' girls team that finished runner-up in Section 7AA.

She may also play basketball at RRCC.

# BASEBALL

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Kunkel gave up the two runs, one earned, on seven hits with four walks while striking out four over seven innings.

Pelechaty recorded RRCC's only hit when he singled in the sixth inning off of the Norsemen's winning pitcher, Matt Hanson, who allowed only five runners on base in the complete-game shutout victory with a hit and four walks while striking out 11.

The Voyageurs weren't able to advance a runner to second base until Hanson gave up two walks in the bottom of the seventh.

RRCC ended the season at 18-24 overall, while Mesabi Range advanced to this week's Region 13 Tournament in St. Cloud.

"Overall, it's been a very successful season that just fell short of a few goals," Koenig said. "I wish the sophomores the best of luck at their next location where they go to school and play baseball. As a coach, I've got to turn



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At right, the Voyageurs' William Thomas (1) is called out on strikes for the final out in the second game of Friday's MCAC North mini-series against Mesabi Range.

my focus to getting ready for next year, and we're going to have a very nice core group of sophomores coming back."

**Game one**  
**MRCTC 2, RRCC 0**  
**RRCC** 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-5 1  
**MRCTC** 0-0-2 0-0-0 X-2-5 2

**WP—Martin Alcoverde;**  
**LP—Landon Freeman**

**Game two**  
**MRCTC 2, RRCC 0**  
**MRCTC 0-0-0 0-1-0 1-2 7 0**  
**RRCC 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0 1 5**  
**WP-Matt Hanson;**  
**LP-Talon Kunkel**

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