

# SPORTS



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## QUICK HITS

### FHS volleyball sets preseason schedule

The 2014 Bronco volleyball preseason schedule has been released by head coach Erin Shikowsky.

The mandatory registration/eligibility meeting for grades 7-12 is set for Aug. 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Falls High School gym.

The captains practices for grades 7-12 will be held Aug. 4-8 from 9-11 a.m. in the FHS gym.

The team camp for grades 7-12 will be held Aug. 11-13 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Tryouts for grades 9-12 will take place Aug. 11-12 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Individual meetings for grades 9-12 are scheduled for Aug. 13 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Physicals must be completed by Aug. 11 for players to be allowed to participate.

The Broncos play their first regular-season match Aug. 21 at Mountain Iron-Buhl.



**Erin Shikowsky**

### 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.

### 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](http://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 pick-up 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](mailto:ifbassdash@yahoo.com).

### 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.

## Fastpitch tourney to be part of IFBC

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

The 10th annual International Falls Bass Championship will feature a new event this year when a fastpitch softball tournament gets underway at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 at Kerry Park.

Duane Carlson, who is in charge of the tournament, also plays fastpitch softball north of the border.

“I was kind of recruited by (IFBC board president) Gary Potter,” Carlson said of how the idea of having a fastpitch tour-

nament during the IFBC materialized.

Carlson said the rules used in the Rainy River District Fastpitch League will be in effect with the tournament being for men’s teams, though women will also be allowed to participate.

He noted he is expecting the majority of the teams to be from Canada, where he has been playing this summer in the Rainy River District for Sight & Sound.

Though fastpitch softball for men hasn’t been as popular in recent years in northern Minnesota, Carlson said he is also ex-

pecting at least one team from the Falls to be in the tournament.

Carlson, who noted this year’s goal is to have at least 10 teams participate, said the tournament will open Aug. 23 with five-inning games in pool play – in which each team could play two or three games, depending upon how many teams enter – to determine the eight teams that will advance to the single-elimination portion of the tournament on Aug. 24 when they will then play seven-inning games leading up to the championship.

In addition to the teams that sign up for the tournament, which has a \$300 entry fee plus two game balls that can be purchased at the tournament, Carlson said there will also be a “Money Game” the night of Aug. 23 when two teams will be put together from all the teams entered to play in an All-Star cash game, in which each player interested in participating contributes \$10 with the money going to the winners.

Carlson said he hopes to schedule the fastpitch tournament so that players interested in attend-

ing the IFBC events will be able to do so with a free shuttle service planned from the Kerry Park ball fields to Smokey Bear Park.

Based on how the tournament goes this year, Carlson said he hopes it can continue to be part of the IFBC.

“If it goes well, we’ll keep it going,” he said.

Carlson said he will be accepting team entries right up until the start of the tournament. He can be reached by calling (218) 324-0367 or by e-mail at [extratoppings@hotmail.com](mailto:extratoppings@hotmail.com)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jared Hunter (212), shown competing last month at the North American Indigenous Games, earned two medals as part of Team Ontario. Hunter will be a sophomore this fall at International Falls High School.

## Jared Hunter medals twice at the NAIG

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Jared Hunter, who will be a sophomore this fall at International Falls High School, earned two medals competing for Team Ontario in the boys 16U division at the North American Indigenous Games held July 20-27 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Hunter, who is also in the Rainy River First Nations, was part of the 4X400-meter relay team

that won a gold medal with the top time of 3 minutes, 52.63 seconds. He earned a bronze medal in the triple jump by placing third with a distance of 10.65 meters.

In three other events Hunter competed in, he recorded sixth-place finishes in the 2000-meter run (7:33.02) and 3-kilometer cross country run (10:59.10) and came in seventh in the 1200-meter run (4:20.17).

## ‘COLLEGE FOR KIDS’ TRACK AND FIELD

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Children ages 4-13 were running and jumping at the Falls High School track late last month in the track and field classes offered as part of the “College for Kids” that wrapped up Thursday at Rainy River Community College.



From left, Joe Kennedy and Andy Davenport, both age 5, run with batons in a relay race Wednesday around the Falls High School track.

## Vikings hire Wells, Kaplan to help in Kluwe settlement

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings have hired the attorney who investigated the Miami Dolphins bullying scandal and another who played a prominent role in the fight for marriage equality to help in settlement talks with former punter Chris Kluwe.

Ted Wells, whose investigation in Miami found that guard Richie Incognito and two teammates engaged in persistent harassment of lineman Jonathan Martin, and Roberta Kaplan, who argued successfully in front of the Supreme Court last year that a portion of the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional, were retained on Tuesday.

The two attorneys will engage with Kluwe, who accused the team of cutting him because of his outspoken support of gay marriage. The Vikings issued a 29-page summary of a report earlier this month that found no merit in that claim, but it did confirm Kluwe’s accusation that special teams coach Mike Priefer made anti-gay remarks during practice.

The Vikings suspended Priefer for the first three games of the coming season, but Kluwe has threatened to sue the team if it does not release the full 150-page report.

“We pride ourselves on the workplace environment that we have created, cen-

tered on diversity, tolerance and respect,” Vikings executive vice president for legal affairs Kevin Warren said.

Warren added that the Vikings hired Wells and Kaplan out of “consideration of our standards and the great sensitivity to the issues raised by Chris Kluwe and his attorney, and their potential litigation.”

Kaplan has a history of championing gay rights causes, including in United States vs. Windsor, in which the Supreme Court ruled that a portion of the Defense of Marriage Act illegally denied legally married same-sex couples access to marriage benefits.

Wells’ investigation of the Dolphins detailed widespread harassment in the team’s locker room. The Dolphins fired their offensive line coach and a longtime trainer and vowed to instill a new culture of acceptance and civility in the wake of the report.

“Ted Wells and I have reviewed the investigative findings and firmly believe that the Vikings have worked incredibly hard to achieve an environment of tolerance within the team



**Chris Kluwe**

and organization. While there can be no question that Ted and I are sensitive to issues of diversity and inclusion, here, there is no evidence to suggest that Mr. Kluwe was released from the Vikings for any reason other than his skills as a punter,” Kaplan said. “There also was no effort to unfairly discourage his activism while he was a member of the Vikings; to the contrary, it was encouraged by the owners of the Vikings. While our hope is to take a fresh look and assist the Vikings in reaching a resolution with Mr. Kluwe short of litigation, if that is not possible, we will fully defend the Vikings in court.”

Kluwe and his attorney, Clayton Halunen, have alleged the Vikings are hiding other incriminating details by not publishing the full report.

Kluwe has said a lawsuit would seek more than \$10 million and any damages awarded would be donated to LGBT charities.

Halunen told the Star Tribune he viewed the move to hire an attorney like Kaplan with strong ties to gay rights with skepticism.

“It sounds to me like a strategy to obtain public support, because the LGBT community has been outspoken about ... the refusal to make the report public,” Halunen said.



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In front, Alivia Coe, age 6, jumps into the long jump pit Wednesday at the Falls High School track.