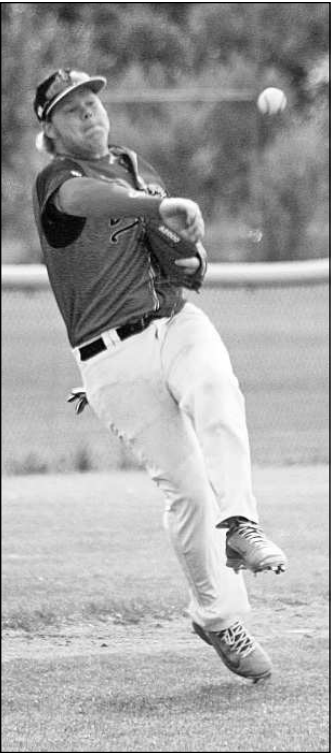


SPORTS

RRCC baseball team scrimmages at Scheela Field

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College baseball team played two scrimmage games Saturday at Scheela Field as part of its “fall ball” practice. The Voyageurs lost their morning game to the Brandon Cardinals, 1-0, and then picked up an 11-10 victory over Lakehead University in their afternoon scrimmage. RRCC has another doubleheader scrimmage set for Sunday afternoon in Ely against Hibbing and Vermilion. The Voyageurs open their 2015 schedule March 11-15 during the team’s annual Spring Break trip to Florida.



The Voyageurs’ J.D. Knutson relays a throw from third to first base in Saturday morning’s scrimmage game at Scheela Field against the Brandon Cardinals.



From right, Voyageurs catcher T.J. Trifoli tags out Lakehead University’s Ben Kennedy (30) at home plate in Saturday afternoon’s “fall ball” scrimmage at Scheela Field.



At right, the Voyageurs’ Victor Rodriguez dives back to first base to beat the throw in Saturday afternoon’s home scrimmage against Lakehead University.



The Voyageurs’ Jake Kulig (23) scores the winning run in Saturday afternoon’s home scrimmage against Lakehead University.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday’s games
Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls at Mesabi East, 4:30 p.m.
Girls volleyball
I. Falls at Duluth Marshall, 5:45 p.m.
North Woods at L-BF, 7 p.m.
Friday’s games
Women’s volleyball
Northland at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.
Football
I. Falls at Two Harbors, 7 p.m.
L-BF at Cherry, 7 p.m.

SWIM

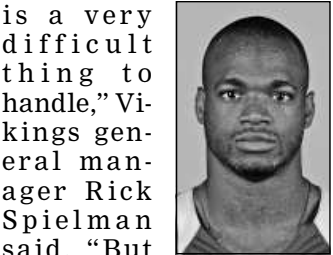
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in the 100 breaststroke. Sophomore Claire Herzig placed third in 1:18.65 and sophomore Anna Earley came in 10th in 1:23.77. Falls’ 200 medley relay team comprised of Kostiuk, Saari, Herzig and Misner placed third in 2:02.56. Grand Rapids won in 1:59.91. In the 200 freestyle relay, Kostiuk, Misner, Herzig and senior Tayler Hebner placed fifth in 1:52.85. Grand Rapids won in 1:47.2. The Broncos’ 400 freestyle relay with Misner, Hebner, sophomore Carolann Stone and junior Abby Auran placed ninth in 4:17.16. Grand Rapids won in 3:55.61. The Falls recorded two more top-10 finishes from: senior Jessie Hell, eighth in diving (261.45 points); and Herzig, eighth in the 50 freestyle (28.34). The Broncos return to action Thursday in a dual meet at Mesabi East.

Hibbing Invitational
Team scores: Grand Rapids 556, Bemidji 412, Hibbing 331, Cambridge-Isanti 247, International Falls 229, Virginia 215, Mesabi East 193, Chisholm 74, Eveleth-Gilbert 68.
International Falls finishers:
1-meter diving – 8. Jessie Hell, 261.45; 15. Josie Bates, 189.7.
200-yard medley relay – 3. Abby Kostiuk, Emily Saari, Emma Misner, Claire Herzig, 2:02.56; 13. Carolann Stone, Anna Earley, Abby Auran, Bates, 2:14.7; 21. Morgan Hedlund, Whitney Gouin, Maren Moseman, Amelia Stewart, 2:29.27.
200 freestyle – 13. Stone, 2:20.96; 21. Megan Herrly, 2:30.2.
200 individual medley – 11. Saari, 2:45.17; 18. Auran, 2:52.43.
50 freestyle – 8. Herzig, 28.34; 15. Tayler Hebner, 29:04; 27. Stewart, 31.04; 28. Jayde Hall, 31.09.
100 butterfly – 2. Kostiuk, 1:05.68; 5. Misner, 1:09.82; 17. Auran, 1:21.54.
100 freestyle – 17. Hebner, 1:05.33; 23. Earley, 1:08.31; 29. Reina Goulet, 1:13.38.
500 freestyle – 19. Herrly, 6:46.55.
200 freestyle relay – 5. Kostiuk, Hebner, Misner, Herzig, 1:52.85; 15. Earley, Bates, Hall, Saari, 2:01.49; 25. Gouin, Goulet, Moseman, Stewart, 2:12.16.
100 backstroke – 2. Kostiuk, 1:06.07; 11. Stone, 1:14.68; 30. Hedlund, 1:27.09.
100 breaststroke – 2. Saari, 1:15.85; 3. Herzig, 1:18.65; 10. Earley, 1:23.77; 19. Gouin, 1:28.54.
400 freestyle relay – 9. Stone, Auran, Hebner, Misner, 4:17.16; 21. Herrly, Hall, Goulet, Bates, 4:50.52.

Vikings bring back Peterson despite abuse charge

EDEN PRAIRIE (AP) — Adrian Peterson was back at Minnesota Vikings headquarters on Monday, and the first thing fullback Jerome Felton did when he saw his star running back was give him a high-five. While many of Peterson’s teammates welcomed him back and threw their support behind the embattled former MVP, the Vikings also faced plenty of criticism for deciding to let Peterson play while facing charges of child abuse. The Radisson hotel chain suspended its sponsorship deal with the Vikings and former players like Cris Carter and Scott Fujita lined up to question the team’s motives while Peterson insisted that he was not a child abuser. “I understand that this



Adrian Peterson

is a very difficult thing to handle,” Vikings general manager Rick Spielman said. “But we also feel strongly as an organization that this is disciplining a child. Whether it’s an abusive situation or not, or whether he went too far disciplining, we feel very strongly that that is the court’s decision to make, but we also understand the seriousness of abusing children as well.” After deactivating Peterson for the 30-7 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday while they gathered more information on

the face of the franchise’s indictment, the Vikings reinstated Peterson on Monday and said they expected him to play against the New Orleans Saints next weekend. Peterson is accused of using a wooden switch to spank his 4-year-old son. Peterson didn’t talk to reporters, but did issue a statement through his agency that said he wanted “everyone to understand how sorry I feel about the hurt I have brought to my child.” “I am not a perfect son. I am not a perfect husband. I am not a perfect parent, but I am, without a doubt, not a child abuser,” Peterson said in a nearly 500-word statement. “I am someone that disciplined his child and did not in-

tend to cause him any injury. “No one can understand the hurt that I feel for my son and for the harm I caused him. My goal is always to teach my son right from wrong and that’s what I tried to do that day.” Vikings owners Zygi and Mark Wilf made the decision after consulting with Spielman and coach Mike Zimmer and the players who were available to the media on Monday lined up to support it. “We’ve just got to stick together. That’s how the best teams win games and that’s how the best teams grow as a team and (build) team chemistry,” defensive end Everson Griffen said. “The best thing we can do right now is support the Minnesota Vikings, sup-


port the decisions that they made to reinstate Adrian Peterson and fully support Adrian. “ Radisson is the first company to back away from a sponsorship deal since the league has been facing criticism over its handling of domestic violence cases. Radisson’s sponsorship includes a press banner that is behind those speaking at Vikings news conferences. The banner was behind Spielman as he discussed the team’s decision to reinstate Peterson. Peterson faces a charge of reckless or negligent injury to a child, which carries penalties of up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. His initial court appearance in Conroe, Texas, near Houston, was scheduled for Oct. 8.

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