

SPORTS

SIJHL HOCKEY



STAFF PHOTOS BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, Lakers forward and 2013 Falls High School graduate Lucas DeBenedet (16) advances the puck while the Ice Dogs' Mack Boyce (22) sets up on defense in Saturday night's SIJHL game at Ice for Kids Arena. DeBenedet scored two goals in the 7-4 Fort Frances home victory over Dryden.

Lakers muzzle Ice Dogs late in the final period

DeBenedet scores twice

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A Kevin Kurm goal at the 13:48 mark of the third period stood up as the game-winner Saturday night when the hometown Fort Frances Lakers defeated the Dryden Ice Dogs at Ice for Kids Arena, 7-4.

Fort Frances jumped out to a 4-0 lead after just over 23 minutes of action on goals by John Dora, Lucas DeBenedet, Bryce Lipinski and Riley Daly.

However, the Ice Dogs answered back with four goals of their own to tie it thanks to tallies by Zachary Kercz, Rory Court, Chris Sitco and Tyson Holder, who knotted the game less than a minute into the final frame.

The game stayed that way until Kurm connected for his second goal of the season with 6:12 remaining to put the Lakers back in front for good.

Bryce Jasper added some insurance with just over a minute and a half to go



At right, Lakers forward and 2012 Falls High School graduate Mason Meyer (9) and the Ice Dogs' Dane Feeney (19) look back at the action by the puck in Saturday night's SIJHL game at Ice for Kids Arena in Fort Frances.

intercepting a clearing attempt from a Dryden defender and then shooting it past Ice Dogs goalie Robert Kopyek-MacKenzie.

Fort Frances then wrapped up the evening with DeBenedet tacking on his second goal of the night and the fifth of the season.

Ryan Ferguson saw 25 shots on goal as he picked up his first victory in the league, while Kopytek-

MacKenzie faced 40 attempts in a losing cause for Dryden.

Fort Frances returned to action Tuesday night when the Lakers headed to Hoyt Lakes Arena to take on the Minnesota Iron Rangers, who will also be playing the Lakers on Friday at Ice for Kids Arena.

Lakers	7	Ice Dogs	4
Ice Dogs	0	3	1 - 4
Lakers	2	2	3 - 7

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL



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From left, Oashaja Dobie delivers a pitch while RRCC head softball coach Dieter Humbert looks on during Sunday's "fall ball" practice behind the college.

Voyageurs wrap up 'fall ball' practices

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The Rainy River Community College softball team wrapped up last month's "fall ball" practices on Sunday when the Voyageurs held their final practice on the softball field behind the college in preparation for the 2014 season.



From left, the ball sails past Rachel Clark while Andrea Barylski slides into second base in Sunday's "fall ball" practice behind Rainy River Community College.



Alisha Brinker from Holdingford throws the softball to first base in Sunday's "fall ball" practice.



Sam Cantu from Edinburg, Texas, swings away in Sunday's softball practice behind Rainy River Community College.

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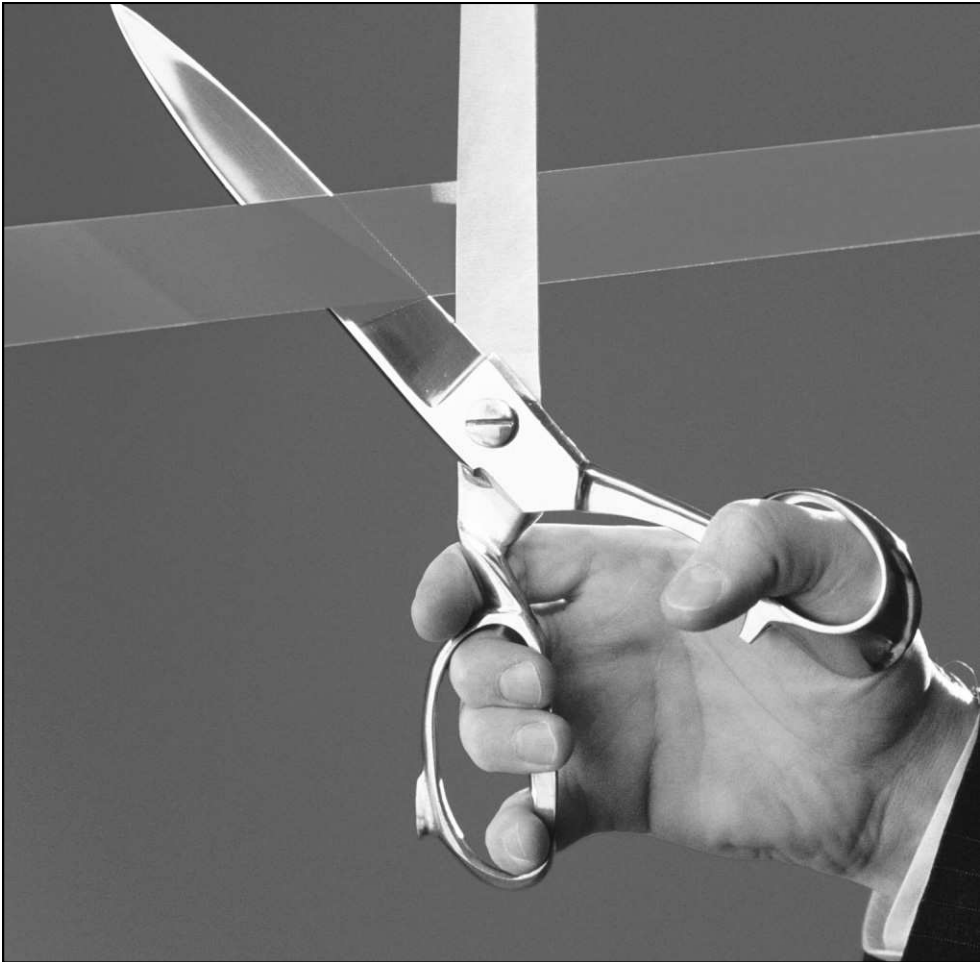
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