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Fort Frances Lakers defeat Wilderness

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Fort Frances Lakers returned to their winning ways Saturday by jumping out to an early lead and not looking back as they defeated the Wisconsin Wilderness at the Ice House in Spooner, 6-2.

Kevin Kurm and 2012 Falls High School graduate Mason Meyer gave Fort Frances a 2-0 lead after 20 minutes to send the Lakers on their way.

Lucas DeBenedet, a 2013 FHS graduate, and Meyer then tacked on goals in the



second period to put Fort Frances in control.

After the Lakers' Bryce Lipinski made it 5-0 early in the third, Shane Billing put the Wilderness on the board at 3:39 of the final period.

Tanner Fricke gave Fort Frances a 6-1 lead midway through the final frame before Wisconsin's Justin Gregory added a late power-play effort to round out the scoring.

The Lakers outshot Wisconsin, 42-30, on the night with Ryan Ferguson picking up the win and Griffin Strain recording the loss in goal.

Fort Frances returned to action Tuesday night against the English River Miners at Ear Falls Arena.

The Lakers' next home game is 7:30 p.m. Friday.



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At center, the Broncos' Luke Spilde is double-teamed by Proctor's Tanner Bergman (22) and Keenan McGovern (17) in Saturday night's game at Bronco Arena.

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ice and gave up an empty-net goal to Hibbing's Ty Bridesall with 1:10 to play.

The Bluejackets added a power-play goal by Kylan Yoki right before the final buzzer.

Ulrich made 29 saves in a losing effort, while Bluejackets goalie A.J. Allison stopped eight of nine shots he faced to record the victory.

I. FALLS 2, PROCTOR 1

The Broncos took a two-goal lead Saturday and held on to defeat Proctor, 2-1.

Jakob Eide got the Falls on the scoreboard 6:29 into the first period on a goal assisted by Jakob Ettestad.

The Broncos led 2-0 when Tilander scored assisted by Spilde and Wyatt Boyum with 13:19 left in the second period.

The Rails' only goal of the game came on the power play with 6:31 left in the second period when Cade Hella scored assisted by Shane Gould, after which neither team scored again.



In front, the Broncos' Jordan Tilander (27) battles for the puck along the boards with Hibbing's Kylan Yoki (24) in Friday night's game at Bronco Arena.

Ulrich made 27 saves to record the victory in net, while Proctor goalie Tanner Haedrich stopped 24 of 26 shots in a losing effort.

The Broncos returned to action Tuesday night at Lake of the Woods.

Friday's game
Hibbing 4, I. Falls 1
Hibbing 2 0 2 - 4
I. Falls 1 0 0 - 1

Saturday's game
I. Falls 2, Proctor 1
Proctor 0 1 0 - 1
I. Falls 1 1 0 - 2

Syracuse, Minnesota to meet in Texas Bowl

BY LUKE MEREDITH
The Associated Press

Minnesota improved by two wins in 2013, its best regular season in a decade.

The Gophers reward? A return to the same bowl they lost in a year ago.

Minnesota will play in the Texas Bowl for the second straight time when it faces Syracuse on Dec. 27.

The Gophers (8-4) have their most wins since 2003 but wound up in Houston yet again. Minnesota blew a 10-point lead in the final 1:10 and lost to Texas Tech 34-31 in last year's Texas Bowl.

Still, Minnesota is excited to be playing in December after many believed it



Jerry Kill

would struggle to even reach bowl eligibility.

"We enjoyed our experience last year and wish we could have come away with a victory," Minnesota head coach Jerry Kill said. "I know our players, especially the 12 from Texas, welcome the opportunity to represent the University of Minnesota in a state that has great football tradition.

Syracuse (6-6) finished 4-4 in its first season in the ACC and rallied past Boston College in the regular-

season finale to earn bowl eligibility.

This will be the first postseason game in Texas for the Orange since they beat the Longhorns in the 1960 Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

"I couldn't be happier for our senior class to have the opportunity to go to Texas and play a Big Ten school. One of the things I have enjoyed the most about this season is our seniors. They are tough kids who never give in," Syracuse coach Scott Shafer said.

Minnesota is 3-1 against Syracuse, including a 17-10 win in 2012. But the Orange have won their last two postseason games, both at Yankee Stadium in the Pinstripe Bowl.

Ravens rally past Vikings 29-26 on icy field

BALTIMORE (AP) — At first, it appeared the unrelenting snow would be the main topic of conversation. Then came an incredible flurry of touchdowns — five over the final 125 seconds — that truly made this a one-of-a-kind, unforgettable football game.

After Joe Flacco threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to rookie Marlon Brown with 4 seconds left to give the Baltimore Ravens a 29-26 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, the Ravens couldn't contain their excitement.

"Do you believe in miracles?" cornerback Jimmy Smith shouted as he ran off the field.

"What just happened?" Ravens kicker Justin Tucker exclaimed.

The game featured six different lead changes in the fourth quarter. That is the most fourth-quarter lead changes in a single game in NFL history.

And Jacoby Jones, who

took a kickoff back 77 yards for a touchdown during the back-and-forth excitement, said: "You couldn't even get emotional. It was too confusing."

Brown's catch concluded a five-play, 80-yard drive that took only 41 seconds.

Before that:

- Dennis Pitta, in his season debut following a hip injury, caught a 1-yard, fourth-down pass from Flacco for a 15-12 lead with 2:05 remaining.
- Toby Gerhart, subbing for an injured Adrian Peterson, ran 41 yards to put Minnesota up 19-15 with 1:27 to go.
- Jones went the distance with the ensuing kickoff to give Baltimore a 22-19 edge with 1:16 left.
- Matt Cassel threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to Cordarrelle Patterson with 45 seconds to play.

Then the Ravens (7-6) answered with one final salvo.

"I've never seen a game

like that before," Baltimore linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "Besides the Super Bowl, that's probably the most special win I've been a part of. Crazy game."

Baltimore (7-6) has its first three-game winning streak of the season and the inside track for the second AFC wild card.

Minnesota (3-9-1) lost Peterson in the second quarter with an ankle injury, then dropped a game it appeared to have won. Twice. It also was officially eliminated from playoff contention.

"There were so many momentum shifts in the last couple of minutes, it seemed like the game would never end," Cassel said.

Peterson, the NFL's leading rusher and 2012 MVP, hurt his right foot in the second quarter after catching a short pass and being tackled near the sideline by linebacker Arthur Brown.

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