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WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Voyageurs recruit four forwards from Fort Frances

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In an effort to boost the Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team’s offense next season, the Voyageurs have recruited four forwards from Fort Frances.

Shilo Beck, Katie Sinclair, Shelby Tymkin and Hailey Clendenning, who were part of the Muskie girls hockey team that earned its first-ever Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship berth this past season, have all signed letters of intent to play for RRCC in 2014-15.

“We’re really excited, number one, that we got the opportunity to get four talented girls with a proven history that they can put the puck in the net,” said Voyageurs head coach Evan Amdahl. “That’s what we need. That’s something that we’ve kind of been lacking the last couple years.”

After RRCC missed out on qualifying for the American Collegiate Hockey Association (AHCA) Division 2 National Tournament the past two seasons, Amdahl said he hopes Beck, Sinclair, Tymkin and Clendenning are going to be “an integral part of getting us back on the ACHA’s national map.”



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, Fort Frances girls hockey forwards Shilo Beck, Katie Sinclair, Shelby Tymkin and Hailey Clendenning sign letters of intent Monday to play women’s hockey next season at Rainy River Community College.

Beck, who played girls hockey for the Muskies the past three seasons, said she is looking forward joining the Voyageurs in 2014-15.

“It will be nice to have something new, and hopefully the four of us will bring good results to the team,” she said.

Beck, who is considering early childhood education or social work, is being offered a \$2,500 “Academic Achievement” scholarship,

plus \$200 for visiting the college this week, to attend RRCC.

Sinclair, who played girls hockey all four years in high school for Fort Frances, said joining the Voyageurs next season will enable her to continue playing with teammates she had in high school.

“It’s the next step, I guess, in moving forward in hockey and life, too,” she said.

Sinclair said attending

RRCC will enable her to stay close to home and enroll in the college’s health science program. She has been offered a \$3,000 “Top of the Class” scholarship, plus \$200 for visiting the college this week.

Tymkin, who also has four years of experience playing high school hockey and was a team captain this past season, said she is honored for the opportunity to play college hockey while

still being at home.

“I’m excited to play on a different team and play with teammates that I’ve played with in the past and also new teammates,” she said.

Along with the opportunity to play college hockey, Tymkin said the academic courses and being close to home interested her in attending RRCC. She has been offered a \$2,500 “Academic Achievement” scholarship, plus \$200 for visiting the

college this week.

Clendenning, who played high school hockey the past three seasons, said she is also excited about the opportunity to play college hockey at RRCC.

“I’m looking forward to hopefully having a winning season and hopefully going to nationals,” she said.

Clendenning will be eligible for at least a \$1,000 “Incentive” scholarship to attend RRCC, plus \$200 for visiting the college this week.

Amdahl said having four incoming forwards from Fort Frances should also help boost attendance at RRCC’s home games next season.

“People want to see local kids play, especially when you’re playing teams like Iowa State and North Dakota State – big universities with anywhere from 12,000 to 30,000 students competing against our little Rainy River of 300 students,” he said.

Amdahl said two goal-tenders will be returning to the Voyageurs for their sophomore season in 2014-15, though he is still looking for more defensive players to join the team, noting that forward Taylor Durocher, who has experience playing defense, could move to a defensive position next season.

Lakers complete semifinal sweep of Miners

Fort Frances now faces Minn. Iron Rangers in finals

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

For the third year in a row, the Fort Frances Lakers have advanced to the Superior International Junior Hockey League playoff finals.

Kevin Kurm and Brent Aiken had a goal and three assists apiece Friday night to help propel Fort Frances past the English River Min-

ers, 7-3, in game 4 of their SIJHL semifinal playoffs at Ear Falls Arena.

With the win, the Lakers take the best-of-seven series in four straight games and will now meet the Minnesota Iron Rangers for the Bill Salonen Cup, for which the best-of-seven series begins at 7:30 p.m. this coming Friday at Ice for Kids Arena in Fort Frances. Game 2 will also be played there at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Iron Rangers won their best-of-seven semifinal series over the Thunder Bay North Stars, 4-2.



Mason Meyer



Lucas DeBenedet

In other highlights from game 4 of the Lakers’ semifinal series against the Miners, Miles Nolan added a pair of goals and an assist for Fort Frances while International Falls native

Mason Meyer, Riley Daly and Lyndon Lipinski added single scores for the Lakers, who held intermission leads of 1-0 and 5-2.

Falls native Lucas DeBenedet added a pair of assists for Fort Frances.

Paul Lamoureux, Royce King and Eric Masters scored for English River with Dominic Blouin chipping in with a pair of assists.

The Lakers outshot the Miners, 34-17, on the night with Jordan Cartney picking up the win and Greg Harney recording the loss in goal.

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on the same day.”

Falls senior Hailey Fentem won the 60 hurdles (9.7) with senior Amy Auran and freshman Emily Saari also scoring points by finishing fifth and eighth, respectively, in times of 11.1 and 11.33.

Fentem was also part of two field events in which three Broncos scored points. She placed runner-up in the long jump (14 feet, 11.5 inches) while Dahle and Saari finished in the top five with leaps of 13-10.

Shofner came in third in the triple jump (31-7), followed by Fentem in fourth place at 31-1/2 and Butler finishing eighth at 29-10.

Fentem added a seventh-place finish in the high jump (4-6).

The Falls also had three pole vaulters score points with Auran placing third at 8-0 and Herzig and Saari tying for fifth at 7-6.

The Broncos’ other top finish came from junior Savannah Olson in the shot put (37-1/4), almost 3 feet farther than her nearest competitor, while Falls freshman Lexi Erickson was runner-up in the 1600 run (5:36.11), about 4 ½ seconds behind the top time

of Cloquet freshman Anja Majjala.

Falls’ 4X400 relay team comprised of sophomore Abby Kostiuk, Lexi Erickson, Butler and Herzig placed third in 4:40.36.

“We had a great meet and the team performed well even though we weren’t able to compete with a full team,” Kostiuk said. “We made up for the losses and several girls stepped up for the team. It was great to see.”

Kostiuk, who added a seventh-place individual finish in the 400 dash (1:08.7), joined seventh-grader Faith Black, Lexi Erickson and Auran to place fifth in the 4X800 relay (11:18.69).

The Bronco girls had another indoor meet along with the boys team on Tuesday in the Snowflake Invitational at Bemidji State University. Results from that meet will be published in Saturday’s edition of The Journal.

Virginia Indoor UWS Meet

Team scores: International Falls 122.5, Cloquet 92.5, Hermantown 84, Eveleth-Gilbert 54, Mesabi East 49, Esko 39, Virginia 33, Carlton 13, Cook County 12, Greenway/Nashauk-Keeewatin 12, Duluth East 11, Deer River/Northland 8, Barnum 7, Floodwood 6, South Ridge/Cherry/Northwoods 2.

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their first scheduled meets of the season this week at Eveleth postponed.

Blair said the Broncos still hope to host a nine-hole event April 24 at the

Falls Country Club. The Broncos’ first 18-hole meet is scheduled May 1 at The Wilderness at Fortune Bay for the girls. Both the boys and girls have an 18-hole event set for May 2 in Hibbing, while the Bronco boys are scheduled to play May 5 at The Wilderness.

2014-15 BRONCO GIRLS HOCKEY CAPTAINS



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From left, Jenna Anderson and Tessa Walls have been named the Bronco girls hockey captains for 2014-15. Both players are forwards and will be seniors next season.

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