

SPORTS

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs sunk by Bismarck, Bottineau at Northland Tourney

RRCC now 6-6

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women's basketball team played a couple of junior college teams in higher divisions at last weekend's Northland Tourney in Thief River Falls and ended up losing both games.

RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert said the Voyageurs played good competition at the expense of victories to get better for Minnesota College Athletic Conference play that begins tonight at Hibbing.

On Friday against Bismarck State College, an NJCAA Division I team, the Voyageurs lost, 85-61.

Humbert noted Bismarck shot better from 3-point range – going 13-41 from behind the arc, compared to 5-17 for RRCC – and also outrebounded the Voyageurs on offense, 29-16.

Courtney Goetz and Mack-ayla Feeney led Bismarck in scoring with 19 points apiece, while Emily Kautzman added 12 points.

The Voyageurs also had

three players score in double figures led by Kurstyn Gordon with 15 points, followed by Sarina Phrathep with 14 and Alisha Brinker with 11.



Roneisha Jordan

BOTTINEAU 65, RAINY RIVER 44

On Saturday, the Voyageurs were tied at halftime, but only scored 14 points in the final 20 minutes and lost to Dakota College at Bottineau, a Division II team, 65-44.

Humbert said RRCC was a “step late on defense” and also didn’t shoot well.

The Voyageurs shot 16-60 (26.7 percent) from the field overall, compared to 24-55 (43.6 percent) for Bottineau.

Savannah Bruce led three Bottineau players scoring in double figures with a game-high 16 points. Tessa Walters added 12 points and Imani Scott scored 10 more.

Roneisha Jordan recorded

a double-double for RRCC with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Nikeya Jones also scored in double figures for the Voyageurs with 10 points.

RRCC's season record now stands at 6-6. The Voyageurs currently are playing without starting guard Ebony Joseph, whom Humbert noted must complete an intersession course by Jan. 24 to become eligible again.

Friday's game
Bismarck 85, Rainy River 61
Rainy River 24 37 – 61
Bismarck 46 39 – 85

Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 6, CaseyLynn Fulton 8, Alisha Brinker 11, Kurstyn Gordon 15, Sarina Phrathep 14, Nikeya Jones 6, Reggie Krickeberg 1. 3-pointers: Gordon 3, Phrathep 2. Free throws: 14-23. Fouls: 18.

Saturday's game
Bottineau 65, Rainy River 44
Rainy River 30 14 – 44
Bottineau 30 35 – 65

Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 12, CaseyLynn Fulton 3, Alisha Brinker 4, Kurstyn Gordon 2, Sarina Phrathep 8, Nikeya Jones 10, Reggie Krickeberg 5. 3-pointers: Phrathep 2, Fulton, Jones, Krickeberg. Free throws: 7-12. Fouls: 18.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs lose to Bismarck, Bottineau

RRCC at 2-10

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College men's basketball team closed out its non-conference schedule last weekend without head coach Jack Cook, who was sick with the flu, and had RRCC women's basketball head coach Dieter Humbert fill in for him when the Voyageur men lost both games at the Northland Tourney in Thief River Falls.

On Friday, RRCC trailed by nine at halftime and lost to Bismarck State College, an NJCAA Division I team, 97-83.

Bismarck outshot the Voyageurs from the field overall, 37-76 (48.7 percent) to 32-81 (39.5 percent). Just over half of RRCC's shots came from behind the 3-point arc, where the Voyageurs went 13-41 (31.7 percent), compared to 7-25 (28 percent) for Bismarck.

Five Bismarck players

scored in double figures led by Tanner Purintun with a game-high 27 points.

Deion Miley led five RRCC players scoring in double figures with 24 points, which include six 3-pointers, followed by Demetrius Murphy with 14, James Sausser Denesia with 13, Jimson Clerveus with 12 and Devante Miley with 10.

BOTTINEAU 99, RRCC 73

On Saturday, the Voyageurs trailed by eight at halftime and lost to Dakota College at Bottineau, a Division II team, 99-73.

Bottineau outshot RRCC from the field overall, 39-66 (59.1 percent) to 25-79 (31.6 percent).

Five Bottineau players scored in double figures led by Julian Vasquez with a game-high 19 points.

The Voyageurs had four players score in double figures led by Clerveus with 17 points, followed by Deion Miley with 13, Murphy with

11 and Devante Miley with 10.

RRCC, which now has a season record of 2-10, opens Minnesota College Athletic Conference play tonight at Hibbing and then hosts Vermilion on Saturday afternoon.

Friday's game
Bismarck 97, Rainy River 83
Rainy River 43 40 – 83
Bismarck 52 45 – 97

Rainy River: Jimson Clerveus 12, Devante Miley 10, Fedner Fleurant 2, Deion Miley 24, James Sausser Denesia 13, Andrew Nichols 5, Fred Perard 3, Demetrius Murphy 14. 3-pointers: Deion Miley 6, Sausser Denesia 3, Murphy 2, Devante Miley, Nichols. Free throws: 6-12. Fouls: 19.

Saturday's game
Bottineau 99, Rainy River 73
Rainy River 35 38 – 73
Bottineau 43 56 – 99

Rainy River: Jimson Clerveus 17, Devante Miley 10, Fedner Fleurant 6, Deion Miley 13, James Sausser Denesia 7, Bryan Hasbargen 1, Andrew Nichols 8, Demetrius Murphy 11. 3-pointers: Deion Miley 3, Murphy 3, Devante Miley 2, Nichols 2, Sausser Denesia. Free throws: 12-15. Fouls: 22. Fouled out: Devante Miley.

Vikings ask to interview Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings have started the second week of their search for a head coach, and there's plenty of competition for time on their calendar.

The Vikings asked to interview Cincinnati offensive coordinator Jay Gruden, the younger brother of former NFL head coach and current ESPN game analyst Jon Gruden.

But Jay Gruden told reporters in Cincinnati on Monday that Tennessee and Washington have also requested permission. A person with knowledge of the process, speaking on condition of anonymity because the teams have not made information about

the search public, told the Associated Press that Detroit has inquired, too.

The Vikings fired Leslie Frazier last week and will be making their third head coach hire in eight years, the first by general manager Rick Spielman. Though Houston and Tampa Bay have already filled their jobs, the Vikings still have four other teams interested in many of the same candidates.

Spielman was in Arizona on Monday to meet with Cardinals defensive coordinator Todd Bowles, according to John Wooten, chairman of the Fritz Pollard Alliance. Bowles previously interviewed with Cleveland. Wooten also

said Browns defensive coordinator Ray Horton was scheduled to meet with Spielman in Arizona on Tuesday.

The Vikings and Redskins asked for interviews with San Francisco offensive coordinator Greg Roman, the NFL Network reported; 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh confirmed interest in Roman but declined to specify which teams.

The Vikings were one of four teams, along with the Lions, Titans and Redskins, who requested interviews with San Diego offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt, according to a report by CBS Sports.

The Vikings interviewed Seattle offensive coordi-

nator Darrell Bevell and defensive coordinator Dan Quinn over the weekend, ESPN reported. Cincinnati defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer is also expected to be on Spielman's list, now that the Bengals are eliminated.

NFL rules allow assistant coaches on playoff teams that won wild-card games to be interviewed this week before being put off-limits again until those teams are finished. That includes the 49ers and Chargers, with Roman and Whisenhunt.

Bowles and Horton are black. NFL teams are required to interview at least one minority candidate, known as “The Rooney Rule,” a product of the push

for diversity by Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney.

The Fritz Pollard Alliance, based in Washington, is designed to promote candidate development for coaching, front office and scouting jobs in the NFL. The FPA's strategic efforts include advocacy for and marketing of the hiring and promotion of minorities among NFL teams.

Bevell, of course, was here before as the offensive coordinator under Brad Childress from 2006-10. Frazier decided not to keep him when he was given the job, hiring Bill Musgrave instead, but Bevell has shined in Seattle working with young quarterback Russell Wilson.

Gruden has a productive record working with the Bengals, though they've gone one and done in the playoffs in each of his three seasons there. Gruden said he'd “assume” he'll do all of the interviews requested of him. He said he wasn't sure about the Lions, however.

“Every interview process I went on last year was different, and they all are a bit intimidating,” Gruden said. “But you just have to have confident in who you are. My whole thing is I'm always going to be myself. I'm never going to try to be somebody else or pretend to be something I'm not. And if that appeals to them, then great. And if not, I'm quite happy where I'm at.”

Minnesota Timberwolves cruise past Philadelphia 76ers in 126-95 win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Nikola Pekovic had to chuckle on the bench as fans held a pair of gigantic cutouts of his head right over him.

His Minnesota teammates were certainly amused, laughing at the trio of Pekovic heads.

“When you look at the heads, then you hold it up to close to him, they're actually the same size,” Kevin Love said, smiling.

The T-Wolves could afford some levity after a romp on a night when the basket had to look as large as one of those oversized heads.

Love scored 16 of his 26 points in a dominant third quarter and Pekovic had 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Minnesota Timber-

wolves to a 126-95 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Minnesota made 16 of 26 3-pointers (62 percent) to put this one away in a hurry and moved back to .500 (17-17). Kevin Martin scored 18 points and Corey Brewer had 15 to help the Timberwolves win for the fourth time in six games.

Thaddeus Young scored 20 points for the Sixers, who entered the night having won the final four games of a six-game road trip.

The Timberwolves ended any threat of Philadelphia extending its streak by the second quarter. They led by 16 at the half and Love hit a pair of 3s in the third to build a 31-point lead.

The Timberwolves had seven players score in double figures.

The undersized Sixers simply had no answer for the Love and Pekovic underneath, or in Love's case from beyond the arc. Young, named before the game the Eastern Conference player of the week, gamely tried to shut down the potent duo, with no luck.

Love and the Timberwolves turned the game into a blowout in the third. He hit his first 3 for a 24-point lead, converted a three-point play for a 25-point lead, then nailed another 3 late in the quarter to make it 96-71.

The Sixers showed why they are one of the worst 3-point defending teams in the

league. Love hit four, Martin had three and the Timberwolves hit 13 of 20 through the first three quarters. That was more than enough to finish off the Sixers.

The Sixers were riding a season-best four-game winning streak, capped by a win at Portland. Perhaps fatigued from the lengthy road trip, they were never much of a factor after the first quarter. Minnesota closed the first half on a 24-8 run, with Brewer and Love hitting game-changing 3s.

“They were playing good basketball, but Coach mentioned a couple of times that it's always tough coming back from a long road trip like that, so they might be a little complacent, a little

lackadaisical,” Love said. “We just felt they were a little tired being gone so long. We tried to take advantage of that, and I felt we did.”

There's no break in the schedule for the Sixers. They play Tuesday at Cleveland and back-to-back home games Friday and Saturday.

“I've never seen a schedule like this coming back from a West Coast trip,” said center Spencer Hawes. “It's not like we're just getting to stay home.”

Timberwolves vs. Sixers- Play video Timberwolves vs. Sixers

The already sparse crowd, still reeling from the Eagles' early postseason loss, fled for the exits by the fourth. The final quarter had the feel of a

preseason game — which the Sixers surely wish it was. A.J. Price and Robbie Hummel connected on consecutive 3s in the final minute for the final 3s for a team that was shooting only 34 percent. Ricky Rubio had eight assists and Minnesota held a 53-40 rebounding edge.

“Just a really solid win for us,” coach Rick Adelman said. “We came out at the start of the game and played well all the way through. We did a pretty good job of keeping them in the half court and passed the ball and shot the ball well.”

James Anderson had 14 points, and Michael Carter-Williams and Evan Turner each scored 13 points for the Sixers.

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