

# SPORTS

## QUICK HITS

### Falls Fusion 18U fifth at Bemidji

The International Falls Fusion 18U softball team went 2-2 last weekend at a tournament in Bemidji and placed fifth.

The Fusion 18U opened the tournament in pool play against Thief River Falls and lost, 6-3.

Teagan Anderson pitched all seven innings in recording the loss, allowing six runs, two earned, on eight hits with two walks and two hit batters while striking out four.

At the plate, Anderson batted 2-4, while McKenna Rasmussen added a hit and drove in all three of Falls' runs.

The Fusion 18U then played an All-Star team by St. Cloud known as the Big Lake Mayhem and lost 8-0 in five innings.

Anderson picked up the pitching loss working the first 2 1/3 innings, allowing six runs, one earned, on four hits with two walks. Marissa Kerry pitched the final two innings for the Falls, allowing two unearned runs on a hit.

Abby Auran had Falls' only hit.

The Fusion 18U won its final game of pool play by shutting out Bemidji, 16-0, in three innings.

Anderson recorded the pitching victory, allowing a hit with five walks and a hit batter while striking out three.

Auran had three hits with a double and 2 RBI, while Rasmussen and Janet Humbert each had two hits with a double and 3 RBI.

The Fusion 18U closed out the tournament by winning the fifth-place game over Greendell from Winnipeg, 11-2, in five innings.

Kerry pitched the entire game to record the victory, allowing two earned runs on six hits with a walk while striking out six.

Auran and Amber Tiplander each had two hits for the Falls with Anderson adding a hit with 3 RBI.

The Fusion 18U, which also swept a doubleheader last Thursday at Dryden, now has an overall record of 5-5 and is scheduled to host a doubleheader next Tuesday against Greenway starting at noon.

### Bronco 5K Run/Walk to take place Friday

The 8th annual Bronco 5K Run/Walk will be held Friday starting at 8 a.m. at the Falls High School track.

The race starts at the entrance to the track, before going along 11th Street to Kerry Park and looping back to Falls High School, ending with a lap on the track.

Preregistered entrants will be able to pick up their bib numbers and T-shirts at the track Thursday between 6-7 p.m. Those not yet registered will be able to sign up at that time.

Race-day registration begins at 7:15 a.m. The entry fee on the day of the race will be \$20 without a T-shirt.

Medals will be awarded to the top-three males and females in nine age categories.

Following the Bronco 5K, at approximately 9 a.m., a free Kids Fun Run will be held on the track with the choice of a 400- or 800-meter run. All participants in the Kids Fun Run will receive a ribbon.

Proceeds from the Bronco 5K benefit the FHS track and field teams.

For more information, call race organizer Jen Erickson at 324-0221 or e-mail kjerickson@midco.net.



**Lady Slipper/Mingo's Miles 5K Fun Run**

Mason Imhof repeats as the overall winner

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## LEGION BASEBALL

# Post 66 Broncos soak Deer River

## Falls wins its home opener

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

The rain that began falling in the first inning Monday evening at Scheela Field couldn't stop the International Falls Legion baseball team from winning its home opener.

The Post 66 Broncos shut out Deer River, 10-0, in six innings.

"Wyatt Ulrich pitched a heck of a ballgame," said Falls Legion head coach Eric Walls. "He didn't offer up many chances for them to score, so when your pitching does that, it's easy to win a ballgame."

Ulrich recorded the complete-game shutout victory by allowing only one hit with two walks and a hit batter while striking out four.

After a scoreless first inning, when the Post 66 Broncos left the bases loaded, the Falls scored in each of the other five innings.

The Falls used two sacrifice bunts to score its first run in the bottom of the second. Jack Bartkowski walked and advanced to second on a bunt by Clay Bergstrom. Connor Ward then singled to move Bartkowski to third, before Ulrich

bunted on a suicide squeeze play to give the Post 66 Broncos a 1-0 lead.

Following a pair of singles by Ben Humbert and Gunnar Anderson to open the third inning, Deer River starting pitcher Dylan Latvala then threw a wild pitch to put both runners in scoring position. Another suicide squeeze play on a bunt by Jackson Vollom brought Humbert home, before Bartkowski hit a two-out single to drive in Anderson and give the Post 66 Broncos a 3-0 lead.

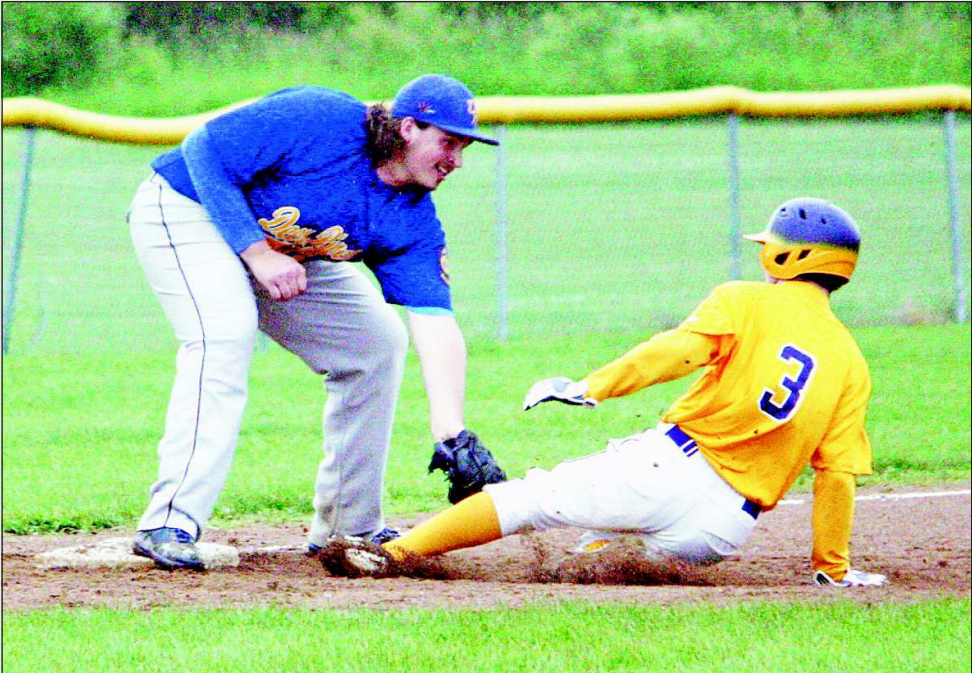
Chad Benham came in to pitch for Deer River in the fourth inning when Ulrich walked and ended up scoring on an infield hit by Humbert.

Bartkowski led off the fifth inning with a double and scored on a single by Ulrich.

The Falls ended the game via the 10-run rule in the bottom of the sixth inning by scoring five runs on four hits, which included a double by Vollom and the game-winning single by Caleb Dahlin.

The Post 66 Broncos ended up with 13 hits led by Bartkowski and Humbert with three each, while Ulrich and Dahlin added two hits apiece.

"The first few innings the wind was blowing pretty hard," Walls said. "We did a pretty decent

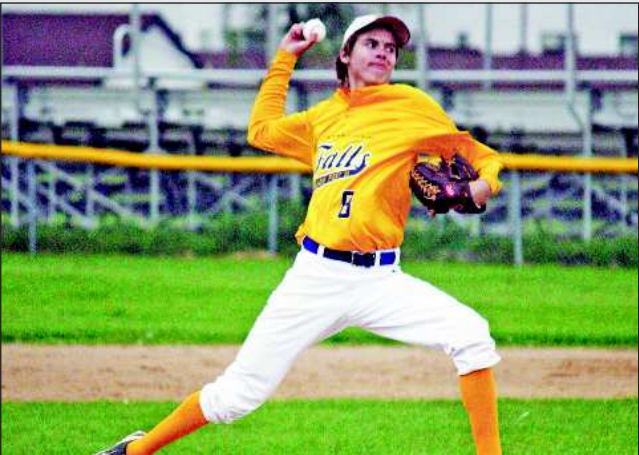


From right, the Post 66 Broncos' Connor Ward (3) is tagged out sliding into third base by Deer River's Sammy Stangland in Monday's game at Scheela Field.

job of hitting some line drives, hitting the ball on the ground and making them field some balls."

The Falls, which scheduled a conference road doubleheader Tuesday in Grand Marais against Cook County, also plays Saturday at St. Martin, before non-league games next Monday at Hibbing and the next home conference game at 5:30 p.m. July 9 against Ely.

**Int'l Falls 10, Deer River 0**  
**Deer River 0-0-0 0-0-0 - 0 12**  
**Int'l Falls 0-1-2 1-1-5 - 10 13 0**  
**WP-Wyatt Ulrich**



The Post 66 Broncos' Wyatt Ulrich delivers a pitch in Monday's home game against Deer River. Ulrich allowed only one hit over six innings in Falls' 10-0 victory.

## VFW BASEBALL

# Falls comes back to defeat Deer River 17-7

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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After giving up six runs in the top of the first, the International Falls VFW baseball team went on the offensive Monday to win at home against Deer River, 17-7, in six innings.

"The boys hit the ball really well - obviously, we scored 17 runs," said Falls VFW head coach Mike Coffield. "We played really good defense, and Brett Lindvall did a good job coming in and pitching for us."

Dallas Pearson started on the mound for the Falls when Deer River plated six runs with five walks in the first inning. Lindvall then came in to pitch and allowed only one run in the final five innings.

The Falls cut Deer River's lead to 6-4 in the bottom of the first with hits by Darian Erickson and



From right, Deer River's Chad Benham (25) slides into third base next to the Falls VFW's Riley Nemecek in Monday afternoon's game at Scheela Field.

Tate Promersberger and then took the lead for good with four more runs in the second inning when Lindvall, Lane Skallman, Tyler Coffield and Promersberger each had a hit.

Spencer Tibbetts started

on the mound for Deer River. In the third inning, the Falls picked up three more runs on two hits off Deer River reliever Dakota Goggeley when Walker

**VFW to B3 ➤**



The Falls VFW's Brett Lindvall delivers a pitch in Monday's home game against Deer River. Lindvall allowed only one run pitching five innings in relief.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Falls goes 3-0 vs. Fort, then downs Dryden, Hibbing

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Junior League baseball team enters the Independence Day weekend having won four home games and one on the road since last Thursday.

The Falls faced Fort Frances in three games in two days last week with the Falls winning all three at Scheela Field.

In the first game of a doubleheader Thursday, the Falls defeated the Fort, 13-1.

Blaine Humbert pitched all five innings to record the win, allowing a run on



At left, the Falls Junior League's Garrett Koenig (7) scores sliding into home plate as the ball gets away from the Fort Frances catcher in Friday's game at Scheela Field.

two hits with four walks while striking out six.

Six different players ac-

counted for Falls' six hits with Garrett Koenig doubling and Nathan McRob-

erts, Riley Beck, Casey Maruk, Gage Wherley and Carter Germain each hitting a single.

**FALLS 18, FORT 8**

The final game Thursday lasted four innings when the Falls defeated the Fort, 18-8.

Koenig pitched the first two innings for the Falls, allowing six runs, four earned, on three hits with five walks while striking out two. Wherley closed out the final two innings to record the victory, allowing two earned runs on two hits with three walks while striking out five.

Of Falls' seven hits, Wherley recorded three of them with a double, 3 RBI and a run scored. Trimble Butler also doubled, while Maruk, Beck and Barrett Kalar each hit a single.

**FALLS 8, FORT 7**

On Friday morning, the Falls trailed by as many as four runs when it played its first seven-inning game of the season and ended up defeating the Fort, 8-7.

Willie Harala started on the mound for the Falls when the Fort took a 4-0 lead in the opening inning.

**Junior to B3 ➤**