

# SPORTS



**Drag racing**  
Ben Line ‘three-peats’ at Brainerd International Raceway

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QUICK HITS

L-BF football team loses at Cherry

The Littlefork-Big Falls football team remained winless on the season after the Vikings lost Friday at Cherry, 20-14. L-BF will seek its first victory this coming Friday when the Vikings host Northeast Range. Both teams are 0-6 this season.

L-BF spikers second at Bigfork tourney

The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team went 2-1 in matches Saturday when the Vikings placed second at the eight-team Bigfork Tournament. L-BF opened the tournament by winning two straight games against Ely, 25-14, 25-18, and then swept two games from Cromwell by identical 25-11 scores, before losing the title match in three games to North Woods, 25-19, 20-25, 11-15. Vikings head coach Sarah Bradley said the team had “too many ups and downs” in the tournament, having played well against Cromwell and getting off to a good start against North Woods before the Grizzlies won the final two games.



DyAna Imhof

L-BF 3, DEER RIVER 0

The Vikings improved their season record to 15-8 on Monday when they won their match in three straight games at Deer River, 25-17, 25-23, 25-21.

Bradley said she thought the team started off “a little bit slow” for games taking place toward the end of the regular season, but was able to finish strong to win each game.

DyAna Imhof led L-BF with 12 kills, while Abby Thompson added nine kills. Other statistical leaders for the Vikings included Breann Larson with 16 digs and Brooke Millerbernd with four aces.

USA Ice Hockey referee clinic Sunday

There will be a referee clinic for all people interested in refereeing youth ice hockey for the 2013-14 season on Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. at Kerry Park Arena. Those attending the clinic should bring their hockey skates, helmet and whistle. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 283-2571, extension 138.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday's games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls in Hial Pike Invitational at Falls Country Club, 4 p.m.  
**Girls swimming and diving**  
Warroad at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
I. Falls at Hibbing, 7 p.m.  
L-BF at MI-B, 7 p.m.
- Friday's games**  
**Women's volleyball**  
RRCC at Fond du Lac, 6:30 p.m.  
**Football**  
Virginia at I. Falls, 7 p.m.  
Northeast Range at L-BF, 7 p.m.
- Saturday's games**  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
I. Falls at IRC/True Team Meet in Hibbing, 9 a.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
I. Falls at Esko Tournament, TBA  
**Women's volleyball**  
RRCC at Itasca, Noon

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## 99 yards in under 90 seconds

Broncos come back to defeat Bluejackets

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

Having to score a touchdown from 99 yards away in 90 seconds or less didn't prevent the International Falls football team from winning a Sea Range Conference game for the first time this season on Friday night at Hibbing, 24-20. “That was a great drive we had there,” said Falls head coach Jay Boyle. “I was glad we were able to complete some passes and get our running game established. Overall, we're very happy with our victory (Friday night).” The win improved Falls' season record to 1-3 in conference play and 2-4 overall. The Broncos trailed 20-16 when they stopped Hibbing on downs on their own 1-yard line with 1:30 to play. The Falls used a combination of running and passing plays to travel the length of the field with the first play from scrimmage being a 23-yard run by running back Jakob Ettestad. “(The Bluejackets) were out of their main defense, which had done a fairly good job of stopping our run, but they got into a zone prevent (and) opened up the running lanes,” Boyle said. “We still had our three timeouts, so we



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos' Jakob Ettestad (32) eludes the tackle of the Bluejackets' Isiah Dilley (57) while Falls quarterback Jakob Eide (15) looks on in Friday's game at Hibbing. Ettestad rushed for 147 yards and a touchdown in the Broncos' 24-20 come-from-behind victory.

thought we had a little time to gash and get it up the field.” The Broncos' game-winning scoring strike against the Bluestreaks came on a double-pass play, in which quarterback Jakob Eide tossed the ball laterally to Ben Humbert, who then found Luke Spilde open for a 37-yard touchdown pass

with 22 seconds to play. “That double-pass play of ours (is) something we've been working on, something we've had in the back pocket—we work on it here and there—and glad it was ready when we needed it,” Boyle said. Friday's game also marked the fourth week in a row the Falls led at

halftime before trailing in the second half. But unlike the previous three weeks, the Broncos were able to come back and win. The Falls scored first with 9 seconds left in the opening quarter on a 6-yard touchdown run by Ettestad, who then threw an option pass to Humbert for the 2-point conversion

to extend the Broncos' lead to 8-0. Ettestad ended up leading the Falls in rushing with 28 carries for 147 yards and a touchdown. Hibbing's only touchdown of the first half came with 1:16 left in the second quarter when quarterback

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CROSS COUNTRY

## Lexi Erickson eighth at Swain Invite

FHS girls 15th

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT



Lexi Erickson

International Falls freshman Lexi Erickson finished eighth out of more than 200 cross country runners competing amid the wind and the rain in the Class A girls varsity race at Saturday's Swain Invitational in Duluth. Erickson edged out Mora freshman Brook Wedin at the finish for a top-eight spot by a tenth of a second as she completed the 4,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 21.3 seconds. “Lexi Erickson really ran (Saturday),” said Broncos head coach Paul Hjelle. “She is a lot stronger than last year and is now passing runners coming into the chute. “Last year she had difficulty with that. She is confident right now and it really shows on race day.” St. Paul Academy and Summit junior Mary Nass finished first overall in 15:48.5.

The only other Falls runner to finish in the top 50 was senior Sydney Raboin, who placed 48th in 17:40.7. The three other Bronco girls whose finishes were among the team's top five included: senior Amy Auran, 93rd in 18:35.2; senior Lexi Owen, 117th in 18:57.5; and junior Jenna Anderson, 153rd in 19:58.7. “Racing was really hard (Saturday),” Erickson said. “The weather was not the best conditions. “It was really windy and rainy, but we all pulled through and had a pretty good day. I'm excited to see

how we do at the Section meet.” The Falls ended up with 394 points to place 15th out of 30 teams with at least five finishers to count in the standings. The Trinity School at River Ridge had the top team score at 91, followed by St. Paul Academy and Summit (182), Mora (201), Lake City (227) and Holdingford (230) rounding out the top five. Last year's Section 7A and State Class A champion, Esko, placed 10th at 352. Another Section 7A team finishing ahead of the Broncos, Mesabi East, placed 14th at 384. “The Section 7A meet (on Oct. 24) is really going to be a battle for that runner-up spot,” Hjelle said. “It could go to South Ridge, Mesabi East or us. “It will come down to who improves the rest of the way. The second-through-fourth-place teams could all be within a couple of points of each other.”

ULRICH 11TH IN JV RACE

The Bronco boys did not compete at the varsity level at Saturday's Swain Invitational. They instead had four runners who finished the junior varsity race and consequently did not have a team score. Senior Wyatt Ulrich had Falls' best finish when he completed the 5,000-meter course in 19:36.7 for 11th place in a field of 146.

“It wasn't only the hills that was hard (Saturday),” Ulrich said. “The wind and rain made it really difficult. Now we have some experience with bad weather, just in case it's like this at Sections.” The Broncos' three juniors in the JV race included: Ben Erickson, 65th in 21:50.4; Billy Brokaw, 69th in 21:53.1; and Gary Harala, 83rd in 22:26.4. The Falls' next meet will be on Thursday when the Broncos host the Hial Pike Invitational at the Falls Country Club.

**Swain Invitational GIRLS**  
**Top 15 teams:** 1. Trinity School at River Ridge 91, 2. St. Paul Academy and Summit 182, 3. Mora 201, 4. Lake City 227, 5. Holdingford 230, 6. Holy Family Catholic 230, 7. Norwood 247, 8. Math and Science Academy 248, 9. Watertown-Mayer 335, 10. Esko 352, 11. Plainview-Elgin-Millville 358, 12. Osceola 365, 13. Mountain Lake 383, 14. Mesabi East 384, 15. International Falls 394.

**Top 10 individuals:** 1. Mary Nass, St. Paul Academy and Summit, 15:48.5; 2. Judy Larson, Norwood, 15:57.2; 3. Theresa Mueller, Trinity School at River Ridge, 16:02.3; 4. Molly Eastman, Holy Family Catholic, 16:04.2; 5. Bethany Coop, Mora, 16:09.1; 6. Becca Wilkin, Trinity School at River Ridge, 16:14.7; 7. Maria Eastman, Holy Family Catholic, 16:16.2; 8. Lexi Erickson, International Falls, 16:21.3; 9. Brook Wedin, Mora, 16:21.4; 10. Victoria Burr, Glencoe-Silver Lake, 16:23.8.

**International Falls runners:** 8. Lexi Erickson, 16:21.3; 48. Sydney Raboin, 17:40.7; 93. Amy Auran, 18:35.2; 117. Lexi Owen, 18:57.5; 153. Jenna Anderson, 19:58.7; 207. Valerie Withers, 23:55.8.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

## Season begins this weekend for Falls trio

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The exhibition games are now over as three Division I men's college hockey players from International Falls prepare to open the 2013-14 season this weekend. Jake Youso, a forward from the Falls in his junior season playing for Holy Cross, scored a goal Saturday in the Crusaders' 7-3 exhibition game victory over Simon Fraser. Youso played in all 37 games for Holy Cross in his sophomore season, scoring nine goals with seven assists, and finished fifth on the team in goals scored. The Crusaders open the season Saturday at Boston University. Falls native Willie Corrin is beginning his sophomore season as a defenseman playing for the University of Minnesota Duluth. Corrin, who started in Monday's 7-1 exhibition victory over Lakehead University, appeared in 15 of UMD's 38 games in his freshman season. He recorded his first collegiate point on an assist March 2 when the Bulldogs shut out Alabama-Huntsville, 4-0. UMD opens the regular season Friday night when the Bulldogs host Michigan Tech at AMSOIL Arena. Youso's younger brother, Matt, is entering his freshman season as a defenseman playing for the University of Nebraska Omaha, which is coached



Willie Corrin



Jake Youso

by Falls native Dean Blais. Matt Youso, who has played three seasons of junior hockey since graduating from Falls High School in 2010, recorded two assists Monday when the Mavericks won an exhibition game over the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, 6-1. UNO opens the regular season Friday night when the Mavericks host Bentley. Though Matt and Jake Youso aren't scheduled to face each other during the regular season, UNO and UMD have four games scheduled against each other, pitting two 2010 FHS graduates — Matt Youso and Corrin — and a nephew and his uncle — Corrin and Blais — on opposite teams. The Mavericks host the Bulldogs in Omaha for two games Jan. 10-11, after which the two teams have a pair of games scheduled for March 7-8 at AMSOIL Arena.



Matt Youso