

SPORTS

SENATHLETES

Who is...  
Taylor DeLack

The 18-year-old Littlefork-Big Falls High School senior is a shortstop/pitcher on the Viking boys baseball team.

**Birthday:**  
November 25, 1995

**Future plans:**  
Attend Bemidji State University and major in business administration.

**What's on TV:**  
SportsCenter

**Favorite music:**  
Country

**Favorite movies:**  
The Sandlot

**What do your drive:**  
2007 Ford F-150

**Favorite Web sites:**  
Twitter

**Favorite meal:**  
Filet Mignon

**Worst habit:**  
Picking scabs

**Favorite athlete to watch:**  
Tiger Woods

**Dream date:**  
Bar Refaelli

**Favorite team as a kid:**  
Minnesota Twins

**Favorite city to visit:**  
Humboldt, Saskatchewan

**Favorite attribute about yourself:**  
My height

**Least favorite attribute:**  
Turning red when I'm embarrassed

**Favorite holiday:**  
Christmas

**Your hero:**  
My Grandpa

**Favorite memory about your high school career:**  
Shooting a half-court, game-winner against Nashwauk-Keewatin in basketball as a junior and beating Ely in the baseball playoffs last year.

**Favorite thing to do that has nothing to do with sports:**  
Hunting, trapping and fishing.

**Dream job:**  
Owner and operator of my own business.

**Love to trade places for a day with...**  
Derek Jeter



TRACK AND FIELD

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The Falls had a 2-3 finish in the shot put with junior Savannah Olson placing second in 37-4 and eighth-grader Emma Gilbert coming in third in 34-8.5. Detroit Lakes junior Shay Nielson had the top throw of 45-5.

Broncos freshman Lexi Erickson placed second in the 1600 run (5:39.64). She also came in third in the 800 run (2:37.22) with junior Tayler Hebner adding a seventh-place finish in 2:43.36.

In the 3200 run, Auran placed third in 13:42.86 with seventh-grader Faith Black finishing seventh in 14:03.02.

Auran added a fourth-place finish in the pole vault (8-0) with freshman Lexi Edwards clearing 7-6 and coming in seventh.

“(Tuesday’s) meet was great because we worked as individuals and as a team,” Auran said. “Hopefully we can get outside for a meet to see what our team can (do) with a full 18-event meet schedule.”

The Broncos scored team points in all three of the meet’s relays.

Butler, Madeline Dahle, Grace Gilbert and Emma Gilbert placed sixth in the 4X200 relay (1:59.87).

Butler, Hebner, Lexi Erickson and Grace Gilbert

finished sixth in the 4X400 relay (4:46.87).

Edwards, Black, Carolann Stone and Whitney Gouin came in ninth in the 4x800 relay (12:06.36).

**FHS BOYS 3RD**

In the boys competition, the Broncos came in third out of 12 teams.

Bemidji had the top team score of 141, followed by Park Rapids Area (69.5), the Falls (65.5), Detroit Lakes (62) and Long Prairie-Grey Eagle (59) in the top five.

“We had some good performances from the boys (Tuesday),” said Bronco boys head coach Paul Hjelle. “We managed to score some quality points by picking up a lot of third- and fourth-place finishes.

“Paul Skoglund, Jakob Ettestad and Ethan Phung were sharp. Paul and Jakob are doing a great job leading us, and Ethan has the potential to be a very good track and field athlete in the next few years.”

Falls’ top individual finish came from Ettestad, who won the pole vault (11-0). Sophomore Wyatt Helgeson added a third-place finish after clearing 9-0.

“This meet shows we can have a great and successful year,” Ettestad said.

Phung cleared 6-0 to finish runner-up in the high jump, in which Helgeson tied for seventh with a leap of 5-6. Phung also came in



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**The Broncos’ Jakob Ettestad takes off from the starting blocks while competing Tuesday in the 200-meter dash during the Little Amik indoor meet at Bemidji State University.**

third in the long jump (19-1) and fourth in the triple jump (36-10).

Two Bronco shot putters finished in the top four with Austin Ruport and Gary Harala both recording tosses of 39-8.5.

Skoglund came in fourth in the 60 hurdles (9.9).

“I was pleased with the team’s performance...,” Skoglund said. “We picked

up a lot of points in different events, which helped us get third place.”

Falls sophomore Peter Griffith finished fourth in the 400 dash (56.92), while junior Cole Tatsak added an eighth-place finish in 58.3.

Two Bronco distance runners scored points with Billy Brokaw and Jared Hunter finishing seventh and eighth, respectively, in times of 13:14.02 and 13:30.69 in the 3200 run.

Ettestad also came in seventh in the 200 dash (25.88), while junior Nehemiah Olson placed eighth in the 60 dash (7.71).

In the 4X200 relay, the Broncos’ team of Ettestad, Tatsak, Helgeson and senior Jake Piekarski finished eighth in 1:44.87.

**MORE INDOOR MEETS**

Both Falls’ boys and girls teams will have to wait at least another week before competing outdoors after the two outdoor meets that had been scheduled for next week – including the Bronco Booster Invite at home on April 10 – were canceled.

The Bronco girls have another indoor meet today at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, while both the boys and girls are now set to once again compete indoors next Tuesday at BSU in the appropriately-named Snowflake Invitational.

BASEBALL

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Conference Honorable Mention selection who played in center field and pitched.

Erickson hit .288 as a freshman in 52 at-bats with 17 stolen bases and a .456 on-base percentage. He pitched 9 1/3 innings last year.

■ Tommy Manninen (junior), a 2013 All-Conference Honorable Mention selection who played catcher, third base and pitched. Manninen hit .224 as a sophomore in 49 at-bats with 10 RBI and 17 walks along with a .426 on-base percentage. He pitched 19 innings last season.

■ Evan Wimmer (junior), who played at first base and pitched last year. He hit .271 as a sophomore in 48 at-bats with 12 RBI, 12 walks and a .410 on-base percentage. He pitched 14 2/3 innings last year.

“We will have an experienced team this season with everyone returning,” Beste said. “Our pitching staff has proven guys who are able to consistently throw strikes.”

However, after having lost by three runs or less in eight games last season, he said the Vikings “will have to play tough team defense and learn how to finish games.”

Beste said the team goals this season include “winning the Northern Lakes Conference and having one of the top seeds in the section.”

Given the ongoing wintry weather and its potential effect on the team’s schedule,



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

**Vikings head coach Dan Beste hits the ball for infield practice last month in the new Littlefork-Big Falls gym. Beste is in his second season as L-BF’s head baseball coach.**

he said he is concerned the most this season about “being able to keep all of our arms healthy with having to play multiple games in a week due to weather.”

L-BF is scheduled to begin the season, weather permitting, on April 14 at South Ridge. The first home game is set for April 15 against Northland.

Beste said he is looking forward this season to “facing tough competition throughout the season so we continue to improve and are playing our best baseball come playoff time.”

He said the teams to watch out for this season include Melrose, Ely and Upsala/Swanville Area.

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