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Bronco boys hockey team wins first game

The International Falls boys hockey team won for the first time this season after splitting two road games last weekend.

On Friday, the Broncos lost to Hibbing/Chisholm, 6-2. Wyatt Boyum and Jackson Vollom accounted for Falls' two goals.

On Saturday, the Broncos' Nathan Hauke scored the game-winning goal in overtime to defeat Proctor, 4-3.

The Falls trailed 2-0 after two periods, before taking the lead on goals by Clay Bergstrom, Riley Nemec and Chase Bernard. The Rails scored a goal in the final minute of regulation to send the game into overtime.

FHS girls hockey splits road games

The International Falls girls hockey team split two road games the Broncos played last weekend.

On Friday, the Falls shut out Northern Lakes, 4-0.

Kylie Skallman scored two goals for the Broncos with Lexi Edwards and Lexi Erickson each adding a goal.

Falls goalie Kalaya McConnell made 18 saves to record the shutout victory.

On Saturday, the Broncos lost to the defending Section 7A champion, Proctor/Hermantown, 8-1.

Edwards scored Falls' only goal.

Taylor Fish and McConnell split time in net for the Broncos with each allowing four goals.

L-BF boys hoops team now at 2-3

The team that led at half-time wasn't the team that ended up winning the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team's last two games.

The Vikings led 23-20 at intermission Friday night before losing at Chisholm, 64-57.

"We had a couple of lapses in our defense," said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish.

Zach Simon, who fouled out late in the game, led the Vikings with a double-double by scoring 17 points and hauling in 13 rebounds, while Rylan Henrickson added 15 points.

On Monday, L-BF trailed 33-32 at halftime before winning at Lake of the Woods, 63-51.

"Offensively, we put two halves of basketball together," said Maish, who also noted the team played well defensively in the second half after running into foul trouble in the first 18 minutes.

Evan Wimmer led four Vikings scoring in double figures with 21 points, which included five 3-pointers. Henrickson added 15 points, Tommy Manninen put in 13 points and Simon scored 10 more.

L-BF's season record stands at 2-3 going into Friday's game at Blackduck.

FHS wrestling back Monday at Virginia

After an absence of more than 20 years, International Falls competed in a high school wrestling meet on Monday at Virginia.

Broncos sophomore Nick Hedtke, a 160-pound wrestler, went 2-0 at the tournament with his first match won on a pin.

Falls eighth-grader Levi Cottrel, a 106-pound wrestler, also won his first match on a pin and then dropped a 5-3 decision.

Broncos seventh-grader London Rasmussen, a 126-pound wrestler, went 0-3 against three varsity opponents.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broncos cruise past Chisholm

FHS now 3-0

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Monday night's girls basketball game in the International Falls High School gym turned into a blowout after the Broncos broke a 6-6 tie about 4 minutes after the opening tipoff.

The Falls then outscored Chisholm, 51-6, before intermission and went on to win, 93-25.

Despite the lopsided victory, Broncos head coach Shawn Gilbert found areas in need of improvement.

"I wish we would have played better on defense a little bit," Gilbert said. "We're still struggling with our man-to-man defense, but a win is a win."

The Bluestreaks set up in a 2-3 zone defense, which the Falls countered by shooting outside the arc and ending up with 10 3-point baskets. The Broncos also capitalized on Chisholm's turnovers with multiple layups off steals.

"The biggest thing for us is transition – that means (getting turnovers) on the defensive end and trying to get some easy layups," Gilbert said. "We



In front from left, the Broncos' Cassie Tomczak (21) dribbles past Chisholm's Sami Smart (3) in Monday night's game in the Falls High School gym.

got that (Monday night)." The Falls started the second half with 10 unanswered points to lead 67-12 with 14:47 to play when the Broncos' starters left the game and substitutes played until the final buzzer as running time took effect with 9 minutes remaining.

Teagan Anderson and Maddie Filipiak led the Broncos with 19 points apiece, while Shelby Wolden also scored in double figures with 10 points as 10 players registered points for the Falls.

Emily Berg led Chisholm with 10 points.

The Falls' season record stands at 3-0 going into Friday's game at Virginia.

Int'l Falls 93, Chisholm 24
Chisholm 12 13 - 25
Int'l Falls 57 36 - 93
Chisholm: Sami Smart 2, Tessa Yaroscak 5, Emily Berg 10, Raine Dormanen 8. Free throws: 7-12. Fouls: 12.
Int'l Falls: Maddie Filipiak 19, Shelby Wolden 10, Bianca Carlson 8, Cassie Tomczak 4, Teagan Anderson 19, Janet Humbert 9, Jena Sullivan 6, Emma Gilbert 7, Bailey Milette 5, Paige Heem-Taschuk 6. 3-pointers: Anderson 3, Filipiak 2, Heem-Taschuk 2, Tomczak, Humbert, Gilbert. Free throws: 11-19. Fouls: 15.



From left, the Broncos' Maddie Filipiak (3) shoots a layup past Chisholm's Melissa Sabatino (4) in Monday night's game in the Falls High School gym. Filipiak scored 19 points in the Broncos' 93-25 victory over the Bluestreaks.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY



At center, the Voyageurs' Taina Kaartinen (11) battles for the puck along the boards between the Saints' Melina Avinon (5) and Sophie Titus (6) in Saturday's game at Bronco Arena.

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Voyageurs sail past Saints

RRCC at 8-2-2 in ACHA games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women's hockey team dominated last weekend's two-game home series against the club team from the College of St. Scholastica.

The Voyageurs tallied 11 goals in each game they won against the Saints. St. Scholastica played most of the series without its only available goalie, Maddie Karl, who left Saturday's opening game with 6:37 left in the second period after being injured and didn't return in net last weekend.

On Saturday, the RRCC led 3-0 before the Karl left the game and went on to defeat the Saints, 11-1.

The Voyageurs took a 2-0 lead after the first period on goals from Micah Cabral and Katie Sinclair.



From right, the Voyageurs' Aprel Assiniboine (16) advances the puck while being pursued by the Saints' Hannah Dougherty (39) in Sunday's game at Bronco Arena.

RRCC's first of five second-period goals came unassisted from Shilo Beck at 4:40.

Upon losing Karl in goal, St. Scholastica went with no goalie and six skaters for the rest of the second period, in which

the Voyageurs added empty-net goals from Cabral, Shelby Tymkin, Connor Coleman and Hailey Clendenning.

The Saints then suited up a skater as a goalie

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SIJHL HOCKEY

Lakers split weekend series with Miners

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Fort Frances Lakers hosted the English River Miners this past weekend for two Superior International Junior Hockey League games at Ice for Kids Arena with the two teams splitting the series.

On Friday night, English River overcame a two-goal deficit by scoring three third-period goals to defeat Fort Frances, 4-3.

The visiting Miners took a 1-0 lead in the first period on a power-play goal by Alex Maticic at 7:10.

Fort Frances took a 3-1 lead in the second period after scoring three power-play goals on man-advantage efforts from Colton Spicer, Nick Minerva and Miles Nolan.

In the third period, English River pulled within a goal when Aaron Beau-

champ scored unassisted at 10:32.

Richard Dartnall then tied the game at 12:11, before Miners captain Eric Champagne scored the game-winner with 4:01 left to play.

English River goalie Greg Harney made 33 saves to record the victory. Pierce Dushenko stopped 25 shots and picked up the loss in his debut in goal for Fort Frances.

LAKERS 2, MINERS 1 OT

On Saturday night, a Wyatt Cota power-play goal 1:28 into overtime lifted Fort Frances to a 2-1 victory over English River.

The Miners took a 1-0 lead after one period on a power-play goal by Maticic at 18:49.

The Lakers tied the game midway through the

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From left, Lakers forward Lucas DeBenedet (16) controls the puck while English River's Landen Matechuk (12) sets up on defense in Friday night's game at Ice for Kids Arena.

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