

SPORTS



STAFF PHOTOS BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos' Shane Nicholson (7) grabs the shirt of Bluejackets running back Ryan Schrupp (36) in an effort to make a tackle in Friday's game at Hibbing.

FOOTBALL

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Deion Harris capped off a 58-yard scoring drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. The Falls remained in front at halftime, 8-6, after the pass for the 2-point conversion failed.

The Bluejackets took the lead on their first drive of the second half when running back Mitch Vesel capped off a 60-yard scoring drive on a 5-yard run with 8:14 left in the third quarter. A pass from Harris to Josh Sinnot for the 2-point conversion extended Hibbing's lead to 14-8.

The Bluejackets' next scoring driving began from their 30-yard line after intercepting an Eide pass on fourth down.

A two-touchdown lead by Hibbing was temporarily stopped when a 38-yard run into the end zone by Harris was called back on a holding penalty late in the third quarter.

However, early in the fourth quarter, Harris scored a 15-yard rushing touchdown with 11:35 to play. The Bluejackets' lead remained at 20-16 when the pass for the 2-point conversion failed.

The Broncos responded with a touchdown on their next series on offense when a 69-yard drive was capped off by a 37-yard scoring strike from Eide to Cody Hallin with 8:20 to play. A pass from Eide to Spilde for the 2-point conversion narrowed Hibbing's lead to 20-16.

The Bluejackets were back on offense when they temporarily played without Harris, who limped off the field with 7:21 to play when Bryan Farden replaced him at quarterback, before Harris returned to action after



The Bluejackets' Deion Harris (24) drops back to pass while being rushed by the Broncos' Paul Skoglund (50) in Friday's game at Hibbing.

having an ankle taped. "That definitely helped us, because obviously Deion Harris is a great football player," Boyle said. "He's very hard to defend against, because he doesn't always go exactly where the play is supposed to go. He's good at just finding what's open and wiggling through holes."

The Broncos were in a position to stop Hibbing on a fourth-and-four play from their own 20-yard line with 3:51 to play, but a pass interference call kept the drive alive and gave the Bluejackets a fresh set of downs on Falls' 10.

The Broncos' got the ball back when their defense forced Hibbing running back Ryan Schrupp out of bounds at their 1-yard line on a fourth-down play.

Falls' final 99-yard scoring drive not only provided the margin of victory, it also resulted in the Broncos outgaining the Bluejackets in total offense.

The Falls rushed for 197 yards and passed for 134 yards to end up with 331 yards of total offense, compared to Hibbing having 270 yards rushing and 23 yards passing for 293 yards of total offense.

The Broncos will be back at home this com-

ing Friday when they host winless Virginia at Sports Stadium, prior to hosting the regular-season finale Oct. 16 against Greenway/Nashwauk-Keewatin.

"It's nice to beat a (Class) AAAA school — definitely going to help us in our (play-off) seeding," Boyle said. "We still believe that we are capable of being in the top half of the Section (7AAA) this year and getting a home playoff game."

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Scoring: **IF:** Jakob Ettestad, 6-yard run (Ben Humbert pass from Ettestad); **H:** Deion Harris, 2-yard run (pass failed); **H:** Mitch Vesel, 5-yard run (Josh Sinnot pass from Harris); **H:** Harris, 15-yard run (pass failed); **IF:** Cody Hallin, 37-yard pass from Jakob Eide (Luke Spilde pass from Eide); **IF:** Spilde, 37-yard pass from Humbert (Humbert pass from Eide).
Team statistics: **IF:** 197 yards rushing, 134 passing, 331 total. **H:** 270 yards rushing, 23 passing, 293 total.
Rushing: **IF:** Jakob Ettestad, 28-147, 1 TD; Nehemiah Olson, 10-44; Cody Hallin, 2-5; Jakob Eide, 1-1.
Passing: **IF:** Jakob Eide, 7-16, 97 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; Ben Humbert, 1-1, 37 yards, 1 TD.
Receiving: **IF:** Luke Spilde, 3-59, 1 TD; Cody Hallin, 3-52, 1 TD; Ben Humbert, 2-23.

Ben Line 'three-peats' as drag racing champion

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Ben Line of International Falls was one of 10 drag racers in Brainerd International Raceway's Bracket Drag Racing Series to be crowned a champion when the 12-race series came to an end Sept. 29.

Line, who "three-peated" in the Stock/Super Stock Class, has been the driver to beat for many years, having won the series championship in that class in six out of the last seven years,

including the last three years straight.

He won three of the last five races of the season and finished with a comfortable 1,000-point lead over second-place finisher Tim Lisson of Solon Springs, Wis. Steve Hutar of Cromwell ended the season in third.

"I've been extremely lucky," Line said. "Drag racing is a pretty humbling sport. Once you start to get cocky, you get kicked down to the bottom again."

Line gives most of the credit to his 1969 Mustang, which ran consistently and problem-free for much of the season.

When he raced during the Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals in August, however, he developed some transmission problems. He borrowed the transmission from his brother Lance's Mustang, but it gave him problems during the last series race and contributed to a disappointing second-round loss.

SIJHL HOCKEY

Lakers down Iron Rangers at home

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The hometown Fort Frances Lakers got goals Friday from five different players en route to a 5-3 Superior International Junior Hockey League victory over the Minnesota Iron Rangers at Ice for Kids Arena.

John Dora gave the home team the lead with the lone goal of the opening period when he scored on the power play at 5:49.

After the Iron Rangers' Jason Reynolds tied it at 4:24 of the second period, the Lakers went back in front at 9:45 with a man-

advantage goal courtesy of Torrin Grange.

It stayed that way until the third period. A couple of quick goals early in the final period gave Fort Frances some breathing room thanks to 2012 Falls High School graduate Mason Meyer and Hunter Leishman.

Trevor Hoth pulled Minnesota closer with a goal at 5:04, before Lakers' defenseman Billy Grillo put Fort Frances in front 5-2 with 8:48 to go.

The Iron Rangers added another goal off the stick of Gus Karkinen, who scored the final goal

of the night.

Ryan Ferguson made 25 saves to pick up the win in goal for Fort Frances.

Alex Reichle faced 38 shots for Minnesota.

The Lakers, who were back in action at home Tuesday night against the Thunder Bay North Stars, have three games this week. Fort Frances faces the English River Miners this coming Friday at Ear Falls Arena, before hosting the Wisconsin Wilderness on Saturday night.

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Emo Speedway 2013 awards presented at annual banquet

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Award winners for the Emo Speedway's 2013 racing season were recognized at Saturday's banquet at the Emo Legion.

Those award winners include:

2013 TRACK CHAMPIONS

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds — Christopher Leek
Street Stocks — Ron Westover
WISSOTA Modifieds — Gavin Paull

MOST FEATURE WINS

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds — Christopher Leek (4)
Street Stocks — Ron Westover (6)
WISSOTA Modifieds — Gavin Paull (5)

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds — Kenny Perry

Street Stocks — Devin Brown
WISSOTA Modifieds — Garrett Gamsby

HARD CHARGER

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds
1. Christopher Leek (53)
2. Chuck Lambert (38)
3. Brady Caul (25)
Street Stocks
1. Ron Westover (31)
2. Tylar Wilson (19)
3. Chris Shine (16)
WISSOTA Modifieds
1. Gavin Paull (33)
2. Denny Trimble (19)
3. Jamie Davis (19)

ROLLOVER AWARD

Libby Wilson

FAN FAVORITE DRIVER

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds — Chuck Lambert
Street Stocks — Ron Westover
WISSOTA Modifieds — Steve Nordin

HARD LUCK

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds — Tylar Wilson
Street Stocks — Devin Brown
WISSOTA Modifieds — Lindsay Bourre

BEST APPEARING CAR

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds — Brody Strachan
Street Stocks — Ron Westover
WISSOTA Modifieds — Glen Strachan

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsman Midwest Modifieds — Matt DePiero
Keith McNally Memorial Sportsman — Devin Brown
Gilbert Warren Memorial Modified Sportsman — Ron Korpi
Keith McNally Memorial — Chris Shine

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Gary Reid

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