

SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Broncos lose twice at North/South Challenge

Falls drops to 11-13 overall

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Despite leading in both games last weekend, the International Falls boys basketball team went 0-2 at the North/South Challenge in Virginia.

On Friday night, the Broncos held an eight-point lead midway in the second half and ended up losing to Aitkin, 59-50.

Ben Humbert recorded a double-double for the Falls by scoring 17 points and hauling in 13 rebounds. Jack Bartkowski also scored in double figures for the Broncos with 10 points.

The Falls shot only 17-56 (30.4 percent) from the field overall.

H-F 60, I. FALLS 57

On Saturday afternoon, the Broncos held a four-point lead at half-time before losing in overtime to Hinckley-Finlayson, 60-57.

Cole Miggins led three Falls players scoring in double figures with 17 points. Humbert re-

corded another double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Bartkowski scored 10 more.

The Broncos shot slightly better Saturday by going 21-45 (38.9 percent) from the field overall.

The Falls' season record dropped below .500 at 11-13 going into Thursday's home game against Greenway.

The Broncos' regular-season finale is Friday at Duluth Marshall.

Friday's game
Aitkin 59, I. Falls 50
Aitkin 29 30 - 59
I. Falls 27 23 - 50
I. Falls: Ben Humbert 17, Clay Tomczak 8, Cody Hallin 8, Cole Miggins 4, Jack Bartkowski 10, Max Vergeldt 3. 3-pointers: Humbert 2, Hallin 2, Tomczak, Bartkowski. Free throws: 10-16. Fouls: 16.

Saturday's game
H-F 60, I. Falls 57 (OT)
I. Falls 24 26 7 - 57
H-F 20 30 10 - 60
I. Falls: Ben Humbert 14, Clay Tomczak 2, Cody Hallin 6, Cole Miggins 17, Jack Bartkowski 10, Max Vergeldt 8. 3-pointers: Miggins. Free throws: 14-18. Fouls: 13.

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from the field while making all seven shots from the charity stripe in the first half and also had three players with three fouls after the first 20 minutes.

"We played better the second half, but could not overcome their depth," Cook said. "They are a very talented team and we didn't match up well."

Vermilion ending up shooting 42-75 (56 percent) from the field, compared to 24-82 (29.3 percent) for RRCC.

Six Vermilion players scored in double figures led by Jerrod Briscoe and Robbie Crawford with 18 points apiece. John Starks added 16 points, Emeche Wells scored 12 more and Devonta Brooks and Earnell Barner each had 10 points.

Andrew Nichols led the Voyageurs with a game-high 19 points, while Jimson Clerveus, Demetrius Murphy and Devante Miley also scored in double figures with 10 points apiece.

MESABI RANGE 87, RAINY RIVER 58

On Saturday afternoon in the RRCC gym, the Voyageurs stayed close early with Mesabi Range before losing to the Norsemen, 87-58.

"Our defense breaks down and we get outhus-



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From left, Rainy River's James Sausar Denesia (31) dribbles past Mesabi Range's Robert Littleton (10) in Saturday afternoon's game in the RRCC gym.

tled," Cook said. "It's just plain as that. We're not playing with a lot of heart. We get back in it and make it close, (then) we just kind of run out of gas."

RRCC took a 11-9 lead about 5 minutes into the game when James Sausar Denesia made a 3-pointer, before Mesabi Range went

ures with a game-high 17 points. Kenneth Delley Jr. added 13 points, while Jordan Villebrun and Cade Stackpool scored 10 points apiece.

Harold Jenkins led RRCC with 12 points, while Clerveus also scored in double figures with 11 points.

The Voyageurs' season recorded now stands at 1-11 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division and 3-21 overall going into tonight's home game against Hibbing. RRCC closes out the season at home next Saturday afternoon against Fond du Lac.

Friday's game
Vermilion 107, Rainy River 74
Rainy River 29 45 - 74
Vermilion 49 58 - 107
Rainy River: Fedner Fleurant 7, Jimson Clerveus 10, Bryan Hasbargen 2, Harold Jenkins 4, Deion Miley 6, Andrew Nichols 19, James Sausar Denesia 6, Demetrius Murphy 10, Devante Miley 10. 3-pointers: Nichols 3, Devante Miley 2, Sausar Denesia, Murphy. Free throws: 19-23. Fouls: 21. Fouled out: Deion Miley.

Saturday's game
Mesabi Range 87, Rainy River 58
Mesabi Range 41 46 - 87
Rainy River 30 28 - 58
Rainy River: Jimson Clerveus 11, Harold Jenkins 12, Fedner Fleurant 2, Andrew Nichols 2, James Sausar Denesia 7, Devante Miley 8, Demetrius Murphy 8, Bryan Hasbargen 3, Deion Miley 5. 3-pointers: Murphy 2, Sausar Denesia, Devante Miley, Hasbargen, Deion Miley. Free throws: 2-11. Fouls: 19. Technical Fouls: Deion Miley, Murphy.

VOYAGEURS

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CaseyLynn Fulton, who was called for a moving screen.

Clement, who attempted to get off the floor on her own power, but was unable to do so, was taken away on a stretcher and then transported to Duluth, said Lady Norse head coach Michael Williams.

"Anytime you see a girl go down like that, your heart goes out to her," Humbert said. "We said a prayer for her. I think it was kind of a solemn atmosphere there for a little while - it's hard to get back in the flow of basketball for a little bit."

The Voyageurs trailed at halftime, 27-13, and then were outscored in the final 20 minutes, 44-41.

RRCC ended up outshooting Mesabi Range from the field overall in the second half, 16-29 (55.2 percent) to 15-39 (38.5 percent), but was outshot from 3-point range, 0-3 to 5-14.

Lavada Roberson led three Lady Norse players scoring in double figures with 21 points, including four 3-pointers. Former RRCC player Mariah Childs added 12 points, while Connor Rautio scored 11 more.

Jordan recorded another double-double with 27 points and 10 rebounds, while Alisha Brinker also scored in double figures with 12 points.

The Voyageurs' season record now stands at 2-8 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division and 8-14 overall go-



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From right, Rainy River's Tali Plate (25) dribbles past Mesabi Range's Lavada Roberson (3) in Saturday afternoon's game in the RRCC gym.

ing into tonight's home game against Hibbing. RRCC closes out the season at home next Saturday against Fond du Lac.

Friday's game
Rainy River 63, Vermilion 53
Rainy River 26 37 - 63
Vermilion 29 24 - 53
Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 28, CaseyLynn Fulton 5, Alisha Brinker 6, Kurstyn Gordon 6, Tali Plate 12,

Reggie Krickeberg 6. Free throws: 9-17. Fouls: 15.

Saturday's game
Mesabi Range 71, Rainy River 54
Mesabi Range 27 44 - 71
Rainy River 13 41 - 54
Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 27, Alisha Brinker 12, CaseyLynn Fulton 6, Kurstyn Gordon 1, Tali Plate 4, Reggie Krickeberg 4. 3-pointers: Krickeberg. Free throws: 11-18. Fouls: 16.



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From right, the Vikings' Rylan Henrickson (12) dribbles past the Mustangs' Eli Rahier (33) while the Vikings' Taylor DeLack (4) screens Isaiah Rahier (15) in Monday night's game in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym.

trail again.

As the Vikings ran down the clock in the final minute, Northome/Kelliher stayed within a possession of tying or taking the lead, but time ran out as players from both teams dived for a loose ball near the L-BF basket.

Franz led the Vikings in scoring with a game-high 20 points, while DeLack added 17 points and Rylan Henrickson scored 13 more.


Rahier was the only Mustang player to score in double figures with 18 points.

The Vikings' season record stood at 9-11 going into Tuesday night's game at

Cherry.

Friday's game
NW 74, L-BF 59
NW 32 42 - 74
L-BF 34 25 - 59
L-BF: Taylor DeLack 13, Chandon Street 5, Rylan Henrickson 8, Jacob Franz 31, Zach Simon 2. 3-pointers: DeLack 3. Free throws: 12-18. Fouls: 10.

Monday's game
L-BF 60, N/K 58
N/K 21 37 - 58
L-BF 26 34 - 60
L-BF: Taylor DeLack 17, Rylan Henrickson 13, Tommy Manninen 4, Jacob Franz 20, Zach Simon 6. 3-pointers: DeLack 4, Henrickson. Free throws: 13-18. Fouls: 10.



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