

# SPORTS



## Emo Speedway

Gavin Paull wins his 3rd feature in a row

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### QUICK HITS

#### Falls Junior League wins 9-5 at Eveleth

The International Falls Junior League baseball team avenged its only Iron Range League loss this season by winning Monday at Eveleth, 9-5.

The Falls trailed 4-1 after giving up three runs in the bottom of the second, before rallying for five runs in the third inning and staying in front for the rest of the game.

Of Falls' six hits, Gage Wherley had two of them with Barrett Kalar, Trimble Butler, Garrett Koenig and Nathan McRoberts adding a hit apiece.

McRoberts pitched all seven innings to record the victory, allowing five runs, three earned, on four hits with seven walks while striking out nine.

The win improved the Falls' record to 12-1 in league play and 21-3-1 overall going into today's home doubleheader starting at 5 p.m. against Hibbing's No. 1 team.

#### Detroit Lakes sweeps the Falls Fusion 18U

The International Falls Fusion 18U softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader Friday at Detroit Lakes.

In game one, the Fusion 18U fell in six innings to Detroit Lakes, 14-4.

Rachel Daubney pitched the first 3 1/3 innings for the Falls in recording the loss, adding 12 runs, five earned, on five hits with three walks.

Casey Meyers pitched the final 1 2/3 innings in relief, allowing two unearned runs on four hits with two walks while striking out a batter.

The Fusion 18U had only four hits with Lexi Graves, Janet Humbert, Daubney and Maddie Truty recording a hit apiece.

In game two, the Falls lost 9-2 to Detroit Lakes in six innings.

Graves pitched the first four innings in recording the loss, allowing eight runs, seven earned, on nine hits with two walks and two hit batters while striking out one.

Meyers pitched the final inning for the Fusion 18U, giving up an earned run on two hits with a walk.

Emily Treat, Taylor Sears and Humbert each had a hit for the Falls.

#### Purple Pride having fund-raiser Aug. 14

Purple Pride, a designated fund of the Falls Education Foundation, will be holding a golf scramble fund-raiser Aug. 14 at the Falls Country Club.

The golf scramble will have teams of four with the proceeds used to provide grants for extra-curricular activities.

For more information, contact Purple Pride Committee Chairman Gordy Dault at 286-2083.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today's games**  
**18U softball**  
I. Falls at Park Rapids (DH), 4 p.m.  
**Juniors baseball**  
Hibbing 1 at I. Falls (DH), 5 p.m.
- Thursday's games**  
**18U softball**  
Dryden at I. Falls, noon
- Friday's games**  
**Legion baseball**  
I. Falls in District Tournament, TBA
- Saturday's games**  
**Legion baseball**  
District Tournament at Ely, 4:45 p.m.

### LEGION BASEBALL

## Post 66 Broncos crush Taconite twice

### Falls top-seeded in District 8 tournament

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

The International Falls Legion baseball team played its final home games of the season Thursday and swept Taconite (Greenway) in a conference doubleheader at Scheela Field after allowing only one run in 14 innings.

"Obviously, we pitched it very, very well," said Falls Legion head coach Eric Walls. "When we pitch it like that, we're going to be in any ball-game."

In game one, the Post 66 Broncos shut out Taconite, 9-0.

Ben Humbert recorded the complete-game pitching victory, allowing only three hits while striking out 13.

The Falls got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first when Wyatt Ulrich led off with a single and ended up reaching home on a wild pitch.

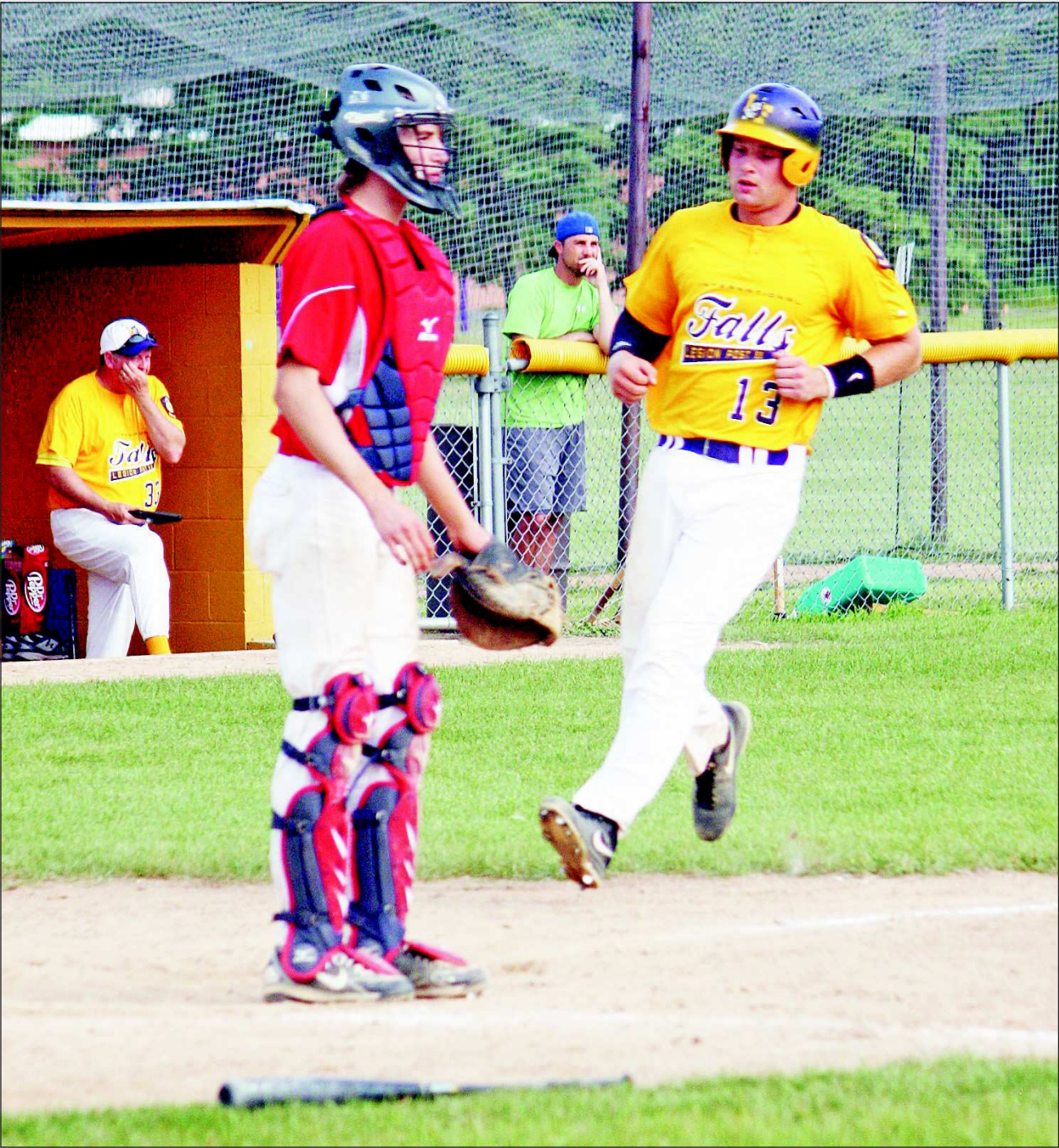
The Post 66 Broncos added three runs in the second inning when Clay Bergstrom, Ulrich and Caleb Dahlin each had a hit.

Tyler Coffield singled and Cole Miggins doubled when the Falls plated two more runs in the bottom of the third.

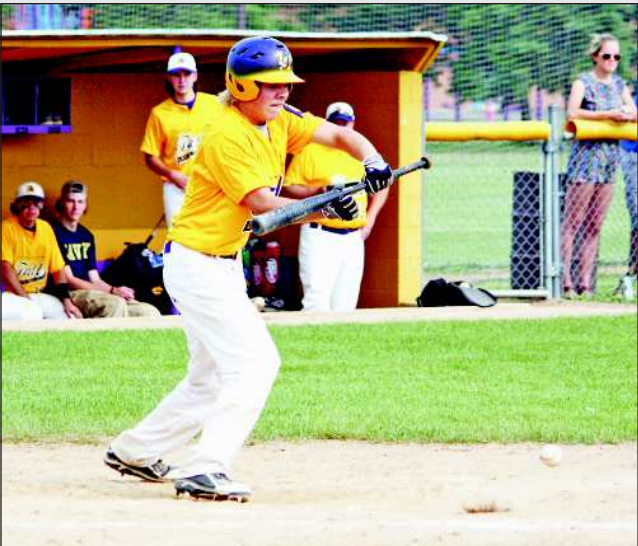
"One thing we've been doing very well is we've been moving runners," Walls said. "When we get runners on base, we've been executing the (sacrifice) bunts, and we've been getting things down and moving runners around, and we're getting some big hits with guys on base. That's where we're going to score some runs."

Taconite starting pitcher Kadin Kalisch took the loss after giving up six runs in the first three innings. Kole Kalisch gave up a run pitching the next two innings in relief.

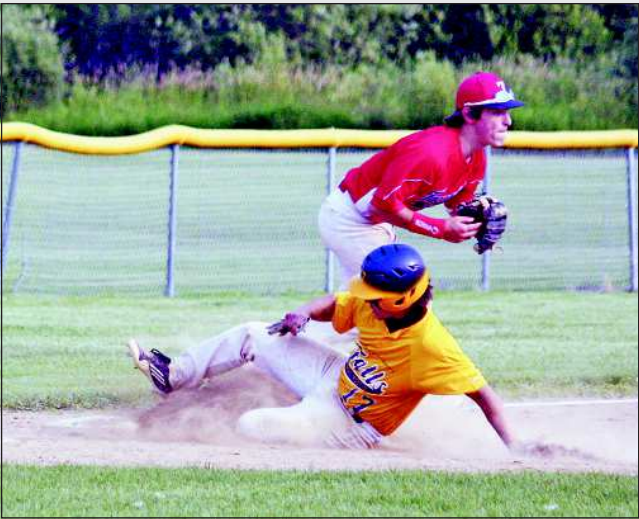
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At right, the Post 66 Broncos' Gunnar Anderson (13) approaches home plate to score in the second game of Thursday's home doubleheader against Taconite.



In front, the Falls Legion's Clay Bergstrom lays down a bunt in the second game of Thursday's home doubleheader against Taconite.



In front, the Falls Legion's Jackson Vollom (17) slides into third base in the second game of Thursday's home doubleheader against Taconite.

### VFW BASEBALL

## Falls' season ends in Sub-District Tournament

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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The season game to an end Saturday for the International Falls VFW baseball team after losing twice at last weekend's Sub-District Tournament.

"They came out and played really well the first game – played hard," said Falls VFW head coach Mike Coffield. "The second game we were a little flat."

The No. 4-seeded Falls, which played both of its games in Nashauk, opened the tournament with a 3-2 loss to No. 5-seeded Greenway.

The game was tied at 1-1 when both teams scored in the second inning and the contest remained even until the final inning. The Falls scored its first run after Tyler Coffield singled, stole second base, advanced to third on a fielder's choice and then stole home.

The Falls had a chance to take the lead in the bottom of the sixth when Tyler Coffield



From right, the Falls VFW's Tyler Coffield (9) slides safely into third base as the ball gets past Deer River's Dakota Goggleye in Saturday's Sub-District Tournament game at Nashauk.

field hit a fly ball with one out to right field and Brett Lindvall headed home to score. However, Lindvall left third base before the right fielder caught the ball and was called out on an appeal that retired the side.

Greenway scored twice with two runners on base in the top of the seventh when a ground ball hit by leadoff batter Taylor Lantz bounced past Tyler Coffield

at shortstop and brought in the runs.

The Falls got one run back in the bottom of the seventh when Dallas Pearson dove into home on a wild pitch after having reached base being hit by a pitch.

Both starting pitchers went the full seven innings with Greenway's Levi Ingle allowing only two hits for the win and Lindvall giving

up seven hits for the loss.

**DEER RIVER 11, FALLS 4**

The Falls, which had only nine players available for both games Saturday, then played in the losers' bracket against No. 8-seeded Deer River and was eliminated in the double-elimination tournament after losing 11-4.

"We beat Deer River pretty easily (June 30 at home during the regular sea-

son)," Mike Coffield said. "I think (the Falls) may have been a little overconfident."

Tyler Coffield, who pitched all seven innings for the Falls, gave up two hits and walked two batters in the top of the first when Deer River took a 3-0 lead.

The Falls scored in the bottom of the second when Deer River had a chance to

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