

# SPORTS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Voyageurs venture inside to pound Pioneers



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Voyageurs' Jammere Carlisle and Northland's Chris Williams (11) battle underneath the basket for the ball in Wednesday night's game in the RRCC gym.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Voyageurs stay close early, then downed by No. 1 Northland

## RRCC winless in conference play

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

The Rainy River Community College women's basketball team stayed close in the first half Wednesday night with the top-ranked NJCAA Division III team in the country, before Voyageurs fell behind by double digits in the final 20 minutes and lost at home to Northland Technical and Community College, 76-49.

"We came out with the focus, the energy, but the right approach was that we were patient and we allowed our offense to work," said RRCC head coach Adam Rotar. "Defensively, we were in the right position, we were in the right situation where the ball was. Things were working really well on both ends of the ball..."

The Voyageurs tied the game at 12-12 when Dominique Hines made a bank shot. RRCC then got the ball

back and had an opportunity to take the lead when Sarina Phrathap drove to the basket and was called for a charging foul with 12:54 left in the first half.

The Pioneers regained the lead with a 7-0 scoring run, but RRCC battled back with three field goals to pull within a point as NCTC remained in front as the half progressed.

Another 7-point deficit for the Voyageurs late in the first half was cut to a point on back-to-back 3-point baskets by Phrathap and Shania Thompson. However, the Pioneers made the last two field goals of the half to lead 31-26 at intermission.

NCTC put the game away in the first half of the second half, in which RRCC was outscored 24-5.

"I think when we came out at halftime – what I like to do is just give the girls a chance to sit and relax, because we've only got five (players) – but by doing that I think we lost that fire," Rotar said. "It was almost like the pilot light went out

## RRCC now 2-1 in MCAC North

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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The Rainy River Community College men's basketball found multiple scoring opportunities inside Wednesday night when the Voyageurs won at home against Northland Community and Technical College, 77-54.

"We emphasized here the past few days how big it is to take advantage of our advantages inside," said Voyageurs head coach Kristofer Babler. "We've got some size. We've got some guys that can score down there."

"It was good to see Jammere (Carlisle) have a good game. It was good to see Antoine (Tobias) rebound as hard as he did. It was good to see Jimson (Clerveus) play as well as he has in four or five weeks."

Carlisle, a 6-6 freshman forward, led RRCC in scoring with a game-high 23 points. Clerveus added 13 points. Tobias, who played primarily in the first half, had a team-high nine rebounds.

The Voyageurs also found outside scoring opportunities early in the game with four of their six 3-point baskets coming in the first half. Shots made behind the arc by RRCC's Arfon Janetkhan, Teekay Biti, Sheldon O'Neal and Ahmad Poche were part of an 18-2 scoring run that put the Voyageurs in front, 30-15. The half ended with the Voyageurs leading 40-24.

RRCC's inside game took control at the start of the second half, in which a 15-6 scoring run in less than 5 minutes included five field goals from Carlisle.

The Pioneers scored almost half of their points outside the arc with eight 3-point baskets. Owen Ellefson led NCTC with 10 points, which included three 3-pointers.

The Voyageurs outshot

the Pioneers from the field overall, 32-55 (58.2 percent) to 20-60 (33.3 percent).

The win improved RRCC's season record to 2-1 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division and 10-5 overall.

"We just want to keep playing and getting better," Babler said. "If we keep improving, we're going to win quite a few more ball-games."

The Voyageurs, who will play their next four games on the road, return to action today at Itasca.

**RRCC 77, NCTC 54**  
**NCTC 24 30 – 54**  
**RRCC 40 37 – 77**  
**NCTC:** Seth Moise 4, Andy Arias 8, John Jenkins 2, Chris Williams 9, Mitch Mosher 2, Owen Ellefson 10, Tate Mosher 9, Mark Geiman 1, Steven Clark 9. 3-pointers: Ellefson 3, Arias 2, Williams, T. Mosher, Clark. Free throws: 6-9. Fouls: 14. Technical fouls: Williams.  
**RRCC:** Ahmad Poche 6, Sheldon O'Neal 3, Jammere Carlisle 23, Arfon Janetkhan 8, Colin Tyrone 2, Antoine Tobias 4, Darius Johnson 6, Teekay Biti 4, Sam Stirgus 8, Jimson Clerveus 13. 3-pointers: Poche 2, Janetkhan 2, O'Neal, Biti. Free throws: 7-15. Fouls: 17. Technical fouls: Carlisle.

## AGENDA

**City of International Falls - City Council Regular Meeting**  
**4:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 20, 2015**  
**Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

1. Administer Oath of Office to election winner Brian Briggs, East Ward Councillor.

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA (only by unanimous consent).**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Organizational City Council meeting (Council action-motion)
2. Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Regular City Council meeting (Council action-motion)

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

1. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_-15, Approving Transfers, Payment of Claims and Accounts Payable (Council action-motion)

**AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM** (The Open Forum is an opportunity for the audience to address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to five minutes.)

1. 2015 MNUSA Winter Rendezvous, Feb. 12 - 15, 2015; International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club, Eric Johnson (Council information).

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OPENING BIDS (AND/OR QUOTES)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approve additional expenditure (\$4,515.65) for City share of purchase of Electric Zamboni and approve Mighty Ducks Grant Agreement with Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (Council action-motion)
2. Approve *Sustainable Management* proposal from the Minnesota Rural Water Association, dated November 2, 2014, to develop an action plan (Council action-motion)
3. Reconsider Mayoral appointment of member to a 3-year term on the North Koochiching Area Sanitary District for City Council confirmation (Council action-motion)
4. Mayoral appointment to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) for City Council confirmation (Council action-motion)
5. Mayoral appointment of Health Officer for City Council confirmation (Council action-motion)

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda allows the City Council to take action on routine matters by one motion that shall not be debated and shall be adopted by unanimous vote of those present. Any individual council member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the regular agenda (Council action – motion).

1. Year 2015 license renewals: Coffee Landing Café – restaurant

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayoral Proclamation – National Stalking Awareness Month, January 2015 (Council action-motion)
2. Resolution No. \_\_-15 approving application for exempt permit for International Falls Lions Club Year 2015 license renewal: Citizens for Backus/AB, Inc., dba Backus Community Center – restaurant, wine on-sale, and 3.2 on-sale w/restaurant (Council action-motion)
3. Approve 3-year Labor Agreement Between the City of International Falls, Minnesota and Woodworkers Lodge W-33, IAMAW, AFL-CIO, for the Police Department (Council action-motion)
4. Approve 3-year Labor Agreement Between the City of International Falls, Minnesota and Woodworkers Lodge W-33, IAMAW, AFL-CIO, for the Firefighter Engineers and Paramedics (Council action-motion)
5. Approve declaration of 2010 Ambulance, 10-01, as surplus equipment for trade-in and approve purchase of 2015 Type III Ford/Horton Ambulance – Custom Unit # 533 from Premier Specialty Vehicles with monies budgeted in Fund 201, Capital Outlay Auto. (Council action-motion)
6. Any other business.

**REPORTS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

1. **Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads**
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2. **Reports of the Mayor, Council Committees, Boards and Commissions**
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**AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM**

**REMINDERS**

1. Public Hearing for SCDP Grant Application - 4:00 P.M., Monday, February 2, 2015
2. Next regular City Council meeting is at 4:30 P.M., Monday, February 2, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Matters inappropriate for consideration at the meeting or not in the order specified shall not be considered except 1) with the unanimous consent of the members of the City Council, or 2) scheduled public hearings or bid lettings, but not before the time stated in the notice.

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From right, the Voyageurs' Roneisha Jordan (20) dribbles down the court in front of Northland's Courtney Amirayan (33) in Wednesday's game in the RRCC gym.

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"I think we learned something from that – that we're just going to go out and take the floor and warm up like we should, but I had not been doing that. (The effect of) not doing the traditional warmup after a first half is that we did lose that fire."

RRCC, which has no reserve players on its roster, ended up playing the final 4:27 with just four on the floor after Thompson fouled out of the game.

The Voyageurs were led by Roneisha Jordan, who recorded a double-double with 15 points and 15 rebounds. Phrathap also scored in double figures with 10 points, which included three 3-pointers.

The Pioneers had four players score in double figures led by Crystal Amundson with 16 points. Allyson Dahl added 15 points, while Tori Mekash and Haley Gehrtz scored 12 points apiece.

NCTC outshot RRCC from the field overall, 29-71 (40.8 percent) to 20-64 (31.3 percent).

The loss dropped the Voyageurs' season record to 0-3 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division and 4-10 overall. RRCC, which plays its next four games on the road, returns to action today at Itasca.

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Broncos fall to Golden Bears, lose 10th straight

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A one-goal lead after two periods didn't hold up Tuesday night when the International Falls boys hockey team lost at home to Eveleth-Gilbert, 2-1.

After neither team was

able to put the puck in the net in the first 17 minutes, the Broncos scored first 4:09 into second period on a goal from Jordan Tilander assisted by Clay Bergstrom.

The Golden Bears tied the game with 13:51 left in the third period on an unassist-

ed goal from Sam Roberts. Roberts then scored what turned out to be the game-winner with 11:29 to play assisted by Nick Przybylski and Aaron Koivunen.

Shots on goal favored Eveleth-Gilbert, 27-22, with Danny Niemi recording the

win in net and Kyle Sjoblom picking up the loss for the Falls.

The Broncos, whose season record dropped to 3-13 with their 10th loss in a row, returned to action Friday night when they hosted Detroit Lakes.

## SIJHL HOCKEY

# Fort Frances Lakers defeat ER Miners in overtime

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Wyatt Cota scored his second goal of the game on a power play 2:51 into overtime Tuesday night to lift the Fort Frances Lakers to their ninth Superior International Junior Hockey League victory in a row by defeating the English River Miners, 6-5, at Ice for Kids Arena.

The first goal of the game came with 1:02 left in the opening period when Lakers forward Lucas DeBenedet of International Falls put the puck past English River goalie Greg Harney. The

goal also extended DeBenedet's consecutive game point streak to nine.

English River tied the game 3:44 into the second period on a goal from Aaron Beauchamp. The Miners then took the lead at 11:07 of the second period on a power-play goal from Dominic Blouin.

Fort Frances tied the game at 2-2 when recently acquired forward Nolan Ross scored his first goal while playing for the Lakers. Cota's first goal of the game on a power play with 1:22 left in the second period – when he was

assisted by DeBenedet and another Falls High School graduate, Mason Meyer – put Fort Frances back in front.

The Miners tied the game once again 1:12 into the third period on a goal from Richard Dartnall.

The two teams then swapped goals with Bowen Alcock putting Fort Frances back in front, before English River tied the game at 4-4 when Taylor Bargar scored at 7:44 of the third period.

Matt Vela scored to put the Lakers back in front with 3:46 left in the third period. The Miners forced overtime

with 20 seconds remaining in regulation when Bargar scored his second goal of the evening.

In overtime, with Fort Frances up a man, the Lakers won when Meyer passed the puck to an open Cota for the game-winner.

Shots on goal favored the Lakers, 45-29, with Pierce Dushenko picking up the win in net and Harney recording the overtime loss.

Fort Frances returned to action Friday when the Lakers hosted the Thunder Bay North Stars at Ice for Kids Arena.