

# SPORTS



## Who is...

Kylie Skallman, Bronco girls hockey forward, is featured

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### QUICK HITS

#### FHS boys hoops team’s winning streak ends at 9

After having won the previous nine games, the International Falls boys basketball team saw that winning streak come to an end Tuesday night with a 46-36 road loss against Crosby-Ironton.

The Broncos, who trailed 17-12 at halftime, ended up making only 15 of 51 field goals for the game.

“Both teams had trouble putting the ball in the hoop,” said Falls head coach Derek Dowty. “Our defense kept us in the game.”

The Broncos were led in scoring by Ben Humbert with 15 points. Clay Tomczak added 10 points.

The Falls, which lost for the first time since the 86-56 setback Dec. 23 at Duluth Denfeld, dropped to 15-5 going into this afternoon’s home game against Moose Lake/Willow River.

#### FHS girls hoops team raids Greenway 82-32

The International Falls girls basketball team snapped a two-game losing streak in a big way Thursday with an 82-32 road victory over Greenway.

The Broncos, who led 57-11 at halftime, were led in scoring by Teagan Anderson with a game-high 20 points. Maddie Filipiak added 16 points.

#### L-BF girls hoops team streaks past Chisholm 61-40

Kaylee Kennedy scored 26 of her 39 points in the first half Thursday to pace the Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team to a 61-40 home victory over Chisholm.

Karly Swenson added nine point for the Vikings, who led 38-20 at halftime.

The win improved L-BF’s season record to 7-8 going into next Tuesday’s home game against nearby rival International Falls.

### Corrections

This year’s Arrowhead 135 ultramarathon had 124 total finishers and a finish rate of 80 percent. Incorrect numbers for the total finishers and finish rate were included in a story in The Journal’s Jan. 31 edition.

Jenna Anderson had an assist on International Falls’ first goal in Saturday’s girls hockey game against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Wadena-Deer Creek. An incorrect name for the assist was included in a story in The Journal’s Feb. 4 edition.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

## Broncos still the NS Storm

### FHS to face H/C in 7A semifinals

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

The third and most important girls hockey game this season between International Falls and North Shore had the same winner as when both teams faced each other the previous two times during the regular season.

The No. 3-seeded Broncos opened the Sectional 7A Tournament at home Thursday night by winning the quarterfinal game over the No. 6-seeded Storm, 6-0.

“The kids played pretty good the first half of the game,” said Falls head coach Gerald Bolstad. “The second half I thought mentally we kind of got a little sloppy, but that’s going to happen when you dominated the way we dominated. The kids played hard, they played good and it’s a good win.”

The Falls jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first period by scoring three goals in a span of less than 3 minutes.

The Broncos’ first goal came 5:52 into the open-

ing period when Amber Tilander scored assisted by Lexi Edwards and Grace Bragg. The Falls scored again at 7:01 of the first period when Edwards knocked in a goal from short range with an assist from Tilander.

Lexi Erickson gave the Broncos a three-goal lead midway through the opening period when she scored assisted by Jenna Anderson and Emily Saari.

Tilander put the Falls up 4-0 when she scored her second goal of the game assisted by Valandre Butler with 11:10 left in the second period. Twenty-five seconds later, the Broncos took a five-goal lead when Kylie Skallman scored assisted by Erickson and Anderson.

The Falls played much of the first two periods without one of its captains, senior forward Tessa Walls, who had skate trouble that wasn’t remedied until the final period.

“The blade broke, and we don’t really have the stuff to fix that,” Bolstad said.

### MEN’S BASKETBALL

## Voyageurs shoot down Itasca

### RRCC now 5-4 in MCAC North

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

The Rainy River Community College men’s basketball team pulled out to a 20-point lead at halftime Wednesday night and held on for an 86-69 home victory over Itasca to snap a two-game conference losing streak.

“Our guys put together a great first half (Wednesday night),” said RRCC head coach Kristofer Babler. “I think everybody’s not satisfied with our second half, but we needed a win and we got one.”

The Voyageurs, who capitalized on outside scoring opportunities when facing a zone defense and were also able to score inside, ended up outshooting the Vikings from the field overall, 34-60 (56.7 percent) to 27-68 (39.7

percent), and from 3-point range, 11-20 (55 percent) to 2-15 (13.3 percent).

“I think the guys just played unselfishly for a big stretch of the game,” Babler said. “The ball moved, and I think when Itasca went on a run, we started to dribble and beat them. We had really good stretches of basketball (Wednesday night).”

RRCC had five players end up scoring in double figures led by Sam Sturgus with a game-high 22 points, which included four 3-pointers. Arfon Janetkhan added 15 points with five 3-points baskets. Jimson Clerveus scored another 14 points with Ahmad Poche and Antoine Tobias each putting in 10 points.

Itasca was led by Brandon Adkisson with 18 points. Jon Matthews added 16 points with Antonio Story scoring 12 more.

The win improved the Voyageurs’ season record to

5-4 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division and 13-8 overall going into today’s road game against Northland, which lost the first conference game between the two teams.

“I’m sure they’re going to be ready for us, because they’re nipping right at our heels in the conference standings,” Babler said. “We’ve got to go in there and give them our best.”

**RRCC 86, Itasca 69**  
**Itasca 25 44 - 69**  
**RRCC 45 41 - 86**

**Itasca:** Brandon Adkisson 18, Henry Hellman 3, Jon Matthews 16, Daevon Abram 7, Antonio Story 12, Jared Hutar 4, Ross Schminski 5, Levi Fairbanks 4. 3-pointers: Hellman, Schminski. Free throws: 13-16. Fouls: 11.

**RRCC:** Ahmad Poche 10, Jammere Carlisle 8, Arfon Janetkhan 15, Colin Tyrone 3, Antoine Tobias 10, Darius Johnson 2, Teekay Biti 2, Sam Sturgus 22, Jimson Clerveus 14. 3-pointers: Janetkhan 5, Sturgus 4, Poche 2. Free throws: 7-13. Fouls: 16.



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From right, the Voyageurs’ Colin Tyrone (10) works the ball inside while being guarded by Itasca’s Levi Fairbanks (44) in Wednesday night’s game in the RRCC gym.

### WOMEN’S BASKETBALL



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

In front from left, the Voyageurs’ Shania Thompson dribbles past Itasca’s Taylor Gulseth (22) with Charmaine Jourdain (23) in pursuit in back in Wednesday’s game in the RRCC gym.

## RRCC loses shorthanded to Itasca

### Voyageurs drop to 1-8 in MCAC Northern Division

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

After leading 32-26 at half-time and pulling in front by 11 points past the midway point of the second half, the Rainy River Community College women’s basketball team ended up with only three players left on the court Wednesday night and lost at home to Itasca, 68-60.

“I was really happy and satisfied how we were playing in the first half,” said Voyageurs head Adam Rotar. “Then we decided to let calls affect us, and then our attitudes affected us. If you’re going to win games, that stuff has to play out of the equation.

“You cannot allow that stuff to hinder us. If we don’t

let that bother us, that’s our game. But Itasca won it. They deserve it. They earned it, because they kept their heads in the game. They kept their composure. They kept their attitudes in check, and we didn’t.”

In the first half, RRCC shot 11-27 (40.7 percent) from the field overall and 5-8 (62.5 percent) from 3-point range, compared to 8-29 (27.6 percent) from the field and 2-9 (22.2 percent) behind the arc in the second half.

The Voyageurs, who had only their five starters available, were down to four players with 8:57 left in the game after Shania Thompson committed a personal foul and then was called for a technical and fouled out when RRCC led, 46-35.

What could be described as the basketball equivalent of a power play turned into a five-on-three game with 5:42 remaining when Voyageurs sophomore forward Roneisha Jordan committed her

fifth foul and had to leave the court with RRCC still in front, 52-47.

The Vikings then worked the ball inside with their two-player advantage and closed out the game outscoring the Voyageurs, 21-8.

RRCC was led in scoring by Dominique Hines with 19 points, which included four 3-point baskets. Sarina Phrathep added 14 points with a pair of 3-pointers. Jordan recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Itasca, which had two reserve players available and made only one 3-point basket, was led in scoring by Kelly Hack with a game-high 24 points. Tatyana Owens added 17 points.

The loss dropped the Voyageurs’ season record to 1-8 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division and 5-15 overall going into today’s road game against conference-leading Northland.

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Today’s games

**Women’s/men’s basketball**  
RRCC at Northland, 1/3 p.m.

#### Girls/boys basketball

Moose Lake at I. Falls, 3/4:30 p.m.

#### Boys hockey

Crookston at I. Falls, 3 p.m.

#### Monday’s games

##### Boys basketball

Mesabi Academy at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.

##### Boys hockey

I. Falls at Roseau, 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday’s games

##### Boys swimming/diving

I. Falls at Mesabi East, 4:30 p.m.

##### Boys basketball

MI-B at I. Falls, 7:15 p.m.

##### Girls basketball

I. Falls at L-BF, 7:15 p.m.

##### Girls hockey

I. Falls vs. Hibbing/Chisholm in Section 7A Semifinal at Virginia, 8 p.m.