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QUICK HITS

Bass Dash 5K Run/ Walk set for Aug. 23

The fourth annual "Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk" will be held at Smokey Bear Park starting at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 during the 10th annual International Falls Bass Championship.

The 5-kilometer course will once again finish inside the main tent at the park. Awards will be presented to the top-three males and females in seven age groups.

If registered by Aug. 10, the run/walk entry fee is $20, which includes a T-shirt. After Aug. 10, the registration fee will increase to $25 with T-shirts not included on race day.

Registration forms are available at www.ifallsbass.com and at the Chamber of Commerce and Stride Fitness. Online registration is also set up through a link on the website.

Registrations may be mailed with checks payable to: International Falls Bass Dash, P. O. Box 906, International Falls, MN 56649.

Registration/shirt pick-up will take place at the Smokey Bear Park Pavilion from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22 and in the main tent from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on race day.

For more information, contact Betsy Brokaw at 324-0665, or email ifbassdash@yahoo.com.

Junior high football registration Aug. 11

A sign-up for seventh- and eighth-grade boys interested in playing football this fall will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 in the Falls High School cafeteria.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 283-2571, extension 138.

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.

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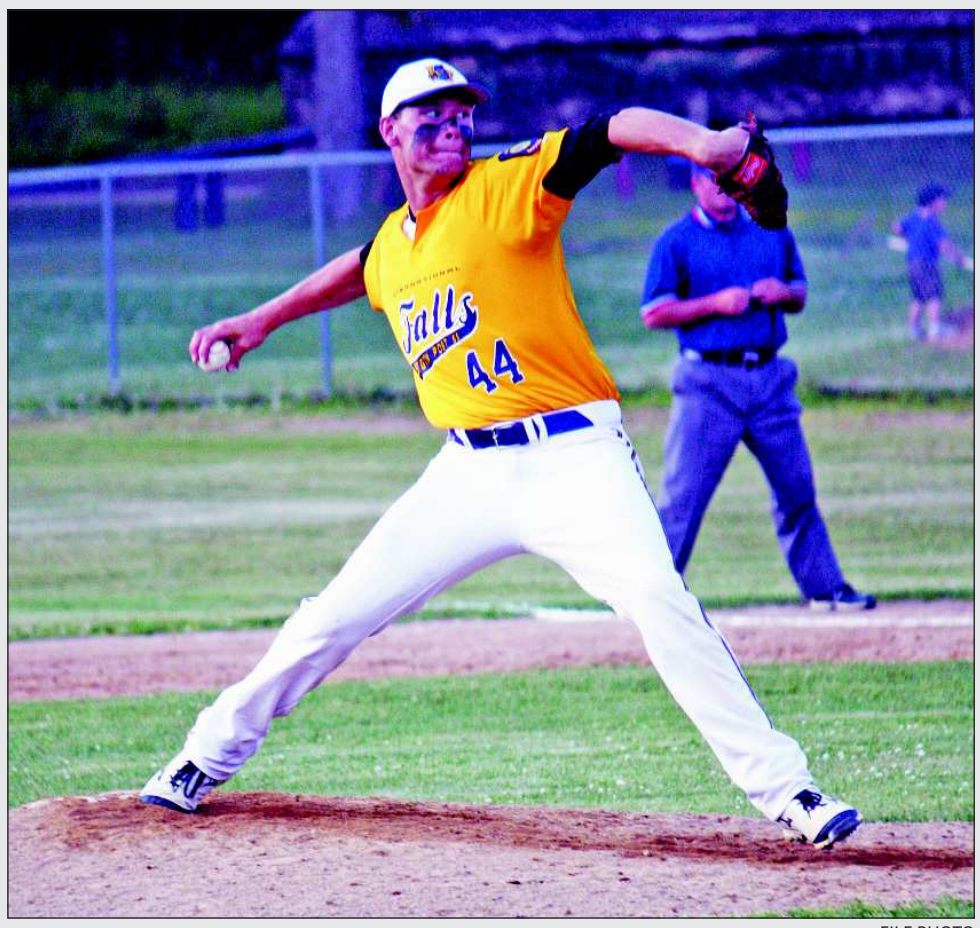

FILE PHOTO

The Falls Legion's Ben Humbert, shown delivering a pitch in the July 22 district tournament opener against Moose Lake, also pitched a complete-game victory in Saturday's 8-4 state tournament consolation bracket win over La Crescent.

Falls wins 1, loses 2 at state

Season ends with 24-7 record

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Legion baseball team wrapped up the 2014 season with one win and two losses at last weekend's Division II State Tournament in Luverne.

On Friday, the Falls couldn't get a runner on base in seven innings when St. James pitcher Walker Froehling threw a perfect game as the Post 66 Broncos lost their tournament opener, 1-0. Froehling struck out eight of the 21 batters he faced.

St. James scored its only run in the bottom of the second when Falls pitcher Caleb Dahlin walked Bransen Peterson with the bases loaded.

Dahlin allowed an earned run on three hits with four walks while striking out three over six innings.

The loss knocked the Post 66 Broncos out of the championship bracket in the eight-team, single-elimination state tournament. St. James went on to win again in the semi-finals before losing the title game to Plato, 6-0.

FALLS 8, LA CRESCENT 4

The Post 66 Broncos recorded their only tournament victory Saturday after rallying for five runs in the fifth inning on the way to defeating

Legion to B2 ➤

Brady Wright wins Birchmont junior title

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A player on the International Falls boys golf team this past season has won the 90th annual Birchmont Golf Tournament's junior championship held July 28-Aug. 2 at the Bemidji Town and Country Club.

The tournament opened with a qualifying round followed by head-to-head match play until the champion was decided. Brady Wright finished on top after winning the final match over Keaton Wolf of Grand Forks, N.D.

Wright was one of three golfers from the Falls to advance to match play following the qualifying round. He qualified with a 78, while Eric Cann carded 81 and Riley Nemec had an 83.

Nemec was eliminated by Wolf in match play, while Cann won his first match over Alex Skarperud of Fargo, N.D., before losing his next two matches.

From left, Brady Wright of International Falls receives a plaque from Bemidji Town and Country Club head professional Rick Grand after winning last week's Birchmont Golf Tournament junior championship.

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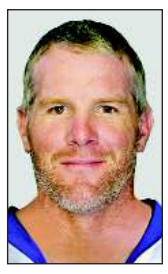
Packers inducting Brett Favre to team Hall of Fame in 2015

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre is returning to Titletown.

The quarterback, estranged from the franchise he helped resurrect during his 16-year career, will be inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and have his number retired next July 18. Favre's No. 4 will be unveiled on the Lambeau Field north end zone facade at halftime of a yet-to-be-determined game during the 2015 season.

"I'm truly honored," Favre said Monday via conference call from his home in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. "It is time to come back."

Favre, who holds virtually every meaningful NFL career quarterback record, famously retired at a tearful press conference in March 2008, only to change his mind and decide later that year that he still wanted to play, setting up an awkward showdown between him and the team he'd come to embody while winning three NFL MVP awards and leading the Packers to a Super Bowl title.



Brett Favre

He was traded to the New York Jets for what would end up being a third-round draft pick, an acrimonious parting of the ways that divided the Packers' loyal fan base. After one year with the Jets, Favre retired a second time, only to join the rival Minnesota Vikings, for whom he played two seasons.

Favre led the Vikings to two victories over the Packers during the 2009 season, when Minnesota advanced to the NFC championship game but lost to the eventual Super Bowl-champion New Orleans Saints.

In 2010, the Packers beat Favre and the Vikings twice on their way to the Super Bowl title, led by Favre's successor, Aaron Rodgers. Favre retired for good following the 2010 season, while Rodgers went on to win the NFL MVP award in 2011.

Former Packers president/CEO Bob Harlan served as the intermediary and brought the two sides back together. General manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy, who made the decision to part ways with Favre in 2008, attended Monday's news conference but did not speak with reporters.

"It's great to have old friends home again," Harlan said.

Harlan said the team, the Packers Hall of Fame and the Favre family had agreed in principle to the idea last November.

"In all honesty, I was probably more ready sooner than everyone else was," Favre said. "I knew this moment would come ... and I'm just glad we're here, it's in stone, and it will be done."

Favre said he hoped to return to Lambeau Field this season, perhaps for a ceremonial coin flip with former

Favre to B2 ➤