

SPORTS

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Voyageurs sweep UMD by identical 2-0 scores

RRCC 3-4-1 in ACHA games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

For the first time this season, the Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team has swept a two-game series.

The Voyageurs won both games they hosted last weekend against the University of Minnesota Duluth’s club team by identical 2-0 scores.

“We’re excited to get a sweep,” said RRCC head coach Evan Amdahl, who also noted the team put together six good periods of hockey and was able to record a pair of shutouts with only three defensive players available when Megan Markuson didn’t play because of medical issues.

In Saturday night’s game at Kerry Park Arena, Rebecca Dilley scored both goals in the Voyageurs’ victory.

Dilley’s first goal with 11:18 left in the second period came on the power play assisted by Taylor Dixon and Rebekah Ford. Her final goal with 13:58 to play in the final period was assisted by Shania Rhinehart



At right, the Voyageurs’ Alicia Beckel (5) advances the puck in front of a Bulldog player in Sunday’s game at Bronco Arena.

and Taylor Durocher.

RRCC goalie Victoria Taylor made 27 saves to record the shutout victory. Colleen Jacoby stopped 30 of 32 shots in recording the loss in net for UMD.

On Sunday at Bronco Arena, Dixon scored a pair of unassisted goals as the Voyageurs completed the sweep of the Bulldogs.



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From left, the Voyageurs’ Taylor Dixon (7) controls the puck while the Bulldogs’ Shelby Theis (6) sets up on defense in Sunday’s game at Bronco Arena. Dixon scored both goals in RRCC’s 2-0 victory over UMD.

Dixon’s first goal came 2:10 into the opening period. She added an empty-net goal with 18.3 seconds left in the game.

Voyageurs goalie Shay Perry made 19 saves in recording the shutout victory.

Jacoby made 29 saves in a losing cause for UMD.

The series sweep improved RRCC’s record to 3-4-1 in ACHA games and 3-7-1 overall. The Voyageurs, whose three victories and a tie have come

against the Bulldogs, play their final two-game series before the new year when they host Minot State this coming Saturday and Sunday at Bronco Arena.

Saturday’s game	
RRCC 2, UMD 0	
UMD	0 0 0 - 0
RRCC	0 1 1 - 2
Sunday’s game	
RRCC 2, UMD 0	
UMD	0 0 0 - 0
RRCC	1 0 1 - 2

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs sweep Fergus Falls, Cent. Minn. All-Stars

RRCC now 5-1

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women’s basketball team has improved to 5-1 for the season after sweeping a pair of road games last weekend.

On Friday at Fergus Falls, the Voyageurs defeated Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Fergus Falls, 70-57.

“Fergus Falls has a good team,” said RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert, who noted the Voyageurs got outrebounded, 53-39, but shot well and played defense well to win the game.

Ebony Joseph led three RRCC players who scored in double figures with 19 points, followed by Roneisha Jordan with 14 and Alisha Brinker with 10.

Fergus Falls also had three players score in double figures led by Sam Zastrow with 19 points,



Roneisha Jordan

followed by Maria Johnson with 15 and Tanis Lura with 11.

The Voyageurs out-shot Minnesota State from the field overall, 30-75 (40 percent) to 19-63 (30.2 percent), and from 3-point range, 6-19 (31.6 percent) to 3-13 (23.1 percent).

RRCC 57, ALL-STARS 56

On Saturday at St. Cloud Cathedral, the Voyageurs defeated the Central Minnesota All-Stars, a team composed of former college players, 57-56.

RRCC trailed by four at halftime and rallied late in the second half to win by a point.

Of the three Voyageurs to score in double figures, Jordan led the team with 15 points, followed by Kurstyn Gordon with

12 and Brinker with 10. Jordan and Brinker also recorded double-doubles by hauling in 12 and 10 rebounds, respectively.

RRCC returns to action at 6 p.m. Friday when the Voyageurs host their first home game of the season against Riverland.

Friday’s game	
Rainy River 70, Fergus Falls 57	
Rainy River	37 33 - 70
Fergus Falls	32 25 - 57

Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 14, CaseyLynn Fulton 9, Alisha Brinker 10, Sarina Phrathep 4, Ebony Joseph 19, Kurstyn Gordon 9, Regina Krickenberg 5. 3-pointers: Fulton 2, Gordon 2, Joseph, Krickenberg. Free throws: 4-10. Fouls: 19. Fouled out: Jordan, Phrathep.

Saturday’s game	
Rainy River 57, All-Stars 56	
Rainy River	24 33 - 57
All-Stars	28 28 - 56

Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 15, CaseyLynn Fulton 7, Alisha Brinker 10, Sarina Phrathep 8, Ebony Joseph 5, Kurstyn Gordon 12. 3-pointers: Phrathep 2, Gordon 2, Fulton. Free throws: 6-16. Fouls: 19.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs lose close twice on road

RRCC at 2-4

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Coming close twice at the end of last weekend’s games didn’t count in the win column for the Rainy River Community College men’s basketball team.

On Friday at Fergus Falls, the Voyageurs trailed by a point with the ball in the final seconds, but missed what RRCC head coach Jack Cook called an “ill-advised 3-pointer” and ended up losing to the Spartans, 97-94.

“We played really well against Fergus Falls,” Cook said. “We were right with them.”

Five Voyageurs scored in double figures led by James Sauser Denesia with 18 points, which included four 3-pointers. Deion Miley added 16 points, Jimson Clerveus scored 14, Andrew Nichols had 12 and Harold Jenkins put in 10 more.

Fergus Falls had two players account for more than half of the Spartans’ scoring led by Luke Halbakken with 32 points and Ja’Vonte Johnson with 30. Both teams shot better

than 40 percent from the field overall with Fergus Falls going 35-71 (49.3 percent) and RRCC shooting 36-88 (40.9 percent).

ST. CLOUD TECH 91, RAINY RIVER 86

On Saturday, the Voyageurs also trailed by only a point in the final minute before committing a foul ruled intentional and then losing to St. Cloud Tech, 91-86.

The lead changed hands three times with five ties as RRCC trailed by six at halftime before outscoring the Cyclones by a point in the final 20 minutes.

“Our defense got a little soft,” said Cook, who noted the team is able to score but is also allowing too many points.

Sauser Denesia again led five RRCC players scoring in double figures with 18 points, which came on six 3-pointers.

Riley West led five Cyclone players scoring in double figures with a game-high 25 points.

Both teams made more than 40 percent of their shots from the field overall with the Voyageurs going 31-68 (45.6 percent) and St. Cloud Tech shoot-

ing 30-65 (46.5 percent).

Though RRCC made 11 3-point shots compared to five for the Cyclones, St. Cloud Tech made 13 more free throws than the Voyageurs.

RRCC, which dropped to 2-4 overall, plays its first home game of the season Friday night against Riverland.

Friday’s game	
Fergus Falls 97, Rainy River 94	
Rainy River	42 52 - 94
Fergus Falls	50 47 - 97

Rainy River: Fedner Fleurant 5, Jimson Clerveus 14, Devin Washington 8, Harold Jenkins 10, Deion Miley 16, Andrew Nichols 12, James Sauser Denesia 18, Brandon Dudley 3, Demetrius Murphy 5, Devante Miley 3. 3-pointers: Sauser Denesia 4, Deion Miley 3, Nichols 2, Clerveus, Washington, Dudley. Free throws: 10-18. Fouls: 19. Fouled out: Washington.

Saturday’s game	
St. Cloud Tech 91, Rainy River 86	
Rainy River	34 52 - 86
St. Cloud Tech	40 51 - 91

Rainy River: Fedner Fleurant 10, Jimson Clerveus 5, Devin Washington 10, Harold Jenkins 2, Deion Miley 16. 3-pointers: Sauser Denesia 6, Devante Miley 2, Nichols 2, Dudley. Free throws: 13-23. Fouls: 26.

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