

SPORTS

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Voyageurs split with MSU, end regular season

RRCC at 5-8-1 in ACHA games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The regular season schedule came to an end last weekend for the Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team when the Voyageurs split two road games against Minot State University.

On Saturday night, RRCC had a 39-21 advantage in shots on goal, but ended up losing to the Beavers, 6-2.

“It was a frustrating game for everyone,” said Voyageurs head coach Evan Amdahl, who noted the team had a couple of defensive breakdowns that led to Minot State scoring and also gave up two empty-net goals at the end.

The Beavers led 2-0 after the first period on power-play goals by Ali Nychuk and Alecia Power.

Power scored the only second-period goal to extend Minot State’s led to



Taylor Durocher



Shania Rhinehart

3-0 going into the final 17 minutes.

Taylor Durocher got RRCC on the scoreboard with 16:30 to play on a goal assisted by Jaylene Anderson and Taylor Dixon.

The Beavers extended their lead back to three goals when MaKayla Sandvold scored on the power play with 14:08 remaining.

Durocher scored her second and the Voyageurs’ final goal of the game assisted by Anderson and Rebecca Dilley with 5:47 to play, before Minot State finished off the scoring in the final 2:05 with empty-net goals by Angie Lothspeich and Ashley Blue.

Kayla Wakelin made 37 saves to record the win in goal for the Beavers, while Victoria Taylor took the loss in net for RRCC after stopping 15 of 19 shots.

RAINY RIVER 3, MINOT STATE 1

Sunday’s series finale was more of a defensive battle when the Voyageurs pulled out a 3-1 victory.

RRCC scored first with 10:14 left in the opening period on a goal by Delaney Peters assisted by Shania Rhinehart and Jordan Bright.

An early second-period unassisted goal by Nychuk tied the game at 1-1, which is how the score remained going into the final 17 minutes.

Rhinehart scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal assisted by Taina Kaartinen and Kayla Richardson with 15:05 to play.

The Voyageurs added an insurance goal with 1:10 to play when Anderson scored assisted by Durocher and

Dilley.

Kristen Andrews stopped 15 of 16 shots to pick up the win in goal for RRCC. Wakelin recorded the loss in net for Minot State after making 20 saves.

The Voyageurs closed out the regular season with a record of 5-8-1 in American Collegiate Hockey Association games and 5-11-1 overall. To qualify for next month’s ACHA Division 2 National Tournament, RRCC would have to end up ranked among the Western Division’s top four in the final season poll that comes out later this month.

“We’re on the bubble...,” said Amdahl, who ranks a lot of teams in the west as being equal. “It kinds of stinks to sit and wait.”

Saturday’s game

Minot State 6, Rainy River 2
Rainy River 0 0 2 - 2
Minot State 2 1 3 - 6

Sunday’s game

Rainy River 3, Minot State 1
Rainy River 1 0 2 - 3
Minot State 0 1 0 - 1

RRCC women’s hockey signs Connor Coleman

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Connor Coleman, a forward from Rock Springs, Wyo., has committed to the Rainy River Community College Voyageurs women’s hockey team for the 2014-15 season.

Coleman recently visited the Rainy River campus and signed a letter of intent to play for the Voyageurs next season.

“Connor is really looking forward to continuing her education and hockey career at Rainy River Community College,” Amdahl said. The RRCC women’s hockey team is a Division 2 member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Coleman currently is an assistant captain on both the girls and boys high school teams that she plays on.



Connor Coleman

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs get trampled by Northland Pioneers

RRCC drops to 1-7 in MCAC

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Facing one of the nation’s top-ranked junior college teams in Division III, the Rainy River Community College women’s basketball team couldn’t match Northland on its home court Saturday afternoon.

The Voyageurs fell behind by 37 points at half-time and lost to the Pioneers, 94-32.

“We ran into a very good team ranked No. 5 in the

nation, and they were on top of their game,” said RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert, who noted the Voyageurs had trouble with Northland’s man-to-man defense and also didn’t shoot well.

The Pioneers ended up outshooting the Voyageurs from the field overall, 34-56 (60.7 percent) to 11-50 (22 percent), and also committed fewer turnovers (11)



Roneisha Jordan

than RRCC (28).

Sarah Durand and Crystal Amundson led Northland in scoring with 29 and 28 points, respectively, while Danielle Hernandez added 14 points.

Roneisha Jordan was the only RRCC player to score in double figures when she accounted for 22 of the team’s 32 points. Jordan recorded a double-double by also hauling in 11 rebounds.

The loss dropped the Voyageurs’ season record to 1-7 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division and 7-13 overall going into Friday’s

road game at Vermilion.

To have any hope of cracking the MCAC North’s top four and qualifying for the region tournament, Humbert said RRCC will have to win out in its final four conference games, which conclude Feb. 22 at home against Fond du Lac.

Northland 94, Rainy River 32

Rainy River 12 20 - 32
Northland 49 45 - 94
Rainy River: Roneisha Jordan 22, Nikyia Jones 4, Alisha Brinker 2, Kurstyn Gordon 1, Reggie Krickeberg 3. 3-pointers: Krickeberg. Free throws: 9-17. Fouls: 19. Fouled out: Brinker, Gordon.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs stay close early, lose big late to Northland

RRCC drops to 1-9 in MCAC

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The lead changed hands six times with five ties in the first half Saturday afternoon when the Rainy River Community College men’s basketball team stayed close with Northland on its home court, before being outscored by 17 points in the final 20 minutes and losing to the Pioneers, 82-60.

“We played a good first half,” said RRCC head coach Jack Cook. “In the second half we stopped running our offense.”

The Voyageurs went into intermission trailing 39-34 with both teams scoring the same number of points from the field and the Pioneers having made five more free throws.

RRCC, which took 25 shots behind the 3-point arc and made 10 of them for the game, took most of its shots from 3-point range in the second half (16) when the team’s overall shooting accuracy went from 42.4 percent (14-33) in the first half to 26.5 percent (9-34) in the final 20 minutes.

Northland ended up outshooting RRCC from the field overall, 29-55 (52.7 percent) to 23-67 (34.3 percent), and also had a 47-31 advan-

tage in total rebounds.

The Pioneers had four players score in double figures led by Yonathan Kristos with 20 points, followed by Larry Hunter with 19, Shakil Lea with 17 and Tate Mosher with 14. Kristos recorded a double-double by also hauling in 11 rebounds.

The Voyageurs had two players score in double figures led by Andrew Nichols with 12 points on four 3-pointers. Jimson Clerveus added 11 points.

The loss marked RRCC’s seventh consecutive Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division defeat and dropped the Voyageurs to 1-9 in league play and 3-19 overall. RRCC returns to action Friday night on the road at Vermilion.

Northland 82, Rainy River 60

Rainy River 34 26 - 60
Northland 39 43 - 82
Rainy River: Fedner Fleurant 6, Jimson Clerveus 11, Bryan Hasbargen 3, Andrew Nichols 12, James Sauser Denesia 5, Demetrius Murphy 7, Devante Miley 7, Ahmad Poche 7, Harold Jenkins 2. 3-pointers: Nichols 4, Clerveus, Hasbargen, Sauser Denesia, Murphy, Miley, Poche. Free throws: 4-7. Fouls: 20.



Andrew Nichols

Twins general manager Ryan says he has treatable cancer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Diagnosed with cancer in his neck, Minnesota Twins general manager Terry Ryan has taken leave from his job for treatment and recovery.

The timetable for his return is unclear, but the prognosis is optimistic. Though sobered by and concerned about the news, the Twins expressed confidence in the ability of their front office’s long-time leader to beat the disease and get back to running the team.

“I don’t doubt he’ll get this knocked out,” assistant general manager Rob Antony said. “He’s a tough bird, as he would say.”

The Twins released a

statement on Monday from Ryan, who thanked his doctors, friends and colleagues for their work and support.

“It’s my intention to see you back at the ballpark as soon as possible,” Ryan said.

During his recent annual physical exam, the 60-year-old Ryan asked team physician Dr. Vijay Eyunni to examine a hard lump on his neck about an inch in diameter that had appeared a few weeks earlier. Further tests revealed squamous cell carcinoma.

The squamous cells are in several parts of the body, but Eyunni said the source and cause of the cancer was undetermined. All that was

known, he said, was that it was in his lymph node but had not spread to anywhere else.

“The good news is we caught it early,” Eyunni said, adding: “As you know, both mentally and physically, he’s very strong. So with treatment and radiation, it’s going to help him a lot. He’ll recover better than someone who is not healthy.”

Ryan was at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and expected to have surgery on Tuesday. Radiation treatment will likely follow. But once removed, Eyunni said, this type of cancer does not come back.

“It should be completely done. It does not regenerate

anymore,” Eyunni said.

Despite the positive outlook for a full recovery, this close-knit organization felt a collective anxiety and letdown upon learning of Ryan’s condition.

“My family is praying for Terry Ryan and his family. Cancer is a terrible thing and we are hoping for a fast recovery,” reliever Brian Duensing said on Twitter.

“Cancer news hit close to home today. Sickened to hear about one of the men I respect most. My prayers are with you Terry,” closer Glen Perkins tweeted.

Manager Ron Gardenhire, in an e-mail, said he’s had a “rough few days” in regard to Ryan’s cancer.

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