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BOYS BASKETBALL

Broncos devour the Timberwolves, then get iced by Eskomos

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Leading up to Monday night's local rivalry game against Littlefork-Big Falls, the International Falls boys basketball team played last weekend against a couple of the better teams in Section 7A and 7AA.

On Friday night at Ely, the Broncos snapped a four-game losing streak and defeated the Timberwolves, 72-59.

"(Friday night) we played a great basketball game," said Falls head coach Derek Dowty. "We put together a complete game finally.

"We had no lulls during the game. We took care of the basketball and pulled out a victory."

The Broncos pulled out to a 34-21 halftime lead and then played even with Ely – one of the top teams in Section 7A – for the final 18 minutes.

Ben Humbert led the Falls with 28 points. Cole Miggins also scored in double figures with 18 points. Humbert recorded a double-double by also hauling in 13 rebounds, while Humbert and Miggins each had eight assists.

ESKO 75, I. FALLS 28

Saturday afternoon at home against Esko, the defending Section 7AA champion, the Broncos could only muster 14 points in each half and ended up being trounced by the Eskomos, 75-28.

"We just couldn't get anything going offensively (Saturday)," Dowty said. "Defensively, (the Eskomos are) tough. They've got five guys that can score (with) the basketball."

Esko, which made 11 3-point baskets, had three players score in double figures led by Marc Peterson with a game-high 20 points, which included four 3-pointers. Kory Deadrich added 16 points, while Jaxson Turner scored 13 more.

Humbert was they only Falls player to score in double figures with 10 points.

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From left, the Broncos' Allen Johnson (4) dribbles the ball inside while being guarded by Esko's Reed Bakken (5) and receiving a screen from the Broncos' Brandon Barras in Saturday's game in the Falls High School gym.

Friday's game
I. Falls 72, Ely 59

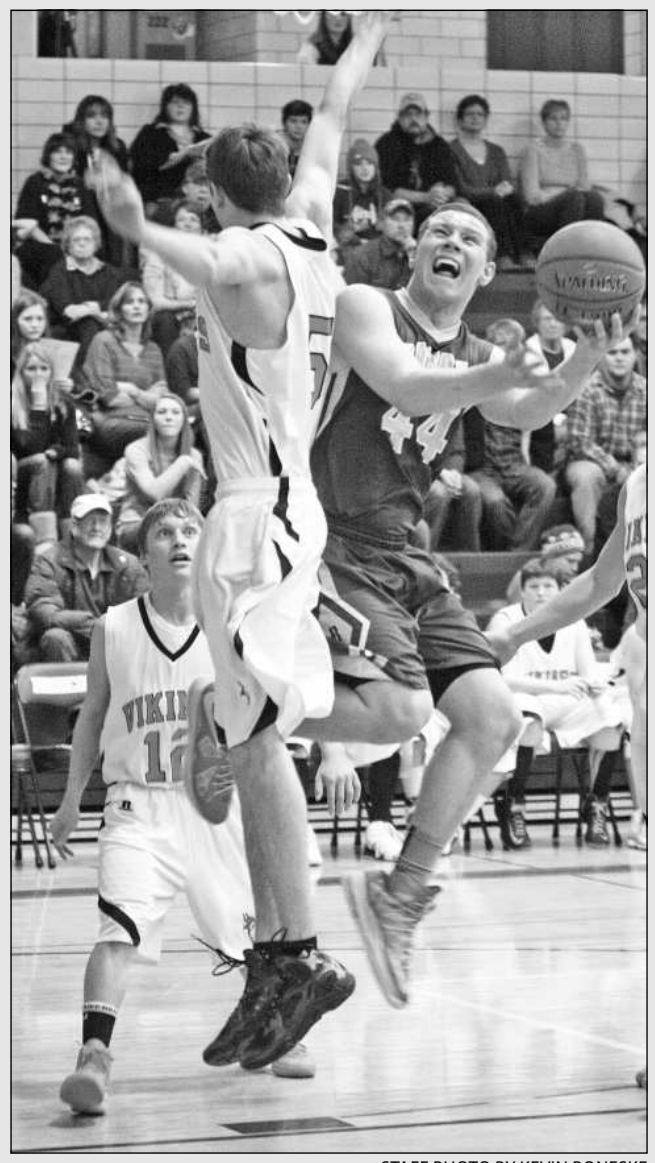
I. Falls	34	38	– 72
Ely	21	38	– 59

I. Falls: Allen Johnson 2, Ben Humbert 28, Cody Hallin 3, Cole Miggins 18, Cory Netland 4, Jack Bartkowski 8, Max Vergeldt 9. 3-pointers: Miggins 2, Hallin. Free throws: 9-13. Fouls: 15.

Saturday's game
Esko 75, I. Falls 28

Esko	37	38	– 75
Falls	14	14	– 28

I. Falls: Allen Johnson 5, Ben Humbert 10, Cody Hallin 5, Jack Bartkowski 4, Max Vergeldt 2, Paul Skoglund 2. 3-pointers: Johnson, Hallin. Free throws: 4-8. Fouls: 11.



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From right, the Broncos' Ben Humbert (44) drives to the basket while the Vikings' Chandon Street (5) reaches up on defense and Rylan Henrickson (12) looks on during Monday night's game in the Falls High School gym.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Vikings lose at home to Blackduck Drakes

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After trailing by a point at halftime and taking the lead in the second half, the Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team ended up losing Friday at home to Blackduck, 61-56.

"I'm very disappointed in the loss," said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish, who noted it was a game the Vikings should have won. "It's one that's going to eat at us."

L-BF found itself in the final minutes without senior center Jacob Franz, who fouled out of the game.

"We could have definitely used Jacob in the game late," Maish said.

Though Blackduck committed 24 turnovers compared to only 11 for L-BF, Maish said, "Our shooting percentage wasn't very good."

Senior guard Taylor DeLack led the Vikings in scoring with a game-high 27 points, followed by junior guard Rylan Henrickson with 12 points. DeLack recorded a double-double by also hauling in 10 rebounds.

Blackduck was led in scoring by Tyler Jablonski with 26 points and Trey Volk with 20 more points in a winning effort for the Drakes.

Taylor DeLack

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and I think we realized (Saturday) where our deficits are."

The Voyageurs were outscored 30-10 in the second half.

Anoka-Ramsey shot 25-62 (40.3 percent) from the field overall, compared to 13-57 (22.8 percent) for the Voyageurs.

Two Anoka-Ramsey players scored more points than all the RRCC players combined with Olivia Antilla scoring a game-high 27 points and Maria Loughlin adding 17 more.

Jordan was the only player on the Voyageurs to score in double figures with 12 points. She also recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds.

RRCC, which is now 6-2 for the season, plays its final games before the new year this coming weekend when the Voyageurs open the two-day Central Lakes Tourney in Brainerd on Friday.

Friday's game
Rainy River 59, Riverland 44

Riverland	26	18	– 44
Rainy River	33	26	– 59

Rainy River: Sarina Phratrep 12, Ebony Joseph 5, Roneisha Jordan 12, Tali Plate 2, Kurstyn Gordon 10, Reggie Krickeberg 8, CaseyLynn Fulton 4, Alisha Brinker 6. 3-pointers: Phratrep 4, Gordon 3, Krickeberg 2. Free throws: 6-10. Fouls: 13.

Saturday's game
Anoka-Ramsey 68, Rainy River 34

Anoka-Ramsey	38	30	– 68
Rainy River	24	10	– 34

Rainy River: Sarina Phratrep 2, Ebony Joseph 2, Roneisha Jordan 12, Kurstyn Gordon 6, Reggie Krickeberg 3, CaseyLynn Fulton 5, Alisha Brinker 4. 3-pointers: Gordon 2, Krickeberg. Free throws: 5-12. Fouls: 16. Fouled out: Jordan.

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make shots behind the arc when L-BF couldn't.

"You've got to give credit to some of the Bronco players for stepping up and hitting those (3-pointers)," he said. "We didn't come to play (Monday night)."

The Vikings, who dropped to 1-3, return to action Thursday night on the road against Greenway.

The Broncos, who improved their season record to 3-5, next host Eveleth-Gilbert on Friday night.

I. Falls 68, L-BF 47

L-BF	24	23	– 47
I. Falls	41	27	– 68

L-BF: Taylor DeLack 20, Chandon Street 4, Rylan Henrickson 8, Tommy Manninen 2, Jacob Franz 11, Ryan Bobst 2. Free throws: 9-12. Fouls: 6.

I. Falls: Cody Hallin 15, Cole Miggins 16, Cory Netland 4, Jack Bartkowski 2, Paul Skoglund 2, Max Vergeldt 8, Brandon Barras 2, Ben Humbert 19. 3-pointers: Hallin 5, Miggins 4. Free throws: 3-5. Fouls: 14.

GIRLS

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ers score in double figures led by Emma Rauzi with a game-high 16 points, while Tiandra Haley added 11 more.

The Broncos will put their perfect record on the line Thursday night when they host Bemidji.

Friday's game
I. Falls 56, Virginia 49

Virginia	31	18	– 49
I. Falls	33	23	– 56

I. Falls: Shelby Wolden 5, Madeline Dahle 2, Lexi Owen 8, Cassie Tomczak 8, Teagan Anderson 18, Janet Humbert 4, Jena Sullivan 3, Emma Gilbert 8. 3-pointers: Anderson 4, Owen. Free throws: 15-26. Fouls: 22. Fouled out: Gilbert.

Monday's game
I. Falls 73, Bigfork 43

I. Falls	39	34	– 73
Bigfork	17	26	– 43

I. Falls: Maddie Filipiak 15, Shelby Wolden 8, Madeline Dahle 2, Lexi Owen 12, Cassie Tomczak 9, Teagan Anderson 10, Janet Humbert 4, Jena Sullivan 3, Emma Gilbert 8, Bianca Carlson 2. Free throws: 19-32. Fouls: 14.

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