

# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

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cos fumbled the ensuing kickoff on their 30-yard line. Royer capped off the scoring drive with a 6-yard touchdown run with 6:47 left in the third quarter. The Hawks' lead remained at 33-20 after the run for the 2-point conversion failed.

"(After) we fumbled that first kickoff that we got (in the second half), it was 6 minutes into the third (quarter) almost before we got an offensive play out there," Boyle said. "Again, we had a few plays that didn't go our way, but our guys played some very good football (Friday night)."

The Broncos started their first offensive series of the second half from their own 30-yard line. The drive ended when a fumble gave the ball back to the Hawks at their own 44.

The Falls fumbled five times and lost three of them, while Hermantown lost three of its four fumbles.

"The turnovers are still huge, and it's something that we have to keep working on," Boyle said. "We have to do a better job at protecting the ball..."

The Hawks extended their lead to three scores with 4:17 left in the game on a 10-yard touchdown run by Zuidmulder. Hermantown's lead stayed at 39-20 when the pass for the 2-point conversion failed.

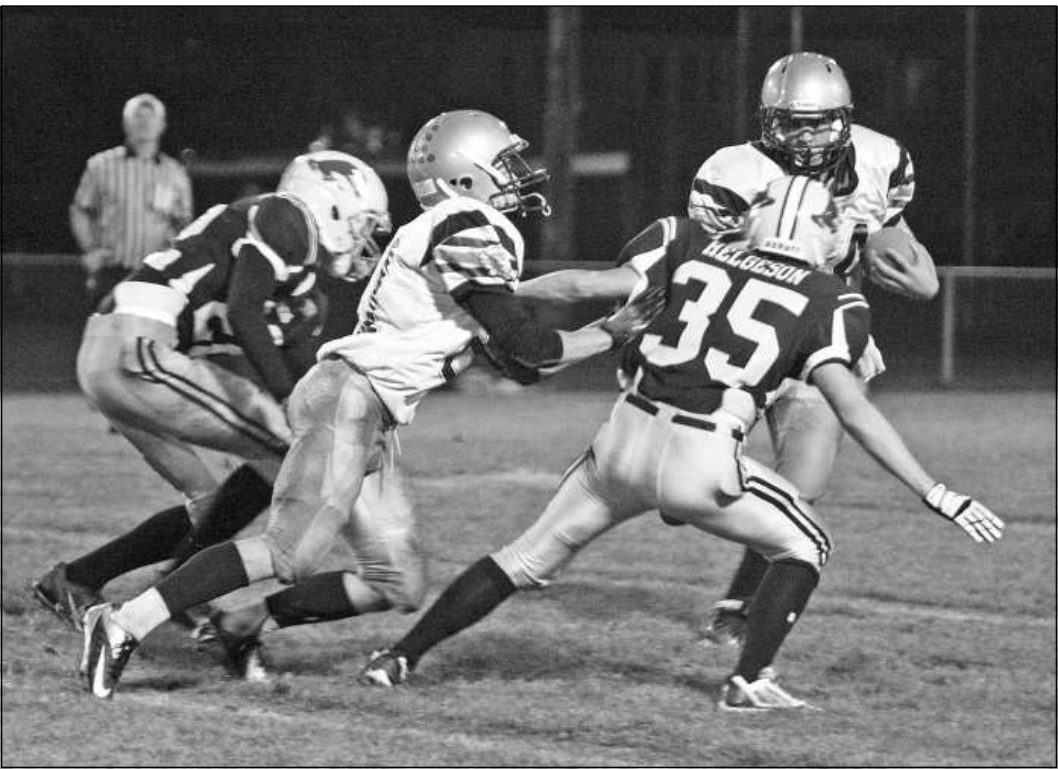
The Falls went back on offense on its 19-yard line and advanced down the field aided by a pair of long receptions by Humbert before capping off the touchdown drive on a 16-yard pass from Riley Nemec to Hallin with 2:12 to play. The pass for the 2-point conversion failed as the Hawks' lead remained at 39-26, which ended up as the final score.

The Broncos recovered the ensuing onside kick at midfield, before their final drive on offense ended on downs at Hermantown's 22-yard line and the Hawks ran out the clock.

Nemec, a freshman, ended up leading the Falls in passing yardage out of the three Bronco quarterbacks in the game by completing six of nine throws for 107 yards and a touchdown.

Nehemiah Olson led the Broncos in rushing with 13 carries for 80 yards.

"(The offense) always depends on the team we're going against and the ad-



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

At right, Hermantown's Zach Royer (44) runs with the football while being pursued by the Broncos' Wyatt Helgeson (35) in Friday's game at Sports Stadium. Royer ran for four touchdowns as the Hawks defeated the Falls, 39-26.

justments they're making," Boyle said. "The nice thing about it is we're getting a lot of stuff put into our offense that we have guys ready to do, so that we can make the adjustments that we need to make, depending on what the other team is giving us."

The Falls ended up out-

gaining Hermantown in total offense, 382-286 yards. Though the Hawks held a 218-214 advantage in rushing yardage, the Broncos had a 178-68 edge in passing yards.

The loss drops Falls' season record to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the Sea Range Con-

ference. The Broncos, who have three regular-season games left on their schedule, play their final road game this coming Friday at Hibbing.

"We're greatly looking forward to getting into this part of our schedule now with Hibbing, Virginia and

Greenway/Nashwauk-Kee-watin coming up..." Boyle said. "We played Hermantown, a very good (Class) AAAA team, very strong here for most of the ball game, so we like where we're at going into the rest of the season and the playoffs."

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**Scoring:** **H:** Zach Royer, 23-yard run (Cody McShane kick); **IF:** Ben Humbert, 3-yard pass from Jakob Ettestad (run failed); **IF:** Cody Hallin, 55-yard run (Ettestad run); **H:** Justin Brendon, 27-yard pass from Kole Zuidmulder (kick failed); **H:** Royer, 5-yard run (pass failed); **IF:** Humbert, 34-yard pass from Jakob Eide (pass failed); **H:** Royer, 4-yard run (Cade Zacharias pass from Zuidmulder); **H:** Royer, 6-yard run (run failed); **H:** Zuidmulder, 10-yard run (pass failed); **IF:** Hallin, 16-yard pass from Riley Nemec (pass failed).  
**Team statistics:** **IF:** 204 yards rushing, 178 passing, 382 total. **H:** 218 yards rushing, 68 passing, 286 total.  
**Rushing:** **IF:** Nehemiah Olson, 13-80; Jakob Ettestad, 21-74; Cody Hallin, 3-67, 1 TD; Austin Geiselhart, 1-4; Ben Humbert, 1-(-6); Jakob Eide, 4-(-15).  
**Passing:** **IF:** Riley Nemec, 6-9, 107 yards, 1 TD; Jakob Eide, 5-12, 68 yards, 1 TD; Jakob Ettestad, 1-1, 3 yards, 1 TD.  
**Receiving:** **IF:** Ben Humbert, 7-123, 2 TDs; Cody Hallin, 3-38, 1 TD; Luke Spilde, 2-17.

## KEN KRUEGER FINISHES AS AN 'IRONMAN'



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Ken Krueger of International Falls, shown finishing the Wisconsin Ironman Triathlon held Sept. 8 in Madison in just under 15 hours, 2 minutes, completed a course that consisted of a 2.4-mile, open-water swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a full 26.2-mile marathon. Krueger was able to finish before the final cutoff of 17 hours to be considered an "Ironman."

## SWIMMING

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Section 7A.

Falls' 200-yard freestyle relay team comprised of seniors Breanna Shofner and Blair Johnson, sophomore Abby Kostiuik and freshman Claire Herzig placed first in 1 minute, 50.08 seconds.

Shofner, Johnson and Kostiuik joined freshman Emily Saari to place second in the 200 medley relay (2:04.49). Duluth East won in 1:56.03.

Johnson, senior Courtney Klow, junior Tayler Hebner and freshman Emma Misner placed third in the 400 freestyle relay (4:11.95). Duluth East won the event in 3:59.59.

Individually, Shofner finished runner-up in the 100 freestyle (1:00.19), 2.09 seconds behind the top time of Duluth East junior Alissa Marlow. Shofner added a fourth-place finish

in the 50 freestyle (26.67), 62 hundredths of a second behind Marlow's winning time.

Kostiuk placed second in the 100 backstroke (1:06.75), 2.95 seconds behind the winning time of Duluth East junior Kelly Punyko. Klow added a fifth-place finish in 1:11.42.

Misner finished third in the 100 butterfly (1:09.44) with Kostiuik coming in fourth in 1:11.07. Duluth East senior Cora Knauss won the event in 1:06.19.

Saari added a fourth-place individual finish in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.07) with Claire Herzig placing seventh in 1:20.19. Duluth East freshman Meghan Zwak won in 1:12.4.

Broncos junior Jessie Hell placed fifth in the 1-meter diving competition with 258.6 points. Mesabi East senior Savannah Robertson had the top score of 288.9.

Falls freshman Caro-

lann Stone scored points in two events by placing seventh in the 500 freestyle (6:25.3) and 10th in the 200 freestyle (2:23.47).

Misner added a seventh-place finish in the 100 freestyle (1:02.09) with Hebner placing 11th in 1:03.85.

The other top-12 individual finish to score points for the Broncos came from Klow, who placed ninth in the 200 individual medley (2:43.64).

Medals were awarded to the top three in each event with individual finishers from fourth to 12th place receiving ribbons.

The Falls will be back in action Thursday at an invitational at Grand Rapids.

**Taconite Invitational**  
**Team scores:** Duluth East 326, Two Harbors/Silver Bay 231, International Falls 203, Mesabi East 165, Eveleth-Gilbert 114.5, Chisholm 112.5, Virginia 86.5, Cloquet/Esko/Carlton 66.5, Northeast Range/Ely 54.  
**International Falls finishers**  
**Diving** — 5. Jessie Hell, 258.6; 13.

Josie Bates, 181.15.  
**200-yard medley relay** — 2. Abby Kostiuik, Emily Saari, Breanna Shofner, Blair Johnson, 2:04.49.  
**200 freestyle** — 10. Carolann Stone, 2:23.47; 19. Megan Herrly, 2:31.27; 29. Reina Goulet, 2:49.01.  
**200 individual medley** — 9. Courtney Klow, 2:43.64; 13. Abby Auran, 2:49.28.  
**50 freestyle** — 4. Breanna Shofner, 26.67; 15. Blair Johnson, 28.47; 19. Claire Herzig, 29.0.  
**100 butterfly** — 3. Emma Misner, 1:09.44; 4. Abby Kostiuik, 1:11.07. 14. Abby Auran, 1:19.86.  
**100 freestyle** — 2. Breanna Shofner, 1:00.19; 7. Emma Misner, 1:02.09; 11. Tayler Hebner, 1:03.85.  
**500 freestyle** — 7. Carolann Stone, 6:25.3.  
**200 freestyle relay** — 1. Abby Kostiuik, Blair Johnson, Claire Herzig, Breanna Shofner, 1:50.08.  
**100 backstroke** — 2. Abby Kostiuik, 1:06.75; 5. Courtney Klow, 1:11.42; 23. Megan Herrly, 1:26.86.  
**100 breaststroke** — 4. Emily Saari, 1:18.07; 7. Claire Herzig, 1:20.19; 14. Anna Earley, 1:26.4.  
**400 freestyle relay** — 3. Emma Misner, Tayler Hebner, Blair Johnson, Courtney Klow, 4:11.95.

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