

# SPORTS



**Vikings-Packers**  
Two teams tie 26-26 after Minnesota blows 16-point lead

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## QUICK HITS

### Bronco girls hockey team shuts out LOW

Amy Auran scored four goals and Amber Tilander added three more Monday night to lead the International Falls girls hockey team to a 10-0 road victory over Lake of the Woods.

Sydney Raboin, Tessa Walls and Katie West also scored for the Broncos, who had 59 shots on goal and improved their season record to 3-2.

Falls eighth-grader Kallaya McConnell recorded the shutout victory in goal with 16 saves.

The Broncos' next game will be Dec. 3 when they play across the Rainy River against their nearby Canadian rival, Fort Frances.

### DeBenedet scores twice in win over WI

Lakers forward and 2013 Falls High School graduate Lucas DeBenedet scored twice and added an assist, while Lyndon Lipinski and 2012 FHS graduate Mason Meyer set up three goals apiece to help lead Fort Frances to a 6-1 home victory Friday over the Wisconsin Wilderness at Ice for Kids Arena.

Brent Aiken, Cody Wickstrom, Hunter Leishman and Billy Grillo also scored for the Lakers, who have gone 17-0-0-1 in 18 consecutive games to pick up 35 out of a possible 36 points in that span.

Alex Arnold had the lone goal for Wisconsin.

Jordan Cartney faced 22 shots in picking up the victory in goal for the Lakers.

Griffin Strain started in the net and suffered the loss for the Wilderness after allowing four goals on 18 shots, while Luke Thompson stopped 16 of 18 in 35 and a half minutes of relief.

Both teams faced other again Tuesday night at the Spooner Ice House.

### Four FHS swimmers on All-Section Team

Four girls from International Falls have been selected for the 2013 All-Section 7A Swimming Team by the section coaches.

Sophomore Abby Kostiuk received All-Section honors in the 100-yard backstroke, in which she won the section championship, and also for swimming the backstroke as part of the Broncos' section-winning 200 medley relay team.

Freshman Emily Saari, who swam the breaststroke in the 200 medley relay, received All-Section honors in that event and also for qualifying for state with a runner-up finish in the 100 breaststroke section finals.

Senior Breanna Shofner, who swam the butterfly on Falls' 200 medley relay, was selected to the All-Section Team in that event.

Senior Blair Johnson, who swam a freestyle leg in the Broncos' relays, was selected for the All-Section Team in the 200 freestyle relay.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Broncos shoot down Deer River inside

## FHS wins opener

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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The International Falls boys basketball team opened the 2013-14 season at home Friday by defeating the team the Broncos closed out the previous year against by losing in the Section 7AA playoffs.

Ben Humbert scored 23 points and hauled in 15 rebounds for a double-double to pace the Falls to a 67-48 victory over Deer River.

"I thought we played OK," said Broncos head coach Derek Dowty. "I was worried going into the game

about our defense. We only gave up 48 points, so I can't complain too much, but there's still lots of things that we need to work on.

"I thought our rebounding went well (Friday night), but we've still got to work on the area of defense – got to improve on that."

Both teams had trouble making shots early in the game, which stayed close until late in the first half.

The Falls led 20-13 with less than 5 minutes to play before halftime before the Warriors tied the game with seven unanswered points.

The two teams exchanged

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From left, the Broncos' Cole Miggins (12) dribbles the ball while being guarded by Deer River's Gozy White (21) during Friday's game in the Falls High School gym.



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From left, the Broncos' Ben Humbert (44) dribbles the ball inside past Deer River's Cody Shevich (35) during Friday's game in the Falls High School gym. Humbert scored 23 points and hauled in 15 rebounds in the Broncos' 67-48 victory over the Warriors.

# Ben Gordon Named Oakley CHL Player of the Week

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Central Hockey League announced Monday that Tulsa Oilers forward Ben Gordon of International Falls has been selected as the Oakley CHL Player of the Week.

This is the third straight week that Player of the Week honors have been awarded to an Oilers player after Adam Pleskach and Michel Beausoleil got the nod on the last two Mondays.

Gordon, who was activated from the injured reserve list prior to Friday's game in Allen, recorded two goals and six assists during Tulsa's three-game weekend series against the Americans.

The left-winger notched an assist on the Oilers' only goal in a 3-1 loss in Allen on Friday and followed up with a five-point night in Saturday's 10-8 victory.

Gordon scored a power-play goal and chipped in four assists as the Oilers' offense rolled to its highest goal total since 2008.

He opened the scoring in Sunday afternoon's home game and assisted on Beausoleil's game-winning goal in the third period to lift the Oilers to a 4-2 triumph over the Americans.

In his second season in Tulsa, Gordon ranks second on the team in assists, points, and power-play points.

The Oilers second-leading scorer in the 2012-13 campaign, Gordon has tallied 18 points in his last 10 games and has only been held off the score sheet in three of his 15 appearances this season.

Gordon and his top-line teammates, Todd Robinson and Beausoleil, have combined for 67 points through the first 18 games of the season.

The Oilers begin a three-



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Tulsa Oilers forward Ben Gordon of International Falls has been selected as the Central Hockey League's Player of the Week after recording eight points in three games last weekend.

game road swing at St. Charles today before traveling to Missouri on Friday and finishing the week with a visit to Quad City on Saturday.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

# Voyageurs swept by North Dakota State University

## RRCC 1-4-1 in ACHA games

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women's hockey team lost both road games it played last weekend against North Dakota State University by a single goal.

"We played pretty well," said Voyageurs head coach Evan Am-dahl. "We did everything we could except win the games."

On Saturday, RRCC took a 1-0 lead in the opening period and stayed in front going into the final period before losing to

NDSU, 3-2.

Taylor Durocher scored first for the Voyageurs with an assist by Shania Rhinehart.

NDSU, the America Collegiate Hockey Association Division 2 team now ranked No. 1 in the Western Division, scored three times in the final period when Maria Piette scored on the power play to tie the game and Kacie Johnson added two unassisted goals for the win.

RRCC's final goal of the game came with 7 minutes to play from Jaylene Anderson assisted



Taylor Durocher

## NDSU 2, RRCC 1

The Voyageurs had two goals disallowed in the opening period when they lost Sunday to NDSU, 2-1.

"We could not catch a break or a puck bounce

to go our way," said Am-dahl, who noted one goal was waived off when the net was knocked off a post and the other wasn't allowed after the puck was lost from view under the goalie.

After a scoreless first 17 minutes, a second-period goal from Megan Ostrand gave NDSU a 1-0 lead.

RRCC tied the game in the final period when Dixon scored on the power play assisted by Anderson.

NDSU scored the game-winner with 9:26 to play on a power-play goal from Kennedy Stromme.

Kat Jensen stopped

30 of 32 shots on goal in recording the loss in net for the Voyageurs. Salwei made 25 saves for NDSU.

The Voyageurs, who fell to 1-4-1 in ACHA games and 1-7-1 overall, don't play again until Dec. 7 when they open a two-game weekend home series against the club team from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

**Saturday's game**  
**NDSU 3, RRCC 2**  
**RRCC** 1 0 1 - 2  
**NDSU** 0 0 3 - 3

**Sunday's game**  
**NDSU 2, RRCC 1**  
**RRCC** 0 0 1 - 1  
**NDSU** 0 1 1 - 2

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Friday's games**  
**Boys hockey**  
Little Falls at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday's games**  
**Girls basketball**  
L-BF at Bigfork, 7:15 p.m.
- Tuesday's games**  
**Girls hockey**  
I. Falls at Fort Frances, 7:15 p.m.
- Boys hockey**  
Eveleth-Gilbert at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- Boys basketball**  
I. Falls at Bemidji, 7:30 p.m.