

SPORTS

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Voyageurs split with Bulldogs

RRCC 5-1 in ACHA games

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women’s hockey team lost an American Collegiate Hockey Association game for the first time this season when the Voyageurs split last weekend’s two-game road series against the club team from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

On Saturday afternoon, RRCC gave up a first-period goal and lost to the Bulldogs, 1-0.

UMD’s Emily Wolf scored assisted by Mia Marturano 4:25 into the game.

The Voyageurs outshot

the Bulldogs, 33-23, but couldn’t get the puck past UMD goalie Colleen Jacoby.

“We lost 1-0 facing a goalie who was definitely ready for the game,” said RRCC head coach Jeff Wickstrom.

Shay Perry stopped 22 shots in recording the loss in goal for the Voyageurs.

RRCC 4, UMD 2

On Sunday morning, the Voyageurs scored three first-period goals and closed out the series with a 4-2 victory over the Bulldogs.

“It was a fairly even game, but we were able to find the



Shay Perry

back of the net (Sunday),” Wickstrom said.

Hailey Clendenning got RRCC on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal 2:34 into the first period.

After UMD tied the game on a goal from Katherine Johnson assisted by Kallie Malloy and Delaney Obregon, the Voyageurs went back in front 9:13 into the game on a goal from Micah Cabral assisted by Katie Sinclair.

Clendenning then scored what turned out to be the game-winner on an assist by Shilo Beck at 12:52 of the first period.

RRCC’s final goal came 4:30 into the second period when Shelby Tymkin scored assisted by Taina Kaartinen.

UMD put in its final goal about 3 minutes later when Obregon scored assisted by Johnson.

Perry stopped 23 of 25 shots to record the win in goal, while Jacoby made 23 saves in a losing effort for the Bulldogs.

The Voyageurs, whose season record now stands at 5-3 overall and 5-1 in ACHA games, return to action next Saturday and Sunday in a two-game road series against the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Saturday’s game	
UMD 1, RRCC 0	
RRCC	0 0 0 - 0
UMD	1 0 0 - 1
Sunday’s game	
RRCC 4, UMD 2	
RRCC	3 1 0 - 4
UMD	1 1 0 - 2



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From left, the Voyageurs’ Sheldon O’Neal shoots in the lane while being guarded by Teekay Biti during a recent men’s basketball practice in the RRCC gym.

nents, especially in the conference.”

The Voyageurs open the season with a pair of tournaments this month and non-conference road games Dec. 5-6 before their home opener Dec. 12 against Rochester.

ECHL HOCKEY

Drew Fisher picks up goal, assist in win

Brady Hjelle in goal for debut with the Oilers

Tulsa Oilers forward Drew Fisher of International Falls recorded a goal and an assist Sunday when the East Coast Hockey League team won a road game, 3-2, over the Allen Americans.

Fisher scored the only sec-



Brady Hjelle



Drew Fisher

an assist on Tulsa’s first goal of the game with 17 seconds left in the opening period. It was the second goal of the season for Fisher, who also scored his first goal against Allen in the Oct. 24 season opener.

The Oilers’ other player from the Falls, goalie Brady Hjelle, played in his first game for Tulsa on Saturday when he stopped 37 of 43 shots in the 6-4 road loss to

the Americans.

Hjelle, who joined the Oilers this season after having played pro hockey in Norway during 2013-14, is one of two goalies on Tulsa’s roster. He had started the year on the 21-day disabled list.

The Oilers, who are 4-3-1 overall and tied for first in the ECHL’s Central Division, return to action Friday when they host Rapid City. Saturday they host Missouri.

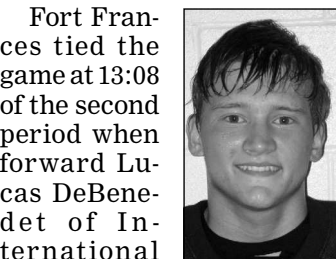
SIJHL HOCKEY

Lakers back in first after defeating Ice Dogs

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Colton Spicer’s 10th goal of the season midway through the third period turned out to be the game-winner Saturday night when the Fort Frances Lakers defeated the Dryden Ice Dogs, 3-2, in Superior International Junior Hockey League action at Dryden Memorial Arena.

Dryden took the lead late in the opening period when Chris Baumen notched his first goal of the season at 18:05.



Lucas DeBenedet

Fort Frances tied the game at 13:08 of the second period when forward Lucas DeBenedet of International Falls scored on the power play to tally his first goal of the season since rejoining the Lakers a week earlier.

DeBenedet, who led the SIJHL in scoring last season

with Fort Frances, opened the 2014-15 campaign playing for the Minot Minotauros of the North American Hockey League.

In the third period Saturday night, Bryson Jasper gave the visiting Lakers their first lead at 7:31, before Spicer made it a 3-1 advantage about 3 minutes later.

Eric Masters pulled the Ice Dogs to within a goal with 4:56 to go, but they would get no closer as Fort Frances held on for the win.

Shots on goal favored the

Lakers, 33-29, with Devin Tappenden picking up the win in net and Tate Sproxt on recording the loss.

With the win, Fort Frances improved to 12-5-0-1 and moved back into first place in the SIJHL standings, one point ahead of the idle Thunder Bay North Stars.

Third-place Dryden slipped to 8-7-0-2 in defeat.

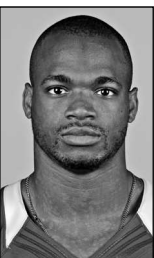
League play continues today when the Lakers host the Minnesota Iron Rangers in a 7:30 p.m. start at Ice for Kids Arena.

Union files grievance vs. NFL in Peterson case to reinstate him

EDEN PRAIRIE (AP) — The NFL Players Association has filed an expedited grievance with the NFL to reinstate Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

The NFLPA cited Monday “explicit language in a signed agreement” from Sept. 18, when Peterson was placed on a special commissioner’s exempt list following his indictment on felony

child abuse in Texas. Peterson pleaded no contest last week to a lesser charge of misdemeanor or reckless assault, freeing him from the court system provided he fulfills the terms of his probation.



Adrian Peterson

The league began a review Thursday of his case under the personal conduct policy, but it said Peterson would remain on paid leave until the process is completed.

That didn’t sit well with the union.

The NFLPA demanded in a letter to the NFL last week that Peterson be allowed to rejoin the Vikings immediately until any determina-

tion of any discipline.

“As of now, they have failed to respond or comply,” the NFLPA said. “It is our obligation to protect all players’ rights, and we will pursue any and all breaches of any contract between a player and his team or the NFL.”

The league said in a statement that it had “received the NFLPA’s grievance on behalf of Adrian Peterson”

“We have honored our commitment to Mr. Peterson and the NFLPA not to process or impose any discipline until the criminal charges pending in Texas were resolved,” the league said in a statement. “When Mr. Peterson decided not to contest criminal charges, we promptly advised both him and the NFLPA that we were prepared to consider what, if any, discipline

should now be imposed under the Personal Conduct Policy.

“We asked Mr. Peterson and his representatives, including the NFLPA, for relevant information. We have not received any of the requested information, but remain prepared to schedule a hearing and make a determination as quickly as possible based on as much information as available.”

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