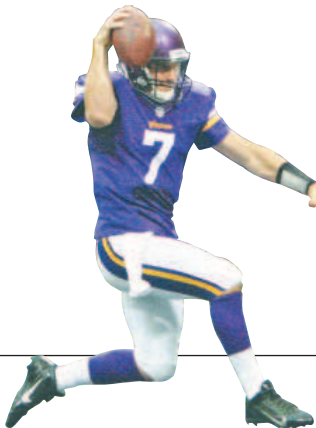


SPORTS



Minnesota Vikings

Loss to Browns puts season in peril

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QUICK HITS

L-BF football team loses 44-0 at MI-B

The Littlefork-Big Falls football team remained winless on the season after being shut out in Saturday afternoon's road game against Mountain Iron-Buhl, 44-0. The Vikings, who are 0-4, will seek their first victory Friday night for Homecoming when they host Chisholm.

L-BF spikers 2-4 at Class A Showcase

The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team won two of the six matches it played last weekend at the Minnesota Class A Showcase in Burnsville. The Vikings opened pool play Friday losing two games to Win-E-Mac, 23-25, 19-25, then dropped two games of their match with Tracy-Milroy-Balaton by identical 19-25 scores, before winning two games over Heritage Christian, 25-20, 25-22.

L-BF played Saturday in a consolation bracket, losing the first match in two games to Nevis, 20-25, 15-25, and then winning both games against North Woods, 25-9, 25-8, before closing out the tournament by losing two games against Heritage Christian, 17-25, 15-25. The Vikings returned to action at home Tuesday against Hill City. Results from that match, which took place after the production deadline for today's edition, are posted on the ifallsjournal.com website and will also be published in Saturday's paper.

FHS spikers swept in 3 against Greenway

The International Falls volleyball team lost a road match in three straight games Monday after being swept by Greenway, 14-25, 18-25, 17-25. The Broncos also played Tuesday at Virginia. Results of that match, which took place after the production deadline for today's edition, are posted on the ifallsjournal.com website and will also be published in Saturday's paper.

RRCC spikers swept in two MCAC matches

The Rainy River Community College volleyball team lost two Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division road matches last weekend in three straight games after being swept Friday at Central Lakes and Saturday at Northland. The Voyageurs, whose season record now stands at 1-5 in the MCAC North and 2-16 overall, return to action at 6:30 tonight in the RRCC gym against Vermilion.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



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Two Harbors' Lucas Kempffer (10) runs with the football while being pursued by the Broncos' Jacob Ettestad (32) in Friday's Homecoming game at Sports Stadium. Kempffer ran for three touchdowns in Falls' 30-28 loss to the Agates.

Agates' offense stones Broncos

Falls now 1-3 after Homecoming loss

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

Friday night's Homecoming game at Sports Stadium got off to a good start for the International Falls football team, before a two-touchdown lead after the first quarter turned into a 2-point loss. The Broncos lost for the third time in four games this season after being defeated in non-conference action by Two Harbors, 30-28.

"We knew going into

this game that Two Harbors had a very explosive offense," said Falls head coach Jay Boyle. "We knew we were going to be able to score enough to win. We knew we had to stop them from scoring too much. "They were able to get some big plays against us, and we just have to keep working on getting better." The Agates, who remain undefeated at 4-0, ran the ball primarily with 363 of their 409 yards of total offense coming on the ground, compared to the

Broncos gaining 194 rushing yards out of their 349-yard total. The Falls out-gained Two Harbors in the air, 155-46 yards. The Broncos opened the game with a 55-yard scoring drive capped off by a 4-yard touchdown run by Jakob Ettestad with 9:06 left in the first quarter. The Falls stayed in front 6-0 when an option pass for the 2-point conversion from Ettestad to Ben Humbert was incomplete.

Football to B3 ►



The Broncos' Nehemiah Olson (21) runs with the football while being pursued by Two Harbors' Kyle Omtvedt (7) in Friday's Homecoming game at Sports Stadium. Olson ran for 42 yards on 11 carries.

SIJHL HOCKEY

Fort Frances Lakers open season 1-1

DeBenedet named player of the week

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Fort Frances Lakers opened the Superior International Junior Hockey League's regular season last weekend by splitting a pair of home games. In Friday night's opening SIJHL game at Ice for Kids Arena, the Lakers scored three goals in the first 10 minutes, but ended up losing to the Thunder Bay North Stars, 4-3. Falls High School graduate Lucas DeBenedet opened the scoring for Fort Frances about a minute into the game as he picked up the first goal of his rookie SIJHL season with assists

from Kevin Kurm and Tanner Fricke.

A little over 4 minutes later, Kurm teamed up with DeBenedet and another FHS graduate, Mason Meyer, to put the Lakers up by two goals. Meyer then put the puck past Thunder Bay goalie Eric Mann at 9:43 of the first period assisted by Kurm and DeBenedet. The Lakers' 3-0 lead after the first period wouldn't hold up, however. The second period was filled with penalties on both sides as the only goal went to Thunder Bay's Taylor Santorelli at 15:42 on an assist from Matthias Gardiman.



Lucas DeBenedet

The Lakers saw their lead shrink away as the North Stars' Cary Brown scored an unassisted goal 1:45 into the third period. The Lakers held the 3-2 lead until they once they again found themselves in penalty trouble. At 7:56 into the third period, Brown tied the game on the power play assisted by Jesse Taylor and Gardiman. The North Stars took their first lead and scored the eventual game-winning goal on the power play. Santorelli scored his second goal of the game and the winner at the 11:12 mark of the final period. Mann stopped 23 of 26 shots to pick up the win for in goal for the North Stars. Jordan Cartney played his first game in goal for the Lakers when he stopped 34 of 38 shots in recording the loss.

LAKERS 12, MINERS 2 On Saturday, the Lakers skated past the first-year English River Miners, 12-2, at Ice for Kids Arena. It was all Fort Frances from the start with first-period goals coming from Bryson Jasper, Billy Grillo and Bryce Lipinski to go up 3-0 after 20 minutes. English River battled back in the second period, getting a pair of goals from Vincent Currao to pull within one, before DeBenedet scored his second goal in as many nights to put the Lakers up 4-2 after 40 minutes. Fort Frances then blew the game open in the final period by erupting for eight goals, including the final four on the power play. Lyndon Lipinski netted a pair of goals, while Tarran Romyn. Miles No-

lan, Patrick Sofer, Fricke, DeBenedet and Jasper all added single scores. DeBenedet, who recorded a league-best five points on three goals and two assists over the two games last weekend, has been named the initial Pizza Hut player of the week for the 2013-14 season. Cartney picked up Saturday's win in goal by finishing with 21 saves on the night. Eric Ouellet started in the net for English River and was tagged with the loss, allowing seven goals, while P.D. Melgoza gave up the final five in 17 minutes of relief. The Lakers return to action at 7:30 tonight when they face the Ice Dogs at Dryden Memorial Area, before hosting the Ice Dogs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Ice for Kids Arena.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games
Women's volleyball
Vermilion at RRCC, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
Cross country
I. Falls at Hibbing, 4 p.m.
Girls swimming/diving
I. Falls at Virginia, 4:30 p.m.
Girls volleyball
Lake of the Woods at L-BF, 7 p.m.

Friday's games
Women's volleyball
RRCC at Mesabi Quad in Virginia, 4 p.m.
Football
Hermantown at I. Falls, 7 p.m.
Chisholm at L-BF, 7 p.m.