

SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs sunk at Central Lakes, roar over Thunder



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In front from left, the Voyageurs' Sam Stirgus (22) goes up for a dunk shot while Teekay Biti (20) and Fond du Lac's Donald Gordon (23) look on in Saturday's game at Cloquet.

RRCC at 4-2 in MCAC North

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College men's basketball team ended up last weekend with a split of its two road games. On Friday night in Brainerd, the Voyageurs led by seven points at halftime against the only undefeated team in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division, before losing to Central Lakes, 80-76. "Central Lakes made some big plays down the stretch and we couldn't capitalize on the free-throw line," said RRCC head coach Kristofer Babler. "Our guys played very hard." The Voyageurs went 6-15 (40 percent) from the charity stripe, compared to 14-18 (77.8 percent) for the Raiders. Sam Stirgus led four RRCC players scoring in double figures with 19 points, followed by Jammere Carlisle with 15, Ahmad Poche with 11 and Antoine Tobias with 10. Tobias recorded a double-double by also hauling 17 rebounds. Central Lakes was led in scoring by Radamus Jones with a game-high 28 points.

Alex Koch added 12 points with Davaghndre Jones scoring 10 more. RRCC 79, FdL 68 On Saturday afternoon in Cloquet, the Voyageurs led by 10 points at halftime and went on to defeat Fond du Lac, 79-68. "(The Thunder) can really shoot the ball and hung around," Babler said. "I would have liked to seen a better focus from our team. "We were short a couple guys to injury/flu. So, it was good to see a few other guys step up. Jimson (Clerveus) really rebounded the basketball well. We got to the (free-throw) line and that was the difference in the game." RRCC shot 22-35 (62.9 percent) from the charity stripe, compared to 14-19 (73.7 percent) for Fond du Lac. From the field overall, the Voyageurs shot slightly better than the Thunder, 26-73 (35.6 percent) to 23-67 (34.3 percent). Stirgus led three RRCC players scoring in double figures with 18 points. Carlisle recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Poche added 11 points, while Clerveus hauled in 10 rebounds. The Thunder also had three players scoring in double figures led by Don Gordon with a game-high 19 points. Deandre Bell added



From right, the Voyageurs' Teekay Biti (20) works the ball along the perimeter while being guarded by Fond du Lac's Donald Gordon (23) in Saturday's game at Cloquet.

11 points. Dillon Johnson recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. With the weekend split, the Voyageurs' season record now stands at 4-2 in the MCAC North, third place in the conference and two games behind league-leading Central Lakes, and 12-6 overall. The Voyageurs return to action tonight with a road game against Mesabi Range. Friday's game Central Lakes 80, Rainy River 76 Rainy River 46 30 - 76 Central Lakes 39 41 - 80 Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 11, Sheldon O'Neal 8, Jammere Carlisle 15, Antoine Tobias 10, Darius Johnson 5, Sam Stirgus 19, Jimson Clerveus 6. 3-pointers: Stirgus 3, Poche 2, O'Neal. Free throws: 6-15. Fouls: 17. Saturday's game Rainy River 79, Fond du Lac 68 Rainy River 36 43 - 79 Fond du Lac 26 42 - 68 Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 11, Jammere Carlisle 12, Arfon Janetkhan 8, Colin Tyrone 3, Antoine Tobias 5, Darius Johnson 8, Teekay Biti 7, Sam Stirgus 18, Jimson Clerveus 7. 3-pointers: Poche 2, Janetkhan 2, Biti. Free throws: 22-35. Fouls: 16.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

RRCC wins one at Minot State

MSU then beats the Voyageurs 6-5 in shootout

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women's hockey team had another two-game series last weekend in which the Voyageurs played better in the opening game. RRCC opened the road series Saturday against Minot State University with a 3-1 victory. "We played well on Saturday," said Voyageurs head coach Jeff Wickstrom. The Voyageurs' first goal came on the power play unassisted by Micah Cabral. RRCC then recorded an even-strength goal when Hailey Clendenning scored assisted by Shelby Tymkin and Victoria Taylor. Taylor, who entered the season as one of the Voyageurs'

two goalies, is now seeing time on the ice as a skater with the team's roster now down to 10 players. M S U ' s only goal was scored unassisted in the third period by Brigitte Lafontaine. RRCC's final goal came from Katie Sinclair assisted by Tymkin. Shay Perry recorded the win in goal for the Voyageurs. Kayla Wakelin picked up the loss in net for the Beavers. MSU 6, RRCC 5 (SO) Sunday's game remained tied after an overtime period with MSU ending up defeating RRCC in a shootout, 6-5. "The bounces didn't go in our direction," Wickstrom said.



Shay Perry

The Beavers scored the only goal of the opening period unassisted by Jody Goforth. The Voyageurs then took a 3-1 lead after two periods on goals from Clendenning, Connor Coleman and Shilo Beck. Six goals were scored in the final period with MSU recording four them. RRCC's two third-period goals came from Tymkin and Beck. In the shootout following the scoreless overtime, Makayla Sandvold and Kayla Buck put in goals for the Beavers. The Voyageurs' only shootout goal was scored by Beck. Shots on goal favored RRCC, 30-27, with Perry picking up the loss in net. Wakelin recorded the win in goal for MSU. The Voyageurs return to action this coming Saturday and Sunday when they host Northern Michigan at Bronco Arena.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs fall at Central Lakes, lose at Fond du Lac

RRCC now 0-6 in MCAC North

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College women's basketball team remains winless in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division after losing two more league games on the road last weekend. On Friday night in Brainerd, the Voyageurs trailed by seven points at halftime and lost to Central Lakes, 74-51. Both teams were thin on players with RRCC having just the five starters for the entire game and the Raiders having only one reserve. The Voyageurs, who last weekend played without Shania Thompson, have added 2014 Littlefork-Big Falls High School graduate Dyana Imhof to the roster at forward. Central Lakes outshot RRCC from the field over-

all, 29-64 (45.3 percent) to 19-51 (37.3 percent).



Roneisha Jordan

Sarina Phrathep led the Voyageurs with 19 points, which included four 3-point baskets. Roneisha Jordan added a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. The Raiders had five players score in double figures led by Bethany Cressman with 19 points. FdL 74, RRCC 53 On Saturday afternoon in Cloquet, RRCC lost to Fond du Lac, 74-53. Both teams played with just their five starters for the entire game, in which the Thunder never trailed and led 42-27 at halftime. Fond du Lac found multiple scoring opportunities from 3-point range, where they outshot the Voyageurs, 13-30 (43.3 percent) to 2-14 (14.3 percent).

Jordan led RRCC by recording a double-double with 31 points and 17 rebounds. The Thunder had four players score in double figures led by Jaiden Co-field with 31 points, which included six 3-pointers. The Voyageurs, who are alone in last place in the MCAC North at 0-6 in conference play and 4-13 overall, return to action on the road tonight when they face Mesabi Range. Friday's game Central Lakes 74, Rainy River 51 Rainy River 26 25 - 51 Central Lakes 33 41 - 74 Rainy River: Sarina Phrathep 19, Dyana Imhof 6, Renee Pantophlet 7, Dominique Hines 6, Roneisha Jordan 13. 3-pointers: Phrathep 4, Hines 2, Pantophlet 2. Free throws: 5-11. Fouls: 9. Saturday's game Fond du Lac 74, Rainy River 53 Rainy River 27 26 - 53 Fond du Lac 33 41 - 74 Rainy River: Sarina Phrathep 6, Dyana Imhof 9, Roneisha Jordan 31, Dominique Hines 7. 3-pointers: Phrathep, Hines. Free throws: 7-14. Fouls: 17.

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