

SPORTS

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs lead early, lose to Northland

RRCC now 0-4 in MCAC North

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In a matchup of the first- and last-place women’s basketball teams in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division, Rainy River Community College stayed close with Northland for much of Wednesday night’s game and led the Pioneers early into the second half, but the Voyageurs couldn’t pull off the upset and pick up their first conference victory of the season.

RRCC lost at home to Northland, 53-43.

Voyageurs head coach Dieter Humbert said he was proud of how the team played on defense to keep the Pioneers under 60 points.

“A great defensive effort,” Humbert said. “We went to the 1-3-1 (zone) and got excellent results.”

The lead changed hands six times in the first half when RRCC took its largest lead at 22-16 on a field goal by Roneisha Jordan. However, Northland responded with eight unanswered points capped off by a layup from Jenna Lundon to take the lead.

The Voyageurs were able to tie the game at 25-25 to close out the half when Alisha Brinker was open for a layup underneath the basket.

Brinker ended up with a double-double, scoring 14 points and hauling in 13 rebounds. Jordan also recorded a double-double for RRCC with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Voyageurs guard Nikeya Jones had double figures for rebounds with 13.

RRCC stayed with Northland for the first half of the second half. A field goal by Brinker gave the Voyageurs their final lead at 31-29, before the a layup by the Pioneers’ Sarah Durand tied the game and a 3-pointer by Danielle Hernandez gave Northland the lead for good.



From left, Rainy River’s Kurtstyn Gordon (10) dribbles the ball along the baseline while being guarded by Northland’s Ashley Lindgren (32) in Wednesday night’s game in the RRCC gym.

Durand and Hernandez led the Pioneers with 14 points apiece, while Lundon also scored in double figures with 13 points. Durand recorded a double-double by also hauling in 14 rebounds.

Field-goal shooting of 21.1 percent (8-38) coupled with eight turnovers in the second half hampered RRCC on offense. The Pioneers took their first double-digit lead of the game at 43-33 after Lundon made a layup off of a steal.

“The second half we got away from our offense a little bit too much – a little bit too much one on one,” Humbert said. “But Northland’s defense – they extend that defense and kind of force you into attacking that basket early.”

Both teams ended up shooting below 30 percent from the field with the Voyageurs going 20-77 (26 percent), compared to 20-69 (29 percent). Behind the 3-point arc, RRCC missed all 11 of

its shots, while Northland went 4-14.

The loss dropped the Voyageurs’ season record to 0-4 in the MCAC North and 6-10 overall, while the Pioneers improved to 4-0 in conference play and 14-1 overall.

RRCC will seek its first conference victory of the season this afternoon in Cloquet against Fond du Lac, a team the Voyageurs defeated Nov. 15 in non-conference play, 73-64, to open the season.

Northland 53, Rainy River 43
Northland 25 28 - 53
Rainy River 25 18 - 43
Northland: Jenna Lundon 13, Crystal Amundson 5, Bailey Jenkins 5, Ashley Lindgren 2, Danielle Hernandez 14, Sarah Durand 14. 3-pointers: Hernandez 3, Jenkins. Free throws: 9-18. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: Amundson.
Rainy River: Kurtstyn Gordon 3, Roneisha Jordan 16, Nikeya Jones 2, CaseyLynn Fulton 8, Alisha Brinker 14. Free throws: 3-9. Fouls: 17. Fouled out: Fulton.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Broncos trounce Bears at home, 85-21

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls girls basketball team scored 13 unanswered points to start Tuesday night’s home game and went on to an 85-21 victory over Lake of the Woods.

“We shot the ball really well (Tuesday night), so hopefully that keeps carrying over for the rest of the season,” said Broncos head coach Shawn Gilbert.

The Bears could only muster eight first-half points, trailing 56-8 at intermission, as Falls’ reserves saw plenty of playing time with 11 Broncos scoring points.

Teagan Anderson and Cassie Tomczak led the Falls with 16 points apiece, while Janet Humbert also scored in double figures with 11 points.

The win was the Broncos’ 11th victory of the season

going into Thursday night’s local rivalry game at Littlefork-Big Falls.

I. Falls 85, LOW 21
LOW 8 13 - 21
I. Falls 56 29 - 85
I. Falls: Maddie Filipiak 4, Shelby Wolden 5, Lexi Owen 6, Cassie Tomczak 16, Teagan Anderson 16, Janet Humbert 11, Jena Sullivan 6, Emma Gilbert 8, Lauren Rautio 3, Bianca Carlson 7, Teah Goulet 3. 3-pointers: Tomczak 3, Anderson 3, Humbert, Rautio, Goulet. Free throws: 10-16. Fouls: 7.

MEN’S BASKETBALL



From right, Rainy River’s Ahmad Poche (0) dribbles past Northland’s Tate Mosher (20) in Wednesday night’s game in the RRCC gym.

Voyageurs’ comeback falls short against Northland

RRCC drops to 1-3 in MCAC

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After falling behind by as much as 21 points early in the second half Wednesday night, the Rainy River Community College men’s basketball team waged a comeback, pulling within a 3-point basket of tying the game with just over 7 minutes to play, but ended up losing at home to Northland, 92-87.

“We couldn’t shut down their drive to the basket,” said Voyageurs head coach Jack Cook. “Our zone (defense) worked – it got us back in the game – but they out-hustled us, even though we had more guys than they did. They’re a good team. They just wanted it more than we did.”

In the first half – after which RRCC trailed 48-34 – Cook said the Pioneers were able to score on the man-to-man defense to pull ahead by double digits, before the Voyageurs switched to a zone.

“They had good plays designed against a man defense and we just weren’t watching the guys come off the screens and switching,” he said. “The zone worked a lot better for us. We should have done it

earlier in the first half, probably.”

RRCC had an offensive surge midway in the second half, outscoring Northland 15-2, which was capped off by James Sauser Denesia completing a 3-point play from the charity stripe with 9:48 to play to cut the Pioneers’ lead to 66-62.

Voyageurs guard Ahmad Poche, who ended up with a game-high 36 points, followed up a jump shot with a layup to cut Northland’s lead to three, 69-66, but that was the closest RRCC would get before time expired.

Pioneers guard Shakil Lea then completed a 3-point play from the charity stripe with 7:09 to play as Northland’s lead remained at least two possessions. Lea and Yonathan Ghebrikristos led the Pioneers with 22 points each.

Northland outshot RRCC from the field overall, 37-65

(56.9 percent) to 33-80 (41.3 percent).

The loss dropped the Voyageurs’ season record to 1-3 in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division and 3-13 overall going into Friday night’s game at Central Lakes. RRCC has another conference game this afternoon in Cloquet against Fond du Lac.

Northland 92, Rainy River 87
Northland 48 44 - 92
Rainy River 34 53 - 87
Northland: Danny Mattson 4, Marcus Kirk 4, Yonathan Ghebrikristos 22, Shakil Lea 22, Larry Hunter 6, Caprice Barksdale 16, Tate Mosher 18. 3-pointers: Barksdale 2, Mosher. Free throws: 15-29. Fouls: 15.
Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 36, Jimson Clerveus 4, Harold Jenkins 10, Deion Miley 4, Andrew Nichols 6, Fred Perard 11, James Sauser Denesia 14, Demetrius Murphy 2. 3-pointers: Poche 4, Sauser Denesia 3, Nichols 2. Free throws: 12-15. Fouls: 25. Fouled out: Sauser Denesia.

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