

SPORTS

Brady Hjelle seeks to play pro hockey in Finland

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

International Falls native Brady Hjelle is hoping to play another season of pro hockey in Europe, but in another country.

Hjelle, who was a goalie last season in Norway for the Rosenborg Elite Ice Hockey Club of Trondheim, has announced that he will be trying out for a pro team in Finland known as Tapara.

“I’m heading over there July 25 and the (try-out) contract goes until Aug. 30,” Hjelle said in an online chat. “If I make the team it’ll be until the end of April and potentially turn into a two-year deal. It’s a great opportunity and a well-respected league (Finland’s top league) so I’m really excited for it.”

Though Hjelle had signed a two-year contract to play for Trondheim, where he played in 43 of 45 games this past season and had a record of 12-29 with one shutout, he said the team has folded.

Hjelle said making the team in Finland would provide him with a higher level of competition.

“There are a lot of Finnish goalies in the NHL and they all played in the league,” he said. “(Dallas Stars goalie) Tim Thomas spent some time in Finland as well.”



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Brady Hjelle of International Falls, shown in goal last season for the Rosenborg Elite Ice Hockey Club in Norway, will be trying out to play for a pro hockey team in Finland next season.

versity, said he is now training in Columbus, Ohio, in preparation for the tryout, which he decided is the best option to pursue for his future hockey career.

“It’s the best opportunity even with it just being a tryout,” he said. “With the respect the league gets, the risk of not making the team is worth taking.”

Hjelle said he is heading to Finland with a focus on making the team.

“It’s hard to really look too far into the future, but if I make this team and do well it should open a lot of doors for me over there and over here,” he said. “So I’m just focusing on this tryout and seeing where that takes me.”

After having played his final season of college hockey at OSU in 2012-13, Hjelle then saw some playing time in the pro ranks as a back-up goalie for the East Coast Hockey League’s Florida Everblades, before playing a full year professionally in Norway last season.

Falls Kart Club go-kart results July 9

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Go-kart races took place Wednesday at the Falls Kart Club/Rainy Lake Oil Raceway with the feature results in the following classes:

Junior 1 — Garrett Paull, Brady Nicholson, Jake Froemke, Garrett Froemke, Gavin Jensen.

Junior 2 — Cameron Netland, Justin Besch, Gina Boyum, Jessie Esselink.

Senior — Shane Nicholson, Tyler Jonson, Ashley Jonson, Jayme Steele.

Master — Mike Christianson, Dane Olson, Clayton Bahr, Blair Plourde, Jayme Steele, John Esselink, Jon Froemke.

Heavy — Mike Christianson, Clayton Bahr, Jon Froemke, Dane Olson, Bill Norton.

Mini Mod — Wyatt Boyum, Brian Nelson, Kelly Steele, Aaron Nelson, Dane Olson.

Go-kart races at the Falls Kart Club/Rainy Lake Oil Raceway resume next Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

LEARNING TO SPIKE



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

At right, Kady Rupert spikes the volleyball while Jessa Youso looks on at left Wednesday during the Up North Elementary Volleyball Camp at Rainy River Community College. This week’s camp had 54 girls participate.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Falls records win, tie at Mesabi East

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Junior League baseball team ended up with a win and a tie in Wednesday’s road doubleheader against Mesabi East.

In the first game that counted toward the Iron Range Baseball League standings, the Falls defeated Mesabi East, 13-7.

Nathan McRoberts recorded the pitching victory. In the first four innings, McRoberts allowed an earned run on a hit with three walks while striking out three.

The Falls gave up six runs in the bottom of the fifth. Garrett Koenig pitched the first two-thirds of an inning, allowing five earned runs on three hits with two walks. Blaine Humbert then took the mound and gave up an earned run on four walks. McRoberts returned to pitch and recorded the final out of the game.

Of Falls’ 12 hits, Trimble Butler had three of them with an RBI. Barrett Kalar added two hits with 3 RBI. Casey Maruk and McRoberts each doubled.

FALLS 6, MESABI EAST 6

Game two ended in a 6-6 tie after four innings because of darkness.

Gage Wherley pitched the first 2 1/3 innings for the Falls, allowing five runs, four earned, on a hit with five walks while striking out four. Riley Beck took the mound for the final 1 2/3 innings, giving up an earned run on two hits with three walks and a hit batter while striking out two.

McRoberts accounted for two of Falls’ five hits with a double and an RBI.

The Falls’ season record now stands at 9-1 in league play and 17-2-1 overall. The team returns to action next Tuesday to host a doubleheader against Grand Rapids starting at 5:00 p.m.

Game 1
Int’l Falls 13, Mesabi East 7
Int’l Falls 1-6-0 1-5 - 13 12 0
Mesabi East 0-0-0 1-6 - 7 4 4
Game 2
Int’l Falls 6, Mesabi East 6
Int’l Falls 3-2-1 0 - 6 5 1
Mesabi East 1-0-5 0 - 6 3 0

Shofner, Raboin to compete at SCSU

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St. Cloud State University men’s and women’s track and field coach and men’s and women’s cross country coach Eric Hanenberger has announced that Sydney

Raboin and Breanna Shofner, both of International Falls, have committed to the Huskies women’s track and field program and will enroll at the university beginning in the fall of 2014.

Both are 2014 FHS graduates with Raboin being a distance track and field athlete, while Shofner is a sprinter.

“I am very happy and excited with our incoming class of 2014,” Hanenberger said.

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