

SPORTS



Up North Volleyball
Camp at RRCC draws 58 girls
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QUICK HITS

MCAC names 15 RRCC academic award winners

The Minnesota College Athletic Conference has recognized 15 athletes playing in MCAC-affiliated sports at Rainy River Community College as academic award winners after they earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better at the end of the spring semester.

The conference sports with athletes recognized for academic performance at RRCC include:

- Women’s Basketball – Alisha Brinker, Tali Plate, CaseyLynn Fulton.
- Men’s Basketball – James Sauser Denesia, Bryan Hasbargen.
- Softball – Rachel Clark, Brandi Cronk, Rebecca Dilley, Charley Garmaker, Brinker.
- Baseball – Gino Strebing, Talon Kunkel, Ben Churilla, Drew Birrs, Kris Barber, Tyler Boldt.

Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk set Aug. 23

The fourth annual “Bass Dash 5K Run/Walk” will be held at Smokey Bear Park starting at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 during the 10th annual International Falls Bass Championship.

The 5-kilometer course will once again finish inside the main tent at the park. Awards will be presented to the top-three males and females in seven age groups.

If registered by Aug. 10, the run/walk entry fee is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. After Aug. 10, the registration fee will increase to \$25 with T-shirts not included on race day.

Registration forms are available at www.ifallsbass.com and at the Chamber of Commerce and Stride Fitness. Online registration is also set up through a link on the website.

Registrations may be mailed with checks payable to: International Falls Bass Dash, P. O. Box 906, International Falls, MN 56649.

Registration/shirt pick-up will take place at the Smokey Bear Park Pavilion from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22 and in the main tent from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on race day.

For more information, contact Betsy Brokaw at 324-0665, or email ifbassdash@yahoo.com.

Purple Pride having fund-raiser Aug. 14

Purple Pride, a designated fund of the Falls Education Foundation, will be holding a golf scramble fund-raiser Aug. 14 at the Falls Country Club.

The golf scramble will have teams of four with the proceeds used to provide grants for extra-curricular activities.

For more information, contact Purple Pride Committee Chairman Gordy Dault at 286-2083.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today's games
VFW baseball
I. Falls vs. Greenway in Sub-District Tournament at Nashwauk, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday's games
VFW baseball
I. Falls in Sub-District Tournament, TBA.

Monday's games
Juniors baseball
I. Falls at Eveleth (DH), 5 p.m.

Tuesday's games
Legion baseball
I. Falls in District Tournament, TBA

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



At right, the Falls Junior League’s Casey Maruk (13) slides safely into third base beating the throw in the second game of Wednesday’s home doubleheader against Ely.

Juniors 11-1 in Iron Range

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Junior League baseball team picked up its 11th Iron Range League victory of the season Wednesday, but wasn’t able to sweep both games of the home doubleheader against Ely.

In the first game that counted toward the league standings, the Falls scored six runs in

the bottom of the second en route to defeating Ely, 8-1.

“I’m happy that we came out and took advantage of the mistakes that they made,” said Falls VFW head coach Josh Koenig. “There were a lot of free passes (on base) both ways in that first game, but I thought Nathan McRoberts did a good job of kind of battling through.”

McRoberts pitched all five innings to record the victory for the Falls. He allowed a run on two hits

with seven walks and two hit batters while striking out 10.

“He wasn’t feeling really well going into the game,” Koenig said. “He went home (Tuesday) sick and still wasn’t 100 percent (Wednesday), so for him to come out and give us that effort on the mound and lead us on the mound in the first game, I’m definitely proud of him for doing that.”

The Falls only recorded two hits at the plate with Casey Maruk doubling and McRoberts adding a

single.

ELY 6, FALLS 5

In game two, the Falls trailed the entire contest and fell to Ely 8-5.

“We gave up a lot of free bases early, they took advantage of it, but give the kids a lot of credit – they still found a way to stick in it,” Koenig said.

The Falls trailed by only a run after four innings before Ely added two runs in the top of the fifth. Then in the final inning at bat, the Falls loaded the bases with two outs when Ely made

a pitching change and got McRoberts to strike out to end the game.

Four separate players accounted for Falls’ four hits with Maruk, Sutton Veillieux, Riley Beck and Joe Glowack each picking up a single.

Trimble Butler pitched the first 1 2/3 inning for the Falls and recorded the loss, allowing five runs, four earned, on a hit with six walks and a hit batter while striking out two.

Beck closed out the

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JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Falls sweeps Rapids in home twin bill

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Junior League baseball team came from behind in both games Tuesday to sweep a home doubleheader against Grand Rapids.

“When we start to put the ball in play, and get a couple of hits, good things happen,” said Falls Junior League head coach Josh Koenig. “The first game we were down 3-1 and rallied back.”

The first game counted toward the conference standings as the Falls rallied for six runs in the bottom of the fourth to defeat Rapids, 7-4.

Blaine Humbert pitched all five innings to record the victory, allowing four runs, three earned, on four hits with three walks while striking out three.

At the plate, the Falls got five hits from five separate batters with Trimble Butler doubling and Barrett Kalar, Willie Harala, Riley Beck and Sutton Veillieux each recording a single.

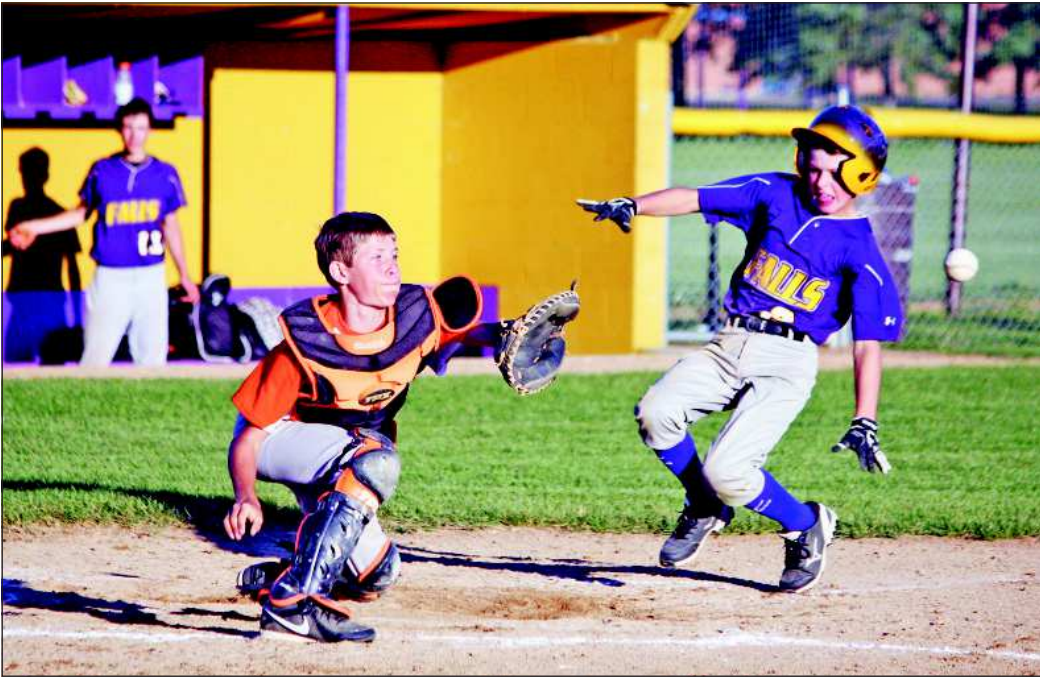
FALLS 10, RAPIDS 9

In game two, the Falls scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to defeat Rapids, 10-9.

“Game two was kind of a game of mistakes,” Koenig said. “We made mistakes. They took advantage of our mistakes, and then they made mistakes and we took advantage of theirs.”

The second game was riddled with errors as the Falls had six fielding mis-cues and Rapids committed five errors.

Harala started on the mound for the Falls and



From right, the Falls Junior League’s Joe Glowack (2) slides toward home plate to score as he beats the throw to Grand Rapids’ catcher in the second game of Tuesday’s home doubleheader at Scheela Field.

pitched the first 2 2/3 innings, giving up eight runs, three earned, on three hits with three walks and three hit batters while striking

out three.

“It was tough for Willie in that top of the third inning,” Koenig said. “Defensively, we had an opportunity for

three outs in the first three batters, and because of our mistakes, both physically

Rapids to B2 ►

LEGION BASEBALL

Post 66 Broncos sweep Rapids in road doubleheader

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls Legion baseball team closed out its non-conference slate of games Tuesday by sweeping a doubleheader at Grand Rapids.

In game one, the Post 66 Broncos defeated Rapids, 8-4.

The Falls took an early 1-0 lead in the opening inning when Caleb Dahlin singled and then scored on a single by Jackson Vollom.

Rapids pulled in front with three runs in the bottom of the second.

The Post 66 Broncos went back in front to stay by scoring once in the third and twice in the fourth. In the fourth inning, Wyatt Ulrich singled to drive in two runs.

The Falls added four runs in the top of the sixth. Ulrich singled to drive in another two runs. Dahlin also doubled to drive in a run.

The Falls tallied 12 hits with Vollom ending up with three hits and Clay Bergstrom and Tyler Coffield adding two hits apiece.

Cole Miggins recorded the victory pitching four innings in relief, allowing only one run. Ulrich pitched the other three innings. They gave up a combined seven hits.

FALLS 13, RAPIDS 3

In game two, the Post 66



Wyatt Ulrich



Jack Bartkowski



Cole Miggins

Broncos trounced Rapids, 13-3.

The top of the third featured five Falls runs when Dahlin hit an RBI single, Vollom had a two-run double and Jack Bartkowski added a 2 RBI double.

The Falls took a 9-0 lead before Rapids scored all three of its runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The Post 66 Broncos once again tallied 12 hits

for the seven-inning game with Ben Humbert and Bartkowski recording two hits apiece.

The Falls also benefited from multiple walks with Vollom receiving three free passes and Humbert and Coffield being each walked twice.

Bartkowski had 4 RBI with Humbert driving in three runs and Vollom picking up 2 RBI.

Bartkowski recorded the pitching victory in 4 1/3 innings of work, allowing all three runs on six hits with three walks while recording a strikeout.

Dahlin recorded three strikeouts in 1 2/3 hitless innings.

Riley Nemec also saw time on the mound for

the Falls and struck out a batter.

Falls’ pitchers gave up a combined eight hits.

The doubleheader sweep improved the Post 66 Broncos’ overall record to 17-4 going into Thursday’s home doubleheader against Greenway. The Falls opens the District 8 Tournament next Tuesday against an opponent and at a location to be determined once the pairings are finalized this weekend.

Game 1
Int’l Falls 8, G. Rapids 4
Int’l Falls 1-0-1 2-0-4 - 8 12 1
G. Rapids 0-3-0 0-0-1 - 4 7 1

Game 2
Int’l Falls 13, G. Rapids 3
Int’l Falls 1-0-5 3-0-4 - 13 12 1
G. Rapids 0-0-0 3-0-0 - 3 8 0