

SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs upended at Central Lakes, Fond du Lac

RRCC falls to 1-5 in MCAC

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The road was rough for the Rainy River Community College men's basketball team last weekend when the Voyageurs lost both of their Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division games.

In Friday's game at Central Lakes, RRCC trailed by 22 points at halftime and ended up losing to the Raiders, 105-63.

"We did not shoot the ball very well and they did," said Voyageurs head coach

Jack Cook. "We had a hard time defending the post players, and when we did shut them down, their guards started hitting (3-pointers) and we could not contain them."

Central Lakes outshot RRCC from the field overall, 43-80 (53.8 percent) to 26-70 (37.1 percent), and also outrebounded the Voyageurs, 46-35.

"Bottom line, they played better all around the floor,"



James Sausser Denesia

Cook said.

The Raiders' Bryan Gichaba recorded a double-double with a game-high 32 points and 11 rebounds. Central Lakes' Marcus Brown, Melvin Martin and Quincy Bethea also scored in double figures with 12 points apiece.

Three RRCC players scored in double figures led by Deion Miley with 14 points, followed by James Sausser Denesia with 13 and Harold Jenkins with 12.

The Voyageurs, who committed 10 more turnovers than the Raiders, 23-13, ended up losing reserve guard Demetrius Murphy early in the game to an ankle injury.

FDL 93, RRCC 65

On Saturday afternoon in Cloquet, RRCC trailed by 31 points at halftime before losing to Fond du Lac, 93-65.

"Another hot team - they shot very well from all over," Cook said. "We played a much better second half, but could not overcome the deficit of the first half."

The Thunder outshot the Voyageurs from the field overall, 37-62 (59.7 percent) to 21-70 (30 percent).

RRCC, which wasn't at full strength with some players out of the lineup because of illness and injury, was led in scoring by Sausser Denesia with 26 points, which included eight 3-pointers. Jimson Clerveus added 13 points, while Ahmad Poche scored 12 more.

Fond du Lac also had three players score in double figures led by Danny Alston with 17 points, followed by Eric Adams with 13 points and Curtis Rogers with 10.

The Voyageurs, whose season record dropped to 1-5 in the MCAC North and 3-15 overall, return to action tonight at Mesabi Range.

RRCC's next home game is Saturday against Central Lakes.

Friday's game
Central Lakes 105, Rainy River 63
Rainy River 33 30 - 63
Central Lakes 55 50 - 105
Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 6, Fedner Fleurant 9, Jimson Clerveus 2, Harold Jenkins 12, Deion Miley 14, Fred Perard 4, James Sausser Denesia 13, Demetrius Murphy 3. 3-pointers: Miley 3, Sausser Denesia 3, Murphy. Free throws: 4-9. Fouls: 11.

Saturday's game
Fond du Lac 93, Rainy River 65
Rainy River 24 41 - 65
Fond du Lac 55 38 - 93
Rainy River: Ahmad Poche 12, Fedner Fleurant 2, Jimson Clerveus 13, Bryan Hasbargen 1, Deion Miley 7, Fred Perard 4, James Sausser Denesia 26. 3-pointers: Sausser Denesia 8, Poche 2, Clerveus, Miley. Free throws: 11-17. Fouls: 12.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Broncos defeat downsized Giants

L-BF loses to Bigfork Huskies

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

For the second time this season, the International Falls boys basketball team has defeated Mesabi East.

The Broncos took a 25-point lead at halftime and went on to defeat the Giants, who played without Steve and Daniel Radtke, 71-43.

"They're missing a couple of key players - it's our first game without them," said Broncos head coach Derek Dowty. "I thought the guys came ready to play. We had a little lull in the first half, where we didn't get things done, but overall we took advantage of our big guys down low and pounded the ball."

Junior forward Ben Humbert led the Falls with 31 points, while another junior forward, Jack Bartkowski, added 12 points.

The Falls extended its lead to more than 35 points midway through the second half, putting the game on running time, and had several reserves see playing time.

When the two teams

had met Jan. 10 with the Radtkes in the lineup, the Broncos trailed at halftime and rallied back to a 70-64 road victory over the Giants.

BIGFORK 79, L-BF 39

In other boys basketball action Friday night, Littlefork-Big Falls lost for the second time this season to Bigfork, 79-39.

L-BF, which is now 4-8 on the season, had its home game originally set for Tuesday night against Northome/Kelliher postponed and rescheduled for Feb. 17.

Int'l Falls 71, Mesabi East 43
Mesabi East 25 18 - 43
Int'l Falls 50 21 - 71
Int'l Falls: Ben Humbert, Brandon Barras 2, Clay Tomczak 2, Cody Hallin 8, Cole Miggins 5, Cory Netland 4, Jack Bartkowski 12, Max Vergeldt 6, Paul Skoglund 1. 3-pointers: Humbert, Hallin. Free throws: 7-11. Fouls: 14.

From left, the Broncos' Jack Bartkowski (20) shoots a jump shot while being guarded by Mesabi East's Micheal Green (52) in Friday's game in the Falls High School gym.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Voyageurs edged out by Thunder

RRCC still seeks first MCAC win

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Getting a win this season in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference's Northern Division continues to elude the Rainy River Community College women's basketball team.

On Saturday afternoon in Cloquet, the Voyageurs trailed by six points at halftime and lost to Fond du Lac, 64-62.

"Another tough loss," said RRCC head coach Dieter Humbert. "We just can't seem to get over the hump."

Though the Voyageurs showed improvement on offense, Humbert said the team didn't play well on the defensive side of the ball.

RRCC outshot Fond du Lac from the field overall, 28-76 (36.8 percent) to 20-63 (31.7 percent), but only shot 4-8 (50 percent) from charity stripe, compared to 19-29 (65.5 percent) for the Thunder.

Fond du Lac committed

eight fewer turnovers (17) than the Voyageurs (25).



Roneisha Jordan

Roneisha Jordan led RRCC with a game-high 33 points and 20 rebounds. Nikeyia Jones also scored in double figures with 13 points.

Three Fond du Lac players scored in double figures led by Claudia Turner with 27 points, followed by Shaelyn Halverson with 18 and Haley Pszyk with 17.

The loss dropped the Voyageurs' season record to 0-5 in the MCAC North and 6-11 overall going into tonight's game against Mesabi Range in Virginia.

Fond du Lac 64, Rainy River 62
Rainy River 26 36 - 62
Fond du Lac 32 32 - 64
Rainy River: Kurstyn Gordon 4, Roneisha Jordan 33, Nikeyia Jones 13, Tali Plate 2, Casey-Lynn Fulton 4, Alisha Brinker 6. 3-pointers: Gordon, Jones. Free throws: 4-8. Fouls: 25. Fouled out: Jones, Brinker.

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