

# SPORTS



**Cross country**  
Indus in co-op with Lake of the Woods  
**B6**

## QUICK HITS

### L-BF football team shuts out Silver Bay

The Littlefork-Big Falls football team won its third game in a row and evened its season record to 3-3 with an 18-0 victory Friday night at Silver Bay.

“Our kids played exceptional on defense, keeping Silver Bay to only a few first downs all night,” said L-BF head coach Derek Bilben.



Quin Vork

The Vikings scored twice in the first quarter. Darian Erickson returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. A few plays after L-BF kicked off and recovered the ball, Rylan Henrickson ran into the end zone from about five yards away.

The score remained 12-0 until the fourth quarter when Quin Vork scored L-BF’s final touchdown on a run from about 15 yards away.

The Vikings will play their final regular-season home game this coming Friday against North Woods, which is undefeated at 6-0.

### Sydney Gordon named NFCA Scholar Athletic

Sydney Gordon of International Falls is one of seven players on Saint Scholastica’s softball team to be selected as a National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) NCAA Division III Scholar Athlete.

Gordon, a 2011 Falls High School graduate, earned the accolade for the second straight year. The award is given to any player submitted by a member coach who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or higher during the 2013-14 academic year.

More than 4,600 softball student-athletes from across seven different divisions were tabbed as 2013-14 NFCA All-America Scholar Athletes.

### Ice hockey referee clinic set for Oct. 12

A USA Hockey Referee Clinic will be held Oct. 12 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Kerry Park Arena.

The clinic is available for anyone wishing to referee youth hockey. Participants should bring their skates, whistle and helmet for the on-ice session.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 283-2571, ext. 138.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Today’s games**  
**Women’s volleyball**  
RRCC at Hibbing, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday’s games**  
**Cross country**  
I. Falls hosting Hial Pike Invitational, 4 p.m.  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
I. Falls at Warroad, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls volleyball**  
Hibbing at I. Falls, 7 p.m.  
MI-B at L-BF, 7 p.m.

**Friday’s games**  
**Football**  
North Woods at L-BF, 7 p.m.  
I. Falls at Virginia, 7 p.m.

**Saturday’s games**  
**Girls swimming/diving**  
I. Falls in IRC/True Team Invitational at Mesabi East, TBD  
**Girls volleyball**  
I. Falls at Esko Tournament, TBD  
**Women’s volleyball**  
RRCC vs. Bottineau/Northland at Thief River Falls, 12/2 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



STAFF PHOTOS BY KEVIN BONESKE

The Broncos’ Wyatt Helgeson (35) is ankle-tackled by Hibbing’s Dylan Takkunen (25) while the Bluejackets’ Ryan Stephenson (44) and Joe Kanipes (12) are also in pursuit in Friday night’s Homecoming game at Sports Stadium.

# Broncos fall to Hibbing for Homecoming

FHS now 0-6

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
Sports Editor

On a soggy evening at Sports Stadium, the International Falls football team came close to winning for the first time this season, but wasn’t able to do so Friday night for Homecoming.

The Falls fell to Hibbing, 17-14.

“We played really tough. It was another game like we had (Sept. 12 in a 7-6 loss) against Proctor,” said Broncos head coach Glen Anderson. “The boys came out and played really hard. We did a better job of taking care of the ball (Friday night) than we did earlier in the season.”

“Just again, these little mistakes here and there—we had a chance toward the end and we didn’t finish.”

The rainfall that came

and went during the course of the game made ball control more challenging. The Broncos had six fumbles and lost two of them. The Bluejackets had five fumbles and lost one of them.

The Falls scored first with 8:56 left before halftime when sophomore quarterback Riley Nemec connected on an 11-yard touchdown pass to Nick Hedtke. Riley Rasmussen added the extra point to extend the Broncos’ lead to 7-0.

Hedtke, who caught one of Nemec’s three completions for the game, also led the Falls in rushing with 27 carries for 127 yards.

The Bluejackets tied the game just over a minute later when Dylan Takkunen ran 40 yards for a touchdown and then kicked the extra point. The half ended with score knotted at 7-7.



Broncos quarterback Riley Nemec (4) drops back to pass and is hit from behind by Hibbing’s Ryan Stephenson (44) as the Broncos’ Riley Rasmussen (27) looks on in Friday’s Homecoming game at Sports Stadium.

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## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

# Vikings conquer Warriors in five

FHS sweeps N/K

BY KEVIN BONESKE  
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The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team was on its way to a three-game sweep at home Monday night, but ended up going the distance against Deer River.

The Vikings won the first two games over the Warriors, 25-14, 25-17, but then lost the next two games, 20-25, 27-29, before winning the fifth game, 15-11, and the match.

“I thought we played really well (in) games one and two and it looked like we might have a three-game sweep, which didn’t happen, but I’m really proud of the way our girls battled back,” said L-BF Kim Wimmer.

Game three had been delayed with the scoreboard showing a 10-10 tie when Deer River’s coaching staff contended the Warriors were shortchanged points. However, after the discussion with officials, the score remained tied. Deer River then went on to win that game and also take game four.

“We struggled a little bit in games three and four with our passing,” Wimmer said. “Then we



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In front from left, the Vikings’ Taylor Wendt (2) and Amanda Nelson reach above the net to block a return hit of Deer River’s Carly Onraet (14) while the Vikings’ Sydney Wendt (3) looks on in back in Monday night’s match in the Littlefork-Big Falls High School gym.

weren’t able to run what we like to run.... At that time of that scoring issue, I think that took a little momentum away from us.”

The Vikings trailed early in game five, but then turned an 8-8 tie into an advantage when Deer River had trouble receiving a couple of Taylor Wendt’s serves. L-BF stayed in

front and went on to win the decisive game by four points.

L-BF’s statistical leaders included: Amanda Nelson; 14 kills, five ace serves and 18 digs; Breann Larson, 12 kills and 20 digs; Emily Knaeble, four ace serves and 21 digs; Taylor

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## WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL



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Voyageurs Libero Jasmine Draper digs the ball in Friday night’s home match against Itasca. Draper has been named the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s Northern Division Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season.

# RRCC swept at home by Itasca

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College volleyball team dropped its second consecutive Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division match when the Voyageurs were swept at home Friday night by Itasca, 15-25, 20-25, 15-25.

RRCC’s statistical leaders included: Jasmine Draper, 18 digs; Brooke Millerbernd, seven kills and 12 digs; Kate Howell, seven kills; Tali Plate, 21 set assists and 13 digs.

Draper, who has been named the MCAC North’s Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season, ended the week with 362 digs for the season and ranked No. 2 in the division with 5.17 digs per game.

The Voyageurs, whose season record fell to 9-13 overall and 2-6 in the MCAC North, added a non-conference home match Tuesday night against Oak Hills Christian College and also have a conference match at 6:30 p.m. today at Hibbing.