

# SPORTS



**Who is...**  
Ashley Jonson, Bronco girls hockey senior defensive player, is featured

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## QUICK HITS

### FHS boys hoops team wins at Greenway

The International Falls boys basketball team is on a three-game winning streak following Tuesday's 82-56 road victory over Greenway. "During stretches we played pretty good," said Broncos head coach Derek Dowty, who also noted the defense played well in the second half.



**Ben Humbert**

Ben Humbert recorded a double-double for the Falls by scoring 29 points and hauling in 14 rebounds. Other Broncos scoring in double figures included Clay Tomczak with 13 points and Jack Bartkowski putting in 11 more. The win improved the Falls' season record to 9-4 going into Friday's road game against Mesabi East.

### L-BF boys hoops team beat by N-K

The Littlefork-Big Falls boys basketball team saw its losing streak extend to three games Tuesday night when the Vikings lost at home to Nashwauk-Keewatin, 69-55. "We started out very slowly," said L-BF head coach Jeff Maish, who also noted the team lacked rhythm on both offense and defense. The Vikings, who trailed 43-28 at halftime, ran into foul trouble in the first half when forwards Zach Simon and Peter Franz each picked up three fouls.

Ryan Bobst came off the bench and led L-BF in scoring with 21 points. Simon and Rylan Henrickson added 12 points apiece. The Vikings, whose season record dropped to 3-7, returned to action Friday when they hosted Northland.

### L-BF girls hoops team downs K/N

After leading by eight points at halftime Thursday night, the Littlefork-Big Falls girls basketball team took control early in the second half and won at home over Kelliher/Northome, 66-49.



**Kaylee Kennedy**

L-BF was led by Kaylee Kennedy, who recorded a double-double with 33 points and 10 rebounds. Breann Larson added 12 points and nine rebounds with Alexis Doucette also scoring 12 points. The win improved the Vikings' season record to 5-3 going into Monday's game at Ely.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Broncos run over Warroad, fall to Rapids



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From right, the Broncos' Cassie Tomczak (21) drives in the lane with Warroad's Jasmine Fast (10) in pursuit in Tuesday's night game in the Falls High School gym.

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After leading by six points at halftime Tuesday, the International Falls girls basketball team dominated the final 18 minutes to win at home over Warroad, 81-52. "We played a lot better in the second half and picked it up," said Falls head coach Shawn Gilbert. "I think that helped get a lot of easy turnovers in transition. That really helps us on our offense." Teagan Anderson led four Broncos scoring in double figures with 22 points, which included four 3-point baskets. Emma Gilbert added 15 points, Jena Sullivan scored 13 and Mad-die Filipiak put in 11 more.

The Warriors were led in scoring by Molly McDonald with 16 points, followed by Madison Plovie with 10 points. **G. RAPIDS 71, I. FALLS 47** The Broncos trailed by 10 points at halftime Thursday night and ended up losing at Grand Rapids, 71-47. Anderson and Emma Gilbert each scored 12 points to lead the Falls with all of Anderson's points coming on four 3-pointers. Heaven Hamling and Taylor Kane each scored 16 points to lead the Thunder-hawks with Hannah Morris also scoring in double figures with 13 points. The Broncos' season record stood at 9-2 going into Friday night's home game against Hibbing.



From left, the Broncos' Teagan Anderson (23) guards Warroad's Molly McDonald (22) in Tuesday night's game in the Falls High School gym.

## BOYS HOCKEY



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From right, the Broncos' Jackson Vollom (11) battles along the boards for the puck with the Blue Devils' Austin Kalisch (23) and Connor Croft (17) in Tuesday night's game at Bronco Arena.

# Broncos defeated by Virginia, Greenway

### FHS on 9-game losing streak

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys hockey team is now on a nine-game losing streak after dropping two more games this week. On Tuesday night, the Broncos were shut out at home by Virginia/Mountain Iron-Buhl, 4-0. The Blue Devils took a 3-0 lead after the first period with a goal from Jake Robillard and two goals from Jason Murray. Virginia/MI-B closed out the scoring at 13:37 of the second period with a goal from Ian Blaeser. The Blue Devils outshot the Falls, 21-20, with Lane Skallman and Kyle Sjoblom both seeing time in goal for the Broncos. **GREENWAY 3, I. FALLS 2** The Falls scored the first and last goals Thursday

night, but not the most goals when the Broncos lost on the road to Greenway, 3-2. After a scoreless first 17 minutes, the Falls took a 1-0 lead 8:22 into the second period on a goal from Clay Bergstrom assisted by Nathan Hauke. The Raiders then took a one-goal lead going into final period after Kole Kalisch and Grant Troumbly each scored. Greenway's game-winning goal came 5:42 into the third period when Nic Dulong scored. The Broncos cut the deficit to a goal late in the third period when Jordan Tilander scored assisted by Brett Lindvall. Shots on goal favored the Falls, 23-22, with Sjoblom recording the loss in net. The Broncos, whose season record dropped to 3-12, will seek to snap their losing streak Tuesday when they host Eveleth-Gilbert.

## BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Broncos 4th at Rapids, lose dual to Mesabi East Giants

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After entering the week having competed in only one meet this season, the International Falls boys swimming and diving team is participating in three meets this week. The Falls competed in its second meet of the season Tuesday when the Broncos placed fourth at a quadrangular in Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids topped the team standings at 208 points, followed by Virginia (155), Duluth Marshall (104) and the Falls (62). The Broncos' best individual finish came in the diving competition, where senior Cole Tatsak placed second with 162.6 points. The Falls also recorded a pair of fifth-place individual finishes from Alex Belanger in the 200-yard individual medley (2 min-

utes, 38.19 seconds) and John Cowman in the 100 breaststroke (1:20.87). The Broncos' best showing in the three relay events came in the 200 medley relay, where Jared Hunter joined Cowman, Belanger and Tatsak to finish fifth in 2:07.57. **MESABI EAST 90, I. FALLS 65** The Falls competed in its first dual meet of the season Thursday when the Broncos hosted Mesabi East and lost, 90-65. "We're still trying to feel out some events and what are the appropriate events for each of (the Broncos), so that they're consistent now throughout the season and getting practice in the same event," said Falls coach Hailey Silvers. The Giants, who fielded a much larger team in numbers than the Bron-

cos, cruised to victory winning all the contested events with more than one entry and didn't score any points in the last two events, the 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay, which they swam for exhibition purposes only. Among the contested events, the Falls picked up individual runner-up finishes from Hunter in the 200 individual medley (2:45.13) and 100 freestyle (1:04.15) and Belanger in the 50 freestyle (28.02) and 100 butterfly (1:12.39). In the two contested relays, Hunter, Cowman, Belanger and Tatsak placed second in the 200 medley relay (2:06.42) and Belanger, Hunter, Tatsak and Joey Griffith finished runner-up in the 200 freestyle relay (1:54.94). The Broncos return to action today in an invitational at Virginia.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# RRCC men win, women lose MCAC opener

## JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Minnesota College Athletic Conference basketball season began Wednesday night for Rainy River Community College with mixed results for the men's and women's teams. Sam Stirgus sank a half-court shot with 1.6 seconds left to play to lift the RRCC men's basketball team to a 77-76 victory at Hibbing. "We didn't shoot well (Wednesday night) and Hibbing did," said RRCC head coach Kristofer Babler. "You live by (the 3-point shot) and die by it. (Wednesday night) we struggled, but hit when it counted. We

were lucky to win." RRCC, which led 47-41 at halftime, had two players end up with more than 20 points. Ahmad Poche scored a game-high 25 points with Stirgus adding 23 more. Hibbing had four players score in double figures led by Noah Davis with 17 points. The victory improved the Voyageurs' season record to 9-4 overall and 1-0 in the MCAC North. **HIBBING 57, RRCC WOMEN 42** RRCC women's basketball team had only five available players when the Voyageurs trailed by five points at half-

time and ended up losing at Hibbing, 57-42. Shania Thompson led the Voyageurs with 20 points, 15 rebounds and four steals. Dominique Hines was RRCC's only other player to score in double figures with 10 points. Hibbing was led in scoring by Amber Zapata with 17 points and Sarah Stolp with 13 points. With the loss, RRCC's record dropped to 4-8 overall and 0-1 in the MCAC North. The Voyageurs play their conference home opener today against Vermilion with the RRCC women tipping off at 1 p.m. and the men slated to start at 3 p.m.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today's games**  
**Boys swimming/diving**  
I. Falls at Virginia Invitational, TBD  
**Women's/men's basketball**  
Vermilion at RRCC, 1/3 p.m.  
**Girls hockey**  
I. Falls at Crookston, 3 p.m.
- Monday's games**  
**Girls basketball**  
L-BF at Ely, 7:15 p.m.  
**Girls hockey**  
I. Falls at Fort Frances, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday's games**  
**Boys basketball**  
L-BF at Bigfork, 7:15 p.m.  
**Boys hockey**  
Eveleth-Gilbert at I. Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday's games**  
**Women's/men's basketball**  
Northland at RRCC, 6/8 p.m.