

SPORTS



Who is...
Karsyn Wendt, Vikings senior outside hitter, is featured

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QUICK HITS

L-BF spikers sweep Nashwauk-Keewatin

The Littlefork-Big Falls volleyball team improved its season record to 12-7 Thursday when the Vikings won a road match in three straight games over Nashwauk-Keewatin, 25-13, 25-18, 25-9. L-BF also recorded a serving percentage of 100 without an error. The Vikings today are in a tournament at Bigfork with their first match against Ely set to start at 11 a.m.

‘A Night with the Broncos’ Oct. 11

Following the International Falls home football game against Virginia on the evening of Oct. 11, the Bronco Football Boosters will be holding a get-together of former and current Bronco football players along with family, friends and fans.

Informally called “A Night with the Broncos,” this gathering will take place at the Elks Lodge and begin at approximately 10 p.m. in order for current players to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Scheduled speakers for the event include Frank Youso, Stuart Nordquist, Tony Palm, Chad Magner, Sam Skime, Nick Sether and Jay Boyle. This season marks 100 years of Bronco football.

USA Ice Hockey referee clinic Oct. 13

There will be a referee clinic for all people interested in refereeing youth ice hockey for the 2013-14 season on Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. at Kerry Park Arena.

Those attending the clinic should bring their hockey skates, helmet and whistle.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 283-2571, extension 138.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Broncos fall in five to Giants

BY KEVIN BONESKE
Sports Editor

Tuesday night’s girls volleyball match in the International Falls High School gym went the distance when the Falls lost in five games to Mesabi East, 25-19, 23-25, 20-25, 25-17, 13-15.

After being in control in the first game and winning by six, the Broncos scored the first five points in game two, which the Falls led most of the way until the Giants broke a 19-19 tie and won by two.

Mesabi East led most of the way in game three before winning by five. The Broncos also trailed early in game four before switching the momentum in their

favor after breaking a 15-15 tie and winning by eight.

The lead switched hands in the fifth and deciding game with the Falls having led by as much as four before losing by two.

“The first game, I thought, was a good game—we came out with some authority,” said Broncos head coach Erin Shikowsky. “We were running some good offense...”

“They played well. They were scrappy. We made it tough on ourselves. We didn’t keep the momentum on our side.”

Tessa Walls led the Falls with 22 kills and two ace serves. Hailey Pentem added 10 kills with four ace blocks and an ace serve. Maddie Filipiak recorded

seven kills with five ace blocks.

Other statistical leaders for the Broncos included: Lauren Rautio, 32 digs; Teagan Anderson 37 set assists, 20 digs, two ace serves; and Emma Gilbert, five kills. Anna Ribich led Mesabi East with 13 kills and added seven digs. The Giants’ Emma Erie recorded 33 set assists, while their three players with double-digit digs included Chelsey Rasmussen (15), Lexi Bjerke (12) and Abbey Whiting (10).

G. RAPIDS 3, I. FALLS 0

The Falls’ season match record dropped to 6-11 Thursday when the Broncos were swept in three straight games at Grand Rapids.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

In front, the Broncos’ Marissa Meyer digs out the ball while Lauren Rautio (20) looks on in Tuesday’s match against Mesabi East in the Falls High School gym.

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Broncos third at eight-team Grand Rapids Invitational

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Two relays in the top three and one individual placing third in two events were the best showings for the International Falls girls swimming and diving team on Thursday when the Broncos placed third out of eight teams at the Grand Rapids Invitational.

The host school, Rapids, topped the team standings with 475 points, followed by Two Harbors/Silver Bay (379), the Falls (355), Proctor/Hermantown (282) and Perham (259) rounding out the top five.

Each team was limited to two entries in all 12 events.

The Broncos’ 200-yard medley relay team of Abby Kostiuk, Emily Saari, Breanna Shofner and Blair Johnson placed second in 2

minutes, 4.92 seconds, 3.61 seconds behind Rapids’ winning time.

Falls’ other 200 medley relay team of Courtney Klow, Claire Herzig, Emma Misner and Tayler Hebner also finished in the top eight by placing sixth in 2:09.98.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Kostiuk, Johnson, Herzig and Shofner placed third in 1:52.11, 5.38 seconds behind Rapids’ winning time.

Kostiuk accounted for both of the Broncos’ top-three individual finishes when she placed third in both the 100 butterfly (1:08.8) and 100 backstroke (1:07.98).

Misner added a fourth-place finish in the 100 butterfly (1:09.87), while Klow came in seventh in the 100 backstroke (1:13.39).



Abby Kostiuk



Breanna Shofner

Shofner picked up a pair of fourth-place finishes in the 50 freestyle (27.14) and 100 freestyle (1:00.35).

Saari and Herzig finished fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 100 breaststroke in times of 1:17.98 and 1:20.7.

Falls diver Jessie Hell placed fifth with 146.1 points. Rapids’ Morgan Justus finished nearly 40 points ahead of her nearest competitor with the top

score of 224.

Misner, Johnson, Hebner and Klow placed sixth in the 400 freestyle relay (4:17.83). Rapids won the event in 3:57.05.

The Broncos’ Abby Auran placed sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:43.3). Falls’ other top-eight finish came from Carolann Stone placing eighth in the 500 freestyle (6:26.6).

The Broncos will be back at the FHS pool next Thursday when they host Warroad in a dual meet.

Grand Rapids Invitational

Team scores: Grand Rapids 475, Two Harbors/Silver Bay 379, International Falls 355, Proctor/Hermantown 282, Perham 259, Duluth Denfeld 216, Chisholm 177, Thief River Falls 167.

International Falls finishers

200-yard medley relay — 2. Abby

Kostiuk, Emily Saari, Breanna Shofner, Blair Johnson, 2:04.92; 6. Courtney Klow, Claire Herzig, Emma Misner, Tayler Hebner, 2:09.98.

200 freestyle — 9. Hebner, 2:24.92; 10. Carolann Stone, 2:25.4.

200 individual medley — 6. Abby Auran, 2:43.3; 11. Klow, 2:49.09.

50 freestyle — 4. Shofner, 27.14; 12. Johnson, 28.61.

Diving — 5. Jessie Hell, 146.1; 11. Hope Dunn, 124.3.

100 butterfly — 3. Kostiuk, 1:08.8; 4. Misner, 1:09.87.

100 freestyle — 4. Shofner, 1:00.35; 11. Hebner, 1:03.93.

500 freestyle — 8. Stone, 6:26.6; 10. Auran, 6:36.3.

200 freestyle relay — 3. Kostiuk, Johnson, Herzig, Shofner, 1:52.11; 9. Misner, Saari, Auran, Hell, 2:01.36.

100 backstroke — 3. Kostiuk, 1:07.98; 7. Klow, 1:13.39.

100 breaststroke — 4. Saari, 1:17.98; 6. Herzig, 1:20.7.

400 freestyle relay — 6. Misner, Johnson, Hebner, Klow, 4:17.83; 9. Auran, Stone, Herzig, Saari, 4:35.07.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today’s games

Girls volleyball
L-BF at Bigfork Tournament, 11 a.m.

Monday’s games

Girls volleyball
L-BF at Deer River, 7 p.m.

Tuesday’s games

Girls volleyball
Chisholm at I. Falls, 7 p.m.

Thursday’s games

Cross country
I. Falls in Hial Pike Invitational at Falls Country Club, 4 p.m.

Girls swimming and diving
Warroad at I. Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Girls volleyball

I. Falls at Hibbing, 7 p.m.
L-BF at MI-B, 7 p.m.

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