

SPORTS

BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF

Broncos runner-up in ERC championship

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Falls boys and girls golf teams both ended up runner-up at Monday’s East Range Conference championship at the Virginia Golf Course. The Bronco boys tied Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia with their top-four golfers all having the best team score for 18 holes at 315. However, based on the tiebreaker when scoring the teams’ No. 5 golfers, Eveleth-Gilbert had the low score of 82 and placed first. The Falls’ Brady Wright carded an 85 as the No. 5 golfer to place the Broncos in second and Virginia’s No. 5 golfer had an 88 to put the Blue Devils in third. “It was nice to see the boys post a score right in the mix with teams like Virginia and Eveleth-Gilbert,” said Falls head coach Kelly Blair. Hibbing placed fourth at 336 and North Woods came in fifth at 346. Ely, Mesabi East and Northeast Range didn’t have at least four golfers finish 18 holes to score in the team standings. Eveleth-Gilbert’s C.J. Andrews won top individual honors with a two-over 73

on the par-71 course, on which the golfers competed with cloudy skies overhead and rainlight as the temperature was around 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The Broncos placed three golfers in the top eight as part of the All-Tournament Team. Senior Brady Walls tied with Virginia’s Louie Judnick for second place at 74. Falls sophomore Eric Cann finished fifth at 78 and freshman Riley Nemec tied for sixth at 79. Broncos eighth-grader Josh Cann carded an 84 as the fourth golfer whose score counted toward the team total. After Wright’s 85, freshmen Austin Van-Heel and Josh Milette each had a 92 and Brock O’Loughlin carded a 98.

**FHS GIRLS 2ND TO HIBBING**  
The Bronco girls finished runner-up at 386, 11 strokes behind ERC champion Hibbing at 375. “I am very pleased with the girls results,” Blair said. “They finally broke



Katie West

the 400-team-score barrier and it could not have come at a better time, with sections right around the corner next week (Tuesday at the Pokegama Golf Course in Grand Rapids).” Eveleth-Gilbert placed third at 419, Virginia came in fourth at 478 and Mesabi East finished fifth at 502. Hibbing’s girls golfers took the top-two individual spots with junior Vanessa Yeager placing first with an 85 and freshman Lilly Rewertz finishing runner-up at 90. Three Falls golfers placed in the top five with senior Katie West and freshman Olivia Besch both carding a 93, a career best for Besch and a stroke ahead of junior Jenna Anderson at 94. Five days earlier, Anderson had the team’s best score when she placed fourth with an 88 at another meet at Virginia. The Broncos had three seventh-graders also record career-best rounds Monday when Maggie Roder carded a 106, Olivia Wright had a 119 and Kenzie Wenberg finished with a 120. The Falls’ other two girls golfers and their scores in-

cluded freshman Kaitlin Stallard (133) and eighth-grader Brinkley Busch (138). The Bronco girls have one other meet before the Section 7AA Tournament when they play Friday at an invitational at Grand Rapids, while the boys won’t play again until they open Section 7AA play next week Wednesday at the Pokegama Golf Course.

**ERC Championship BOYS**  
**Team scores:** 1. Eveleth-Gilbert 315, 2. International Falls 315, 3. Virginia 315, 4. Hibbing 336, 5. North Woods 346.  
**Top-eight individuals:** 1. C.J. Andrews, Eveleth-Gilbert, 73; 2. Louie Judnick, Virginia, 74; 2. Brady Walls, International Falls, 74; 4. Alex Lackner, Virginia, 77; 5. Eric Cann, International Falls, 78; 6. Nick Moe, Eveleth-Gilbert, 79; 6. Riley Nemec, International Falls, 79; 8. Andy Sederlund, Virginia, 80; 8. Ryan Riihinen, Hibbing, 80.  
**GIRLS**  
**Team scores:** 1. Hibbing 375, 2. International Falls 386, 3. Eveleth-Gilbert 419, 4. Virginia 478, 5. Mesabi East 502.  
**Top-five individuals:** 1. Vanessa Yeager, Hibbing, 85; 2. Lilly Rewertz, Hibbing, 90; 3. Katie West, International Falls, 93; 4. Olivia Besch, International Falls, 93; 5. Jenna Anderson, International Falls, 94.

Bronco boys golfers sixth at Virginia

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The International Falls boys golf team finished sixth out of 17 teams with at least four golfers completing 18 holes at Friday’s Virginia Invitational.

The host school, Virginia, had the top score of 289, followed by Duluth East (313), Eveleth-Gilbert (316), Hermantown (322) and Duluth Marshall (323) in the top five. The Broncos ended up with a score of 325. The Blue Devils also had three senior golfers top the individual standings. Andy Sederlund carded a 69 to finish first, followed by Alex Lackner and Louie Judnick, both at 72. The Falls had one golfer finish in the top 12 and also make the All-Tournament Team with senior Brady



Brady Walls

Walls placing fourth at 75. The second- and third-best scores for the Broncos included sophomore Eric Cann at 80 and freshman Brady Wright with an 81. Falls freshmen Riley Nemec and Brock O’Loughlin each carded a 91 and eighth-grader Josh Cann ended up with a 95.

**Virginia Invitational BOYS**  
**Team scores:** Virginia 289, Duluth East 313, Eveleth-Gilbert 316, Hermantown 322, Duluth Marshall 323, International Falls 325, Dryden 328, North Woods 329, Greenway 334, Proctor 347, Superior 347, Grand Rapids 354, Duluth Denfeld 362, Deer River 363, Mesabi East 381, Cloquet 394, Hibbing 402.  
**Top-12 individuals:** Andy Sederlund, Virginia, 68; Alex Lackner, Virginia, 72; Louie Judnick, Virginia, 72; Brady Walls, International Falls, 74; Kirk Markowski, Dryden, 75; Liam Butche, Duluth East, 75; Nick Moe, Eveleth-Gilbert, 75; Scott Rutar, North Woods, 75; Ryan Peterson, Duluth East, 76; Daniel Burger, Superior, 76; Derek O’Brien, Hermantown, 77; Anthony Ahrens, Virginia, 77.

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scored on an infield ground out by Elliot Omerza. An error and a hit batter put the Timberwolves’ first two runners on base in the third inning when two hits and a sacrifice powered Ely to a 4-0 lead. The Timberwolves’ five-run fifth inning started with the first two batters reaching base by being hit by a pitch and a fielding error. Three consecutive singles by Gantt, Omerza and Bradley Roy followed by a pair of infield ground outs extended Ely’s lead to 9-0. L-BF, which left the bases loaded in the fourth inning, also ended up stranding two runners in the bottom of the fifth when the Vikings were unable to convert hits

by Rylan Henrickson and Manninen into a run. Wimmer relieved Manninen to pitch the sixth inning, in which the Timberwolves led off by Huisman walking what turned to be the run needed to end the game an inning early via the 10-run rule. Ely’s Bobby Shusta relieved Huisman on the mound to close out the bottom of the sixth, in which Wimmer led off with a single, but then was put out on a game-winning double play. The loss dropped L-BF’s season record to 5-8 going into Tuesday’s local rivalry game at International Falls.

<b>Ely 10, L-BF 0 (6 innings)</b>									
<b>Ely</b>	<b>0-1-3</b>	<b>0-5-1</b>	<b>- 10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>				
<b>L-BF</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>				
<b>WP-Pat Huisman; LP-Tommy Manninen</b>									

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After two walks without an out that inning, North Woods replaced LaPatka in the pitching circle with Alli Sandberg. The Grizzlies, who needed at least two runs in the top of the fifth to prevent the game from ending via the 10-run rule, scored all five of their runs on six hits off of Anderson. “We (played defense) OK and North Woods put it in the hole a couple of times there and got some runs (in the fifth inning),” Gordon said. “But I think our kids kind of regrouped and came

back, and Teagan came back on the mound with some command and did a good job.” Anderson ended up allowing 10 hits and a walk while striking out five over seven innings in recording the victory. LaPatka picked up the pitching loss. The Broncos recorded their final two runs without a hit in the bottom of the fifth to close out the scoring. Of Falls’ seven hits, Tilandner had two of them, while Meghan and Cassie Tomczak and Treat each doubled.

<b>Int’l Falls 13, North Woods 5</b>									
<b>North Woods</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>0-5-0</b>	<b>0 - 5</b>						
<b>Int’l Falls</b>	<b>2-5-3</b>	<b>1-2-0</b>	<b>X-13</b>						

NORTH STAR IN THE FALLS



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN BONESKE

From right, former Minnesota North Star and 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey player Neal Broten signs autographs for students from Indus while on hand last Wednesday evening at the International Falls Menards for the store’s “Re-Grand Opening.”

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