

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local

Bomber Dance Team sweeps Hiawatha Valley League event

Cannon Falls won both the jazz and high kick competitions at the Hiawatha Valley League Conference championships Friday in Zumbrota. The Bombers have now won four straight conference kick titles. It was their third league jazz title in a row.

"We went out there and danced our best kick dance yet," Bomber Dance Team coach Carrie Pommier said. "Every week we seem to be improving."

In jazz, Cannon Falls had made several changes since its last competition in Marshall, Minn., and edged Byron for the title.

"It was very exciting to be able to take first because they're a very good jazz program," Pommier said.

Lake City took second in kick. Zumbrota-Mazeppa placed fifth and Goodhue came in seventh in the eight-team field. In jazz, Z-M placed third out of four teams.

Minnesota Twins Caravan to make two-day stop in town

Current and former Minnesota Twins will make public appearances in the area Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday, fans will have the opportunity to meet, eat and bowl with Glen Perkins, Trevor Plouffe, Ben Revere and Tony Oliva from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Treasure Island Resort & Casino's Island Xtreme Bowl. Radio announcer John Gordon and mascot T.C. Bear also will be in attendance.

During the Twins' visit, bowling, shoe rentals, burgers and hot dogs each cost \$1.

The same contingent of Twins personalities will be at the Red Wing American Legion from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. the next day. It costs \$5 to attend the event at the legion and 250 tickets are available. Tickets can be purchased at the KWNG radio station or the legion.

No autographs will be signed during the second stop in town.

Youth ice fishing contest set for today at Pottery Pond

The Rotary Club of Red Wing is sponsoring a free children's ice fishing contest today on Pottery Pond. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the contest runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, smallest and most fish. Bait and refreshments will be provided and holes will be dug.

Candlelight event at Frontenac State Park set for today

Candles will illuminate the trails at Frontenac State Park for cross-country skiers and snowshoers tonight. The family-friendly event, which runs from 5 to 8:30 p.m., features trails that are relatively flat and easy.

A vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Permits cost \$5 for the day or \$25 for the year. Skiers age 16 and older also need a Minnesota Ski Pass, which cost \$6 for the day. Permits and passes can be purchased at the park. Snowshoers are not charged an additional fee.

The park has 12 pairs of snowshoes available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Each pair costs \$6.

Fronenac State Park is located at 29223 County 28 Blvd. in Frontenac. For weather updates and any other questions call 651-345-3401.

Augsburg softball coach will attend open gym session

Augsburg softball coach Tim Gormley will take part in the Red Wing open gym kick-off event on Jan. 31 at Twin Bluff Middle School.

The open gyms, which are for girls eight and older, are scheduled for every Monday at the middle school from Jan. 31 to April 11. The gym will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. each day. The cost is \$25 for all sessions.

Jon Bohmbach will provide catchers with instruction and Morgan Bohmbach will work with the pitchers. She pitches at St. Kate's. Red Wing High School coach Cheryl Borgen will conduct sessions with players 12 and under.

Call Jerry Daly at 651-385-0880 with any questions.

Local snowmobilers finish strong in world championship

Local snowmobile racers Ian and Colin Johnson competed in the Snowmobile World Championship Derby in Eagle River, Wis., last weekend.

The boys, ages 9 and 6, respectively, together had two second-place finishes, two third-place finishes and two fourth-place finishes.

Colin finished in second place in Stock Kitty Cat and Vintage Kitty Cat races, and third place in Stock 120. Ian placed third in Pro Stock 120 and fourth in the Super Stock 120 and Improved Stock 120 races. About 40 racers participated in the event.

Prairie Island donates money to Minesota Wild Foundation

The Prairie Island Indian Community has donated \$95,882 to the Minnesota Wild Foundation.

Half of the donation will go to Minnesota Hockey while the other half will go to a new Prairie Island Indian Community/Minnesota Wild Scholarship program. The scholarship will give St. Paul children whose families require financial assistance the opportunity to continue playing hockey.

In November, \$47,500 was awarded as partial or full scholarships. The money was divided among 147 kids from 109 families.

The donation, which was announced Tuesday, was part of a matching program tied to Wild game programs sold last season.

Also, the Prairie Island Indian Community has donated \$10,000 to Disabled Hockey in Minnesota for the second straight year.

Wilson captures qualifier

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Utah sophomore **Ryan Wilson** won the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Associate Alpine Qualifier in giant slalom on Jan. 14.

He posted a time of 1 minute, 52.29 seconds at the qualifier held at Big Sky, Mont.

Wilson, a Red Wing graduate, also finished fourth in the giant slalom and sixth in the slalom at the Utah Invitational held Jan. 8 and 9.

• A pitcher for the Miesville Mudhens can now add a new title to his resume — St. Thomas head baseball coach. **Chris Orlean** served as the interim head coach for about a year after the retirement of long-time coach Dennis Denning.

Orlean led the 2010 Tommies to a 35-9 record, and he became the first Minnesota Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference rookie coach in 10 seasons in any sport to lead a team to a sweep of both regular-season and playoff championships.

Orlean was an All-American pitcher for St. Thomas and he is a member of the school's athletic hall of fame. He served as a pitching coach for nine seasons under Denning.

• Freshman diver **Turner Eckstrom** is third on the top-scores list for the Minnesota men's swimming and diving team. The Red Wing graduate placed fourth and seventh in 1- and 3-meter diving, respectively, in a dual meet Jan. 15 at home versus Missouri. He posted scores of 295.95 (1-meter) and 260.02 (3-meter).

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overall, 2-3 Hiawatha Valley League Blue) travel Monday to Dover-Eyota.

Ellsworth 57, New Richmond 51

The Panthers built a 13-point lead at home Friday and that came in handy in the fourth quarter as New Richmond finished the game on a 19-9 run.

"They're a really scrappy team," Ellsworth coach Dave Berg said of his opponent. "They played hard and they didn't quit."

Shannon Campbell led Ellsworth in points with 15. Lydia Kuhl tallied 12 points while Kayla Christopherson scored 11 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and had four steals.

Ellsworth (6-5 overall, 3-1 Middle Border) will travel Tuesday to Osceola.

Pepin-Alma 71, Lincoln 58: Seven seconds into Friday's game at Pepin, Sophia Reidt drove to the basket, was fouled and made both of her free throws. It was a good omen for both Reidt and the Eagles as she went on to score 21 points in the win.

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Pine Island 39, Cannon Falls 28

The Panthers used their marked advantage at the free-throw line Friday to beat the Bombers in Pine Island.

The Panthers made 22 of 29 foul shots while Cannon Falls hit 3 of 12 free throws. The discrepancy was most noteworthy in the first half.

While neither team shot the ball well before halftime — Cannon Falls made two field goals and Pine Island hit three — the Panthers were 8-for-10 at the line. The Bombers made 2 of 10 foul shots in the opening half.

As a result, Cannon Falls trailed 14-6 at the half.

"They played tremendous defense," Cannon Falls coach Chuck Benda said. "They didn't give us many good looks."

Makenzie Franklin led the Bombers with eight points while teammate Courtney Woodcock tallied six assists.

Cannon Falls (3-12 overall, 1-4 Hiawatha Valley League Blue Division) plays host Monday to Montgomery-Lonsdale.

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Goodhue, which improved to 11-3 overall and 5-0 in the Hiawatha Valley League Blue Division, travels Monday to Randolph. Lake City dropped to 5-7 overall and 3-2 in the league. It plays host to Ellsworth tonight.

Plum City 64, Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran 60 OT

Kris Krueger scored only four points at home Friday, but they all came in the extra session. That was more than enough for the Blue Devils, as no one else scored in overtime.

It was the third overtime win in as many

games for Plum City, which improved to 3-1 in overtime games on the year.

Plum City coach Paul Churchill said Friday's win was meaningful even though it came against a nonconference foe. The Lancers are in the Blue Devils region so the victory could pay dividends come playoff seeding time. It doesn't hurt that the Lancers are a quality team receiving votes in the latest Associated Press poll.

Chase Luebker led the Blue Devils with 26 points.

He and Alex Gilles (15 points) each had five assists. Gilles hit four 3-pointers.

"He's got to do that for us," Churchill said of Gilles. "As they put more and more pressure on Chase Luebker, Gilles and (Chad) Fox have to step up and (add) some scoring as well."

Plum City, which made 8 of 13 3-pointers, improved to 8-4 overall. It plays Thursday night in Colfax.

Cannon Falls 51, Pine Island 44

Pine Island went into Friday's game in Cannon Falls with one strategy — stop Cedric Dicke.

"It's a good strategy — don't let Cedric Dicke beat you — but it didn't work tonight," Cannon Falls coach Chip Callister said.

rebound in a 73-68 win Wednesday over UW-Superior. UW-Stout holds a 7-10 overall record and is 2-6 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

• Men's basketball player **Caleb Rosenow** continues to lead the way in the rebounds category for the Carleton Knights.

In a home 86-55 win over Macalester on Monday, the junior from Red Wing matched his career high with nine boards to lead the team. Rosenow tied with teammate Carter Biewen to lead the team with four rebounds in a 56-51 loss at Gustavus on Jan. 15.

Through 14 games, Rosenow leads the team with 73 total rebounds (27 offensive; he averages 5.2 per game. He has led the Knights in rebounds in seven games this season. He's also second in points with 140.

injured."

To do that, Mason said she needs to be more consistent on her vault — a Yurchenko that not many gymnasts perform. She scored an 8.625 on it against the Wingers to earn fifth place.

Where Mason really shined was on the floor exercises and uneven bars. She took second place on the floor with a score of 9.325. Her first tumbling pass was a round-off, back handspring, double full; her second pass was a front handspring, front full; and her third tumbling pass was a round-off back

handspring, 1 1/2 twist.

Mason tied for first place on the uneven bars with a 9.275 and she placed fourth on the balance beam with an 8.375. Her all-around score of 35.6 was good enough for third place.

Teammate Meaghan Howell won the all-around competition with a 36.4, while Northfield's Abby Stets was second with a 36.275.

"Our team expects to get back to where we were last year," Mason said. "My goal is to make it to state in all-around and to do my best at state."

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es and sophomore Molly Hart adding a 1/2 twist on the floor.

And while Mayer is pleased her gymnasts are adding in higher-level tricks, she admitted that the team "has to go at a slow rate because we can't afford to lose anyone else." The Wingers were competing without starters Cassidy Coplan and Maria Furlong because of injuries.

The injury bug has plagued Red Wing all season.

"It would be nice to have everyone competing," Anderson said. "Everybody could get

higher scores."

Mason shines

One of Northfield's top gymnasts Tuesday night was Cannon Falls' Sveta Mason.

Mason participates in tennis and track for the Bombers but joins Northfield during gymnastics season in a co-op opportunity.

"I competed in varsity all-around tonight but it was because we have some girls who are injured," Mason said. "My goal is to earn it and not just get to do all-around because someone else is



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