

Lady Bears fall to Falcons and Tigers in Cardinal Classic



Rumor Stokes Deanna Mikkelsen Arei Stokes

by Mick Stokes

The Lady Bears opened the Black Division of the Upsala Cardinal Classic with a 55-56 loss to the Falcons from Foley.

The game started out a bit slow as the 2:15 start time had both teams a bit sluggish. Rumor Stokes, making her first career varsity start, opened the scoring with a three after both teams came up empty on their first couple of possessions. The game was a back and forth effort and the Bears entered halftime with a four point lead.

The Falcons pressure defense caused some problems for the Bears in the second half and found the Bears trailing by five with just under two minutes to go. The Bears were able to cut it to three on a couple of free throws from Deanna Mikkelsen, then caused a turnover with some good defense of their own. The Bears ended up with a shot to tie with the ball under their own basket down by three, but missed the shot.

"Rumor was shooting well from the arc and is a fearless shooter so we needed to take a chance on that shot at that point in the game. The ball was almost down, but popped out and that was the game," stated Coach Harig. "We played five girls all thirty-six minutes and they gutted it out pretty well, and should be proud of the effort they gave."

Arei Stokes posted a double-double with 31 points and 14 rebounds for the Bears.

The Bears started the second day of the Cardinal classic against the Browerville Tigers. The Tigers came out of the gate fast, while the Bears struggled. The Tigers took an early lead and kept expanding it throughout the first half. The Bears cut the lead to two with a late surge as both teams entered the locker room for halftime.

The second half was played tight all the way with the Lady Bears taking a short lived lead, but in the end didn't have the energy to stay with the Tigers and fell 48-45.

"Having played all 72 minutes of the past two games took a toll on our girls," said Harig. "Give Browerville credit, they played with energy and did what they had to do to win. We weren't getting our shots to fall and we came up short today. The biggest disappointment was not in losing the game, as our goal is to improve each night that we play and we did not do that tonight. We need to dig deep and play with some passion for the game and we didn't get that from some tonight."

The Bears were again led by Arei Stokes as she posted 24 points and 14 rebounds. Deanna Mikkelsen also hit double digits with 10 points.

The Bears will play Henning and Pillager next week as they jump back into Park Region Conference action.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 6, (A)
Pillager, 7:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
January 5, (H)
New York Mills, 7:45 p.m.
January 7, (H)
Osakis, 7:45 p.m.
January 10, (H)
Henning, 7:45 p.m.

RAIDERS WRESTLING
January 5, (A)
Wadena-Deer Creek, 7 p.m.
January 6, (A)
BBE, 2:30 p.m.
January 10, (A)
New York Mills, 7:30 p.m.

EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 5, (A)
Upsala, 7:30 p.m.
January 6, (A)
Verndale, 7:30 p.m.
January 10, (H)
St. John's Prep, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
January 5, (A)
Menahga, 7:30 p.m.
January 6, (H)
Upsala, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING
January 5, (H)
Dilworth-Glynon-Felton, 6 p.m.
January 10, (H-Brow.)
Ottertail Central, 6 p.m.

BROWERVILLE

GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 5, (H)
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.
January 7, (A)
Pillager, 3 p.m.
January 10, (A)
Osakis, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL
January 6, (A)
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.
January 7, (A)
Pillager, 5 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING
See Eagle Valley

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Bears Jr High ends season on high note



The 8th grade team consisted of, front row: CJ Baumgartner, Cory Bertram, Chandler Kvamme and Zach Mousseau. Back row: Charlie Nienuber, Jordan Frethem, Alex Wachlin, Coach Frethem and Dylan Horn.

The Bertha-Hewitt Junior High boys basketball teams recently completed their seasons with three games in their final week of play. The 8th grade continued their winning ways ending their season with a 15-1 record.

The 7th grade continued to show improvement and picked

up their 5th win of the season, ending with a 5-11 mark.

The 8th grade boys will now have the option of practicing and playing with the C squad for the remainder of the year, while the 7th graders will continue to work on their skills individually.



Participating on the 7th grade team were, front row: Austin Laust, Will Harren, Austin Mattson, Cody Brown and Skylar Goddard. Back row: Jerry Lamb, Jackson Fore, Coach Riewer, Cameron Collins and Joey Tranvik.

Bowling

Monday Nite Ladies Standings End of Round 1:

	W	L
Shirley's Gas & Grocery	41.5	18.5
Baso/Cuchna Insurance	38	22
Eagle Lanes	36	24
Clarissa Family Dental	35	25
Klein Insurance	34	26
Beauty Inn	30	30
Bob's Team	25.5	34.5

High games: Peg Carlson 184; Theresa Dorman 177; Jenn Henrichs 176
High series: Stacey Kneisl 469; Darla Thompson 463; Jenn Henrichs 460

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	W	L
Klein Insurance	4	0
Baso/Cuchna Insurance	3	1
Bob's Team	3	1
Eagle Lanes	3	1
Shirley's Gas & Grocery	1	3
Clarissa Family Dental	1	3
Beauty Inn	1	3

High games: Cami Warren 185; Johanna Jones 179; Betty Woida 174
High series: Johanna Jones 452; Cindy Goepferd 449; Michelle Dotzler 448

Splits: Berniece Mansger 5-6-7-8; Virg Noska 5-10

Wednesday Inter-City League Results from December 21 (End of First Half):

	W	L
Clarissa Ballroom	21.5	10.5
Benson Construction	21	11
Busy B. Café	15.5	16.5
Central Ag	15	17
Baso Insurance	14	18
Berg Electric	9	23

High games: Bill Benson 246; Jim Pratt 214; Kevin Dezell 208
High series: Kevin Dezell 583; Jim Pratt 557; Jack Schultz 556

Results from December 28:

	W	L
Benson Construction	4	0
Central Ag	4	0
Clarissa Ballroom	3	1
Berg Electric	1	3
Busy B. Café	0	4
Baso Insurance	0	4

High games: Leon Dickinson 214; Vic Carlson 209; Rod Nauber 204
High series: Leon Dickinson 553; Vic Carlson 523; Gary Schultz 515

Thursday City Results from December 22 (End of First Half):

	W	L
SCW Construction	248.5	183.5
Harms	226	206
Eagle Bend Vets I	221.5	210.5
Alisha's Care Center	213.5	218.5
NAPA Auto Parts	197.5	234.5
Eagle Bend Vets II	188	244

High game: Robin Woida 202; Dave Jenkins 196; Gary Schultz 191

High series: Robin Woida 538; Gary Schultz 518; Scott Woida 502

High ladies game: Amy Claseman 168; Bambi Woida 156, 148; Cindy Hase 146

High ladies series: Bambi Woida 419; Amy Claseman 413; Cindy Hase 395

Results from December 29:

	W	L
SCW Construction	23	4
Eagle Bend Vets I	18	9
Harms	16.5	10.5
NAPA Auto Parts	10.5	16.5
Eagle Bend Vets II	9	18
Alisha's Care Center	4	23

High game: Bob Sudbeck 230; LeRoy Oliver 225; Robin Woida 222

High series: Bob Sudbeck 606; Robin Woida 573; LeRoy Oliver 538

High ladies game: Cindy Hase 178, 154; Bambi Woida 148, 136

High ladies series: Cindy Hase 460; Bambi Woida 402; Yvonne Jahraus 387

Friday Daytimers Results from December 30:

	W	L
Creative Floors	35	25
AI's	31	29
Gene Captain's Pro Shop	28	32
Stampin' Up	26	34

High games: Tammy Anderson 206; Char Blommel 174; Lucille Hagedorn 166

High series: Tammy Anderson 475; Char Blommel 433; Winnie Whitaker 422

Splits: Betty Lou Gabler 10-6-7

Johnson named Outstanding Conservationist

Jim Johnson of rural Grey Eagle is named Todd County's 2011 Outstanding Conservationist. At the Annual MASWCD Convention, Johnson was recognized for his accomplishments in applied conservation practices and his continued support and encouragement of soil and water conservation. During the awards ceremony he was presented with a certificate commemorating the award.

Jim operates a dairy farm where he raises corn, small grains and alfalfa on 282 owned acres and 132 rented acres. He has farmed for twenty years and the farm has been in the family since 1968. Over the years he has installed feedlot containment with livestock manure storage and utilizes a nutrient management plan and has gone to minimum tillage.

Jim likes to hunt and fish, enjoys seeing wildlife; which



Todd SWCD Supervisor Lee Buchholz presented Johnson his certificate from MASWCD as he was unable to attend the convention.

is evident by the 23 acres of his farm land adjacent Trace Lake that is left unfarmed for wildlife habitat.

DNR reminds anglers of special regulations

Northern pike regulations on Norway Lake in Otter Tail County have returned to statewide regulations as of November 1. Anglers may harvest three northern pike, with only one exceeding 30 inches.

Anglers are reminded that special regulations for other species remain in effect on Norway Lake. Fishing for largemouth bass is restricted to catch and release. The possession limits for other species are as follows: walleye, three; crappie, five; sunfish, five; and yellow perch, 10.

DNR to upgrade state park reservation service; System will be down for two months during transition

The Minnesota state parks reservation system is being upgraded and will be temporarily unavailable December 27-February 29, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said.

"This will create a short-term inconvenience," explained Courtland Nelson, director of the DNR's Division of Parks and Trails, "but we know our customers will really enjoy the benefits of our new state-of-the-art reservation system."

The DNR is encouraging people to plan ahead and, if possible, to make their state park camping reservations for 2012, before the current system temporarily shuts down at 8 p.m. December 26.

Starting March 1, when the new system from US eDirect is expected to be fully operational, it will be easier to plan overnight outings to Minnesota

state parks and recreation areas. The new system will feature interactive maps and show where to find available overnight lodging at a glance.

"We look forward to working closely with US eDirect to launch our new reservation system in March and thank our customers for their patience during the transition," said Nelson.

Key dates to note:
• December 27, 2011-February 29, 2012: State parks reservations service will be temporarily unavailable.

• March 1, 2012: The DNR expects the new reservation system to be ready to accept online and phone reservations starting at 8 a.m. at statytmnparks.com and by phone at 866-85PARKS.

From December 27 through February 29, Minnesota state park gift cards, which have been sold through the reserva-

tion system, will be available for purchase at Minnesota state parks and by calling the Division of Parks and Trails, 651-259-5600. Online gift card sales are expected to resume March 1. Recipients of gift cards will be able to redeem them without interruption for lodging, ski and snowshoe rental, and the nature-themed books, apparel and other items sold at Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. The Division of Parks and Trails has sold more than 5,000 gift cards since it began offering them two years ago.

The existing state park reservation system has been fully user-paid through a state contract since 2007, meaning no state tax dollars are used to provide this government service. The DNR's contract with its current reservation-system vendor, Active Network (doing business as Infospherix), will expire De-

cember 31. The contract is rebid every three to five years.

After carefully evaluating the responses to its official request for proposals (RFP), the DNR awarded a three-year contract to US eDirect, whose product, Recreation Dynamics, best met the criteria for cost effectiveness, flexibility and user-friendly functionality. No Minnesota companies responded to the DNR's RFP, but as part of its agreement with the DNR, US eDirect, which is based in Roslyn Heights, N.Y., has agreed to operate a call center in Minnesota.

Overnight stays at Minnesota state parks and recreation areas totaled 985,374 in 2010, up from 942,381 in 2009 and 863,075 in 2008.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the new system can be found at www.mndnr.gov/reserve-faq.

DNR cites 144 with baiting; seizes 134 firearms/bows

Conservation officer weekly activity reports confirm what officials with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) already suspected: deer baiting was pervasive during the 2011 big game season.

DNR conservation officers (CO) issued 144 citations, issued 24 warnings and seized 134 firearms/bows in baiting relation investigations during the 2011 bow, firearms and muzzle-loader seasons.

It's the highest number of baiting citations issued during the deer hunting seasons since the DNR began tracking these violations in 1991.

"It seems that every year our officers are spending more and more time responding to complaints about baiting or discovering it while on patrol," said Lt. Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement assistant director. "It's become a very common violation."

Deer baiting is strategically placing a pile of food near deer stands or clearings with the in-

tent of luring a deer into close hunting range. It has been illegal to bait deer in Minnesota since 1991.

CO Marty Stage of Ely said he spent a lot of the big game season "chasing violators illegally baiting deer."

"The practice has certainly not gone away or apparently even slowed," Stage said.

The fine for illegal baiting is \$300, plus \$80 or so in court costs. Another \$500 can be tagged on for restitution if a deer is seized. Guns may be confiscated as well.

"It is pretty sad when the rifle that has been handed down for generations is lost forever due to unethical hunting," CO Darin Fagerman of Grand Marais. "Grandpa might not be too happy about that either."

Smith said he is hopeful that by releasing the numbers on illegal baiting activities, it sends a message that Minnesota values its natural resources and there is a price for engaging in this activity.

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