

# Yarmouth surges past Gardiner in ‘B’ South final

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LEWISTON — Bill Jacobs scored two goals in the second period to break open a close game and top-ranked Yarmouth downed Gardiner 5-0 in the Class B South boys’ hockey regional final Wednesday night at Androscoggin Bank Colisee.

The Clippers advance to Saturday’s state championship game, where they will face North champion and No.

## HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

1 seed Waterville. The Clippers (16-4) dominated the first period by every metric — offensive-zone time, possession, shots — yet led just 1-0 after 15 minutes, thanks to a Noah Grondin goal. There was still hope for Gardiner at that point. “I just said, ‘we got the bugs out. They beat us to the puck. They were doing everything that we want to do. We’re in this game. Let’s go out and see what we can do,’” Gardiner coach Sam Moore said of his first-intermission message. “And Yarmouth, to their credit, they beat us to

the pucks all night.” Jacobs made it 2-0 two minutes into the second, grabbing the puck at his own blue line and skating the other way on a 2-on-0 rush. Jacobs waited to make a decision after entering the offensive zone — pass or shoot — before ripping off a wrist shot from the right circle that rocketed past Gardiner goalie Michael Poirier. Penalties hurt the second-seeded Tigers (15-5-1) in a regional semifinal win over Cape Elizabeth, when power-play goals brought the Capers to the brink of a comeback. Jacobs made Gardiner pay

on the power play again Wednesday night. Just 16 seconds into Yarmouth’s second power play of the game, and first of the second period, Jacobs collected a loose puck in the slot and buried it into an open net to make it 3-0 just over five minutes into the middle period. Man-advantages and disadvantages dominated the remainder of the second. The Clippers went on another power play seven minutes in, only for that man-advantage to cut short by 33 seconds. The Tigers then began their first power play of the contest, but that ended just two

seconds in when Hunter Russell was whistled for high-sticking. Gardiner did get a full two-minute power play later in the period, producing two shots, and then another one with 43 seconds left before the second intermission. “We reminded them of the fact that Cape came back on (Gardiner) on power plays,” Yarmouth coach David St. Pierre told his team heading into the third period. “We knew we had to kill the power play here, so we really stressed getting out of that PK and making sure we took care of business.”

The Tigers totaled three shots on that power play that spanned the second and third. Soon after the man-advantage was done so was Gardiner. Cooper May rushed the other way for Yarmouth, got around a defender, then skated right to left in front of Poirier before beating him with a back-handed shot. The final nail in the coffin came on another Yarmouth power play. Joe Truesdale was open by the right post for an assist from Owen Ramsay with less than four minutes to play. Poirier faced 34 shots in the game, stopping 29 of them.



Boston Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas (left) drives to the basket while Portland Trail Blazers center Mason Plumlee (right) defends during the first half at TD Garden on Wednesday night.

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## Celtics

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in the half, but then went on an 11-3 run the rest of the half to go up by six — before exploding out of the gate in the third quarter. NOTES: The game matched up the February coaches of the month, selected Wednesday — Portland’s Terry Stotts (West) and Boston’s Brad Stevens (East). ... Blazers F Noah Vonleh and G Pat Connaughton, both Massachusetts natives, had friends and family at the game. “This is my first game actually playing (in Boston). I’m starting, too,” Vonleh

said pregame. “It’s going to be good playing in front of the home crowd. Hopefully, go out there and have a good game (and) get the ‘W’ also.” ... Portland came in leading the NBA with an average of 112.8 points per game since Jan. 22, while the Celtics’ 111.4 over that same stretch was third best in the league. ... F Kelly Olynyk (shoulder separation) will be re-examined Monday. “(There is) a chance he’ll up his activity Monday — whatever that means,” Stevens said.

**Raptors 104, Jazz 94**  
TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored a game-high 32 points as the Toronto Raptors defeated the Utah Jazz 104-94

for their franchise-best 11th consecutive home victory. Lowry, who was rested in Sunday’s loss in Detroit, showed no rust from his four-day layoff. He shot 13-for-20 from the field while adding four rebounds and five assists. DeMar DeRozan added 31 points and five rebounds while shooting 11-for-15 from the field as the Raptors (40-19) earned a split of the season series with the Jazz. Forward Terrence Ross added 11 points off the Toronto bench. The Jazz (28-32) won the only other meeting of the season between the two clubs, 93-89 in November. Utah, which lost its fourth straight, entered Wednes-

day a half-game back of the Houston Rockets for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Gordon Hayward paced the visitors with 26 points and six assists. Derrick Favors chipped in 15 points and seven rebounds. Trey Burke had 11 points, and Raul Neto and Rudy Gobert added 10 points apiece. **Magic 102, Bulls 89**  
ORLANDO, Florida — Nikola Vucevic had 24 points and rookie Mario Hezounja had a career-high 21 points, leading the Orlando Magic to a surprising easy 102-89 victory over the slumping Chicago Bulls on Wednesday.

# Savage, Levesque lead Aroostook All-Stars

CARIBOU — Caribou’s Donovan Savage closed out the 26th annual Aroostook County Senior All-Star Game by hitting five consecutive 3-point shots to finish with a game-high 28 points for Team Red in a 122-98 victory over Team Black. Jimmy Buzzell of Hodgdon and Logan Halvorson of Easton finished with 21 and 19 for the Red Team. For Team Black, Tyson Porter of Katahdin High in Stacyville finished with 18 points, Garrett Ring of Houlton tallied 15 and Jarrett Olson of Washburn added 14. Proceeds from the games benefit the Aroostook

## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

League Scholarship Fund. Last year, the league presented \$4,000 in scholarships to graduating student-athletes. **Red (122):** Dustin Pryor 5-0-10, Gabe Massey 4-1-10, Donovan Savage 11-0-28, Riley McGrath 4-2-10, Logan Halvorson 7-0-19, Drew Sotomayer 1-0-3, Josh Ricker 1-0-2, Jimmy Buzzell 8-4-21, Joseph Canwell 4-0-10, Chance Gervais 4-0-9. **Black (98):** Ryan Chasse 5-0-13, Brandon Theriault 4-0-10, Garrett Ring 6-2-15, Tyson Porter 8-2-18, Craig Gendreau 3-0-6, Connor Murchison 1-0-3, Kyle Rider 2-3-7, Noah Caron 3-2-10, Brandon Croypley 1-0-2, Jarrett Olson 5-1-14. **3-pt. goals:** Massey, Sav-

age 6, Halvorson 5, Sotomayer, Buzzell, Canwell 2, Gervais; Chasse 3, Theriault 2, Ring, Murchison, Caron 2, Olson 3. Halftime: Red 60-47 **Girls Basketball Blue 83, Pink 62**  
In the girls game, Alexis Levesque of Madawaska tossed in 15 points to lead a balanced Team Blue attack in a victory over Team Pink. Emmy Churchill of Washburn and Rhylee Wright of Wisdom each scored 14 points while Presque Isle teammates Taylor Williams and Olivia Hudson had 10 and nine, respectively for Team Blue. For Team Pink, Molly Cunningham of Katahdin and Chelsea Pelkey of Fort Fairfield each connected for

14 points, and Jenna Boucher of Caribou added 12. **Pink (62):** Laura Sturgeon 3-0-6, Karli Levesque 2-0-5, Jenna Boucher 5-0-12, Kim Stoddard, Taylor Churchill, Kayla Giberson 2-0-5, Teresa Maynard 2-0-4, Chelsea Pelkey 5-0-14, Molly Cunningham 7-0-14, Courtney Stevens 1-0-2. **Blue (83):** Blake Bradley 1-0-3, Natalie Hill, Jackie Peers 3-0-7, Alexis Levesque 7-0-15, Olivia Hudson 3-0-9, Regan Nelson 2-0-4, Taylor Williams 4-0-10, Grace Bralley 3-0-7, Emmy Churchill 6-0-14, Rhylee Wright 7-0-14. **3-pt. goals:** K. Levesque, Boucher 2, Giberson, Pelkey 4; Bradley, Peers, A. Levesque, Hudson 3, Williams 2, Bralley, Churchill 2. Halftime: Blue 53-27

# PVC Classes C-D all-stars play today

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HOWLAND — The annual Penobscot Valley Conference Classes C-D boys and girls senior basketball all-star games will be held Thursday in Sereyko Gymnasium at Penobscot Valley High School.

The girls game will kick off the doubleheader at 5 p.m., followed by the boys game at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students at the door. One girls squad includes Samantha Ireland and Ariana McKinnon of Penobscot Valley, Kaycee Cintron and Courtney Stevens of Katahdin in Stacyville, Hanna Gutow and Margaret Brooks of George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, Chantel Lane and Taylor McLaughlin of Schenck in East Millinocket, Jordynne Littlefield of Piscataquis in Guilford, Ally Eaton of Deer Isle-Stonington, Katie Batron of Dexter and Anna Bucklin of Searsport. They will face a team made up of Amy Hallett and Mikayla Roy of Penobscot Valley, Kayla Falone and Nicole Chasse of Schenck, Melinda Ogden and Kaitlyn Shute of Searsport, Delani Bennett of Piscataquis, Logan Huckins of Calais,

Molly Cunningham of Katahdin, Skyler Theodore of Dexter, Abby Cross of Bangor Christian and Cora Gray of George Stevens. Coaches for the girls game are Dawn McLaughlin of Penquis Valley and Joe Cyr of Penobscot Valley. Coaches for the boys game are Chris Woodside of Calais and Zak Mills of LaGrange, the seventh-grade son of Penquis Valley of Milo head coach Jason Mills. One boys squad features Grant Doane of Penobscot Valley, Earon Grinage of Calais, Troy Reynolds and Bryce Shorey of Searsport, Tyler Pye and Hayden Craig of Bucksport, Alex O’Hara and Pat Pinkham of Sumner of East Sullivan, Tyson Porter of Katahdin, Nick Szwec of George Stevens Academy, Noah Davis of Deer Isle-Stonington, Devon Whitney of Stearns of Millinocket and Ryan Chasse of Fort Kent. The rival boys roster consists of Thomas Spencer of Penobscot Valley, Ben Morrill of Piscataquis, Will Entwistle of George Stevens, Eric Phillips of Searsport, Riley Macleod, Kyle Jackson and Austin Mason of Bucksport, Max Eklund of Sumner, Dakota Reinhardt of Katahdin, Tim White of Greenville, Kris Melanio of Deer Isle-Stonington, Brandon Theriault of Fort Kent and Devon Smith of Schenck.

## College

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**Husson men picked 4th**  
The Husson University men’s lacrosse team has been selected to finish fourth in the North Atlantic Conference in the preseason coaches poll. Coach Mike Craig’s Eagles received a total of 57 points. Defending champion Castleton was selected to finish first with five first-place votes and 76 points, followed by New England College (4 first-place votes, 75 points), Maine Maritime Academy (60), Husson (57), Lyndon State (43) and Thomas College of Waterville (34). Rounding out the poll were Johnson State (23 points), Green Mountain (20) the University of Maine-Farmington (17).

**Bowdoin senior honored**  
Bowdoin men’s basketball senior Lucas Hausman has been named one of 10 finalists for the prestigious Jostens Trophy on Tuesday. The Jostens Trophy is awarded to an outstanding NCAA Division III men’s and women’s basketball player who excels on the court, in the classroom, and in the community. Hausman was the 2015 NESCAC Player of the Year and led the conference in scoring with a school-record 25.3 points per game this year. He was a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American with a major in Economics. Off the court, Hausman has contributed in the community as part of team volunteer efforts at the Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program, Team IMPACT and Special Olympics.

## UMaine

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Sophomore guard Aaron Calixte netted 17 points, senior Shaun Lawton posted nine points, five rebounds and five assists, and Devine Eke (7 rebounds) and Till Gloger added eight points each. The Black Bears shot 42 percent overall (28-for-66) and made nine 3’s while converting 17 of 22 free throws. It was the last collegiate contest for UMaine seniors Lawton and Gloger, who helped the program make the transition to a new coaching staff and philosophy after Walsh was hired prior to the 2014-2015 season. The Catamounts surged in front with a 17-6 burst during a span of four minutes late in the first half.

Already leading 27-20, Ward got the run going with a layup, then Steidl scored from close range. Lawton countered for UMaine with a 3-pointer, but Steidl hit a jumper and Wills scored another layup to make it 35-23 at the 8:22 mark. Ilija Stojiljkovic answered with a 3 for the Black Bears, but Duncan, Bell-Haynes and Steidl each connected for a 3-pointer as Vermont extended its advantage to 44-26 with 6:22 remaining in the half. UMaine was forced to fight an uphill battle from that point on. The visitors used a 9-2 surge that included three points from Vann to get the Bears back within 83-70 with 5:21 to play, but Bell-Haynes made a free throw and scored two layups during a 7-0 run that restored the Catamounts’ lead to 20.

# Ravens, QB Flacco agree to 3-year extension

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Quarterback Joe Flacco signed a three-year contract extension with the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday. Flacco was scheduled to enter the 2016 season with the NFL’s second-highest cap figure at \$28.6 million — and a base salary of \$18 million — as part of the contract he signed in March 2013 on the heels of the Ravens’ Super Bowl XLVII victory. Flacco is recovering from a torn ACL in November 2015 but general manager Ozzie Newsome said last week at the NFL Scouting Combine the Ravens expect him to be ready to go for the start of training camp. The

Ravens enter the offseason with two quarterbacks, Flacco and Ryan Mallett, under contract. Including Tuesday’s extension, the Ravens are tied to Flacco through 2021. Flacco’s original deal was a six-year, \$120.6 million pact with \$29 million as a signing bonus and \$29 million guaranteed. That deal would have expired after the 2018 season, sending Flacco into free agency at age 34. He’s now signed through age 36. **Patriots release LaFell, Chandler**  
The New England Patriots released tight end Scott Chandler and wide receiver Brandon LaFell on Wednesday in moves that will result

in salary cap savings of approximately \$4 million. Chandler signed last March with the Patriots as a free agent and played in 15 games, starting four, during the regular season. He had 23 receptions for 259 yards and four touchdowns, mainly as the team’s No. 3 tight end. The 30-year-old veteran also has played for the San Diego Chargers, New York Giants, Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills in eight NFL seasons. He has 205 career receptions for 2,379 yards and 21 touchdowns. LaFell joined the Patriots as an unrestricted free agent in 2014. He started seven games and played in only 11 in 2015 because of a foot injury. He had 37 receptions

for 515 yards during the regular season and added three catches for 6 yards in the playoffs. The 29-year-old has 278 career receptions for 3,852 yards and 20 touchdowns in six NFL seasons. He ended last season with the Patriots as their No. 4 wide receiver. **Packers re-sign K Crosby**  
The Green Bay Packers re-signed kicker Mason Crosby to a four-year contract on Wednesday, just a week before he would have become a free agent. No terms were announced but on Tuesday multiple media outlets reported that Crosby’s deal is worth \$16.1 million, including a \$5 million signing bonus.

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