

St. Joseph's beats Husson for seventh victory

BANGOR — Joey Murphy recorded two hits and two RBIs to lead the St. Joseph's College Monks to a 5-2 victory over the Husson University Eagles Thursday at the Winkin Complex.

Taylor Reuillard chipped in with three singles and an RBI for the Monks of Standish (7-7) while Brett Barbatì added two doubles and an RBI.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Nick Lops contributed with two singles and an RBI.

Josh Partridge (2-0) scattered eight hits and two runs over seven innings to record the win. He didn't walk a batter and struck out 11. Relievers Grayson Jennings and Corey McNamara each followed with a scoreless inning with McNamara picking up his second save.

J.T. Whitten sparked Husson (6-7) with two hits and an RBI. Andrew Curran

added three hits while Sam Huston had a double and a single. Ryan Rebar had an RBI single.

Husson scored both of its runs in the first inning but the Monks answered with a run in the third and two each in the sixth and seventh.

Lops hit an RBI single and Barbatì added a sacrifice fly in the sixth while Murphy and Reuillard each hit run-producing singles in the seventh.

McDaniel 16, UMPI 2

At Westminster, Maryland, Michael Gallagher doubled twice and drove in four runs in McDaniel College's 20-hit attack en route to the win over the University of Maine-Presque Isle.

Chris Morris and Nick Valori chipped in with two RBIs apiece for McDaniel (19-1).

Matt Cauchon singled twice for UMPI (6-15) while Ryan Sanderson and Tommy Collins each drove in a run.

Colby 7, UMF 6

At Coombs Field in Wadsworth, Colby recorded the win over the University of Maine-Farmington in the first game on the Colby's new synthetic turf field.

The game with the Beavers was supposed to be played this Monday, but the coaches decided to move the date because of a cold weather forecast for Monday.

Colby pinch-hitter Matt Garcia singled to right

field to score Andrew Currier in the bottom of the eighth inning for the winning run.

Currier finished the day with two hits, two runs, and an RBI for Colby (4-8). Blake Egan also had two hits and drove in a run, while Ryan Quinn scored twice and had a hit.

Ben Keene and Riley Chickering each had two hits, one run, and an RBI for the Beavers (8-4). Grayson Beressi also had two hits and scored a run.

Giants

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some capacity. All this time, I've been judging my own emotions, my own feelings.

"I've been a head coach in this league for some 21 years, 22 years. I think I've amassed some ability to help an organization, and I certainly would like to be able to do that."

During Coughlin's farewell press conference, John Mara said the Giants would have a role for Coughlin if he wanted it.

But even then, Coughlin

was noncommittal and refused to shake hands with Mara when Coughlin left the podium.

"What's next for this guy Coughlin? I don't exactly know. I know we will dedicate time to the Jay Fund foundation," Coughlin said in January. "We are there to help families of children who have cancer."

Former Patriots' LaFell lands with Bengals

The Cincinnati Bengals have signed receiver Brandon LaFell to a one-year contract, the team announced Thursday.

LaFell caught 111 passes

for the New England Patriots over the past two seasons. He was released by the Patriots on March 2.

"I am fired up, excited to have Brandon on our team," Cincinnati offensive coordinator Ken Zampese said in a statement. "We had a great visit when he came in, and I think he's a really good player who's going to fit right in for us. I like his style, his work ethic and his consistency, both on the field and just as a person. He's got great experience, and a lot of toughness, too."

LaFell, 29, caught 74 passes for 953 yards and seven touchdowns in 2014

as a key member of New England's Super Bowl winning squad.

He missed the first five games of last season with a left foot injury and returned to make 37 receptions for 515 yards in 11 games. He didn't catch a touchdown pass last season.

LaFell was a third-round draft choice of Carolina in 2010 and holds the club record for longest scrimmage gain — a 91-yard scoring reception from Cam Newton in 2011.

LaFell has 278 career receptions for 3,853 yards and 20 touchdown catches in 87 regular-season games.

Canada

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teams in the playoffs that are "from the desert."

A Twitter user with the handle @jasminethedruoid said Canadian teams did not bring their "Eh game" this season, referencing a stereotypical Canadian way of speech, while the user @Erarick1 said he was disappointed and shocked.

"Hey Canadian hockey fans: How do you like us NOW? 22 years and counting the #StanleyCup will reside in USA," said a Twitter user with the handle @EdBerliner.

Stephanie Pacheco, manager at Shoeless Joe's, said the lack of Canadian teams in the playoffs might affect business, but not to a huge

degree as not all Canadians are averse to watching any of the 23 American teams play.

"If your favorite team is not in the running, then you kind of switch over to your second favorite," she said.

The last time the Stanley Cup playoffs took place without a team from Canada was in 1970, when Toronto and Montreal were the only Canadian teams in the NHL.

Lord Stanley of Preston, at the time the Governor General of Canada, donated the Stanley Cup in 1893. It was originally known as the Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup and awarded to the amateur ice hockey champions of Canada but has been competed for by NHL teams since the 1926-27 season.

Crown

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San Francisco added Johnny Cueto and Jeff Samardzija to a rotation topped by 2014 World Series hero Madison Bumgarner.

The American League could be a wide-open race that produces another fairytale ending should the Royals yield their throne.

Kansas City returns with its speedy lineup intact and

a formidable bullpen. But a less than stellar starting rotation could leave the Royals vulnerable in the AL Central to another potential Cinderella.

The league's best rotation may reside in Cleveland — a city that is looking to snap a 51-year major pro sports title drought — where the Indians have Corey Kluber, Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar.

The Toronto Blue Jays, featuring MVP Josh Donaldson, Jose Bautista, Edwin

Encarnacion and Troy Tulowitzki, came close last year in their bid for a first title since 1993, before falling in the AL championship series to the Royals.

But Toronto might take a step back since ace David Price joined the AL East rival Boston Red Sox, leaving its rotation with question marks.

The Yankees, meanwhile, added three-time All-Star Starlin Castro, 26, to their infield as they juggle youth and advanced age with Alex

Rodriguez, 40, Mark Teixeira and Carlos Beltran, who turn 36 and 39, respectively, in April.

The league's top team could be yet another Cinderella — the Houston Astros, who last year made the playoffs after averaging 104 losses a season over the previous four years.

The signing of closer Ken Giles could be the final piece for a first World Series title for the franchise that was born as the Houston Colt .45s in 1962.

Sox

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Ramirez will play more first base and David Ortiz owns the designated hitter role.

All Sandoval can do now is be ready.

"Get ready for everything. Be ready during the season to do my job out there," he said. "I'm going to keep working every day. Keep thinking of things that can happen."

The Red Sox open Monday afternoon against the Indians in Cleveland.

Fantasy

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DraftKings also issued a statement and said the decision represents the "best

path forward for the industry at this time."

"We continue to see tremendous support for fantasy sports in legislatures across the country, with nearly 30 states advancing thoughtful and appropriate regulations for fantasy

play," DraftKings said in its statement. "We will work closely with the NCAA and lawmakers on a carve-out for collegiate sports in any proposed regulatory framework moving forward."

The NCAA has long opposed any type of gam-

bling and sports wagering, legal or illegal. It argues that student-athletes can be put in positions to leak information to individuals who are trying to enhance their knowledge per gambling or wagering interests.







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