

MDI baseball team surges by Bucksport

BUCKSPORT — Mount Desert Island erupted for 13 runs on 14 hits on Thursday afternoon to roll to a 13-3 high school baseball victory over Bucksport.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

The Trojans were led by Riley Swanson who went 4-for-4, including two doubles and two RBIs. Nick Stavely, Stanley Grierson, Seth Young, and Jacob Mitchell had two hits apiece.

Bucksport was led by Tanner Stegner with two singles. Jake Gauvin, Riley Macleod and Austin Mason each had RBI hits.

MDI 011 47 — 13 14 1
Bucksport 001 11 — 3 8 5
Perconti and Collin; Gauvin, Wardwell (5) and Craig

Hermon sweeps Presque Isle

In the first game of a doubleheader at Hermon, Nick Guerrette pitched a three-hitter and struck out six to set the tone in a 4-0 win.

The Hawks won the second game 6-0.

Guerrette helped his own cause with a double, single

and two RBIs. Mark Mailoux aided the Hermon offense with three singles, while Zach Nash and Christian Greener each added two hits.

Sam Gray doubled for Presque Isle.

In the nightcap, Zachary Nash stole the show, throwing a perfect game as the Hawks completed the sweep of the Wildcats.

Nash, a junior, retired all 21 batters he faced with 10 strikeouts and was dominating in his outing. Hermon (2-0) was led at the plate by Nick Guerrette and Tyler Beaton, who had two hits and two RBIs each. Mark Mailloux chipped in with two singles.

Softball

Ellsworth 11, GSA 0

At Ellsworth, Callie Hammer led the way for Ellsworth with 2 doubles, a single and 3 RBIs in the win over George Stevens Academy of Blue Hill.

Leah Stevens hit 2 singles with 2 RBIs and scored 3 runs for Ellsworth. Breann Cummings and Shelby Cote

each singled and doubled with two RBIs to support winning pitcher Kate Whitney, who fired a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts and one walk.

Olivia Stevenson singled twice for GSA.

GSA 000 000 0 — 0 2 5
Ellsworth 151 103 x — 11 11 2
Snow and Mullen; Whitney and Hammer

Hermon sweeps Presque Isle

At Hermon, Karli Theberge pitched a two-hitter and struck out 11 batters to propel the Hawks to victory over Presque Isle 13-1 in the first game of a twin-bill.

The Hawks took the second game 14-0.

In the opener, Hailey Perry, Sydney Addressi and Chloe Raymond each had a double and single to pace the offense.

For the Wildcats, Williams and Thompson each singled.

In Game 2, Karli Theberge had two doubles and drove in four runs to power the Hawks past the Wildcats. Breanne Oakes pitched a one-hitter while

striking out 10 batters.

Laura Zenk added two singles and a double with three RBIs and Katie Windsor chipped in two singles and an RBI for Hermon.

Taylor Williams singled for Presque Isle.

(First Game)
Presque Isle 000 100 — 1 2 1

Hermon 422 311 — 13 11 0
Thompson, Leavitt (4) and Rodriguez; Theberge and Perry

(Second Game)

Presque Isle 000 00 — 0 1 1

Hermon 930 2x — 14 11 0
Leavitt and Rodriguez; Oakes and Zenk

Foxcroft 20, Piscataquis 8

At Dover-Foxcroft, Makenzie Beaudry pitched six innings and struck out six to pace the Ponies to the win.

Avery Carroll led the way offensively with two doubles. Jenna Clukey and Jordan Campbell each added two hits while Grace Bickford had three RBIs.

For the Piscataquis Community of Guilford, Jordan Littlefield collected four

hits and Erin Speed added two hits. Losing pitcher Jewel Lamb struck out four batters over six innings.

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Ross

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One concession Ross has made to the evolving nature of his players is to remain in the dugout rather than stand in the third-base coaching box when the Lions are at the plate. Another element of that choice is his trust in a veteran coaching staff that includes Kevin Coombs, Paul Thibodeau and Chris LaValle, who now handles those third-base coaching duties.

“Unless you’re with the kids on the bench, if you watch high school games now you can see they’re not as focused,” he said. “So being able to be on the bench constantly has really been a great advantage for me.”

Ross also sees the challenge baseball faces in continuing to attract both coaches and players amid competition from other sports, the lure of computer life and social media, and family obligations.

“One of the big changes I’ve seen — and it’s not so much about the game or the kids — is people’s willingness to want to coach,” he said. “I think it’s a lot more difficult today to coach. The kids are a little different, the parents are much more involved in good and not-so-good ways, and with all the pressure on coaches now I think it’s very difficult to get people to coach. I think that’s why so many aren’t in the school today like they used to be.”

A helping hand

A big part of Ross’ coaching experience for his first two decades at Belfast was the presence of his father George Sr. around the program after his parents moved to the area a year after he arrived.



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Belfast High School baseball coach George Ross has been coaching baseball at the school for 35 years.

George Ross Sr. built the first set of dugouts at the baseball field located just behind the high school, along with foul poles, a flag pole and pretty much anything else he felt would benefit the program.

George Sr. died in 2005 and his body is buried in the cemetery just beyond the outfield fence. A marker in his honor subsequently was placed on a stone at the base of the flagpole at the field.

“He always liked to be involved, and he and my mother donated a few thousand dollars to the team over the course of 20 years,” said Ross, whose 90-year-old mother, Barbara, still lives in Belfast. “He was really involved with

the team for a long time, and it was very special for me.

“I still miss him. It was very comforting. Our groundskeeper still cries when we talk about him because he was up there all the time with him.”

Preparing a legacy

Baseball in Belfast is healthy these days, including at the high school where the varsity and junior varsity teams have full 16-player rosters.

Ross’ varsity squad returns eight seniors, including 2015 Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B Coastal player of the year Lucien Gordley Smith and All-KVAC first-team pitcher Emery Din-

smore, from last spring’s 11-5 club that finished third in the Eastern Maine Class B Heal Point standings.

“I’ve been around long enough not to predict things too much because things happen and injuries happen,” he said, “but we feel we’re as strong as were last year and we’ve got some kids who have come up that I like, so we’ll see. We’re hoping to be strong again.”

Strength also can be found in the middle-school program, he said, setting the potential for sustained competitiveness at the high school level at the point Ross decides to hand the coaching reins over to a successor.

“I don’t think I have too many years left here, but you try to leave the program as strong as you can,” he said. “Right now it’s pretty strong. The eighth-grade and seventh-grade team is strong and they have a lot of kids, so we’re pretty happy with the way it is right now.”

Ross, also a Belfast High School social studies teacher, isn’t planning a retirement tour quite yet. He cited the words of close friend Pete Moscariello, who retired in 2013 after more than three decades as the head baseball coach at Reading High.

“When Peter left he said, ‘I can’t imagine not being Reading’s coach,’” said Ross, whose Belfast teams made annual preseason trips to Massachusetts to play exhibition games against his alma mater for 30 years until Moscariello retired.

“I guess that struck me, that I can’t think of not being Belfast’s coach right now. But everything ends at some point and I’ve got some great assistants that I really feel would just take right over and do a good job, so that’s a big part of it.”

Healy pitches Husson to sweep of UMF

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FARMINGTON — Alanah Healy pitched a four-hit shutout in the first game, leading Husson to a 7-0 victory in the first game en route to a North Atlantic Conference sweep of the University of Maine-Farmington.

Husson won the second game 13-4 in five innings. In Game 1, Healy struck out one and did not walk a batter and was backed by a 12-hit attack. Sami Cyr paced the Eagles (10-18, 6-4 NAC) with a solo home run and a double, while Nicole Andrade (2 doubles) and Erika Parker each drove in a run. Lyndsay Merrill added two singles.

Alison Hamilton doubled for the Beavers (3-16, 0-4 NAC) and Kailyn Hill was the losing pitcher. In the nightcap, Parker knocked in three runs on a two-run single and a sacrifice fly to pace Husson. Merrill cranked a two-run homer, Cyr (RBI) and Heath each doubled and singled, and Kristen Chipman singled twice.

Healy pitched the first 4 ⅓ innings to pick up the victory. Tasha DeRoche hit two singles with an RBI and Hamilton provided a two-run single for the Beavers

behind losing pitcher Emily Vitone.

Baseball

Bowdoin 8, Husson 2

At Pickard Field in Brunswick, the Polar Bears scored four runs in the first inning and four pitchers made them hold up in the victory.

Michael Steas (3-3) pitched six innings of three-hit ball, allowing only one run, with four strikeouts and two walks. Colby Joncas hit a double and two singles (RBI) for Bowdoin (15-10), while Chad Martin hit a run-scoring double and a solo home run.

Peter Cimini added a single and two RBIs for the winners.

J.T. Whitten stroked two doubles for Husson University of Bangor (15-13). Starter Tommy Burns (1-3) took the loss.

Men’s Basketball

Lee plans to stay in NBA draft

Junior forward Marcus Lee intends to remain in the NBA draft and discussed the decision with Kentucky coach John Calipari.

Lee was a coveted college recruit but as a role player for the loaded Wildcats averaged just 6.4 points and 6.0 rebounds per game last season.

The 6-foot-9 forward said he still hasn’t hired an agent, but is intent on staying in the draft.

GSA

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George Stevens (2-0) created a variety of ways to score, including deep doubles to left field in the second inning by Jake Keenan and Schildroth that were the bookends to a four-run uprising that also included an RBI single by Simmons and back-to-back, run-scoring,

suicide squeeze bunts by Gage Clapp and Tyler Snow.

“We’re still a team that’s trying to find our offense,” said Kane, “so we do put a lot of pressure on teams with the running game or a bunt game just trying to create opportunities.

“We’ve been working a lot on our bunting trying to improve that. I’m not one that likes to necessarily bunt a lot, but the way it’s working with this team we will bunt some.”

GSA added three more runs off Ellsworth left-hander Nick Bagley in the third to make it 7-0, then extended the lead to double digits in the top of the fifth. That three-run rally featured a two-strike, two-run single to right by Clapp.

Clapp finished with three RBIs while Simmons and Marshal Lebel each singled twice among GSA’s nine hits.

Ellsworth, making its sea-

son debut, may have experienced some opening-game jitters, particularly on defense where five errors and two balks helped lead to its demise.

“I expected a tighter game than that and without a doubt when we play Ellsworth again it will be a much tighter game,” Kane said. “They’re a good club, they’re a young club and this is their first game of the season. They’re going to improve.”

Red Sox

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fore the Red Sox (7-8), who scored five runs off Jake Odorizzi in the first inning, came back on a two-run homer by Mookie Betts in the sixth and an RBI double by Travis Shaw in the seventh.

Souza’s second RBI hit of the game snapped the tie against debuting right-hander William Cuevas (0-1). Logan Forsythe singled home a run and pinch hitter Corey Dickerson doubled home two more off Noe Ramirez in the ninth.

Reliever Erasmo Ramirez (4-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings and won for the second time in the series. The Red Sox put two men on in the bottom of the ninth and Alex

Colome finally ended it with his second save of the series and third of the season.

Tampa’s Brandon Guyer, hit by pitches 24 times last season, was nailed three times (to go with two hits). Price got him twice and was angry on the second one. Guyer shrugged that off, saying it’s not his “instinct” to get out of the way.

“It’s a good pitch. That’s a really good pitch,” Price said. “And to have that be a hit batter, it’s either a strike or it’s a hit batter. Makes it tough.”

Dustin Pedroia (three hits) hit his first homer of the season, his first in 107 at-bats dating back to last season, and Xander Bogaerts also had three hits for the Red Sox, who had nine extra base hits but finished 4-6 on their first 2016 homestand.

Woods

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other aspects of Woods’ life in the years after the passing of his father, Earl, identifying the death as the starting point for other issues Woods experienced.

Woods’ marriage with Elin Nordegren fell apart after it was revealed in 2009 that he had affairs with numerous women.

Jordan said the fallout still affects Woods, and he occasionally calls Woods “Rabbit Ears” because of his sensitivity over the subject and the fact he is obsessed with seeing what is written and said about him.

“That bothers him more than anything,” Jordan told ESPN.com. “It looms. It’s in

his mind. It’s a ship he can’t right and he’s never going to. What can you do? The thing is about ‘T-Dub,’ he cannot erase. That’s what he really wants. He wants to erase the things that happened.”

About the time his father died, Woods developed an obsession with the Navy SEALs.

After an initial visit, Woods returned to see the SEALs in training action near the Mexican border east of San Diego.

Eventually, he was asked why he had come to participate in training.

“My dad,” Woods told Petty Officer 1st Class John Brown. “My dad told me I had two paths to choose from.”

Woods took part in simulated hostage situations and the instructors set up targets. Rapid decisions had to be made over who gets shot and who lives.

UMaine

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with great size and instincts for the game,” Gendron said

Doherty (6-0, 185) comes to UMaine from the Boston Jr. Bruins of the USPHL. During his junior career he has amassed 61 goals 77 assists for 138 points in 117 career games.

In describing the Portsmouth, Rhode Island, native’s

game, Gendron said, “Tim Doherty possesses exceptional offensive instincts, particularly around the net.”

Mundinger (6-8, 236) comes to UMaine by way of Smithtown, New York. As a member of the New York Aviators, the goaltender compiled a 2.71 GAA and a .936 save percentage.

“At 6-8, [Mundinger] might be the biggest goalie in hockey. He also possesses very good athleticism,” Gendron said.