

Houlton opens with win over Mattanawcook

LINCOLN — The Houlton Shiretowners scored seven runs in the top of the seventh inning to erase a two-run deficit and earn the win in their season-opener, 9-4 over the Mattanawcook Academy Lynx in high school baseball action Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

The Lynx took a 4-2 lead on a Carter Ward sacrifice fly headed in the sixth. The 1-0 Shiretowners got timely hits by Nick Botting and Colby Callan to tie the game before Nick Perfitt drove them in with a single to right field. Ryan Cameron Graham added three hits and an RBI for Houlton. Ryan Dee pitched six strong innings, giving up two hits and striking out seven.

For Mattanawcook (2-1), Carter Ward had two RBIs while Jordan Hanscom, Logan Thompson and JJ Clements each picked up singles. Travis Cropley pitched six strong innings before Houlton got to him in the seventh.

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Dee, Graham (7) and Phillips; Cropley, Hanscom (7) and Hanscom, Nelson (7)

Erskine 13, Medomak Valley 2

At Waldoboro, Luke Peabody collected three hits and scored four runs and Noah Bonsant had two hits, including a double, and two runs batted in as Erskine Academy of South China triumphed.

Cody Beaudoin and Nathan Harrington-Howard had two hits each for the winners and Luke Presby contributed three RBIs on a two-run double and a suicide squeeze bunt.

Isaac Eustler had two hits for Medomak Valley and Patrick Madden doubled.

Narraguagus 18, Jonesport-Beals 0

At Harrington, Perry and Hunter Dempsey each had three hits as

Narraguagus defeated Jonesport-Beals.

Blaine Grant added a pair of hits and Ryan Murphy chipped in with a double. Freshman Isiah Pinkham threw a six-hit complete-game shutout.

Joe McDonald led the Royals with two hits.

Piscataquis 8, Lee 5

At Guilford, Kyle Kain pitched a complete game, striking out six and walking one to lead Piscataquis to the win over Lee Academy.

Pacing the offense for the Pirates (1-1) was Mitchel Nuite with two singles. Ben Morrill had two RBIs while Darren Weeks chipped in with a double.

Lee Academy (0-2) was led by Jalen Phelps who went 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

Shead 10, Calais 0

At Eastport, Riley Demolet doubled, singled and drove in two runs to propel the Tigers to their second victory. Five Shead pitchers combined for 11 strikeouts while giving up just one hit.

Matt Harris had a double and two RBIs while Steve Morrison singled and scored three runs.

For Calais, Cody Pellerin had a single.

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Williams, Newsome (5) and Johnson, Collins (4); Greenlaw, Farrell (2), Harris (3), Demolet (4), Morrison (5), and Eylar

Belfast 8, Lincoln Acad. 0

At Belfast, Emery Dinsmore had 12 strikeouts and allowed only three hits over seven innings to lead the Lions to victory over Lincoln Academy. Dinsmore doubled to aid his cause.

The Lions scored five runs in the first three innings to open the scoring. Grey Dinsmore had an RBI single.

Belfast added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth with Dinsmore stealing home to start the scoring, followed up by Garrett Hamlin's single who drove in Alex Flagg.

Searsport 7, Richmond 0

At Richmond, Troy Reynolds pitched a complete game shutout, allowing only two hits while striking out 14 as Searsport improves to 3-0.

Kyle Moore led the offensive charge for the Vikings with two singles and an RBI. Five other Searsport batters each recorded one hit. Ben Powell scored two runs.

Tyler Soucy and Matt Holt singled for Richmond, who falls to 0-2.

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Small, Holt (4), Soucy (7) and Emmons; Reynolds and Grant

Softball

Lawrence 2, Hampden 1

At Fairfield, Nate Bowen hit a solo home run in the bottom of the 8th inning to lead the Lawrence Bulldogs to victory over Hampden Academy. Bowen also doubled twice.

J.T Nutting pitched a complete game, giving up eight hits and one run while striking out three and walking four.

Casey Sudbeck went the distance for the Broncos, giving up two runs on eight hits while walking two and striking out seven batters. Andrew Gendreau had an RBI-double for Hampden.

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Lawrence 000 001 01 — 2 8 0

Sudbeck and Scott; Nutting and Webb

Houlton 18, Mattanawcook 9

At Lincoln, Tyra Gentle had three doubles, five RBIs and scored three runs to propel Houlton to their season opening win.

Kristen Graham added two hits, walked three times and scored four runs. Kristen Graham struck out eight batters and walked 10 in the win.

For Mattanawcook (1-1), Laci Hanington singled twice, had three RBIs and scored a run. Cheyanne Libby had a single, walked three times and scored three runs.

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Graham and Flewelling; McLaughlin, Libby (6), and Tilton, Page (4)

Piscataquis 31, Lee 5

At Guilford, Jordynne Littlefield recorded a double and single while Alivia Hunt added two hits to help the Pirates roll by the Pandas.

Stearns 21, Schenck 1

At Millinocket, Peighton Ingersoll had two triples, a home run and six RBIs to propel Stearns past Schenck.

Cassidy McLeod singled, doubled twice and homered while driving in five runs. Jessica Girsra, Audrey Dunstan, Lauren Jamo each had three hits. Jess Girsra pitched complete game, giving up six hits and striking out four.

Anna Sewell, Chantel Lane, Allison Nodding, Taylor McLaughlin, Hannah Taft and Kayla Falone each had singles to pace Schenck.

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Narraguagus 26, Jonesport-Beals 3

At Harrington, Beth Wallace, Hannah Alley, Lanie Perry and Madison Leighton each had two singles to power Narraguagus past Jonesport-Beals. Alley had two RBIs and Wallace chipped in one.

Perry, Leighton (4) and Kennedy, Reynolds (4); McCarthy, Smith (3) and Coffin

Belfast 9, Lincoln Acad. 4

At Belfast, Macey Gale allowed only one hit to lead the Lions by Lincoln Academy of Newcastle.

Gale struck out eight and walked nine. Anna Simmons sparked a three-run fifth inning

with her second double of the game for the Lions (2-1). Mariah Sturgis, May Cunningham, Anna Simmons and Kelci Faulkingham each chipped in with two hits.

Margaret Skiff has LA's lone hit.
LA 001 210 0 — 4 1 3
Belfast 003 033 x — 9 11 0
McKenna and Hilton; Gale and Sturgis

Medomak 6, Erskine 3

At Waldoboro, Hannah Watmough drove in two runs in a five-run first inning en route to the win for Medomak Valley.

Addie Jameson chipped in with a double and two RBIs to back up winning pitcher Gabby DePatsy, who struck out six.

Winslow 12, Mount View 1

At Winslow, Jenna Petrovic homered, doubled twice, singled, had three RBIs and scored four runs to lift the Raiders to victory over visiting Mt. View.

Kiana Richards added a double, two singles and drove in two runs. Pitcher Hillary Libby gave up one run on three hits and struck out five batters. Jenna Petrovic gave up one hit in relief.

For the Mustangs, Sierra Fonger doubled and scored a run while Britany Dugal had an RBI. Winslow moves to 3-0 and Mt. View drops to 1-2.

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Winslow 102 351 x — 12 13 2

Porter, Lord (6) and Gibbs; Libby, Petrovic (7) and Veilleux

Oceanside 13, MCI 1

At Pittsfield, Raechel Joyce tripled, singled and drove in a run while Krissy McNichol homered and had one RBI to propel Oceanside to victory.

Abby Veilleux added four singles and Ari Curtis chipped in two singles for the 3-0 Mariners. Pitchers Chloe Jones and Kristina Ferguson combined for 10 strikeouts while giving up one run.

Ramirez's lack of power not a concern

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

HOUSTON — In his two seasons with the Boston Red Sox, Hanley Ramirez has gone through two completely different Aprils.

In 2015, Ramirez started the season on fire, belting 10 home runs and driving in 22 runs in the first month of the regular season. Through the first three weeks of the 2016 season, Ramirez has just one home run and nine RBIs.

"I think there have been times where he's gotten his pitch and I can't say whether it's over-aggressiveness or over-swinging where he's just missing some pitches, but he's doing a good job of getting into some good hitter counts," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "Certainly he's going to be pitched carefully. I don't think it's been expanding the strike zone or chasing pitches."

At times this season, Ramirez has gone after the slider off the plate, which may not be his strength area, Farrell said, but a noticeable difference in his swing is missing pitches up over the middle of the plate.

With the way Ramirez is hitting the ball in 2016 thus far, with 13 singles, three doubles, a triple and the one home run, Farrell said he believes the left fielder-turned-first baseman is a more consistent hitter with that approach instead of looking to hit only home runs.

"I think he has gotten back



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Boston Red Sox first baseman Hanley Ramirez drives in a run with a fielder's choice in the first inning against the Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park in Houston on Sunday night.

to the hitter he's been for the majority of his career," he said. "That's one who's centered more up the middle to right-center field. I think it's created a swing path that's got better plate coverage."

In Boston's 7-5, 12-inning victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday night, Ramirez went 2-for-6 with an RBI and a run. He is batting .270 with a .291 on-base percentage and a .378 slugging percentage.

Player notes

- Right fielder Mookie Betts went 2-for-7 Sunday night and scored a first-inning run, extending his streak of games

with at least one hit and one run to eight straight. Betts has scored 10 runs in his past five games after scoring just six in the first 13.

- Second baseman Dustin Pedroia extended his hitting streak to five games Sunday by going 3-for-7 with a single, a double and a triple. On the current road trip, he is 7-for-16 (.438) with two doubles and the triple.

- Center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who hit a double while going 2-for-6 with two RBIs on Sunday, has registered an extra-base hit in 35 of his past 62 hits. Of the extra-base hits, 21 were doubles.
- Left-hander Henry Owens

made his 12th major league start Sunday, but his first of the season. He was called up from Triple-A Pawtucket before the game at Houston. Owens, 23, went 3¹/₃ innings, allowing three runs on five hits and four walks while striking out four.

- Right-hander Pat Light was recalled by the Red Sox from Triple-A Pawtucket before Sunday's game at Houston. Light, 25, had no decisions and a 4.05 ERA in five Triple-A relief appearances this season. A 2012 supplemental first-round pick, Light has no previous major league experience.

ble. Left fielder Justin Upton had trouble picking up the ball and Semien advanced to third on the error before Burns brought him in.

Collins made an obscene gesture toward the crowd after his misplay.

Upton's sacrifice fly in the sixth gave Detroit a 7-1 lead. Oakland scored two runs in the seventh on Yonder Alonso's RBI double and pinch-hitter Mark Canha's run-scoring single.

Graveman struck out the first two batters before Cabrera hit a 3-1 pitch the opposite way for his first home run since the home opener on April 8.

Red Sox

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NOTES: The Red Sox didn't arrive at their Atlanta hotel until about 5:30 a.m. Monday following their 12-inning marathon victory at Houston on Sunday night. The game took more than five hours. ... 1B Hanley Ramirez wasn't in the lineup for the Red Sox, who also don't have a DH spot for David Ortiz in a National League ballpark. ... LHP David Price, who is 2-0 for the Red Sox despite a 7.06 ERA, will try to bounce back from a rough outing against Tampa Bay as he faces the

Braves on Tuesday. ... RHP Matt Wisler (0-1, 3.10 ERA) will start for the Braves. ... The four-game interleague match-up continues at Boston on Wednesday and Thursday.

Tigers 7, Athletics 3

DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera broke out of a slump with four hits, including a pair of home runs, and Jordan Zimmermann won for the fourth time in as many starts as the Detroit Tigers topped the Oakland Athletics 7-3 on Monday at Comerica Park.

Cabrera, who was batting .206 with one home run entering the game, drove in four runs as Detroit ended a

four-game losing streak.

Zimmermann's franchise-record of 24¹/₃ scoreless innings to start the season ended in the sixth on Billy Burns' RBI single. Zimmermann (4-0) gave up three runs, one earned, on seven hits in 6²/₃ innings.

Oakland starter Kendall Graveman (1-2), who surrendered both Cabrera home runs, allowed six runs on 10 hits in 4²/₃ innings.

The A's needed some luck to end Zimmermann's streak, which occurred with the Tigers up 6-0. Center fielder Tyler Collins failed to locate Marcus Semien's routine fly ball and it dropped in for a dou-

and scored some runs.

"We'll be fine. We were in this position last year. We were 1-2 and made it to the Eastern Maine championship, so we'll be back."

Cowperthwaite scattered those eight Brewer hits while striking out one batter and

walking two during his 7⁸/₉ pitch effort over five innings.

"Nick was hitting his spots today," said Fournier. "He was missing a little inside, but other than that he was right on and making them hit the ball and our defense made the plays."

Deshaies propels Husson women's lacrosse past MMA

BANGOR — Amanda Deshaies netted five goals and added an assist on Monday afternoon to spark Husson University to a 13-3

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

North Atlantic Conference women's lacrosse victory over Maine Maritime Academy at Boucher Field.

Samara Oliver scored twice for Husson (6-6, 5-3 NAC), while Alissa Fallon provided a goal and seven assists. Theresa Butler, Mattie Russell, Brooke Quirion and Mariah Carrier added a goal apiece and Kaitlin Doll-off made seven saves.

Briana Obshatkin scored two goals and Rachael Redles posted one for Maine Maritime Academy of Castine (0-15, 0-8 NAC). Christina Wilson came up with 12 saves.

UMF 7, Thomas 3

At Farmington, Rhi Jackson scored three goals and Carly Raymond added two goals and three assists to help UMaine-Farmington improve to 5-7 overall and 3-5 in the North Atlantic Conference.

UMF secured the sixth seed in the upcoming league tourney this weekend when it will visit No. 3 New England College in a Saturday quarterfinal in Henniker, New Hampshire.

Alyssa Arsenault and Danielle Conway each made two saves for UMF.

Sophia LaVallee paced Thomas (2-9, 2-6) with two goals and Brittany Fox finished with seven saves.

Men's Lacrosse

Thomas 9, UMF 5

At Farmington, Jacob Kendall scored three goals to propel Thomas by UMaine-Farmington in North Atlan-

tic Conference action.

Bryan Ferris chipped in with two goals and two assists for Thomas of Waterville (2-8, 2-6 NAC) while Parker Chute added two goals and an assist. Connor Lambertson made 15 saves.

Travis St. Pierre sparked UMF (0-11, 0-8) with three goals and an assist while Caleb Carr made 14 saves.

Softball

Bates sweeps UMF

At Lewiston, the Bobcats erupted for nine runs in the sixth inning of the second game en route to a 12-8 victory and a sweep of their doubleheader against the Beavers.

Bates won the opener 7-1.

In Game 2, the hosts trailed 8-3 but turned the tide in the sixth, which included RBI doubles from Maddie Inlow and Abby Abbott and Jenney Abbott's three-run homer. Jenney Abbott added a single.

Inlow and Abby Abbott also hit run-scoring singles for Bates (5-28), while Marina Barsoun collected four singles behind relief winner Mimi Crowley.

Kylie Cunningham paced the University of Maine-Farmington (6-19) with a double, two singles and two RBIs. Ashley Gleason rapped a double and two singles with an RBI and Tasha DeRoche singled twice (RBI) to support losing pitcher Abby Burdin.

In the opener, the Bobcats used a four-run sixth to break the game open. Karen Lockhart drove in four runs with a two-run triple and a single and Inlow had an RBI double and a sacrifice fly. Kylie Martin scattered five hits to notch the win.

Baseball

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week to Edward Little of Auburn and Oxford Hills that totaled nearly 500 miles — broke through for eight hits,