

Hermon's Guerrette shuts out Ellsworth

HERMON — Hermon's Nick Guerrette pitched a complete-game shutout while striking out 10 Ellsworth batters to lead the Hawks to a 2-0 high school baseball win Tuesday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Hermon (3-0) got on the scoreboard in the third inning with a Christian Greener RBI single. Greener had two hits in the game while Mark Mailoux and Alex Applebee each chipped in with singles. Hermon improves to 3-0.

Ellsworth (0-2) had singles from Austin Baron and Jack Lee. Nick Bagley pitched well for the Eagles and went the distance.

Shead 12, EG/GHCA 2

At Eastport, Matt Harris recorded three singles to help Shead beat East Grand/Greater Houlton Christian Academy.

Steve Morrison, Noah Curtis and Isaac Curtis each chipped in with three singles for the Tigers (3-0).

Jim Schurman, Thomas Gilman and Isaac Potter each singled for East Grand (0-1) with Schurman driving in a run.

East Grand 001 01 — 2 3 7 Shead 602 04 — 12 11 2

Schurman, Gilman (5) and Noyes; Greenlaw, Farrell (3), Harris (5), Morrison (5) and Eylar

Narraguagus 21, Calais 3

At Calais, the Knights of Narraguagus scored in every inning but one en route to victory. Chad Perry led the way with two hits and scored three times. Blaine Grant and Hunter Dempsey added two hits apiece.

For the Blue Devils, Caden Williams doubled and singled twice.

Matthews, Willey (5), Rolfe (7) and Dempsey; Gillespie, Newsome (6) and Collins

Washburn 12, Hodgdon 6

At Hodgdon, Noah Caron paced the Beavers by reaching base safely four times and scoring three runs. McCall Turner singled, tripled, and walked while scoring two runs.

For Hodgdon, Jordyn Merritt doubled, singled, walked and scored two runs.

Washburn 206 121 0 — 12 Hodgdon 102 101 1 — 6

Turner, Caron, Davis, and P. Thompson; S. Horton, B. Tuttle, Foster and

J. Buzzell, M. Horton

Fort Fairfield 17, Madawaska 5

At Fort Fairfield, Josh Ricker had two singles to lead the Tigers past the Owls of Madawaska.

Dalton Cassidy added a double while Ryan Player, Isaac Cyr, Jon Bernard and Thomas Krause each singled.

For Madawaska, Tristan Cyr had two singles and Alex Daigle chipped in one.

Madawaska 000 14 — 5 3 6 Fort Fairfield (10) 24 1 — 17 11 1

Softball

Hermon 13, Ellsworth 1

At Hermon Karli Theberge held the Eagles to one hit while not walking a batter and striking out seven to lead the Hawks to victory.

Theberge helped her cause with two doubles, a single and three RBIs while Bre Oakes chipped in with a double, two singles and two RBIs. Hailey Perry contributed with three singles and two RBIs and Deanna Phipps added two singles and three RBIs. Laura Zenk and Katie Windsor each had two singles with Zenk driving in a run.

Katie Bagley slammed a

solo homer for Ellsworth.

Ellsworth 001 000 — 1 1 2

Hermon 141 232 — 13 16 1
Whitney and Hammer; Theberge and Perry

Penobscot Valley 10, Woodland 4

At Baileyville on Monday, Grant Doane recorded a triple, single and two RBIs to help Penobscot Valley of Howland beat the Dragons.

Jarrett Priest chipped in with two singles for PVHS (1-0) and also picked up the win after pitching 5 2/3 innings while striking out eight and walking three. Dakota Batchelder relieved and struck out four.

Matthew Miller sparked Woodland (0-3) with a double and single while Drew Hayward singled and scored twice.

PVHS 001 602 1 — 10 7 2

WHS 100 020 1 — 4 5 2
Priest, Batchelder (6) and McKechnie; Morrison, McDonald (6) and Monk

Madawaska 10, Fort Fairfield 8

At Fort Fairfield, Gabby Cyr hit a solo home run and two singles to lead the Owls by the Tigers.

Alexis Levesque, Jenna Dugal and Delaney Deschaine each chipped in with two singles for the

Owls. Emily Boucher singled and drove in two runs while Dugal also had an RBI.

Autumn Parady singled twice and drove in two runs to pace the Tigers while Sarah Watt chipped in with two singles and an RBI. Sadie Edgecomb added two singles and Taylor Churchill recorded a single and two RBIs.

Madawaska — 10 11 5

Fort Fairfield — 8 11 5
Dugal and Nadeau; Edgecomb and Churchill

Hodgdon 17, Washburn 14

At Hodgdon, Taylor Desrosiers struck out five batters and contributed offensively with two doubles and an RBI to lead the Hawks past Washburn.

Grace Graham and Kora Lambert each singled, doubled and had an RBI for 2-1 Hodgdon. Tianna McEwen added triple and a single.

For the Beavers (0-1), Emilia Churchill had a double and three singles while Brittany Corey doubled and singled twice.

Old Town 13, Foxcroft 0

At Dover-Foxcroft, Old Town's Olivia Albert pitched a complete game and struck

out seven batters to shut out the Ponies.

Mckenna Smith and Caitlyn King each had three hits to pace the Coyote offense.

Jenna Clukey and Des Brawn had two hits apiece to lead Foxcroft Academy. Makenzie Beaudry struck out seven in the loss.

Old Town moves to 4-0 while the Ponies are 3-1.

Narraguagus 17, Calais 1

At Calais, Lanie Perry allowed only three hits and struck out 15 to lead the Narraguagus Knights by the Calais Blue Devils.

Perry aided her own cause with two doubles, a single and two RBIs. Madison Leighton added two doubles, two singles and drove in two runs.

AnnaJean McClure paced Calais with two singles and an RBI.

East Grand 10, Shead 1

At Eastport, Beth Lindsey had a two-run, inside-the-park home run and an RBI single to help lead East Grand past Shead.

Hay Shay added three singles for the winners of Danforth.

For the Tigers, Cierra Seely and Samantha Wilder each had two singles.

UM splits series with Rhode Island

BY PETE WARNER
BDN STAFF

Freshmen Eddie Emerson of Lewiston and Nick Silva combined on a four-hitter on Tuesday evening, leading the COLLEGE BASEBALL University of Maine to a 1-0 baseball victory over the University of Rhode Island in a doubleheader at Mahaney Diamond in Orono.

The Rams scored twice in the 10th inning to pull out a 6-4 win in the first game.

In the nightcap, coach Steve Trimper's Black Bears (12-27) needed only one run to support the mound efforts of Emerson and Silva.

The left-handed Emerson (1-0), a former Lewiston High School standout, picked up his first collegiate win. He worked the first four innings, allowing only two hits while striking out

five and walking two.

Silva, a righty, gave up two hits and fanned two in his three-inning stint to earn his first save as a Black Bear.

They outdueled the Rhode Island tandem of Evan Flanagan and Nick Johnson. Flanagan (0-1) spaced three hits and a run with two strikeouts and a walk over four innings.

Johnson held the Bears to one hit and struck out one in his two innings.

UMaine manufactured its run in the fourth. Colin Ridley stroked a double to right field with one out, moved up on Kevin Stypulkowski's groundout and scored on a single through the right side by Tyler Schwanz.

The best threat by Rhode Island (16-20) came in the first inning. Chris Hess walked and Jordan Powell singled with one out. After they executed a double steal,

Emerson struck out Brett McManus and induced Lawrence Hill to ground out.

In the opener, Hill and Hess rapped two-out, RBI singles in the 10th inning to lift the Rams to victory.

Rhode Island utilized five pitchers, with Tyler Barss working a scoreless 10th to secure the win. Dom Grillo pitched four innings of two-hit shutout relief with four strikeouts.

Ridley paced UMaine with a triple, a single and an RBI while Brenden Geary and Lou Della Fera each posted two singles. Reliever Connor Johnson suffered the loss, giving up four hits and two runs in 3 2/3 innings.

Connor Foreman paced the Rams with a double, a single and two RBIs. Powell contributed three singles.

The Black Bears grabbed a 2-0 lead against URI starter Blaise Whitman in the second. Ridley tripled, Schwanz

hit an RBI double and Caleb Kerbs added a fielder's choice.

The Rams responded with four runs in the third off starter Jonah Normandeau of Cumberland, who walked the first batter and hit the next with a pitch. Powell and Ryan Olmo each hit RBI singles, then Foreman delivered a two-run single to center.

Normandeau went seven innings and struck out seven, but hit two and walked one.

UMaine equalized in the bottom of the inning. Danny Casals walked, stole second and scored on Stypulkowski's double. Ridley followed with a run-scoring single.

In the second, the Bears recorded an out with the hidden-ball trick. Third baseman Casals tagged out Foreman for the second out after he had doubled and taken third on a single.

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ones they swung at were mostly fastballs," said Jurgiewich, who calls his own pitches during games. "With the top of the order I went with more curveballs and with the bottom of the order I just tried to overpower them."

"I wanted to go right after them and I didn't want to walk anyone."

Jurgiewich, who struck out eight batters in 3 1/2 innings during his first start of the spring against Class C Mattanawcook Academy of Lincoln, retired the first nine Katahdin batters he faced before the Cougars got their first baserunner on a Schenck error to open the top of the fourth.

Devin McGraw drew the only walk issued by Jurgiewich — after his second and final three-ball count of the game — to open the Katahdin fifth and reached third base on a passed ball and a stolen base. But he was stranded there as Jurgiewich struck out the next three batters on just 10 pitches.

"It doesn't bother him having runners on base," said Montgomery of Jurgiewich, who catches or plays shortstop when not on the mound. "He keeps his composure, he's a very focused baseball pitcher and he goes right at them. He doesn't fool around."

Jurgiewich's no-hit and shutout bids simultaneously ended when the No. 3 hitter in Katahdin's batting order, Tyson Porter, hit a two-out RBI double in the sixth.

"I knew I was to a point in the sixth inning where I hadn't

given one up and thought about it," he said. "I know I got behind on the guy I gave the hit up to. It was a solid double."

Porter scored on an error to pull Katahdin within 7-2, but Jurgiewich then struck out the final four batters he faced.

"I think my pitches got a little better as the game went along," he said. "I think later in the game I started throwing even a little harder."

High strikeout totals are nothing new for Jurgiewich, who plays for the Bangor-based Motor City American Legion team during the summer and plans to continue his baseball career at Thomas College of Waterville next year.

He struck out 19 in 7 1/2 innings of a 2-1, eight-inning loss to Penquis Valley of Milo last spring, and also had 17- and 15-strikeout performances in 2015.

"He's always been a pitcher who records a lot of strikeouts," said Montgomery. "He knows what batters he can go right after with his fastball and he always hits his spots."

Jurgiewich's immediate goal is to lead a young Schenck team to a Class D North playoff berth.

The Wolverines, 1-3 heading into Wednesday's game at Penquis Valley, count Jurgiewich and Garrett Neal as the team's lone seniors on a 13-player roster that also includes two players with no previous baseball experience and several others with no previous high school baseball background.

"I just try and reinforce things when the coach says something," said Jurgiewich, the team captain. "It's frustrating sometimes but you know what you're coming into and it's already gotten a lot better. We've improved a lot."

Goodell pleased with Brady ruling

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

A court of appeals ruling Monday reaffirmed the authority of NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in matters of integrity, and in his eyes, justified the litigation that reinstated New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's four-game suspension.

"We are obviously pleased with the court's decision," Goodell said Tuesday on Bloomberg TV. "We think that was the right decision. They were very firm in their decision that that was with-

in our authority and the judgments were based on solid facts. So we're actually pleased with that, and we hope we can move on from there."

The appeals court made up of a three-judge panel ruled 2-1 in favor of the NFL to overturn



Goodell

Second Circuit Judge Richard M. Berman's decision in September to overturn Brady's ban for his alleged

role in deflating game-used footballs in the 2015 AFC Championship game and lack of cooperation with the investigation.

It is possible Brady will appeal the latest ruling. He had 14 days to determine whether to enter an objection, which would send the matter back to court some 20 months after it first began. Brady was reportedly seething over the latest turn in the off-field drama and met with his legal team.

Two legal analysts told the New York Times attorney fees for the two sides al-

ready are likely in the \$17 million to \$20 million range.

"We think it's important that the commissioner protect the integrity of the game, that you can't entrust that to someone who has no understanding of our business, and the appellate court [Monday] reaffirmed that," Goodell said. "So we think this is an important element of our success. We obviously have changed our discipline process through the years and we will continue to do that if we think it's in the best interests of the NFL."

Woods returns to course, future still unknown

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Eldrick Tont Woods is not the same Tiger, but his first few holes at Bluejack National Golf Club in Montgomery, Texas, on Monday worked out just fine.

Woods said he was on the course playing multiple holes for the first time since a third surgical procedure on his back and went five holes with friend Mark O'Meara at the Houston-area track. He fired a ceremonial tee shot down the middle of the fairway and played out the 10th hole with a par following a

wedge and two-putt.

"I'm definitely a little tired but I feel pretty good," Woods said Monday. "I haven't been out here playing like this. I hadn't played any holes until today. I know people have said I've played holes back at Medalist, but I haven't. This is actually the first time I've played holes Wyndham. It's been awhile."

The Wyndham Championship in August was Woods' last event before he went back to have surgery. He finished 10th.

When he'll be back on the course on a regular

basis is still up in the air. The 40-year-old was the subject of a detailed ESPN The Magazine story in which his desire to return and play into his 50s was questioned, and good friend Michael Jordan was quoted in the piece saying Woods was tired and wanted to retire.

Woods said Monday he has more in the tank, but wants to return only after



Woods

he builds stamina and strength. He is registered for the 116th U.S. Open at Oakmont in June, but entry does not guarantee participation.

"I haven't set any date to when I'm playing again, which is frustrating to say," he said Monday. "But to be honest with you, that's what I've had to do. I've had to go with that mindset. Would I have said that five months ago? No way. I couldn't imagine then feeling like I do right now. Keep improving. Keep getting better. Keep making progress. And I'm doing that."

Church, who drove in the game's first run with a first-inning triple to deep center and then shut out Old Town on just three hits through six innings.

Church — coming off a season-opening no-hitter against Dexter — retired the first two Old Town batters in the top of the seventh before T.J. Crawford drew a four-pitch walk, the first of just two issued by the senior righthander

during his eight-inning stint.

Crawford then stole second base and took off for third on a 1-1 pitch that Hoogterp one-hopped sharply off Church's glove near the mound.

The ball popped into the air and then settled on the ground between the mound and second base, and Crawford never stopped running and scored the tying run on the infield hit.

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and play the next time we meet them and they didn't have any interest in that and the guys got behind that. They were fired up and ready to go and they had a good reason to play.

"Hopefully that will propel us for the rest of the season."

Ouellette and Coulombe combined for 19 strikeouts and one walk on the mound while yielding just four hits.

"All of these kids played in the Senior League World Series and have been playing together for a long time now," said Goody, "so I think we'll pull through this and be all right."

Foxcroft (3-1) was within one out of winning the game in the seventh behind

Steelman

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Steelman spent four seasons at UMaine under head coach Richard Barron, focusing on the development of the Black Bears' post players along with game planning film breakdown. He also served as the program's community relations manager by coordinating outreach and service projects.

At UMaine, Steelman worked closely with outgoing seniors Liz Wood and Mikaela Gustafsson in helping them improve their play in the post.

The move to Presbyterian will take Steelman closer to his roots, as he is a native of Hickory, North Carolina.

Prior to UMaine, Steelman was the associate head coach at Ball State University from 2010 to 2012. He spent the previous five seasons as an assistant at Clemson University.

He began his Division I

coaching career as an assistant at Rice from 2003 to 2005. Steelman developed his skills as a coach at Cresset Christian Academy in Durham, North Carolina, and at Kerr-Vance Academy in Henderson, North Carolina.

Steelman is a 1989 graduate of John Brown University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in broadcasting. He did graduate studies in recreation sports administration at the University of North Carolina and served as a volunteer with the 1994 NCAA champion Tar Heels women's basketball team.

Steelman was eager to share his singing talents with UMaine fans. Last season, as a tribute to the team's seniors, he learned and performed the national anthems of Black Bear players from Sweden, Finland, Germany, Serbia and Great Britain.

Steelman's two younger children, Hannah and Jonathan, both attend and play sports at Orono High School. He and his wife, Tracy, also have an older son, Matthew.

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from the time I pick him up until the time I drop him off at the end of a road trip," Kimball said. "We take it seriously and put in a lot of effort, but we also have a lot of fun."

Lucy, the superintendent at Regional School Unit 68 in the Dover-Foxcroft area, also has won a Sportscaster of the Year award.

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