

Merritt propels Hawks past Katahdin 18-8

HODGDON — Jordyn Merritt doubled, had three singles and a walk while scoring four runs and driving in three to propel the Hodgdon Hawks to an 18-8 high school baseball win over the Katahdin Cougars on Thursday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Wyatt Foster earned the win on the mound and helped his cause by reaching base safely five times. He scored three runs and had two RBIs.

For Katahdin, Rigoberto Otero reached base three times, stole two bases and scored twice to pace the Cougars. Brody Guiggey had an RBI-triple, a single, and scored a run.

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C. Drew, Porter, and Otero; Foster, D. Buzzell, B. Tuttle, and J. Buzell

Fort Fairfield 8, So. Aroostook 1

At Dyer Brook, Fort Fairfield held Southern Aroostook to just one run with a strong defensive performance for the win. The Tigers were led offensively by

Ryan Player with a triple and a single.

Carter Bruce added a single with and two RBIs for 2-0 Fort Fairfield.

For the Warriors, Nate Lilley tripled and singled, Josh Perrin doubled and Cory Rockwell added two singles.

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Bruce and Cassidy; Lawlor and Lilley, Batchelder (4)

Presque Isle 16, Fort Kent 5

At Presque Isle, Caleb Nadeau and Jonah Hudson each had two hits to pace the Wildcats to victory. Nicholas Bartlett scored three runs.

Ronald Collins and Christopher Theriault had two hits apiece to lead Fort Kent.

B. Theriault, Carter (3), Rochello (4), and Soucy; Nadeau, Madore (3), Gray (4), Winger (5), and Rider, Paterson (3)

Hermon 9, Mount Desert Island 5

At Hermon, the Hawks were down four runs going into the bottom of the 6th inning before scoring eight runs to win their fourth straight game of the season.

Hermon was led by Zach Nash with a double, a single and two RBIs.

Alex Applebee added a double and single. Matt Leach and Keith Pomeroy also chipped in key singles late in the game.

MDI was led by Seth Young with a double and single while Adam Fournier singled twice for the 2-2 Trojans.

Shead 13, Narraguagus 2

At Harrington, the Shead Tigers pounded 19 hits en route to victory over Narraguagus. Steve Morrison and Ryan Eylar led the way with three hits apiece.

For the Knights, Hunter Dempsey doubled and singled.

Central 9, Bucksport 4

At Bucksport on Wednesday, the Red Devils scored six runs in the fifth and sixth inning to erupt past the Bucks.

Central was led by Caleb Shaw with two hits and three RBIs. Ethan Mailman chipped in with two hits and an RBI and Micah Ward had two hits.

Tyler Pye led the Bucks with two hits.

Carmichael, Lenor (4), Gauvin (6) and Craig; Randall, Shaw (5) and Speed

Searsport 11, Bangor Christian 5

At Bangor on Wednesday, Kyle Moore scattered seven hits and struck out 11 in a complete-game performance as Searsport beat Bangor Christian.

Barrett Grant had two hits and scored three times for the Vikings.

Jon Cormier, Matt Chretien and Dacian Robert had two hits apiece for Bangor Christian.

Softball So. Aroostook 8, Fort Fairfield 1

At Dyer Brook, Kylie Vining had a triple, a double and two singles to propel Southern Aroostook to the win. Vining also struck out nine batters from the circle.

Maddie Cummings added two doubles while Cassidy Mathers and Lily Leavitt each chipped in with two singles for the 3-0 Warriors. For the Tigers (0-2), Autumn Parady, Morgan Towle and Brooklyn McGlaughlin each singled.

Edgecomb and Churchill;

Vining and Mathers

Presque Isle 32, Fort Kent 0

At Presque Isle, Sydney Thompson and Faith Leavitt combined to pitch a no-hitter against Fort Kent. Taylor Williams had a triple and two singles to pace the offense.

Jillian Flynn chipped in with a triple and single for the 1-4 Wildcats. Fort Kent is 0-1.

Thibodeau and S. Guimond; Thompson, Leavitt (4) and Rodriguez

Katahdin 24, Hodgdon 12

At Hodgdon, Courtney Stevens recorded four singles to help the Cougars beat the Hawks.

Georgia Landry chipped in with three singles for the Cougars of Stacyville, now 2-1.

Kendra Gresko paced Hodgdon (2-2) with two doubles and a single. Sydney Crane, Lexi McGuire and Tianna McEwen each contributed a single and a double.

Schenck 26, Penquis 4

At Milo on Wednesday, Schenck of East Millinocket scored 12 runs in the fourth

inning en route to the win over the Patriots.

Allison Noddin sparked Schenck with three singles while Anna Sewall chipped in with a double and single and Kayla Falone doubled.

Aly Desfosses, Destiny Pinnette, Kate Bolstridge, and Faith Sickler all singled for Penquis.

Southern Aroostook 7, Woodland 6

At Woodland on Wednesday, Southern Aroostook's Kylie Vining pitched seven innings and struck out eight to help the Warriors of Dyer Brook win.

Kassidy Mathers, Vining, and Marissa Boulter all had singles to pace Southern Aroostook (2-0).

Shawna Monk paced Woodland (0-3) with two singles and a triple. Shaye Beers chipped in with a triple, single and an RBI while Sophie McDonald doubled twice and drove in two runs. Danielle Poole, Angel Andrews, Jennie Cox, Sadie Smith and Halie Smith all pitched in with a single each. Sadie Smith also struck out five.

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Nashville Predators center Mike Fisher (12) celebrates at the end of Game Seven of the first round of the 2016 Stanley Cup Playoffs against the Anaheim Ducks at Honda Center on Wednesday. The Predators defeated the Ducks 2-1 to win the series 4-3.

Predators

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dreau admitted that this loss in a Game 7 contained a stronger sting.

"With the way the score was and the way we were pushing, I'd say yes, especially with how hard we had to push from November just to get to where we were," Boudreau said. "We did everything the hard way."

Rinne prevented the hosts from taking the lead about four minutes after the opening face-off, when he did the splits while making a lunging catch of Cam Fowler's slap shot from the blue line.

Wilson put Nashville ahead 6:19 into the game with his second goal of the playoffs. Defenseman Mattias Ekholm flipped a high pass from the left boards in the Predators' zone to Wilson at the Ducks' blue line.

Wilson tried to feed a pass between Anaheim defensemen Simon Despres and Clayton Stoner to Mike Fisher. Despres blocked the high pass with his glove and deflected the puck to the ice. However, before Despres could play the puck, Wilson stole it and propelled a backhand inside the right post.

"Those flipped-up pucks are hard to control for the defensemen," Wilson said. "I was just trying to wait. With the way 'Fish' was

going, pushing him back, I was fortunate enough for it to come up on my stick."

That goal tied Wilson with Martin Erat for fourth place on the Predators' all-time playoff goal-scoring list with eight.

Gaustad's second career playoff goal and first in the series extended the lead to 2-0 at 15:53. With his stick at shoulder level, Gaustad deflected Shea Weber's slap shot from the right point under the crossbar. Boudreau challenged the call, which video replay upheld.

Nashville needed the crossbar to keep the Ducks scoreless early in the second period. After Rinne blocked Rickard Rakell's tip-in, Jamie Mc-

Ginn tried to convert the rebound with Rinne prone on the ice. However, McGinn's shot hit the crossbar about five minutes into the period.

"We knew they were going to make a push after we were up 2-0," Predators defenseman Roman Josi said. "But the defense was amazing tonight. They've got a great cycle game and pass it to the points, but our forwards did a great job getting in the shot lanes."

Kesler ended Rinne's quest for a shutout on a power play 1:45 into the third period. The center one-timed a shot in front of the crease off Jakob Silfverberg's pass from behind the net for his fourth goal.

Husson baseball sweeps Thomas

WATERVILLE — Husson's Brandon Reilly scattered seven hits over seven innings to lead the Eagles to an 11-1 North

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Atlantic Conference baseball win over the Thomas College Terriers in the first game of a doubleheader Thursday at H. Allen Ryan Field.

Husson won the second game 6-3 for a sweep.

Reilly (4-3) walked only one and struck out one in the first game for the Eagles (17-18, 12-8 NAC).

Christian Corneil sparked the offense with a 4-for-4 effort with three RBIs while J.T. Whitten added two doubles, a single and an RBI. Andrew Curran and Mike Wong each drove in two runs and Ryan Rebar added a double, single and an RBI.

Nik Beeson had double, single and RBI to pace Thomas (19-18, 13-11) and Anree Benitez had two hits.

Husson picked up the win in the second game behind another complete-game effort, this one from Dan Whitney (4-2), who scattered four hits and three runs while walking one and striking out seven.

Rebar doubled, singled and drove in two runs for the Eagles while Curran chipped in with three singles. Zach Sugar added two hits and an RBI.

Benitez tripled and drove in two runs for Thomas and Zach Mathieu added two hits.

UMF, UMPI split

At Farmington, the University of Maine-Farmington Beavers beat the UM-Presque Isle Owls 3-1 in the first game of a doubleheader to tie the program's season records with wins at 19.

UMF, now 19-14, dropped the second game 8-5.

Brett Elliott (1-1) picked up the win in the first game for UMF after giving up four hits and a run in five innings. He didn't walk a batter and struck out four before receiving an inning of scoreless relief each from Tyler Flayhan and Riley Chickering, who picked up a save.

The Beavers scored single runs in each of the first, third and fifth innings. Tom Grady smacked an RBI triple in the first, Grayson Beressi had a run-scoring double in the third and Grady added an RBI single in the fifth.

Brady Rowe and Matt Curry hit back-to-back singles in the fourth for UMPI. Each runner moved up a base on a fielder's choice and Rowe scored on a wild pitch.

In the second game, the Owls (10-25) jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning, highlighted by Ryan Sanderson's three-run homer.

Sanderson finished with four RBIs and Curry added a double, single and an RBI. Jesus Garcia also had two hits. Saul Nunez (3-5) earned the win after giving up two earned runs and eight hits in seven innings. He walked one and struck out four.

Ben Keene doubled, singled and drove in two runs for UMF.

UFC President: I don't know what's next for McGregor

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The fallout of the Ultimate Fighting Championship's decision to replace Conor McGregor's canceled UFC 200 main event with the Jon Jones-Daniel Cormier light-heavyweight title rematch is uncertainty for McGregor.

UFC President Dana White earlier Wednesday told ESPN.com that McGregor will either have to defend his featherweight title next against the winner of the UFC 200 interim featherweight title fight between former champion Jose Aldo and ex-lightweight champion Frankie Edgar or lose his belt.

But White hedged from that position later in the day, telling the Los Angeles Times in text messages that, "I don't know how this will all play out. We will see."

McGregor was supposed to fight former lightweight title challenger Nate Diaz in the main event of their March 5 UFC 196 main event.

In that fight, Diaz took advantage of McGregor's bold decision to fight at the welter-

weight limit of 170 pounds. Not only did McGregor get rocked by the heavier man's second-round punches, he badly fatigued carrying the extra weight and fell to a rear-naked chokehold submission later in the round.

McGregor declined the UFC's order to attend a Friday UFC 200 news conference in Las Vegas, which was to include some marketing

filming, saying he needed to focus entirely on his training after disrupting his workout schedule while promoting UFC 196 and paying the price.

White then pulled McGregor from UFC 200, and at the Friday news conference, Diaz said he didn't want to fight anyone other than McGregor.

What becomes of Diaz if McGregor is forced back to featherweight?

"I don't know," White said in his text messages. "Frankie or Jose could come out of their fight banged up. We will see how it all plays out."



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Draft

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running back drafted 10th overall last year.

The task comes with immediate challenges.

The Rams were last in the NFL in total offense (297 yards per game) and scoring (17.5 per game), and the NFC West houses rugged defenses in Seattle (No. 1 scoring defense in 2015) and Arizona. The Cardinals and Seahawks were top five in total defense last season.

This was the first time the Rams had the No. 1 pick since 2010, when they drafted Sam Bradford. Prior to that, the Rams had the No. 1 pick in 1997 and drafted Ohio State

left tackle Orlando Pace.

This was the seventh time since 2008 the franchise had a top-10 pick.

The Tennessee Titans received the 15th overall pick in 2016 and a package of selections from the Rams to surrender the top pick, giving them six in the top 76 picks.

Tennessee sent the top pick and its fourth- (No. 113) and sixth-round (No. 177) picks this year to the Rams in exchange for Los Angeles' first-round pick (No. 15), two second-round selections (Nos. 43 and 45) and a third-round pick (No. 76) in 2016. The Titans also got the Rams' first- and third-round picks in 2017.

The trade was the first involving the No. 1 overall pick since 2004, when the New York Giants acquired Eli

Manning from the San Diego Chargers. The No. 1 pick has been traded seven times since 1990.

General manager Les Snead and the Rams traded Bradford to the Philadelphia Eagles for Nick Foles last off-season, but Foles fizzled and was replaced as the starter. Foles is still on the roster but is behind journeyman Case Keenum on the preseason depth chart.

Wentz was 20-3 for the Bison, the FCS powerhouse with five consecutive national titles, two with Wentz as the starter. A strong showing at the Senior Bowl in January against big-school stars added enough cred to increase debate over who is the top quarterback prospect in this draft, Wentz or Goff.

Wentz held advantages in that he came from a pro-style offense at 6-foot-5, 237 pounds, doesn't face the height and hand size concerns that dogged Goff.

With the third pick, the San Diego Chargers took Ohio State defensive end Joey Bosa.

The Chargers had their pick of every non-quarterback in the NFL draft.

Bosa, a college defensive end, projects to outside linebacker in the team's 3-4 defense. He was highly productive in college, totaling 7.5 sacks as a freshman and 13.5 as a sophomore. San Diego will move him around its 3-4 defense, having Bosa put his hand in the ground when playing in its various sub-packages.

Cubs

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next inning off reliever Sam Freeman on Addison Russell's fielder's choice groundout to short that scored Javier Baez.

Zobrist went 2-for-5 to lead the Cubs and Villar

paced the Brewers with two hits. Bryant departed in the fifth for evaluation after rolling his right ankle while running the bases in the third inning. His condition was not immediately known.

NOTES: The Brewers placed 2B Scooter Gennett on the 15-day disabled list with right oblique tightness, retroactive to April 25. In

turn, Milwaukee selected the contract of INF Hernan Perez from Triple-A Colorado Springs. ... Milwaukee also moved RHP Matt Garza to the 60-day disabled list to make room for Perez on the 40-man roster. ... Wednesday's postponement was the first for either team this season. No make-up date has been announced although

the teams have a mutual open date on Aug. 15 prior to a three-game series at Rigney Field. ... Brewers RHP Zach Davies (0-2, 9.72 ERA) moved back a day with the postponement and will take the mound Friday against Miami LHP Adam Conley (0-1, 5.12 ERA) as Milwaukee opens a six-game homestand.