

Houlton's Dee shuts out Presque Isle baseball

HOULTON — Ryan Dee threw a two-hit shutout while striking out eight en route to leading the Houlton Shiretowners by the Presque Isle Wildcats 6-0 in high school baseball action Thursday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP
T h o m a s Prescott, Colby Callnan, Zack Hagan, and Nick Perfitt each had two hits to pace the offense.

For Presque Isle, Cooper Madore and Kyle Rider had the lone hits.

PI 000 000 0 — 0
Houlton 100 410 x — 6
Nadeau, Winger (4) and Rider; Houlton: Dee and Hagan

Hampden 2, Camden Hills 1
At Hampden, Alex McKenney threw a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts and two walks to lead the Broncos past the Windjammers.

Casey Sudbeck and Billy Campbell each had RBI-singles to plate the two Hampden runs. Jackson Gilmore added two singles.

In the top of the first, Garrison Looke walked, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on a wild pitch for the Windjammers' only run. Looke also pitched a complete game in the loss.

Camden Hills 100 000 0 — 1 0 1
Hampden 000 110 x — 2 6 0
Looke and Craws; McKenney and Scott

GSA 2, Central 0
At Blue Hill, Gage Clapp and Dakota Chipman each had a single to lead George Stevens Academy past Central. Tyler Snow had an RBI.

For Central, Dakota Miller singled twice and Zach Randall had a double.

GSA 000 110 — 2 2 0
Central 000 000 0 — 0 3 1

Shaw and Speed; Slayton and Chipman

John Bapst 14, Hermon 7
In Hermon, John Bapst used a balanced hitting attack getting three hits each from Nick Lakeman, Colin Bechtel, and Lucus Harman en route to the win.

Lakeman and Bechtel doubled and singled twice while Harman had three singles. Harrison Dieu-veuil picked up the win for John Bapst.

Hermon was was led by Matt Leach and Christian Greener each with two singles and Nick Guerrette added a triple.

Leavitt 13, Oceanside 8
At Thomaston, Leavitt erupted for 17 hits and capitalized on six Oceanside errors en route to a comeback win over the Mariners.

Leavitt was led by Zac Dymont's three hits, including two doubles, two runs and two RBIs while Lucas Perry had two singles and three RBIs and Brian Hewitt chipped in with four singles.

Oceanside was led by Nick Mazurek with a home run, double and three RBIs while Titus Kaewthong added a two-run triple.

Leavitt (3-2) 100 404 4 — 13 17 2
Oceanside (4-1) 220 200 2 — 8 10 6

Lajoie, Albert (3), Hewitt (5) and Perry; Mazurek, Freeman (4), Dougherty (5), Sheridan (6), Bartlett (6) and Sprague

Softball
Limestone 11, Fort Fairfield 4

At Limestone, Jackie Peers hit a home run, singled and drove in three runs to help the Eagles improve to 3-1.

Marissa Emery and Bethany Millette each chipped in with three

hits for the Eagles.

Morgan Towle had two hits and an RBI for the Tigers.

Old Town 31, Foxcroft 0
At Old Town, the Coyotes scored 11 runs in the first and never looked back.

Caitlyn King recorded two doubles, three singles and five RBIs to lead the Coyotes (7-1). Lauren Gasaway chipped in with a double and two singles while Kayla Hayward, Mikayla Richards and Olivia Albert each had three singles and three RBIs.

Winning pitcher McKenna Smith helped her own cause with a two-run homer. She also threw a one-hitter with no walks and nine strikeouts.

Brawn had a single for the Ponies (3-3).

Foxcroft 000 00 — 0
Old Town (11)4(15) 1x — 31

Oceanside 7, Leavitt 3

At Rockland, Chloe Jones pitched a shutout to help Oceanside defeat Leavitt for their sixth straight win against no loss.

Kalyn Grover paced the offense with two triples and two RBIs. Brianna Dugan doubled, singled and had one RBI while Abby Veilleux chipped in two singles and two RBIs.

For 3-2 Leavitt, Mattie Green had singles and an RBI and Ciara Hilliard had a single and one RBI.

Robertson and DeBois, Jones and Curtis

Madawaska 13, Ashland 11

At Ashland, Hanna Nadeau had three singles while Desiree Belanger and Alexis Levesque each singled twice as Madawaska prevailed over the Hornets.

For Ashland, Caitlin Paradis tripled and had three singles. Laura Sturgeon added a double, a

single and drove in five runs.

Madawaska moves to 3-1 on the season and Ashland is now 4-1. Both teams had 14 hits in the game.

Dugal and Nadeau; Pelletier and Paradis

Winslow 12, Medomak Valley 3

At Winslow, Jenna Petrovic doubled, singled, had one RBI and scored three runs as the Black Raiders defeated Medomak Valley for their fifth win.

Sarah Guimond added a double, two singles and scored two runs while Liz Pullen had a double, single and an RBI. Hillary Libby gave up four hits while striking out nine batters from the circle.

Lydia Simmons paced the 4-2 Panthers with two singles, an RBI and a run scored. Addie Jameson singled and had an RBI.

Medomak 100 000 2 — 3 4 6

Winslow 500 430 x — 12 12 0
DePatsy and Jameson; Libby and Richards

Presque Isle 10, Houlton 4

At Houlton, Presque Isle used a five-run sixth inning to help close out the Shires.

For the Wildcats, Hailey Cameron had three hits including an inside-the-park home run. Alyssa Trombley also had three hits. Taylor Williams and Jillian Flynn each added two hits.

For Houlton, Emma Peterson and Morgan Grant each had two hits.

Hampden 17, Camden Hills 2

At Hampden, Brooklynn Scott tripled and had three singles to propel the Broncos to victory against Camden Hills.

Abby Lord added a triple and double while Paige Yost had a double and two singles. Courtney Dunton doubled and Julia Sicard and Emily Dys-

art had two singles apiece.

For the Windjammers, Nicole Brown, Maddie Bowman and Taylor Peasley each singled.

CH 002 00 — 2
HA 229 4 — 17

Billings, Long (4) and Miller; Leland and Dysart

GSA 11, Central 3

At Blue Hill, Olivia Stevenson pitched a four-hitter, striking out seven, to lead George Stevens by Central.

Katrina Limeburner had three singles while Sophia Steinbarger added a double and a single. Allyson Snow had one single and three RBIs while Mallory Charette added two singles and two RBIs.

Central's Logan Reardon recorded a single and an RBI while Madi Speed added a triple and a double

Central 201 000 0 — 3
GSA 031 151 x — 11

Hermon 11, John Bapst 0

At Hermon, the Hawks recorded 13 hits and rolled to the win.

Bre Oakes sparked Hermon with two singles, a double and an RBI while Laura Zenk added three singles and an RBI. Chloe Raymond contributed with a single, double and RBI while Deanna Phipps added two singles and Sydney Addressi had a single and drove in a run. Winning pitcher Karli Theberge helped herself out with a single, double and three RBIs. She allowed four hits, walked two and struck out 10.

Emilee Soucie sparked John Bapst with a single and double while Gina Cambria added a double.

John Bapst 000 000 0 — 0 4 3
Hermon 040 511 x — 11 13 0

Massey and Cambria; Theberge and Perry

Mets' Collins: Wins trump complete games

Victories more important than shutouts

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

NEW YORK — Nobody needs to tell New York Mets manager Terry Collins, whose professional baseball career began in the early 1970s, that the complete game is largely a thing of the past. But he really didn't need a reminder this week as the Mets fully embarked upon a stretch of 17 games in as many days.

Left-hander Steven Matz became the second Mets pitcher in three days to throw shutout ball against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday, when Matz allowed two hits and no walks while striking out eight over 7 2/3 innings in a 8-0 win at Citi Field.

But just like Monday — when 42-year-old right-hander Bartolo Colon threw eight shutout innings in a 4-0 win — there was no consideration by Collins of letting his starter finish the shutout, not with Matz, Colon and the rest of the starters all preparing to throw on four days rest during an 11-game road trip that begins Thursday in San Diego.

With that in mind, Collins would rather trade the prestige of a shutout in hopes of retaining his starters' effectiveness over the next trip through the rotation.

“We’ve got to keep an eye on these guys — they’re coming back (for) the first time all season on four days’ rest, therefore, we’ve got to make sure they’re OK,” Collins said. “They look, I get shutouts. I know how important they are to guys. But wins are the most important thing, and to be able to go out there in four days and pitch as well as you did this previous time.”

Astros' Giles rediscovers his form

HOUSTON — It took all of two clean appearances from Houston Astros reliever Ken Giles for manager A.J. Hinch to field questions about the right-hander's progress.

Giles was the primary off-season acquisition for the Astros, a hard-throwing arm for a bullpen bereft of them, and one that cost the club five players, including top prospects Vince Velasquez and Mark Appel.

When Giles closed April with a 0-2 record and 9.00 ERA, he lost his setup role in the bullpen, one he landed after failing to win the

closer's job during spring training.

Two scoreless outings later, Giles appears to be sorting things out.

“(He’s) very focused on some of the adjustments he’s making with his mechanics, his pitch selection, the shape of his pitches — all good signs for him,” Hinch said. “He’s a good pitcher, and he’s gone through the toughest stretch of his major league career. He’ll come out of it in fine fashion, and he’s proven that the last two outings. I have no concerns about Ken being a positive contributor here.”

Hinch hasn't committed to handing Giles back his setup role, not with Will Harris excelling in high-leverage situations no matter the inning. However, the Astros are willing to tout any progress regarding Giles, understanding that they will need his arm in their bullpen again.

“After a couple outings, he’s more than equipped to handle it mentally, physically,” Hinch said. “It’s just a matter of him going in and doing it.”

“He’s a dynamic receiver, and having him at my discretion over the sixth and seventh inning — high leverage, low leverage, medium leverage — I just want him to get outs when he’s used. It’ll creep back to the innings and the outs where the game is on the line a little bit more.”

Giles didn't appear Wednesday as the Astros blew out the Minnesota Twins 16-4.

Twins' rookie pitchers show promise

HOUSTON — When right-handers Jose Berrios and Alex Meyer made consecutive starts for Minnesota this week, their collective inexperience reflected a daunting state of affairs for the Twins' injury-hit rotation.

Berrios made his second career start Monday and earned his first career victory by outdueling 2015 American League Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel. Meyer wasn't so fortunate in his first major league start, lasting just 2 2/3 innings while absorbing a 6-4 loss to the Astros on Tuesday.

“Given our circumstances with the injuries, it’s opportunities for people to make impressions here, at least in the short term until we get some healthy people back,” Twins manager Paul Molitor said.

Boston's Buchholz shows off old form

BY JEFF ARNOLD
THE SPORTS XCHANGE

CHICAGO — Even at this stage of his career, David Ortiz doesn't exactly feel comfortable hitting off left-handed pitchers.

But when the Boston Red Sox needed him most on Wednesday night, Ortiz came through — not once, but twice — and both times off left-handers.

Ortiz homered and drove in three runs, and Clay Buchholz picked up his first win of the season as the Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 5-2 Wednesday night at U.S. Cellular Field.

Ortiz's two-run homer in the fifth inning off Chicago starter Carlos Rodon gave Boston (16-11) a 3-2 lead. He followed up with an RBI single in the seventh, punching a hit to the opposite field with the White Sox in a defensive shift.

“That feels good because even when I try to (beat the shift) it doesn't work that way,” Ortiz said. “I wasn't trying to pull the ball much and it happens. You feel like the luckiest man on planet earth. (I'm) finally hitting the ball where no one is at.”

Josh Rutledge tacked on an RBI single in the eighth inning to complete the scoring.

Buchholz, who entered Wednesday's start with a 6.51 ERA in six appearances, pitched seven strong in-



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Boston designated hitter David Ortiz (34) hits a two-run home run during the fourth inning of Wednesday's game against the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

nings. Buchholz (1-3) limited the White Sox to three hits and two runs while striking out six and walking three.

Buchholz had great command of his curve ball throughout his outing and never a base runner after the second inning. He was also more effective hitting the strike zone with his fastball, all of which added up the kind of quality outing that had been eluding Buchholz for much of the season.

“I’ve been searching for

that for a couple of starts,” Buchholz said. “It felt good.”

Craig Kimbrel pitched a scoreless ninth inning to pick up his ninth save.

After White Sox starter Carlos Rodon retired the first two hitters in the fifth inning, Xander Bogaerts drew a walk before Ortiz delivered his sixth homer of the year.

It proved to be just the lift the Red Sox and Buchholz needed.

“He does it in such big moments,” Red Sox manag-

er John Farrell said. “He gives us a lift (and) he gives us the lead with one swing of the bat.”

Rodon (1-4) surrendered three runs on six hits over six innings. He also walked three and struck out six.

Jose Abreu gave the White Sox a 2-0 lead in the first inning with a two-run homer. Abreu, who has driven in runs in five consecutive games, drilled a Buchholz 1-0 pitch into the left-field seats after Jimmy Rollins reached on a single.

Lehman eliminates UMPI baseball team 8-1

STATEN ISLAND, New York — The Lehman College Lightning scored four runs in the first inning en route to an 8-2 win over the University of Maine-Presque Isle Owls in a play-in game of the City University of New York Athletic Conference baseball tournament Thursday.

The Lightning would jump on the Owls in the first as Christopher Lopez, James Kennedy, and Anthony Careccia would all rip RBI singles in the inning for the four-run lead.

Lehman would strike again in the third, when Juan Arias would double to lead off the inning. Matthew Prevosti would drive him home with a triple to center, and later score on Careccia's single to right.

The Owls offense was held off-balance all afternoon. Matt Curry and Ryan Sanderson would both walk and an error would load the bases in the sixth inning. A

College softball
MAINE vs. UMBC
Time, site: Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. (2), Kessock Field, Orono
Records: Maine 23-18 (10-4 America East); UMBC 23-27 (4-9)
Last meeting: Maine 3-2, April 29, 2015
Key players: Maine — C Janelle Bouchard (.386-3 homers-30 runs batted in), 11 doubles, 30 runs), LF-C Rachel Harvey (.371-4-21), DP Maddie Decker (.342-2-18), CF Rachel Carlson (.328-0-15), 2B-3B Meghan Royle (.321-3-14), RF Erika Leonard (.310-2-14, 34 runs, 17 stolen bases), OF-3B Alyssa Derrick (.303-8-36); UMBC — LF Morgan Peyou (.386-0-17, 11 SBs), SS Bridget O'Malley (.379-3-28), CF Tori Alexander (.295-0-14, 10 doubles, 38 runs), 3B Kaelin Jackson (.285-8-37, 12 doubles), C Jordan Sganga (.269-0-9), 1b Carly Lesko (.262-10-37), RF Kelly Lane (.239-3-13)
Pitching matchups: Maine — LH Erin Bogdanovich (7-4, 3.34 earned run average), RH Molly Flowers (9-10, 2.79, 126 strikeouts in 95 * innings), RH Annie Kennedy (6-4, 2.90); UMBC — RH Kim Puccio (7-4, 3.25), LH Jessica Holte (12-11, 3.75, 17 complete games), LH Nicole Casagrand (1-6, 5.53)
Game notes: It will be Senior Weekend at Maine but Bouchard is the Black Bears' only senior. Maine could finish anywhere from first to fourth based on the weekend's results in their regular-season finale. UMBC is 5-2 in its last seven games and freshman Peyou has a seven-game hitting streak for the Retrievers. She has a team-high 56 hits. UMBC is hitting just .200 in league play. Maine has won three in a row and four of five. The Bears posted a season-high 17 hits in the 11-3 win over Hartford on Sunday. Maine has the league's reigning Player of the Week (Harvey), Pitcher of the Week (Bogdanovich) and Rookie of the Week (Derrick). Maine SS Felicia Lennon is hitting a team-high .405 in league play, .304 overall. She has reached base in 19 straight games. Carlson has a seven-game hitting streak.

sharply hit ball to short by Andrew Bartlett would drive in the first run for UMPI. Another error would allow Sanderson to score, allowing the Owls to cut the lead to 6-2.

The Owls would end up with just four hits in the

game. Two unearned runs from Lehman in the top of the ninth would put the game out of reach, and the Lightning would move on in the tournament.

Solomon Fast and Tommy Collins each added a single for UMPI.

UMPI finishes at 12-26 and Lehman is now 9-26.

Football
Texas Tech dismisses three football players

Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury confirmed sophomore linebacker Dakota Allen, sophomore offensive lineman Robert Castaneda and redshirt freshman offensive lineman Trace Ellison have been dismissed from the program “due to failure to uphold student-athlete expectations.”

Kingsbury did not elaborate on the reason behind the dismissal of the three players.

Allen, a redshirt sophomore, was the team's leading returning tackler after finishing second to Micah Awe with 87 tackles last season to go with six tackles for loss and a pair of interceptions.

Castaneda was listed as the second-team center last season, while Ellison was expected to compete for the backup job to starting left tackle Baylen Brown.