

# Stearns Minutemen edge PCHS Pirates in ninth

MILLINOCKET — Jeremy Williams recorded two hits and drove in J.W. Briggs with the winning run in the bottom of the ninth as the Stearns Minutemen edged the Piscataquis Community Pirates 12-11 in high school baseball action Monday.

## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Seth Garvin added three hits, including a double, and scored three runs. Evan Deschene had three hits, including a triple. Ethan Pelkey got the win in relief of Travis Hartley.

For PCHS of Guilford, Darren Weeks had three hits and Cameron Kane contributed two hits.

**PCHS 800 012 000 — 11**  
**Stearns 140 402001 — 12**

### Hodgdon 9, East Grand/GHCA 8

At Hodgdon, Wyatt Foster and Sam Horton combined to strike out 10 batters to help Hodgdon edge East Grand/Greater Houlton Christian Academy.

Matt Tuttle led the Hodgdon offense with a single, a run scored, and two RBIs, including the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth.

For East Grand/GHCA, Peter Apgar pitched a complete game, striking out six but Hodgdon was able to capitalize on a few errors.

Thomas Gilman led the East Grand/GHCA offense with two singles, an RBI and three runs scored.

**EG/GHCA 301 310 0 — 8**  
**Hodgdon 060 201 x — 9**

P. Apgar and Traver Noyes; Foster, S.Horton, and Jimmy Buzzell

### Fort Kent 9, Fort Fairfield 5

At Fort Kent, the Warriors scored four runs in the first inning en route to the win.

Kris Theriault paced the winners with a double and three runs scored. Josh Soucy stroked a two-run single, Nate Michaud posted a run-scoring double and Trevor Carter added an RBI double.

Brandon Theriault went the distance on the mound.

Isaac Cyr led Fort Fairfield with an RBI double and an RBI single. Carter Bruce hit a run-scoring double and Jared Harvey plated a

run with the single.

Bruce, Bernard and Harvey; B. Theriault and Carter

### Penquis 6, Greenville 3

At Milo, Justin Valvo pitched a complete game, scattering eight hits and receiving a 10-hit attack to notch the win.

Clayton Preble and Josh Blanchard had two singles apiece and both went on to score a run.

The Lakers were led by Evan Bjork who reached base three times and Nick Foley's RBI single.

**Greenville 000 021 0 — 3 8 0**

**Penquis 140 100 0 — 6-10-1**

White (3) Bjork (2) Angelo (1) and Owens; Valvo and Nickerson

### Houlton 14, Lee Acad. 3

At Lee, Ryan Dee, Nick Perfitt and Billy Phillips recorded 14 strikeouts and allowed only one walk to lead Houlton to a five-inning win over Lee Academy.

Thomas Prescott, Nick Botting and Phillips all singled twice for the Shiretowners (8-0). Dee tripled and Zac Hagan doubled.

For Lee Academy (0-7), Matty Knowles and Randy McLeod had two singles each and Cole Harri-man drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single.

**Houlton 234 14 — 14 11 1**

**Lee 120 00 — 3 7 6**

Dee, Perfitt (2), Phillips (4) and Hagan; Chu, McLeod (3), Gilman (5) and Knowles

### Central Aroostook 12, Madawaska 2

At Mars Hill, Caleb Harris pitched a complete game to lead the Panthers by the Owls.

Ben Thomas sparked the Panthers with two doubles and Ben Thomas chipped in with a triple.

Anthony Daigle had a double for the Owls.

**Madawaska 200 00 — 2 3 2**

**CAHS 113 7x — 12 5 1**

C. Gendrau (3), M. Gendreau (4), T. Cyr (4) and D. Anthony; C. Harris and Pryor

### Washington Academy 7, Orono 6

At East Machias, the Raiders scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth when Kade Feeney was hit by a pitch with the bases-loaded.

Feeney sparked the Raiders with two doubles and three RBIs and Jordi Valls chipped in with three singles.

Jackson Coutts paced Orono with four singles, a double and RBI. Dennis Farnham contributed three singles and two RBIs.

**Orono 050 100 000 — 6 13 1**  
**WA 200 400 001 — 7 10 2**

### Penobscot Valley 10, Schenck 0

At East Millinocket, Thomas Spencer scattered four hits with one walk and eight strikeouts to propel the Howlers to victory.

Grant Doane and Dakota Batchelder each had two singles and a RBI for Penobscot Valley of Houlton (5-1).

Ryan Jurgiewich hit two singles for Schenck (3-5).

**PVHS 101 314 — 10 6 1**

**Schenck 000 000 — 0 4 4**

Spencer and McKechnie; Dionne, King (5), Schwartz (6) and Jurgiewich, Thompson (5)

### Softball

#### Hodgdon 14, East Grand 13

At Hodgdon, Kendra Gresko stole home in the bottom of the seventh to give the Hawks the victory.

Sidney Crane led the way for the Hawks (3-5) with three singles and a three-run home run. Gresko chipped in with a single and a double.

For the Vikings (3-3), Haleigh Shay struck out five batters and helped her own cause with two singles. Sarah Stoddard contributed three singles and a double and Kianna Caissie added two singles and a double.

#### Fort Fairfield 10, Fort Kent 9

At Fort Kent, the Tigers rallied in the seventh when Taylor Churchill drove in two runs en route to the win.

Sarah Watt and Autumn Parady each contributed two hits for the Tigers.

Alicia Guimond and Macey Thibodeau led the way for the Warriors, with three hits each. Thibodeau also struck out 10 batters.

#### Houlton 30, Lee Acad. 1

At Lee, the Shiretowners scored

10 runs in the first inning and cruised to their seventh victory of the season.

Kristen Graham pitched a two-hitter, struck out six and helped her own cause by scoring seven runs for the Shiretowners. Aspen Flewelling paced the offense with a triple, two doubles and a single.

For the Pandas, Kaylie Sawtelle and Lindsey Dodge each singled.

### Limestone/MSSM 7, Washburn 1

At Washburn, Sarah Hemphill hit a double, a single and drove in a run to support the two-hit pitching of Delaney Rossignol as the Eagles prevailed.

Kassee Albert provided a triple and an RBI for Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics (4-1).

Taylor Howe and Grace Braley singled for Washburn (0-5) in support of Liza Durette, who scattered six hits and struck out 13.

**LCS/MSSM 202 300 0 — 7 6 1**

**Washburn 000 100 0 — 1 2 1**

Rossignol and Emery; Durette and Braley

### Penobscot Valley 6, Schenck 3

At East Millinocket, Arianna McKinnon pitched a complete game with six strikeouts to lead the Howlers by the Wolverines.

Mallorie Workman and Miranda Brown each singled twice for PVHS and McKinnon added a single.

For Schenck, Taylor McLaughlin and Hannah Taft each had two singles while Allison Noddin and Olivia Gallant had one apiece.

### Stearns 8, Piscataquis 3

At Millinocket, Jess Girsapitched complete game, giving up five hits and striking out seven, as the Minutemen beat the Pirates.

Lauren Jamo and Audrey Dunstan each stroked solo home runs for Stearns. Grace Farrington and Emma Alley each added two singles and an RBI.

Piscataquis Community of Guilford was paced by RBI singles from Delani Bennett, Alivia Hunt and Jordan Littlefield.

**PCHS 101 010 0 — 3 5 1**

**Stearns 010 025 x — 8 9 1**

### Oceanside 11, Winslow 8

At Thomaston, Alexis Mazurek and Brianna Dugan each hit home runs to power the unbeaten Mariners by the Black Raiders for their eighth win.

Grover and Mazurek each finished with three RBIs and added a single apiece. Kalyn Grover chipped in with a double, two singles and two RBIs while Chole Jones added a double, single and RBI. Ari Curtis contributed two singles and two RBIs. Jones also pitched a complete game to notch the win. She walked only one and struck out four.

Nat Green sparked Winslow (6-1) with two singles and two RBIs and Jenna Petrovic and Liz Pullen also singled twice. Petrovic also drove in a run and Sarah Guimond chipped in with a triple.

Libby, Petrovic (4) and Richards; Jones and Curtis

### Nokomis 8, Belfast 6

At Belfast, Audrey Davis, Libby Dunivan, Maci Leali and Brittany Bubar each had two hits each to lead Nokomis over Belfast.

Libby Dunivan notched the win from the circle, allowing five runs on 12 hits with four strikeouts.

Belfast was led by Vanessa Grotton who went 4-for-4 with three runs scored and Mariah Sturgis who had two singles, a double, two runs and two RBIs.

### Bangor 19, Camden Hills 4

At Rockport, Lindy Bezgembluk and Emma Payne each belted three-run home runs, the first of their respective careers, to propel the Rams to victory over the Windjammers.

Sarah Bragg cranked a three-run homer and Emily Gilmore hit a solo shot for Bangor to support Kathryn Sund and reliever Page Cadorette, who picked up her first career pitching win with two scoreless innings of relief.

Mallory Baumen doubled for Camden Hills.

**Bangor 658 00 — 19 12 3**

**Camden Hills 010 03 — 4 6 4**  
Sund, Cadorette (4) and Payne; Billings and Miller

## Challengers line up for Preakness

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Nyquist expects to enter the Preakness Stakes as a heavy favorite in a field that will include many new challengers.

The unbeaten Kentucky Derby winner flew out of Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday and headed to Baltimore to begin preparations for the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the Triple Crown at Pimlico on May 21.

A maximum of 14 horses can run in the Preakness. Post positions are drawn on May 18.

Ten horses appeared probable for the 1 3/16-mile test, according to the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Nyquist is 8-for-8 and a possibility to become the second undefeated Triple Crown winner along with Seattle Slew.

"We're very excited that the Derby winner and a couple others from the race are coming to the Preakness," Georgeanne Hale, the Maryland Jockey Club's racing secretary, told the newspaper. "It looks like we're going to have good field sizes and great weather. All 15 stakes Preakness weekend look to be coming together and right now it looks like two fantastic days of racing."

Nyquist, named after Detroit Red Wings forward and former University of Maine star Gustav Nyquist, won Saturday's 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby in 2:01.31, holding off hard-charging Exaggerator at the wire.



Mario Gutierrez reacts after winning the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby aboard Nyquist at Churchill Downs on Saturday.

It was the second Derby win for the team of owner J. Paul Reddam, trainer Doug O'Neill and jockey Mario Gutierrez. They took I'll Have Another to wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes in 2012, but their chance at a Triple Crown was stopped when O'Neill scratched the horse with a tendon injury the morning before the Belmont Stakes.

Nyquist has given them a second shot at the Triple Crown.

"He's just a remarkable athlete," O'Neill said after Saturday's Derby win. "If you work him by himself, he'll even swish his tail a little bit as if to say, 'What do you

want from me?' But if you put him in company, he's just a Ferrari."

Keith Desormeaux, the trainer of Exaggerator, said immediately after the Derby that his horse would come back in the Preakness. Desormeaux now has run second to Nyquist in six of the Derby winner's eight races — four times with Swipe, twice with Exaggerator.

Steve Asmussen, trainer of Gun Runner, who was third, and Creator, who was 13th, said he would wait until later in the week before making definitive plans for the Preakness.

Most of the Preakness field might end up being horses

who skipped the Derby.

That group includes Cherry Wine and Laoban, who ended up on the also-eligible list for the Derby and failed to scratch in, and Awesome Speed, Collected, Stradivari and Uncle Lino.

Trainer Bob Baffert's Collected enters off wins in Sunland's Festival of Racing Stakes as well as Keeneland's Lexington.

Online sports book Bovada. LV has made Nyquist 5-2 to complete back-to-back Triple Crowns, following American Pharoah in 2015.

Before the Derby, the Wynn Las Vegas' race book made Nyquist 8-1 to win all three races.

## Olympic drug testing begins for golfers

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THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The Olympic drug-testing program for the 120 men and women who are currently qualified to play in the Olympic Games in August in Rio de Janeiro began last Friday. Players possibly headed to Rio were placed into the Olympic testing pool, which is more stringent than the anti-doping protocols used by the PGA Tour.

On-site testing at tournaments will be similar to what players have seen since the PGA Tour began its anti-doping program in 2008, with the addition of blood testing.

The biggest difference will take place away from tournament sites, with an intensified focus on out-of-competition testing and the addition of whereabouts requirements.

"It's something that has been aggressively presented to the athletes in as many formats as possible," said Andy Levinson, executive director of policy administration for the Tour.

"Everybody has been educated about the process, and at this point, everybody that has been registered in the testing pool has fully completed the whereabouts requirements or is in the process of completing it."

Under the whereabouts requirements, players must in-

form officials where they will be spending each night as well as where they will be one hour out of each day for possible out-of-competition testing.

Potential Olympic athletes will use an app on their smart phones to fulfill the whereabouts requirements in a system called "ADAMS," which tracks a player's schedule and informs him or her when they are not compliant.

On days in which players are in competition, they do not have to fulfill the whereabouts requirement, but if they miss the cut, they must update their whereabouts.

Levinson said the whereabouts requirement has been the most asked-about element of the new testing, and for good reason. Three whereabouts failures are treated as an anti-doping violation, which is not all that uncommon.

"I'll be taking care of all my whereabouts on the app, so I'll be going over that and making sure I know how to handle everything," said Rickie Fowler, one of four players from the United States currently qualified for the Olympics.

"I want to make sure that I can change it on the fly and be able to, if there is a last-minute change of plans, that way I'm on top of it and there's no question there."

## Capitals

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knew that if they lost a game, they didn't want to lose the next one. His sentiment echoed what some players on the team said after they lost two games in a row to the Flyers in the first round.

"Which history? I don't know anything about the past," center Nicklas Backstrom said then.

"I don't think this team has any playoff history," defenseman Karl Alzner said. "This is our first playoffs together. Sorry to be cheeky, but that's the truth, I think."

I tweeted a snippet of Trotz's monologue, and got some agitated responses from fans who didn't love the notion of history being

irrelevant, even if the team has changed quit a bit over the years.

Some of this is also slightly contradictory of other remarks made by Trotz and the team. For example, he and other players have referenced the "pain" they felt when they lost to the Rangers last year, and losing a 3-1 series deficit to New York was an experience they could draw on as they faced climbing that same hill against the Penguins.

In any case, here was Trotz's concluding thought:

"I think we've been able to have a real short-term focus on the next game, looking forward. We can't change the past. All we can do is change what we're going to do the next game. I think that's a real good mindset for our hockey team to have."

## Kings hire Dave Joerger as new head coach

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The Sacramento Kings named Dave Joerger as the team's new head coach on Monday.

### NBA NOTEBOOK

two days after he was fired by the Memphis Grizzlies.

Terms were not disclosed but Joerger agreed to a four-year deal worth \$16 million with the fourth year of the contract a team option, according to ESPN.

Joerger, 42, emerged Sunday as the top candidate for the Sacramento job after he had talks with

Kings vice president of basketball operations and general manager Vlade Divac.

"I am thrilled to welcome Dave to the Sacramento Kings," Divac said in a statement. "He is a strong and passionate leader with a proven track record of producing results. Dave shares our focus on creating a long-term culture of winning and I look forward to a bright future ahead for the Kings with his leadership on the court."

Joerger was 147-99 in his first NBA head coaching job and took the Grizzlies to the playoffs in each of his three

seasons. He guided Memphis to a 42-40 record and a spot in the Western Conference playoffs as a No. 7 seed. The Grizzlies were swept in the first round by the San Antonio Spurs.

The Grizzlies qualified for the playoffs even after injuries forced the team to dress a league-record 28 players last season. Until then, no NBA team had reached the playoffs utilizing 24 or more athletes on its roster in a single season.

According to reports, Joerger was seeking permission from the Grizzlies to talk to other teams about

their open coaching positions and that led to his firing on Saturday.

Joerger had one guaranteed season left on his Memphis contract at an annual salary of \$2 million.

### Warriors' Curry expected to repeat as MVP

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry is the overwhelming favorite and expected to repeat as NBA Most Valuable Player.

Sources told ESPN.com that the anticipated honor for Curry is scheduled to be announced in the next few days.