

Tennis tourney moved to indoor courts

PORTLAND — The high school singles state tennis tourney set for Friday has been moved to the indoor courts at the Portland Racket and Fitness center because of the uncertainty of the weather, the Maine Principals' Association announced Thursday night.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

The scheduled start times for the matches will remain the same with the Round of 48 for both boys and girls divisions beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The matches had been scheduled at the Lewiston High School courts.

The Round of 16 and quarterfinals are still set for Saturday at Lewiston High School, followed by the semifinals and championships on Monday at Bates College in Lewiston.

Softball

Hodgdon 8, Washburn 6

At Washburn, Grace Gramm and Lexi McGuire each had two hits and an RBI to pace Hodgdon to victory.

For the Beavers, Grace Braley went 3-for-5 with three RBIs.

Hodgdon 031 200 0 — 8 10 0
Washburn 200 011 2 — 6 13 4
Desrosiers and Gresko; Durette and Braley

John Bapst 22, Lee 1

At UMaine in Orono, Gina Cambria had a triple, two singles, three

RBIs and scored four runs to propel John Bapst to victory over Lee Academy.

Emilee Soucie added two singles, two RBIs and scored three runs. Madi Higgins and Jasmine Cheney each singled and had two RBIs while Abby Bowman had a single, an RBI and scored a run.

For the Pandas, Lindsey Dodge tripled and drove in a run while Kaylie Sawtelle singled twice. Morgen Dodge chipped in a single and scored a run.

JB 522 100 12 — 22 11 3

LA 001 000 0 — 1 7 6

Soucie and Massey; Nicholas, G. Cowan (7), Staples (7) and Lindsay Dodge

Katahdin 6, Schenck 5

At Stacyville, Kelsey Hamm and Kaycee Cintron made spectacular catches in the 7th inning against Schenck's comeback attempt to preserve Katahdin's eighth win of the season.

Georgia Landry led the offensive attack with two singles and two runs scored.

For Schenck, Taylor McLaughlin led the way with three hits and an RBI. Allison Noodin and Bailey Porter each recorded two singles for the Wolverines.

Schenck 100 013 0 — 5

Katahdin 150 000 — 6

Ashland 7, Southern Aroostook 4

At Ashland, Cassidy Pelletier had two singles and three RBIs to

propel the Hornets past Southern Aroostook.

Micayla Driscoll hit a two-run double in the decisive fifth inning and Caitlin Paradis singled twice for the Hornets.

Lily Leavitt led the way for the Warriors of Dyer Brook with a double and a two-run single. Katie Stevens added two singles.

Both teams are now 9-4.
SAHS 020 110 0 — 4 5 5
Ashland 101 050 — 7 5 3
Vining and Mathers; Pelletier and Paradis

Baseball

Ashland 14, Wisdom 5

At St. Agatha on Wednesday, Kyle Beaulier hit a grand slam in the fifth inning to spark the Hornets by the Pioneers.

He had five RBIs on the day. Tim Tarr pitched a complete game for the Hornets.

The Pioneers were led by Christopher Roy, who hit a double and two singles. Mason Sirois had three singles.

John Bapst 18, Lee 6

At UMaine in Orono, the Crusaders pounded out 13 hits to earn their sixth win of the season.

Sam Southwick sparked John Bapst with a single, double and two RBIs. Lucas Harmon chipped in with two hits and two RBIs and Ben Southwick added two hits.

Howie Francis had two hits for Lee.

Although the game was played on John Bapst's field, Lee Academy was the home team for this game.

JB 167 004 — 18 13 3
Lee 200 031 — 6 6 4

Old Town 15, Orono 0

At Orono, Austin Sheehan led the offensive attack with a stand-up triple, a single and four RBIs in a five-inning shortened game for Old Town.

Drew Coulombe needed just 67 pitches to secure the win as he extended his streak of 22 innings of unearned runs. Ethan Stoddard and Kaleb Gifford each chipped in two hits for the Coyotes.

Nate Desitio, Noah White and Pete Labell had hits for Orono.

Katahdin 13, Schenck 3

At Stacyville, Tyson Porter threw the complete-game three-hitter to lead Katahdin past Schenck.

Brody Guigey went 4 for 4, including a triple, and drove in two runs. Derek Atkinson had a double with three RBIs.

For the Wolverines, Matt Bossie had two hits and an RBI.

Juriewich, Bossie (4) and Dionne; Porter and Reinhardt

Mattanawcook 10, Sumner 2

At Lincoln, Mattanawcook's JJ Clements pitched a complete game, giving up two runs and six hits while striking out seven, to earn the win.

Clements was supported by Brady Pepin with two hits and five RBIs while Jordan Hanscom added a double, single and three runs scored. Gunner Maxwell collected a double and a single.

Sumner was led by Kayden Quinn with three hits and a run scored. Sumner got on board in the sixth with RBI-singles by Issac Christianson and Kamen McLean.

The Lynx improve to 10-4 while the Tigers fall to 4-9.

Sumner 000 002 0 — 2 6 4
MA 021 034 x — 10 10 2
Colson, Christianson (4), Shorey (6), Perry (6) and Quinn, Grinnan (6); Clements and Hanscom

Brewer 3, Brunswick 1

At Brunswick, the Brewer Witches broke open a scoreless game in the sixth inning as Jack Corey doubled home both Jon Wheaton and Michael Bailey and held on for the win.

Bailey singled home Alex Brooks for the first Brewer run. From the mound, Alex Brooks and Jack Corey combined for two hits and six strikeouts.

Alex Larson went the distance for the Dragons, giving up nine hits and three runs. Tom Hanson and Brett MacMillan both had singles for Brunswick.

Brewer 000 003 0 — 3 9 1
Brunswick 000 000 1 — 1 2 0
Brooks, Corey (6) and Maxsimic, Duncan (3); Larson and Molnar

Rockies top Red Sox, end Bradley's streak

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

BOSTON — Carlos Gonzalez, Trevor Story and Dustin Garneau each hit two-run homers for Colorado, and the Rockies beat the Red Sox 8-2 Thursday night at Fenway Park.

Boston center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. went 0-for-4, snapping his 29-game hitting streak, which was the longest in the majors this year.

Nolan Arenado and DJ LeMahieu also drove in a runs for Colorado, which pounded out 12 hits to halt a three-game skid. The Rockies (22-24) salvaged the finale of a three-game series.

Rockies starter Jon Gray (2-2) won his first career start at Fenway Park, throwing 7 1/3 innings of two-run ball. He allowed five hits and three walks while striking out six.

Boston (29-18) saw its four-game winning streak end.

Bradley hit a first-pitch groundout in his final at-bat in the eighth to conclude his streak.

David Ortiz launched a two-run homer, and Xander Bogaerts extended his hitting streak to a career-high 19 games for the Red Sox, who lost only two of their previous 15 home games.

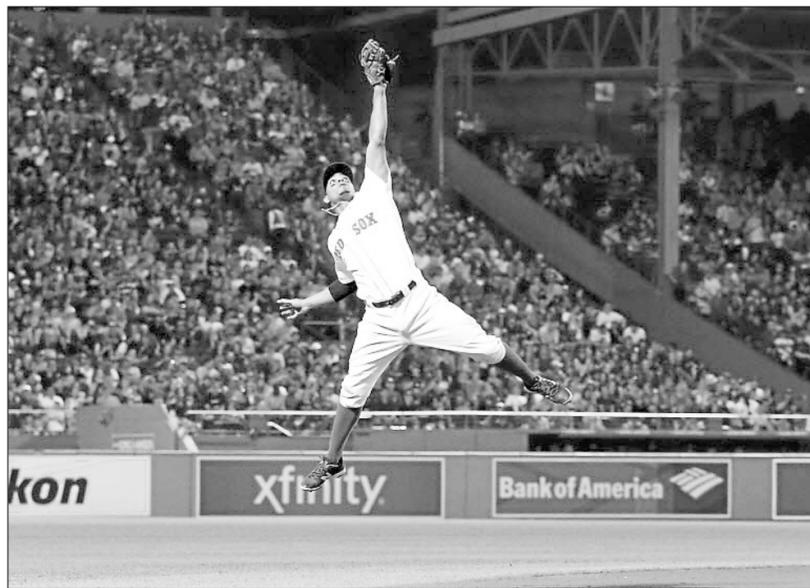
Bogaerts' streak is now the longest active in the majors.

Boston starter Clay Buchholz (2-5) was serenaded by booing Red Sox fans upon his departure. He allowed all three Rockies homers and six runs total on six hits while striking out two over five innings.

Bogaerts' streak-stretching single in the first inning preceded Ortiz's two-run blast.

Buchholz kept the Rockies' bats quiet for three frames before Gonzalez unloaded on a 2-1 pitch in the fourth for a game-tying, two-run homer — his first in nine games.

Story feasted on a mislocated Buchholz fastball for another two-run bomb in the fifth and Garneau slugged one



Boston Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts makes the out Thursday night to end the top of the eighth inning against the Colorado Rockies at Fenway Park. The Rockies won 8-2.

of his own two at-bats later as Colorado built a four-run advantage.

Arenado hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the seventh, and LeMahieu capped the scoring with an RBI single in the ninth.

Mookie Betts, who was not in the starting lineup, entered as a pinch hitter with two runners on in the Boston ninth, but grounded out to end the game. Bradley was on deck when the last out was recorded.

NOTES: Former Boston 3B Wade Boggs' No. 26 was retired in a pregame ceremony. "Greatest day of my life," said Boggs, who also threw out a ceremonial first pitch. The ceremony was attended by many of Boggs' teammates. Boggs, a Hall of Famer and 12-time All-Star who won five American League batting titles, hit .338 over his 11 seasons with the Red Sox. ... Red Sox 2B Dustin Pedroia (right hamstring tightness) and SS Xander Bogaerts (lacerated finger on right hand) were in the

starting lineup Thursday. RF Mookie Betts (rest) did not start. Chris Young started in right field. ... Giants RHP Matt Cain (1-5, 5.37 ERA) counters Rockies RHP Tyler Chatwood (5-3, 3.02 ERA) on Friday in San Francisco. Red Sox RHP Joe Kelly (2-0, 5.28 ERA) battles Blue Jays RHP Aaron Sanchez (4-1, 3.20) in Toronto on Friday night.

Blue Jays 3, Yankees 1

NEW YORK — J.A. Happ pitched seven sharp innings and the Toronto Blue Jays scored two unearned runs in the third inning off CC Sabathia in a 3-1 victory over the New York Yankees on Thursday.

Edwin Encarnacion had a two-run single for the Blue Jays, who won for the fifth time in eight games and 10th time in their last 13 trips to New York. Devon Travis added insurance with an RBI single in the ninth off Aroldis Chapman.

Happ's lone mistake was a 1-0 fastball to Starlin Castro

with two outs in the first inning. Happ's eighth pitch of the game went into the right-center field seats, but the left-hander (6-2) did little else wrong.

Happ put four runners on base and none were Carlos Beltran or Alex Rodriguez. He struck out Beltran three times and Rodriguez once while also getting the Yankees designated hitter on a groundout and a flyout.

Beltran was 0-for-4 with four strikeouts and Rodriguez struck out twice in four hitless at-bats in his return from a strained right hamstring.

Happ's biggest threats occurred in the fifth and seventh.

In the fifth, he gave up consecutive one-out singles to Chase Headley and Didi Gregorius but quickly got Austin Romine on a double play.

In the seventh, Happ walked Chase Headley with two outs and fell behind Gregorius, but ended the at-bat with a groundout to second.

the fence for a two-run double.

"Our girls hit the ball well," said Orono coach Kristen Esping. "It's good stuff for our program to play these better teams."

Richards had a single to go with her two homers for Old Town. Smith had a double and single to go with her homer; Hayward doubled and singled, and St. Louis and King singled twice each.

Orono's Richards had a double to go with her two homers, and Lizzie White had three singles. LeClair was the other repeat hitter.

Softball

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adding that both of her home runs "felt good coming off the barrel of the bat."

The Coyotes used a six-run fourth-inning rally to take an 8-7 lead.

Kayla Hayward doubled to trigger the rally, Olivia King singled and Olivia Westura delivered the first run with a bunt on which she was ruled safe at first when the first baseman came off the bag.

Natalie St. Louis walked,

and Smith reached on an infield error to drive in another run.

Olivia Albert ripped a two-run double over the right fielder's head to make it 7-6, and the final two runs scored on groundouts by Caitlyn King and Lauren Gasaway.

Richards' solo homer and Smith's three-run shot highlighted a seven-run fifth inning before Richards' three-run homer keyed a five-run seventh inning.

Smith came on at the outset of the third inning and retired 12 of the first 14 hitters she faced with nine strike-

outs before Orono rallied in the seventh.

"I knew I needed to throw strikes," said Smith.

"It was a great comeback," said Old Town coach Jenn Plourde. "Mckenna shut them down and our bats came alive."

"Both teams can hit," said Orono's Richards. "I play with a lot of their girls, and they're very respectable players. They're fun to play against."

"It was pretty crazy," said LeClair, who singled and nearly homered in the seventh only to have her ball hit

Olivera draws 82-game suspension

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Atlanta Braves outfielder Hector Olivera was suspended for 82 games on Thursday by Major League Baseball

after violating its domestic violence policy.

Olivera was the third player punished under MLB's policy and received the longest suspension by far. He was arrested in April after an incident involving a woman in Arlington, Va., near where the Braves were

playing the Washington Nationals. There will be no appeal from Olivera. The suspension extends through Aug. 1 without pay.

Baseball's previous suspensions under its domestic violence policy included 30 games for New York Yankees reliever Aroldis Chapman and 51

games for Colorado Rockies shortstop Jose Reyes at the start of the 2016 season.

The 31-year-old Olivera has not played since April while on paid administrative leave after he was charged with misdemeanor assault and battery for his alleged actions at a hotel.

Sharks relishing first appearance in NHL finals

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THE SPORTS XCHANGE

SAN JOSE, California — The San Jose Sharks are going to finish their silver anniversary season chasing that big silver chalice.

The Stanley Cup Finals are coming to San Jose.

"It's pretty neat to get this done at home," Sharks forward Joe Thornton said. "Fans have waited pretty long — 25 years. It's a great feeling."

Joel Ward scored two goals and Martin Jones stopped 24 of 26 shots as the Sharks eliminated the St. Louis Blues with a 5-2 win in Game 6 on Wednesday night at SAP Center.

"It's just disappointing," Blues defenseman Alex Pietrangolo said. "There are a lot of guys here that have put in a lot of years, to come this close is disappointing. You can appreciate (our season) and accomplished a lot this year but it was a pretty quiet room."

By virtue of winning the Western Conference title, the Sharks advance to their first appearance in the NHL's ultimate series. San Jose will open the Stanley Cup Final against the winner of Thursday night's Game 7 between Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh.

"You dream of getting the chance to play for this," Sharks defenseman Brent Burns said. "We know we've got one more step to take to really let loose."

Coming off of a 2014-15 season in which the Sharks missed the playoffs for the first time in 10 years, San Jose rallied around the Christmas holidays to finish third in the Pacific Division with 98 points.

And, unlike a number of times over the last decade when expectations ran high for San Jose, the club basically flew under the radar heading into this spring's 16-team party. Series wins over Los Angeles in five games and Nashville in seven set the

Sharks up to their fourth conference championship series.

And this time, after three past failures, they didn't disappoint.

"It's huge for the people who have been here for so long," said forward Joel Ward, one of a number of key additions that helped put the Sharks over the top. "This is an unbelievable accomplishment for sure."

"It's a great night for those guys," Sharks coach Peter DeBoer added.

Despite losing the series opener, San Jose won four of the last five in impressive fashion. The Sharks utilized four forward lines that provided speed, a relentless forechecking attack, balanced scoring and contributions from their big-name stars to oust St. Louis.

"They were committed a little bit better than us," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Their forwards really worked and put a lot of pressure on us from the backside — constant pressure. They had the energy to play that way. We made some tired decisions late in games, late in periods, late in shifts that we hadn't made."

Ward scored his second goal of the game and sixth of the playoff series at 3:01 of the third period by deflecting a Logan Couture feed past Blues goalie Brian Elliott.

Rookie left winger Joonas Donskoi iced it with his fifth goal of the playoffs at 8:11 by converted another Couture pass. And Couture capped a three-point night with an empty-net goal with 19.7 seconds left.

The Blues snapped Jones attempt at a third shutout of the series when St. Louis' regular-season leading scorer Vladimir Tarasenko finally registered his first point of the series with a goal at 11:39 and scored again with an extra attacker at 16:25.

"We didn't want to go to Game 7," DeBoer said.

Coaching

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The former UMaine combination guard had spent the last two seasons as the head coach at Division III Wheelock College in Boston, where her teams went 29-22, including an 18-7 record last season en route to a second-place finish in the New England Collegiate Conference.

She began her coaching career as the head coach at Dover-Sherborn High School in Massachusetts from 2008 to 2010, spent one season at Harvard, then guided the Attleboro High School (Massachusetts) program for three seasons.

Traversi also has owned and operated MT Elite Basketball Training since 2006, running its AAU program that consisted of 12 teams and more than 300 athletes.

Traversi was a productive guard at UMaine from 2002 to 2005, earning All-America East first-team honors as a senior. Her 1,132 career points rank 15th in program history, and she finished with 295 assists.

Upon her graduation, she played two seasons professionally in Sweden.

Thus, Black Bear fans will have the chance to watch Traversi's continued rise in the coaching world, and can congratulate Veilleux on what may be the end of her coaching career — at least for now.