

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

PVHS 10, Bangor Chr. 7

At Howland, Kortney McKechnie recorded a triple, two singles and an RBI to help the Penobscot Valley Howlers prevail.

Arianna McKinnon chipped in with three hits and an RBI for PVHS (9-4) while Jasmyne Savage added a hit and an RBI.

Jasmine Brown sparked BC (4-10) with a double and single while Sarah Curioli added two singles.

BC 310 010 2 — 7

PVHS 060 211 x — 10

Collins and Brown; McKinnon and McKechnie

Brewer 7, Brunswick 6

At Brunswick, Emily Lord tri-

pled in the eighth inning to score Jordan Goodrich, then went on to score the winning run on a passed ball for the Brewer Witches.

Lord also collected two singles while Goodrich singled and finished with three runs scored. Mikayla Henderson and Libby Hewes added two singles apiece. Ally Chapman and Meg Davis combined for six hits from the circle.

Chapman, Davis (5) and Sellers; Sullivan, Esco (5) and Stinson

Hermon 6, Foxcroft 2

At Hermon, Hailey Perry homered, singled and drove in four runs as the Hawks defeated Foxcroft Academy.

Hermon's Karli Theberge struck out 12 batters and gave up five hits while helping her cause with a double and single. Katie Windsor added a single and an RBI. Lexey MacManus had a single.

For the Ponies, Grace Bickford had a two-run homer while Gabby Johnson chipped in a double and single. Mackenzie Beaudry and Kara Prescott each singled twice.

FA 002 000 0 — 2 5 1

Hermon 200 04 0 — 6 6 0

Beaudry and Carroll; Theberge and Perry

John Bapst 22, Lee 1

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

Mattanawcook 21, Summer 0

At Lincoln, Katie Tolman doubled, singled and drove in five runs to propel the Lynx by the Tigers of East Sullivan during Senior Day.

Laci Hanington chipped in with three singles and three RBIs for the Lynx, now 11-3. Emma Page contributed with three singles and Kourtney Thurlow added two doubles while both players drove in two runs.

Camryn Lyons added a single and a run while Cheyanne Libby singled twice and scored three runs to back up winning pitcher Haley McLaughlin, who allowed just one hit in five innings while striking out 10 and walking three.

Seniors honored were second baseman Libby, third baseman Hanington and center fielder Lyons.

Summer 000 00 — 0 1 4

M.A. (13)70 1x — 21 16 0

Hanna and Perry; McLaughlin and Page

Baseball

PVHS 4, Bangor Christian 3

At Howland, Dakota Batchelder came on in relief to pitch four

scoreless innings to help the Penobscot Valley Howlers edge the Patriots.

Batchelder allowed just two hits and struck out five while helping out his cause with a double and run. Thomas Spencer scored the game-winning run in the sixth and finished with two doubles, a single, three stolen bases and two RBIs.

BC's Josh Palmeter took the tough-luck loss after scattering six hits, not walking a batter and striking out six. Matt Chretien singled twice while Dean Grass chipped in with a single and two runs.

BC (8-6) 102 000 0 — 3 6 0

PVHS (11-1) 102 001 x — 4 6 1

Palmeter and York; Priest, Batchelder (4) and McKechnie

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.

Brewer 000 003 0 — 3 9 1

Brunswick 000 000 1 — 1 2 0

Brooks, Corey (6) and Maxsimic, Duncan (3); Larson and Molnar

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 RBI's 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.

Mattanawcook 10, Summer 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 RBI's while Jordan Hanscom added a double, single and three runs scored. Gunner Maxwell collected a double and a single.

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

Summer 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

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 LaMahieu 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.

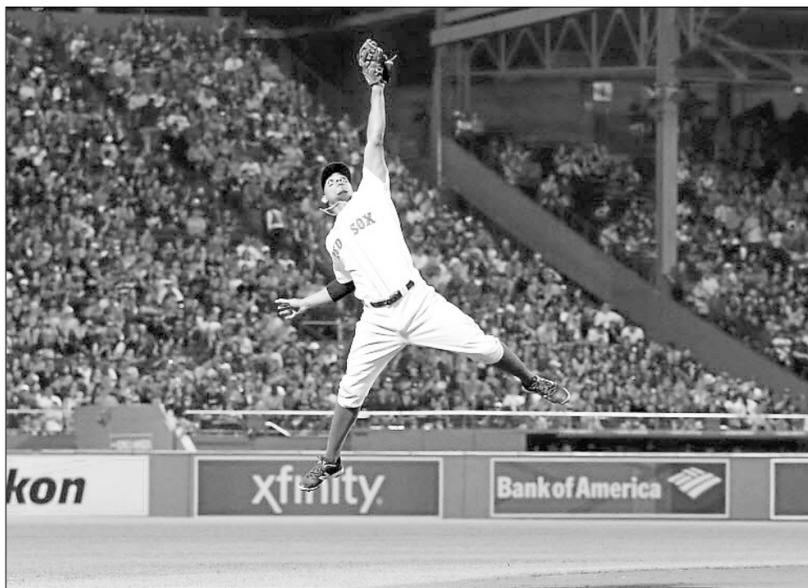
David Ortiz launched a two-run homer, and Xander Bogaerts extended his hitting streak to a career-high 19 games for the Red Sox, who lost only two of their previous 15 home games.

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.



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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.

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

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

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.

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 basi-

cally 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.

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.