

Lynch propels Ellsworth past MDI Trojans

BAR HARBOR — Abby Lynch’s RBI double to right center in the sixth inning gave Ellsworth the winning edge, 2-1 over the Mount Desert Island Trojans in high school softball action Tuesday.

Breann Cummings chipped in with a double for Ellsworth (11-5) while Leah Stevens and Hannah Sargent each added a single.

Kate Whitney earned the complete-game win after striking out six and just walking one.

Ally Bender, Maddie Thornton, Avalon Kerley and Natasha Olearcek each had a single for MDI (3-13). Avalon Kerley had three stolen bases, including stealing home for the Trojans in the first. Lindsey McEachern pitched a complete game for the Trojans, striking out five and walking just one.

Limestone/MSSM 15, Hodgdon 3
At Limestone, Maddy Williams led the Eagles’ offense by going 4-4 with a grand slam and six RBI’s en route to the win. Kassee Albert and Brooke Bolduc each chipped in with two RBI’s.
For Hodgdon, Kendra Gresko had two RBI’s and Tianna McEwen added two hits.

Mattanawcook 9, Calais 3
At Calais, Mattanawcook pitcher Haley McLaughlin pitched a four-hitter and struck out 14 to lead the Lynx of Lin-

coln by the Blue Devils.
McLaughlin aided her cause with two singles and an RBI. Kourtney Thurlow chipped in with a double, two singles and two RBIs while Katie Tolman contributed with a double, single and two RBIs.
For Calais, AnnaJean McClure hit a two-run single and Kyra Porter added a run-producing single. Faith Tirrell doubled.

Oceanside 23, Waterville 1
At Waterville, Alexis Mazurek had a home run, double, single and three RBI’s to power Oceanside to the win. Chloe Jones struck out 11 from the circle and helped her cause with three singles, a double and two RBI’s.

Ari Curtis added two doubles, a single and two RBI’s while Brian-na Dugan singled three times and had an RBI. Casey Pine had two triples and an RBI and Kalyn Grover added a triple, a single and drove in three runs. Lauren Hatch doubled and had three RBI’s while Abby Veilleux chipped in two singles.

For Waterville, Alley Grady had a single.
Barre, Clovers (2), Wasilewski (3) and Dangler; Jones and Curtis

Winslow 15, Belfast 2
At Belfast, Jenna Petrovic homered and scored three runs to help lead Winslow past the Lions. Bailey Robbins added a single and double.
Mariah Sturgis singled and

Ayla Skidgell had an RBI-double for Belfast.

Ashland 24, Wisdom 9
At Ashland, Caitlin Paradis smacked a two-run bases-loaded single and Amber Chasse chipped in with a triple and three RBIs to help propel the Hornets by the Pioneers of St. Agatha.
Whitney Page chipped in with two singles for Ashland, now 10-4.
Bailey Bellefleur, Kim Blanchette and Shana Paradis each recorded two singles for Wisdom, now 3-8.
Wisdom 180 00 — 9 7 3
Ashland 2(14)8 0x — 24 8 2
B. Lavoie, A. Lavoie (3) and M. Bellefleur, B. Bellefleur (3)

Woodland 14, Shead 4
At Hampden Academy on Saturday, Shaye Beers drove in four runs to lead Woodland by Shead.
Jennie Cox chipped in with two RBIs while Kasey Grass and Sadie Smith each plated one. Grass, Cox, Beers, Smith and Shawna Monk each had two singles. Sophia McDonald added a single a double and Sara Boise had four singles.
Cassidy Wilder doubled for Shead and Katelyn Mitchell singled twice.

Baseball
Searsport 9, Buckfield 3
At Lloyd Rainey Field in Searsport, the host Vikings scored a pair of runs in each of the first

three innings to jump out to an early lead and defeat Buckfield. Seven different Searsport players recorded a hit led by Mitchell Philbrook, who doubled and scored two runs.

Kyle Moore pitched five strong shutout innings for the winners, who finishes the regular season at 13-3.
Jake Kraske paced the Bucks with two doubles and two RBI’s.
Buckfield 000 003 0 — 3 4 5
Searsport 222 120 x — 9 7 2

MDI 10, Ellsworth 0
At Bar Harbor, the Trojans plated eight runs in the bottom half of the second and never looked back en route to victory. Kyle Lamson led the offense with a homer and a double.

Seth Young and Riley Swanson each added RBI singles and Alden Fournier had an RBI triple.
Jared Hamilton collected two hits to pace Ellsworth while Austin Baron chipped in a single.
EHS 000 00 — 0 4 1
MDI 080 02 — 10 7 0
Wagstaff, Anderson (2) and Barnes; Collins and Fournier

Mattanawcook 13, Calais 2
At Calais, Travis Cropley notched two hits and scored four times to help the Lynx beat the Blue Devils.
J.J. Clements chipped in with a two-run single for the Lynx of Lincoln.
Andrew McLeallan recorded a single and double for Calais.

MA 024 133 — 13 7 1
Calais 001 100 — 2 3 6

Washington Ad. 8, Narraguagus 3
At East Machias, Spencer Johnson had two singles and drove in two runs to lead Washington Academy past Narraguagus.
Cam Varney and Racaija Simmons each added a single and an RBI for the winners.
For the Knights, Chad Perry singled twice and Ryan Murphy had a single and RBI.
Guagus 020 001 0 — 3 5 6
WA 111 041 x — 8 4 3
Pinkham, Matthews (6) and Perry; Barker, Valls (4), Johnson (7) and Bonifacino, Scoville (4)

Waterville 8, Oceanside 6
At Waterville, the Panthers plated seven runs on six hits and three Oceanside errors to erase a 6-0 deficit to take a lead that they would never relinquish.
Andrew Roderigue, Cody Pellerin, Dalton Wood, Chay Phelps and Alex Moheux all collected RBI hits in the rally. Wood pitched 44...“Innings of one-hit shutout relief to earn the win. He struck out four and didn’t walk a batter.”
Thomas Curtis and Jack Freeman ripped two-run doubles in the top of the third for Oceanside
Oceanside (12-4) 0-0-6 0-0-0 0 — 6 5 4
Waterville (11-5) 0-0-7 0-0-1 x — 8 12 1
Sheridan, Mazurek (3), Freeman (4) and Sprague; Barre, Wood (3) and Wentworth



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Boston Red Sox center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. hits a solo home run during the sixth inning against the Baltimore Orioles on Monday at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

Boston’s Bradley takes paternity leave

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The Boston Red Sox placed outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. on the paternity leave list and recalled outfielder Rusney Castillo from Triple-A Pawtucket on Tuesday to fill out the 25-man roster before a game against the Baltimore Orioles.

Bradley and his wife, Erin, are expecting their first child.

Bradley is among the American League leaders in batting (.331, fifth), on-base percentage (.409, third), slugging percentage (third, .601) and OPS (second, 1.010). He also had a 29-game hitting streak, the fourth longest in Red Sox history, end May 25.

Castillo started one game for the Red Sox earlier this season on April 9 in Toronto, going 2-for-4 with one run and one double, before he was sent to Pawtucket on April 15.

In 37 Triple-A games this season, Castillo is batting

.241 with one home run and 13 RBIs

The Cuba native has played 91 major league games the past three seasons and has a .265 batting average with seven homers and 35 RBIs.

Ortiz leads MLB All-Star voting

Boston’s David Ortiz is the leading vote-getter for American League designated hitter after a week of voting for the Major League Baseball All-Star teams.

Ortiz piled up 963,076 votes and is followed by Kansas City’s Kendrys Morales (496,941) and Toronto’s Edwin Encarnacion (249,565).

The 40-year-old Ortiz is leading MLB in doubles (23), RBIs (47) and slugging percentage (.727). He also has 14 home runs.

Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts also leads the voting at that position while second baseman Dustin Pedroia, first baseman Hanley Ramirez and outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. are all fourth in their respective categories.

Hermon

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lowed just one Foxcroft runner to reach second base.

“Nick didn’t mess around,” said Kinney, a former major league pitcher. “He started ahead in the count with just about everybody, he threw a lot of first-pitch strikes and made them put it in play.”

“When you’ve got a lead, the worst thing you can do is put free guys on base, so he made pitches to make sure their offense didn’t get going and that kept our offense going because he did a great job of preventing rallies after we scored runs,” he said.

Nash singled home a run

in the second to make it 7-0 and provided the big blow of a three-run fourth inning with an RBI double to deep left-center.

The Hawks scored two more runs in the fifth, one on Foxcroft’s third error of the contest and the second plated by Alex Applebee’s sacrifice fly.

Garrett Trask added two singles for Hermon, and Tyler Beaton scored three runs and Christian Greener delivered two RBIs.

“We all hit the ball pretty well, it was really a team effort,” said Nash. “It was nice to see everybody hit the ball hard and put good wood on the ball, and it kind of carried over because we didn’t stop after the first inning, we piled it on and that’s what we need to continue to do.”

Freeze accepts blame for infractions

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Ole Miss could have a number of fall guys after the football program self-imposed scholarship reductions for 13 infractions, including nine during the tenure of current coach Hugh Freeze.

But Freeze said Tuesday at the SEC meetings in Sandestin, Fla., that he will take responsibility for the dark cloud over the program — because it’s part of his job description.

“The first thing I would say is that I own it. That’s part of it when you’re the head coach. You take the good with the bad,” Freeze told ESPN. “But there’s a big difference between making mistakes in recruiting and going out there with the intent to cheat. I don’t have any information that anybody on my staff has been involved in any illegal payments to players or offering any inducements to players, and if I did have that information, I would fire them.”

Last week, Ole Miss self-imposed the loss of 11 football scholarships in response to a Notice of Violations from the NCAA, which cited 28 total rules violations across multiple sports. Four were the most serious “Level I” infractions.

Lundquist done with SEC games

After 53 years in broadcasting and 17 years as the play-by-play voice as the



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Mississippi Rebels head coach Hugh Freeze walks the field before a game in 2013. On Tuesday, Freeze took the blame for infractions made by the football program at Old Miss.

SEC on CBS, Verne Lundquist is passing the baton to Brad Nessler in 2017.

Nessler will join the broadcast team on which Lundquist is currently the anchor with analyst Gary Danielson and reporter Allie LaForce.

Lundquist, who turns 76 on July 17, will remain at CBS as a staple of college basketball and golf coverage.

“Being a part of the SEC

on CBS since 2000 has been the most significant assignment I’ve been given in my more than five decades in this business,” said Lundquist. “Now, it’s time to step back and take in the aroma of those tulips, those roses, and those daffodils that friends have been telling me about for years. In 2017, I’ll happily step aside from college football and welcome Brad to the booth.”

Mariners smack five homers to rout Padres

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

SEATTLE — Seth Smith hit two of Seattle’s five home runs in a 16-4 rout of San Diego on Tuesday afternoon at Safeco Field.

The Mariners led 16-0 after scoring in each of the first five innings. Position players Christian Bethancourt and Alexi Amarista combined to pitch a scoreless eighth inning for San Diego.

Padres starter James Shields (2-7) gave up eight hits, including three homers, and 10 runs — all earned — in 2 2-3 innings. Seattle starter Hisashi Iwakuma (4-4) retired the first 12 San Diego batters, but he also gave up three home runs before leaving after the seventh inning.

Kyle Seager sparked Seattle’s six-run second inning with a three-run homer, and Smith clubbed a three-homer in the third. Franklin Gutierrez hit a two-run homer in the fourth, Smith delivered a solo shot in the fifth and

Adam Lind added a two-run homer in the fifth.

The runs and homers were season highs for Seattle. The Mariners started the day tied with the New York Mets for the most home runs in the majors (72).

Travis Jankowski, San Diego’s rookie right fielder, hit his first major league homer, a two-run blast, to break up the shutout in the sixth inning.

Matt Kemp and Hector Sanchez also homered for the Padres.

Astros 8, Diamondbacks 5
PHOENIX — Houston right fielder George Springer had three hits, including a homer, and drove in four runs and Luis Valbuena homered in the Astros’ 8-5 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday at Chase Field.

Springer hit a three-run homer in the second inning after Arizona took a 2-0 lead in the first. He also singled in a run in a four-run fourth off Diamondbacks left-hander Patrick Corbin (2-5).

Eagles’ Thurmond retiring

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Defensive back Walter Thurmond is the latest NFL player who decided to walk away from the game and millions of dollars seemingly in the prime of his career.

According to multiple reports on Tuesday, the former Philadelphia Eagles safety is retiring at age 28 after six professional seasons. ESPN reported that Thurmond said he no longer wants to play football and is interested in pursuing other opportunities.

Thurmond would be leaving the game after completing the best season of his career in 2015 when he moved from cornerback to safety and started all 16 games for the first time. He finished with 62 tackles, six tackles for loss, two sacks, three interceptions, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery that he returned for a touchdown.

Safety was Thurmond’s third position with his third team in the past three years. He played mostly slot cornerback for the Seattle Seahawks in 2013 and

won a Super Bowl title, moved to the New York Giants in 2014 but tore a pectoral muscle as a cornerback in the second game of the season and then signed a one-year, \$3.25 contract before the 2015 season with the Eagles.

Thurmond, who was drafted from Oregon in the fourth round in 2010, had turned down offers in free agency this spring that reportedly would have been worth more than \$4 million per year.

Smith intoxicated at time of death

Will Smith’s blood-alcohol level was 0.24 at the time of his death, three times the legal limit in Louisiana, when he was shot and killed on April 9, according to a report by the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

The former New Orleans Saints defensive end died at the scene after an incident that involved Cardell Hayes, who was indicted on a second-degree murder charge in late April.

The Times-Picayune cited two sources with knowledge of the toxicology report in reporting the high level. The legal limit in Louisiana is 0.08.

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