

# Bangor East all-stars rally past Bangor West

BANGOR — Bangor East rallied from a seven-run deficit to beat Bangor West 11-10 in a District 3 Little League baseball all-star tournament Monday at Taylor Field.

## ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

Bangor East stayed alive in the double-elimination tournament with a 3-1 record while Bangor West ended with a 2-2 mark.

Keegan Cyr and Aiden Giles hit home runs to spark Bangor East. Cyr's fifth-inning homer broke a 9-9 tie. Jake Hirsch had the game-winning RBI later in the inning.

Hirsch and Cabryn Streams led Bangor East with three hits on the night. Streams was also the winning pitcher.

For Bangor West, Ben Caron had two hits, including a home run.

**Bangor West 210 601 — 10 11 2**  
**Bangor East 011 72x — 11 11 2**

Cyr, Missbrenner (3), Streams (5), Sandia (6) and McCaffrey, Cyr (3); Young, Caron (4) and Ryan

## D3 Baseball, 11-12

**Hermon 3, Old Town 2**

At Hermon, the Hermon all-stars rallied for two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to earn the win in the District 3 tournament game.

Hermon's Jack Mailloux evened the score with an RBI single and Parker Foley followed up with another RBI single for the winning edge.

Mailloux also added an RBI double in the second and Brayden Moses chipped in with two singles. Moses pitched into the fifth inning while striking out eight.

Old Town was led by Roy Koneff with three singles and two RBIs. Seth Haverlock had two singles and was also the tough-luck losing pitcher, going into the sixth inning while striking out six.

## Houlton 18, Brewer/Orrington 8

At Houlton, the Houlton all-stars erupted for 12 runs in the seventh inning to beat Brewer/Orrington and advance to the championship round of the District 3 tournament.

Brock Thompson sparked the big inning with a grand slam. Garrett Harvey finished with three singles and a two-run home run for the winners while Nolan Hodgkins chipped in with a two-run home run.

Silas Graham and Jed Gilpatrick each added two doubles and a single for Houlton.

Gavin Carr paced Brewer/Orrington with three singles while Logan Levensalor contributed with a double and single. Sam Blanchard chipped in with two singles and three RBIs and Jacob McKinney added two singles.

Houlton had 19 hits and Brewer had 10.

## D1 Baseball, Junior League

**Calais 11, Machias 9**

At the Machias Memorial High School field, the Calais all-stars used a seven-run sixth inning to

beat Machias in the District 1 Junior League tournament game.

Sebastian Moore sparked Calais with two hits. Blake Collins, Tony Dana, John Socabasin, Don Sotomah, Chris Gregory, and Mike McFarlane each chipped in with one hit.

Gabe Taylor led Machias with triple, double and single. Jordan Lobley, Micah Vose, Kyle Anderson and Jeff Graham all had one hit.

**Calais 010 127 0 — 11 8 2**  
**Machias 101 123 1 — 9 7 2**

Socabasin, Moore (4), Newsome (7) and Gregory; Fitzsimmons, Anderson (6), Lobley (6) and Taylor

## D3 Baseball, 9-10

**Brewer, Bronco post wins**

At Brewer, the Brewer all-stars beat Lincoln 17-0 and Bronco stopped Hermon 13-2 in District 3 tournament action for ages 9-10.

Grady Vanidestine, Jack Mason, Silas Keefe and Braden Carr combined for a four inning

no-hitter for Brewer in the first game.

Keefe sparked the offense with a triple, double and four RBIs. Kadian Morin chipped in with two singles, a double and two RBIs while Ryan Ford had a double and drove in two runs.

In the second game, Tucker Leland recorded three singles and scored two runs to help Bronco of Hampden prevail. Andrew Lyons and Kaysen Wildman each added two singles with Lyons scoring twice and Wildman once. T.J. Llerena was the winning pitcher.

Gavin Coombs notched a double, single and a run for Hermon while Carter Moss added a double and Danny Fowler had a single.

**Lincoln 000 0 — 0**

**Brewer 4(13)0 x — 17**

House and Langerack; Vanidestine, Mason, Keefe, Car and Stecher

**Hermon 101 000 — 2**

**Bronco 411 33x — 13**

Kokoska and Jelks; Llerena and Peckham

## Spieth pulls out of Olympics over Zika

BY TONY JIMENEZ  
REUTERS

TROON, Scotland — World number three golfer Jordan Spieth has pulled out of next month's Olympics because of fears over the Zika virus, officials said at a news conference held at the British Open on Monday.

American Spieth's withdrawal means the Olympic golf tournament will be without the world's top four players.

Number one Jason Day, second-ranked Dustin Johnson and number four Rory McIlroy had all previously said they would not be competing in the event.

"It was out of concern at health issues we have been talking about (recently)," International Golf Federation (IGF) vice-president Ty Votaw told reporters at Royal Troon, referring to the reasons for Spieth's pull-out.

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that the World Health Organization says is spreading rapidly in the Americas.

IGF president Peter Dawson said it was disappointing to have received so many pull-outs from the men's tournament in Rio de Janeiro.

"There is no doubt the number of withdrawals hasn't

shed golf in the best light," Dawson said. "But we do understand why these individual decisions have been taken."

"Personally I think there's been something of an over-reaction to the Zika situation... but we remain confident we'll stage two very exciting and compelling golf competitions in Rio."

"We have all of the top women playing and I think the count is eight out of the top 15 men are going to be playing so we're going to have strong fields," said Dawson.

Bubba Watson, Rickie Fowler, Patrick Reed and Matt Kuchar were announced on Monday as the four golfers in the U.S. Olympic team.

The U.S. is the only men's team with four representatives. Qualifying places were determined by individual positions on the final Olympic golf rankings that concluded on Sunday.

There are a total of 60 players in both the women's and men's competitions.

Golf is returning to the Games in August following an absence of 112 years.

Frenchman Victor Dubuisson has also pulled out of the Olympics. The Ryder Cup player said he decided to withdraw because of poor form.

## Coffee News shuts out Acadians for 12th victory

BANGOR — The Coffee News Comrades of Bangor used a complete game from pitcher Nick Cowperthwaite to shut out the Acadians 2-0 in American Legion

## LEGION BASEBALL

action Monday night at Mansfield Stadium.

Bangor used three singles in the sixth to score its two runs. Peter Kemble led off with a single and Jesse Colford and Tyler Parke each added RBI singles in the inning.

Connor Maguire was the hard-luck losing pitcher for the Acadians. Greg Looke and Hank Vinal each singled twice.

Bangor is now 12-2 and the Acadians are now 6-8.  
**Acadians 000 000 0 — 0 7 1**  
**Coffee News 000 000 2 — 2 5 1**

Canning and Maguire; Huston and Cowperthwaite

## Skowhegan 2, Penquis 1

At Skowhegan, Skowhegan Sr. Post 16 made the most of two hits to defeat Penquis.

Cody Laweryson led Skowhegan's offensive threat, getting on base twice and hitting a solo home run.

Skowhegan went up for good in the second, scoring one run on a sacrifice fly by William Stinson. Devon Watt got the win, giving up five hits while allowing one run over four innings.

Penquis had eight hits but stranded all eight batters on base.

Tanner Strout lasted six innings in the loss, striking out 13 while allowing two runs.

**Penquis 000 100 0 — 1 8 2**  
**Skowhegan 011 000 0 — 2 2 2**

Watt, Stinson (5) and Berry, Emery (5) and Turcotte (5); Strout and Law

tana scheduled to pitch the fifth inning.

"We went up (35 percent in Chicago) with only one Cubs player (Rizzo) in the starting lineup last year," said Mike Mulvihill, executive vice president for research, league operations and strategy for Fox Sports. "We have a lot of expectations and optimism with the Cubs being such a big part of this year's game."

Since Chicago is the nation's third-largest market, the large volume of those Cubs viewers will significantly affect the network's national rating. It won't be as dramatic as what NBC experienced during the Blackhawks' run to three Stanley Cups. In several playoff games, the huge Chicago audience accounted for 25 percent of NBC's national rating.

## Inconsistency keys underwhelming first half as NY Yankees struggle

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

If trying to get to .500 and stay over .500 is considered the baseball equivalent of wandering in the desert, then the New York Yankees have mastered it.

The Yankees haven't mastered many other things besides the back end of games with leads and it accounts for one of their most mediocre first halves in the last two decades.

New York's run of 23 straight winning seasons since 1993 is in jeopardy because of a first half that began with a 9-17 start and never saw the Yankees get more than two games over .500.

This is the second time in three years the Yankees have reached the All-Star break. New York was 47-47 at the break two years ago when it finished with 84 wins.

Two years ago, New York was able to get six games over during the first half before going to .500, but this year, the Yankees have gotten to .500 eight times since May 24 but only managed to get one game over twice.

Which is why they're constantly getting asked about and talking about going on a run and how they think they're capable of doing so.

"We're confident in our team, we're confident that we're going to start playing better baseball," New York catcher Brian McCann said.

"I think we've had this conversation like four or five times this year," Carlos Beltran said. "Right now, honestly, what we want to do is be consistent, honestly. I think the .500 thing is something we're not paying attention. We just want to be out there and play consistent baseball and hopefully we can continue to win ballgames and continue to gain ground in our division."

Those comments were made after the Yankees held a 37-36 record on June 25. Since then the Yankees are still waiting for the run as they've gone a mediocre 7-8 since.

Unlike 2014 when Beltran was injured and the Yankees lost four starting pitchers, major injuries have not really played a role.

It's just underperformance from certain players. Mark Teixeira has right knee issues he's playing through. He also has batting average difficulties, having spent most of the season under .200 and finishing the first half at .193 with seven home runs, 20 RBIs and a .589 OPS.

And then there's Alex Rodriguez. While there is talk of his at-bats being better, it's also apparent he's a liability in the middle of the lineup since he's batting .220 with eight home runs and 28 RBIs to go along with a .642 OPS.

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New York Yankees right fielder Carlos Beltran singles in the eleventh inning against the Cleveland Indians on Sunday at Progressive Field.

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With the pitching, Masahiro Tanaka has done decently, especially when he gets extended rest (just don't ask Joe Girardi about it) and CC Sabathia has pitched well for most of the last two months.

The rest has been highlighted by inconsistency.

Michael Pineda was good in June but is also capable of having games when he allows four home runs and gets nine strikeouts. Ivan Nova and Nathan Eovaldi are hold your breath and hope for the best types when their pitches are hittable.

Inconsistency has been a major narrative of New York's underwhelming first half and because it has it's why players, media and fans have spent so much time talking about .500.

## Yates takes no-nonsense approach to Tour de France

BY JULIEN PRETOT  
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ANDORRA LA VELLA — Adam Yates is riding the Tour de France aiming for the general classification for the first time and so far he has been doing pretty well thanks to a no-nonsense approach to the three-week race.

Going into the first rest day on Monday, the Orica-Bike Exchange rider is second overall, 16 seconds behind fellow Briton Chris Froome of Team Sky, and wears the white jersey for the best Under-25 rider.

His lack of experience might play against the 23-year-old as a gruelling third week of racing, which often favors seasoned riders, is looming, but Yates is not worried.

"If I have a bad day and I lose a couple of minutes then it is what it is. If I have good legs I'll take my opportunity," he told reporters on Monday, his chin showing stitches after he somersaulted over a deflated 1-kilometer arch near the end of the seventh stage on Friday.

He is also expecting to lose "4 minutes" to Froome in Friday's individual time trial, a speciality in which the climber struggles.

Yates completed two grand tours, the Vuelta in



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Orica-BikeExchange rider Adam Yates of Britain walks with his bicycle after being injured by the fall of the inflatable arch in the last kilometer of the race.

2014 and the Tour last year, from riding for "GC" (general classification).

One of the most gifted rid-

ers of his generation, Gates is a potential Tour de France winner and the time has now come for him to play with the best over three weeks, meaning a stage win has to come second to GC considerations.

"Last year was different because I was trying to get in the breakaway," he said.

"For me it is more difficult to get in the break than to follow the GC guys. You spend the first hour, hour-and-a-half doing max sprints.

"It's a completely different kind of race, and for me a lot of the training I do is based on the final and the finish climb and race in a steady tempo."

However, Yates, whose twin brother Simon also rides with Orica-Bike Exchange but is not on the Tour this year, would easily trade a decent overall finish in Paris against a stage win.

"If you come fifth in a grand tour it's nice but you don't get to raise your arms in the air, you don't celebrate," he said.

Retaining the white jersey all the way to Paris would not top a stage win either.

"It's nice but in the end if you win a stage you go down in history as a Tour de France stage winner," said Yates.

## All-Stars

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ing on the Cubs factor to generate a large Chicago rating.

Last year with Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant representing the resurgent Cubs, Fox did a 7.7 rating in Chicago for the All-Star Game; 1 local ratings point is worth 35,000 homes. That was up 35 percent compared with Chicago's rating for the 2014 game. Given the fervor for all things Cubs, it wouldn't be a surprise if this year's Chicago rating surpasses a 10. White Sox fans also should contribute with Chris Sale named the American League's starting pitcher and Jose Quin-