

Caribou's Herbert scores 3 goals in win over MDI

CARIBOU — Searra Herbert scored three goals to record a hat trick to propel the Caribou Vikings past Mount Desert Island for their fourth straight schoolgirl soccer win, 4-1 on Monday.

Herbert opened the scoring at 34:32 in the first half on an assist from Maddie Doucette and her second tally at 18:21 on Megan Thornton's assist.

Doucette assisted Herbert's third goal at 3:53 left in the first half and then scored an unassisted goal with 22:38 left in the game.

The Trojans got on the board when Abbe Miller scored from a Cadi Howell assist.

Caribou goalkeepers Kerrigan Manter and Jaelynn Doody com-

bined for six saves on eight shots. MDI keeper Cassia Barnes saved seven of 26 shots. The Vikings are 4-0 while the Trojans fall to 0-2.

Foxcroft 2, Ellsworth 0

At Dover-Foxcroft, the Ponies recorded a goal in each half to shut out Ellsworth for their first win.

Foxcroft opened the scoring in the first half with Jenna Clukey's goal from Olivia Wesley. The Ponies' second tally came off Cassidy Panciera on a long ball pass from Avery Nelson.

Foxcroft goalie Kiara Prescott made four saves on eight shots while Ellsworth's Callie Hammer had 24 saves on 31 shots.

Hermion 1, John Bapst 0

At the University of Maine in Orono, the Hermon Hawks' Alex

Alain scored what proved to be the game winner 11 minutes into the contest.

Megan Chamberlain recorded a shutout for the Hawks in goal, making four saves on 14 shots. Kayla Massey took the loss for the Crusaders with three saves on nine shots.

Boys Soccer

John Bapst 2, Hermon 1

At UMaine in Orono, in a scrappy game by both teams, Alvaro Valls put John Bapst two goals up, one in each half, on assists by fellow seniors Paul Branch and Dixon Rand, respectively.

A second-half goal from freshman Wyatt Butler, wasn't enough for Hermon (0-1-1) as they fought back gallantly against the 2-0 Crusaders.

MDI 3, Caribou 1

At Caribou, Joe Grubb recorded two goals to propel the Mount Desert Island Trojans to victory over the host Vikings.

MDI scored twice in the opening five minutes as Grubb headed in a corner kick just 1:30 into the game and Jake Russell followed two minutes later with a rocket from the left point. However, the Vikings cut the lead to 2-1 with 12:48 to go in the first half when Alex Ezzy beat a drawn out keeper from 30 yards.

Both teams battled throughout the second half until, with 2:00 remaining in the contest, Grubb won a jump ball with Viking keeper Noah Hixson knocking it over him into the goal to seal the win.

Griffen Maristany had two as-

sists for the Trojans.

Caribou goalkeeper Hixson had 10 saves on 15 shots, while MDIs Kendrew Van Gorder had five saves on seven shots.

Field Hockey

Hampden 1, Brewer 0

At Hampden on Saturday, Daija Misler scored the lone goal with 14:35 remaining in the second half to break a scoreless tie and lift the Broncos to the win over Brewer.

Claire Scobie and Grace Bennett recorded assists on the goal as Hampden Academy moves to 2-0.

Michele Maybury recorded 6 saves on 7 shots for the Witches (0-2), while Ruby Ramsay made 2 saves on 2 shots for the Broncos.

JV: Brewer 2-1



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Sprint Cup Series driver Kevin Harvick makes a pit stop during the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday.

Pit-crew problems plague Harvick

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

DARLINGTON, South Carolina — Martin Truex Jr. claimed his second win of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series season Sunday night with a victory in the Bojan-gles' South-ern 500 while Kevin Harvick's pit-crew struggles led to a second-place finish at Darlington Raceway.

It was Truex's first career Southern 500 win and the second for his Furniture Row Racing team.

"This is unbelievable," Truex said. "I've always loved this race track. I've led a lot of laps here in my career. Just couldn't be more excited to win at Darlington. Southern 500 — been wanting to win this thing for a long time."

Harvick took second, and Kyle Larson was third. Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano rounded out the top five.

"It just doesn't matter if it isn't a win," Logano said. "At this point, I guess momentum means something, so I guess something matters. I disagree that I didn't have anything for them. I did on the long run."

"We were the fastest car on the long run every time. We hit a lot of short runs at the end, and that would kill us. I lost two or three spots every restart for the first five or six laps, and then it would kick in and off I would go. I was fighting to get them back."

Truex took the lead for the first time with just over 25 laps remaining and ran up front the remaining distance.

Harvick led a race-high 214 laps of the 367 that made up the race, but problems on pit road put him outside the top 10 for a brief time. In all, Har-

vick lost a total of 17 positions on pit road.

"Our team in the garage did a great job. They brought the fastest race car to the track once again, and we just didn't do a good job on pit road and gave it away," Harvick said. "We started 12th and eighth and sixth, and we had a great race car all night. Just got to thank everybody in the shop and in the garage for putting the race cars under us. We can't just continuously shoot ourselves in the foot every few pit stops."

The worst stop for his No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing team came during a caution with just under 90 laps remaining. Harvick pitted with the race lead but came out 12th because of an air-gun malfunction.

Most popular driver voting opened

Though Dale Earnhardt Jr. will miss 18 races this season, he won't lose his eligibility for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' NMPA Sprint Most Popular Driver Award, an honor he has claimed for 13 consecutive years.

Voting for the award opened at midnight Sunday and will continue until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, the night of the Championship 4 race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Balloting is limited to one vote per e-mail address per day.

To vote for this year's award, fans can visit www.mostpopulardriver.com through either desktop, tablet or smart phone or through the NASCAR MOBILE app.

Bill Elliott won the Most Popular Driver award a record 16 times.

Sea Dogs drop season finale to Fisher Cats

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Dwight Smith Jr. broke a 1-1 tie with an RBI single in the sixth inning and the New Hampshire Fisher Cats defeated the Portland Sea Dogs 3-1 in an Eastern League baseball season finale Monday at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium.

The Sea Dogs took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a sacrifice fly by Danny Bethea to score Cody Decker, who had doubled.

The Cats' Emilio Guerrero tied the game with a solo homer to lead off the fifth inning on the first pitch by Taylor Grover (L, 2-5). Grover walked Jason Leblebjian to lead off the sixth before Smith delivered the game-winning RBI.

Ian Parmley extended the Fisher Cats lead on an RBI single in the seventh off of Ben Taylor.

Mike McCarthy made a spot start for Portland and pitched four scoreless innings, allowing two hits and one walk and hitting a batter.

Taylor Cole went three innings in the start for New Hampshire and allowed a run on three hits while walking one and striking out one. John Straka (W, 4-1) closed out the game with six innings of scoreless relief.

The Sea dogs, the Double-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, finished the season with a 55-84 record and in last place in the EL's Eastern six-team division.

McIlroy regroups to win Deutsche Bank

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THE SPORTS XCHANGE

NORTON, Massachusetts — Rory McIlroy believes he's reached a turning point in his season, but his "Aha!" moment came well before hoisting the Deutsche Bank Championship trophy Monday afternoon.

Three days ago, McIlroy didn't look like he'd make the weekend — and possibly even the third leg of the FedExCup Playoffs — after playing his first four holes at 4 over.

McIlroy bogeyed his second hole Friday and stumbled to a triple-bogey on his third, but he turned things around and was 4 under through his last 15 holes to get back even and within five shots of the lead.

From there, it seemed merely a formality as the Northern Irishman played the last 69 holes at 19 under to secure a two-stroke victory, his second in the event, in the annual Labor Day weekend tournament at TPC Boston.

"It's amazing in this game how things can change so quickly from being 4 over after three holes ... (to) walking away with a trophy this week," McIlroy said after firing a final-round 6-under-par 65.

The 27-year-old earned his 12th career PGA Tour win, the third-youngest player to accomplish the feat in Tour history.

It was McIlroy's first victory since clearing Patrick Rodgers and Webb Simpson by seven shots at the 2015 Wells Fargo Championship.

McIlroy, No. 5 in the World Golf Rankings, finished at 15-under 269 to join Fiji's Vijay Singh as the only two-time Deutsche Bank winners (2004, 2008).

He also won at the 7,207-yard TPC Boston in 2012, besting South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen by one shot.

McIlroy followed up that



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Rory McIlroy gets a low angle view of his putt on the 15th green during the final round of the 2016 Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC of Boston on Monday.

Deutsche Bank title with a win at the BMW Championship, the third of four Playoffs events, at Crooked Stick in Carmel, Ind., which is where the event happens to be played again this year.

"It's funny, four years on, and I win here, and going back to Indy where I have great memories from four years ago," McIlroy said.

"I just had positive vibes going in there."

But McIlroy couldn't carry those vibes onto the Tour Championship, and Brandt Snedeker wound up winning the FedExCup.

Nevertheless, McIlroy is back in good standings after rising from 38th on the FedExCup points list to fourth after tying for 31st last weekend at The Barclays.

McIlroy's win pocketed him 2,000 FedExCup points, as well as the \$1.53 million winner's share of the \$8.5 million purse.

"This has given me a real shot at trying to win that FedExCup for the first time," he said.

Barclays champion and world No. 9 Patrick Reed re-

mains atop the Cup standings while top-ranked Jason Day of Australia is second. U.S. Open champion and world No. 2 Dustin Johnson is third and world No. 6 Adam Scott of Australia fell one spot to fifth.

Fifty-four hole leader Paul Casey of England began the day three shots clear of the field, but was done in by four bogeys in his 73. He finished alone in second.

"Did a lot of things brilliantly all week, but obviously frustrated, just fell short at the last," Casey said.

PGA champion Jimmy Walker finished three back of McIlroy in third after shooting a 70. Scott, who won the Deutsche Bank in 2003, posted the low round of the day at 65, but finished four back in fourth

Reed (69) tied for fifth with 18-hole co-leader James Hahn (69) and Argentina's Fabian Gomez (69), five off the mark.

Johnson bounced back from a third-round 75 to card a 66 and headlined a seven-way tie for eighth

with 36-hole leader Kevin Chappell (73) and 18-hole co-leader Ryan Moore (72), trailing McIlroy by six.

McIlroy navigated the windy conditions with relative ease while playing his opening nine holes at 5 under with five birdies, three straight at Nos. 7-9.

He reached 15 under after birdieing No. 12, but dropped a shot with his first bogey at No. 17.

That brought Casey within one stroke of McIlroy. However, after dumping his approach shot at No. 18 in the green side bunker, McIlroy got up and down for a birdie.

Casey needed an eagle at No. 18 to tie McIlroy after his par at No. 17, but missed a 58-foot putt that would have forced a playoff and parred the hole.

Day followed a Sunday 68 with a closing 67 to rise into a tie for 15th at seven back. World No. 3 Jordan Spieth was one behind day in a tie for 21st after carding a 69, and world No. 4 Henrik Stenson of Sweden fired a 72 to tie for 41st at 11 back.

UMaine field hockey downs Dartmouth

ORONO — The University of Maine Black Bears scored five second-half goals to snap a 2-2 tie and earn a 7-3 victory over Dartmouth Monday at the UM COLLEGE ROUNDDUP field hockey complex.

It marks the first time under 10-year head coach Josette Babineau that the Black Bears have started the season 4-0. Dartmouth falls to 0-2.

Madison Cummings sparked the Black Bears with three goals while Casey Crowley chipped in with a goal and four assists.

Cummings started the five-goal outburst for the Black Bears, five minutes into the half off of an assist from Crowley on a give and go as Maine regained the lead 3-2. Eleven minutes later, Adrianna Martineau notched her first goal of the season as Maine increased its lead 4-2.

Maine received a penalty corner seven minutes later and Crowley scored its fifth goal of the day.

Five minutes later, the Black Bears had a three-on-one opportunity as Crowley passed to her left to set up Cummings for her third goal

as she increased the margin to 6-2. Lydia Gavner added Maine's seventh goal off of a Crowley assist.

Dartmouth's Joanne Nazareth scored its third goal of the game in the final minutes.

Emily Corbett started in goal for the Black Bears, while Emma Plumb started for the Big Green.

For the fourth game this season, Maine opened with the first goal of the game from Ella Mosky off of a pass from Crowley. Ten minutes later, Cummings scored her first goal.

One minute later, Dartmouth's Heather Zezzo

scored to cut Maine's lead in half, 2-1. Eleven minutes later, Dartmouth tied the game 2-2 off of a penalty corner with Joanne Nazareth scoring her first of the season.

Maine outshot Dartmouth 12-3 in the first half.

Emma Cochran made one first-half save for the Bears and Emily Corbett had two in the second half.

Dartmouth's Emma Plumb finished with nine saves and Hailey Valerio came on to play the final 19 minutes, making one save.

The Bears visit Boston University at 4 p.m. Friday.

49ers release FB Miller after alleged assault

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The San Francisco 49ers released fullback Bruce Miller on Monday, just hours after he was arrested on suspi-

cion of assault charges. NFL NOTEBOOK

KTVU, citing San Francisco police sources, reported that Miller is suspected of assaulting a 70-year-old man and his son at the Fisherman's Wharf Marriott Hotel in San Francisco.

Miller, 29, reportedly tried to check into the hotel

on Sunday night but was told all rooms were occupied. He knocked on the door of a room that was occupied by an elderly couple who did not know Miller.

According to KTVU, the couple's 29-year-old son was in a neighboring room and told Miller that he had the wrong room. Miller allegedly began attacking the son before the man's father came to his son's aid.

Sources told KTVU that the 70-year-old man was punched in the face and suffered broken bones, and both father and son were

transported to the hospital.

The 49ers acknowledged the incident in a statement Monday morning.

"The San Francisco 49ers organization is aware of the media report regarding Bruce Miller," the statement said. "We are gathering the relevant facts of this matter and will continue to monitor the situation."

A few hours later, the 49ers announced that Miller had been released.

Miller was also arrested in March 2015 in Santa Clara, Calif., on suspicion of spousal battery after his

then-fiancee accused him of shoving her and smashing her cell phone during an argument. He denied assaulting the woman and pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge, and had to attend a 16-week anti-domestic-violence counseling course.

Miller, who was drafted by San Francisco in the seventh round of the 2011 draft, was entering his sixth season with the 49ers. He started in eight games last season, finishing with 14 rushing yards and one touchdown on six carries, along with 10 catches for 135 yards.