

Bangor girls surge past Brewer for 5-1 win

BREWER — The Bangor Rams scored four goals in the first 15 minutes of action on Wednesday night en route to a 5-1 girls soccer victory over rival Brewer.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Sara Dumas and Luci Clein scored two goals apiece while Katie Butler added another for Bangor. Maddie Symonds added two assists. Maddie Hodgdon and Page Cadorette collaborated for four saves on eight shots.

Hannah Hopkins scored Brewer's goal. Mandy Cuskelly and Rose McLaughlin combined to save five of 13 shots..

JV: Bangor 3-1

Orono 4, Bucksport 3

At Orono, Brinsley Chasse netted two goals, Becky Lopez Anido and Daphne Murphy added a goal each as the Red Riots opened their season with a win.

Becca Gallandt notched an assist for the Riots.

For Bucksport, Tine Hjelte scored twice and assisted on a goal by Hannah Ashmore. Chelsea Parent also added an assist for the Bucks. Bree Coombs stopped 16 of 21 shots for Bucksport while Kaitlin Richards stopped 8 of 13 shots for Orono.

Central 6, Dexter 5

At Jeffrey Parola Field in Dexter, Emma Campbell's

penalty kick with 4:08 to go in regulation broke a 5-5 tie and helped propel Central to victory.

Campbell and Abi Allen each scored two goals for the Red Devils of Corinth. Sydney Allen and Marie Schuster added one each.

Cleo Mountain, Hannah Dorman, Kayli Cunningham, Ashley Reynolds and Jasmine Woodard each scored a goal for the Tigers.

Rachel Smith made 10 saves on 19 shots for Central while Reagan Patterson made 14 saves on 27 shots for Dexter.

PVHS 3, PCHS 1

At Howland, Penobscot Valley outshot the visiting Pirates 22-5 to improve to 2-0.

Lexi Ireland, Lauren Reed and Hannah Rhodes scored a goal apiece for the Howlers while Paige Thibodeau recorded three saves.

Erin Speed scored the goal for 0-2 Piscataquis Community of Guilford. Alivia Hunt recorded 10 saves.

Hampden Acad. 4, Oxford Hills 0

At South Paris on Tuesday, Marissa Gilpin, Aubra Linn, Emily Colter and Christie Woodside tallied a goal apiece to give the Broncos their first win of the season.

Ashley Mahoney provided two assists for Hampden Academy (1-1). Emily Dysart made seven saves.

Emily Blackshaw made six stops for 0-2 Oxford Hills.



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Bangor's Kyle Jeffrey (center) leaps for a header past Brewer's Collin Rhoads-Doyle (left) and Caleb Wood on Wednesday night in Bangor. Bangor won 1-0.

Schenck 3, Lee/Stearns 1

At East Millinocket, the host Wolverines received first half goals by Olivia Gallant and Anna Sewall en route to the win over Lee/Stearns.

Hannah Johnston scored a second half goal and Allison Noddin recorded 11 saves on 18 shots for the 2-0 Wolverines.

Madison Staples scored off a Emma Alley pass in the second half for the 0-1 Pandas. MacKenzie Carter made 8 saves on 18 shots.

Houlton 4, Mattanawcook 1

At Lincoln, Mia Hanning netted two goals and assisted on another by Claire Gilpatrick as Houlton defeated Mattanawcook Academy.

Kolleen Bouchard added two assists for 2-0 Houlton while Tessa Soloman and Hannah Foley combined for

eight saves on 10 shots.

Emily LaDuke scored for the Lynx (0-2). Symone Malbaurn made 23 saves on 30 shots.

JV: Houlton 2-0

Ashland 4, So. Aroostook 1

At Dyer Brook, Makenzie Carter and Shelby Stolze netted two goals apiece as visiting Ashland improved to 6-0.

Cassidy Pelletier provided an assist for the 6-Hornets while Megan Cote had one save on two shots.

Katie Stevens scored for 0-2-2 Southern Aroostook of Dyer Brook and Sydney Brewer saved 18 of 31 shots.

Easton 1, Wisdom 1

At Easton, the Bears (1-5) and Pioneers (3-3) battled to a 1-1 stalemate in two overtimes. Isabelle Morin scored Easton's goal with a first-

half penalty kick while Sydney Dumond tied it up for Wisdom off a Kelsey Banville assist later in the half.

Casey Lovely had 16 saves for Easton and Alyssa Banville 4 for Wisdom.

Boys Soccer

John Bapst 4, MDI 0

At Orono, Tom Carmack saved all 11 MDI shots in getting the shutout for John Bapst.

Alex Mooney, Alvaro Valls, Paul Branch and Darren Hanscom had a goal apiece for the Crusaders, while Owen Lynch, Valls and Max DeLuca Lowell tallied assists.

Old Town 2, Ellsworth 1

At Ellsworth, Niko Knapp scored 1:56 into overtime off an assist from Sam Bartlett to give Old Town its victory over the Eagles.

Old Town took a 1-0 halftime lead with a goal by Sam Bartlett. Ellsworth rallied to score with 2:13 left in the second half on a goal by Sam Pelletier.

Old Town's Austin Sheehan made nine saves on 10 shots. Ellsworth's Payton Cole made three saves on five shots.

Oxford Hills 3, Hampden Acad. 2

At Hampden on Tuesday, Jonathon Libby's unassisted goal proved to be the margin of victory as the Vikings edged the Broncos.

Spencer Strong and Matthew Laroche netted a goal each for Oxford Hills of South Paris and Connor Ladd made three saves on

five shots.

Derek Gendreau and Alex Ross scored unassisted goals for Hampden Academy. Cole Tweedie made one save on five shots.

JV: HA 6-2

Field Hockey

Hermion 1, Stearns 0

At Millinocket, Maddie Pullen scored the game's only goal in sudden-death double overtime to give the Hermion Hawks the win.

JV: Stearns 2-1

Nokomis 7, Erskine Acad. 0

At Newport, Allysah Greene scored four goals as Nokomis rolled past visiting Erskine Academy of South China.

Olivia Brown contributed a hat trick for the Warriors.

Mattanawcook 1, PCHS 0

At Piscataquis, Taylor Wotton scored an unassisted goal in sudden death overtime to give the Lynx a 1-0 victory over the Pirates.

PCHS goalkeeper Sydney Marden made 15 saves on 16 shots while Mattanawcook's Madison Page made 1 save on three shots.

Gardiner 2, Mount View 1

At Thorndike, Callie Brann broke a 1-1 tie with just over 20 minutes left in regulation to lead Gardiner to the win over Mount View.

Hailee Lovely added a goal for the 3-0 Tigers, who outshot the 0-3 Mustangs 22-2.

Rachelle Ravin scored for Mount View off a corner by Reanna Boulay.

Hockey

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But what we're looking for is consistency. With Stephen Munding, he has to earn the right to feel confident at this level. He's certainly confident, or he wouldn't have been invited to join us, right? That's kind of how I look at it," said Gendron. "Stephen is untested. He's a rookie, so we don't know how he's going to react to college hockey."

Morris and McGovern shared the goaltending last season.

Morris was 6-10-3 with a 3.54 goals-against average and a 0.901 save percentage a year ago. He is 15-20-5 for his career with a 3.38 GAA and a 0.901 save percentage.

McGovern was 2-14-3 with a 2.78 GAA and a 0.905 save percentage.

Morris, at 5-foot-10, 205 pounds, is significantly smaller than the 6-foot-4, 220-pound McGovern and the 6-8, 236-pound Munding, so he will be relying on his quickness.

"All three of them have had different hockey experiences during the summer," said Gendron. "They have come back fit and ready to go."

"They have done their work in terms of preparation. Now it's time to perform," he added.

The job is up for grabs.

Morris said he is "very confident" that the goaltending will be a "strong suit for us."

"We've all looked very good in practice," said Morris. "Munding is a big guy, [and] McGovern looks a lot quicker, and he obviously had a great freshman year. He played 20 games, which is pretty impressive. And I feel pretty good. This is my last year, so I want to have a good one."

Morris said he is seeking to be more consistent.

"I had some good games last year, but I also had a few tough games in which I would have liked to have done a few things differently. But in the sports world, there's nothing you can change. I want to stick to the basics, play my angles, get my feet set and work on my skating and all the little things," said Morris.

Morris spent a week at the New Jersey Devils development camp, while McGovern and Munding both worked out near their homes with other college or pro players.

"I was grateful to be there and it was a great experience for me," said Morris, who is from Ridgewood, New Jersey.

McGovern said he focused on a variety of aspects of his game.

"I did a lot of technical stuff. I did a lot of skating, and I worked on my stance. I skated with [veteran goalie coach] Brian Eklund," said

McGovern, a native of Weymouth, Massachusetts. "Other than that, I also worked out with [strength and conditioning coach] Dan Boothby. So it was a pretty eventful summer, I guess."

"My skating wasn't up to par, especially at this level," said McGovern. "My whole life, when I've played well, it was because I was competing. So if I compete as hard as I can, especially with the work I've put in on my skating, I should be a lot better."

Munding said this is a "dream come true" for him and he has "learned a lot" already from Morris and McGovern.

"They've been great. We get along real well. We work each other hard, and that should only help the team," said Munding, who was in Orono taking classes in August and working out with the other freshmen as they developed a camaraderie while also getting adjusted to the campus and the community.

Munding, who is from Smithtown, New York, has focused on his skating and said he wants to "work hard every day and keep getting better."

He spent a lot of time this summer working out in Long Island with former Boston University Hobey Baker Award winner Matt Gilroy, who is playing pro hockey in Russia.

The Black Bear goalies will have a new goalie coach

in former Black Bear star and NHL goalie Alfie Michaud, who led UMaine to its last NCAA championship in 1999. He replaces Ray Jean, who left to take a position with USA Hockey.

"Alfie is terrific," said Gendron. "He had great success here and as a professional goalie, and he's had a lot of success as a goalie coach. He brings an awful lot to the table. I'm happy to have him."

The goalies have high expectations for the team, which is coming off a dismal 8-24-6 campaign and was ranked 55th among 60 Division 1 teams in offense (two goals per game) and 50th in defense (3.39 goals per game allowed).

"We have a lot of high-end guys who have come in; the younger guys who were here last year have a lot more experience and are really going to contribute, and we have good senior leadership with Blaine [Byron], Cam [Brown] and Eric [Schurhamer]," said Morris.

"The new kids are very skilled, and they work hard. And the kids who are returning also have skill, and I've never been around a group of kids who work harder than they do," said McGovern. "I think we're going to be a lot better this year. We want to win a lot more games and put on a good show for our fans. That's pretty important to us."

UMaine

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Redshirt freshman Derek Deoul handled the punting and kickoffs. He averaged 38.2 yards on his five punts and his four kickoffs carried an average of 53 yards. There were no touchbacks and one of his kickoffs carried out of bounds for a penalty.

Punter James DeMartini was serving a one-game suspension for violating the student-athlete code of conduct last spring and will battle Deoul for the job this week, Harasymiak said.

DeMartini averaged 40.7 yards per punt in 2015.

He said having DeMartini back will be a plus, though he will have to earn his spot back.

Deoul will challenge Leon-

ard for the place-kicking job.

"We've got to do a better job in the kicking game," Harasymiak acknowledged. "We will continue to work on it. We're going to emphasize some things, and we'll do a better job managing it."

"It's the hardest thing to simulate in practice ... the actual atmosphere for kickers," Harasymiak said. "And they are first-time starters."

Injury update: UMaine did not lose anyone due to injuries at UConn and expects to regain the services of starting junior offensive tackle Jamil Demby, who suffered a strained posterior cruciate ligament (knee) nearly a month ago.



Deoul



DeMartini

Soccer

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"Jacob had it on the end line, and I knew he needed just an inch of space, and he crossed it, and I was free at the back post," said Athreley. "It was one of those games where the ball was off the iron probably four or five times, that's just the way it falls."

"But I got one of them," he said.

Bangor outshot Brewer 15-3 before intermission, but Brewer battled more effectively after the break with sophomore midfielder Gavin Matthieu one of the Witches' primary offensive threats.

"I thought we were a little sporadic, a little crazy," said Poland. "We got away from our game plan a little bit, but we settled down in the

second half, and I think played an all-around good game.

"It was mostly defensive, and we kind of knew that's what we'd be facing with Bangor because they present numerous challenges. It's not just one or two players you have to worry about, it's six or seven players that you have to worry about," he said.

Bangor finished with a 26-7 shots advantage for the match, with Payne making three saves for the Rams and Baker stopping 13 shots for Brewer.

"I thought we had a little let-up in the second half and made the game close, so we've got to become more consistent," said coach Garth Berenyi. "We've got to be able to play at a competitive level for 80 minutes, and when we get ahead of a team, we've got to be able to put the game away."

Open

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have won, but I've had a good run. I would've loved to go further but that wasn't to be today."

Murray had been masterful in the opening set, taking Nishikori's second serves early to put the Japanese sixth seed on the defensive, while benefiting from his 14 unforced errors.

Nishikori gathered himself after a light rain forced a closing of the roof at 3-3 in the second set that interrupted play for some 20 minutes and allowed him to meet with his team in the locker room.

"That helped me a lot to regroup the tactics," he said. "It definitely helped for my game today."

Nishikori traded ground strokes more patiently, taking advantage of his chances, and the two players battled fiercely with sharply angled ground strokes, drop shots and net play.

The match between two of the best returners in tennis produced a whopping 17 service breaks that kept tensions high at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I just didn't hold serve enough," said Murray, who was broken nine times.

Nishikori will meet either double grand slam winner Stan Wawrinka or 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro in the last four at Flushing Meadows.

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

GREEN BAY — For the Green Bay Packers, it's the start of another attempt to reach the top of the NFL mountain.

For the Jacksonville Jaguars, it's the start of a long journey toward respectability.

With two-time MVP Aaron Rodgers at quarterback and Mike McCarthy as coach, the Packers enter their season-opening game at Jacksonville

with a seven-year postseason streak — tied with New England for the longest current run in the NFL. While they are considered Super Bowl contenders, they are surrounded by some nagging questions.

First, can Rodgers rebound after the worst season of his career? The man who owns the best passer rating in NFL history ranked just 15th in that category last season. Rather than rounding into

form throughout the preseason, Rodgers played two series and threw nine passes.

Second, can receiver Jordy Nelson rebound after missing all of last season? In 2014, Rodgers won his second MVP on the strength of Nelson's stellar season of 98 receptions for 1,519 yards and 13 touchdowns. Nelson, however, tore an ACL during the 2015 preseason. Without him, the Packers' offense went from leading the NFL in scoring in

2014 to ranking 15th in 2015. Nelson is back, but he didn't play a single snap in the preseason.

Third, how will the offensive line fare without two-time All-Pro guard Josh Sitton, who surprisingly was released on Saturday? He'll be replaced by fourth-year pro Lane Taylor, who has two career starts.

Put it together, and this offense could be a work in progress to start the season.