

Hampden's Linn scores twice in win over Vikings

HAMPDEN — Aubra Linn scored two goals to power the Hampden Academy Broncos to a 5-0 schoolgirl soccer victory over the Oxford Hills Vikings of South Paris Tuesday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Emily Colter added a goal and two assists, while Abby Lord and Ashley Mahoney each contributed one goal for the Broncos.

Oxford Hills goalie Sam Bickford made 19 saves on 27 shots. Hampden Academy goalie Eliza Eastman made three saves on three shots.

MDI 2, John Bapst 1

At Bangor, Opal Curless scored two goals in the first half to set the tone for the Trojans' victory over the Crusaders.

Keely McConomy made 18 saves on 22 shots for Mount Desert Island of Bar Harbor.

Gina Cambria scored a goal early in the second half for John Baost. Kayla Massey made 8 saves on 10 shots.

Old Town 1, Ellsworth 0

At Old Town on Monday, Callie Brackley scored off an assist from Mikayla Richards to lift Old Town past Ellsworth.

Boys Soccer

Orono 3, Bucksport 0

At Orono, Trent Lick, Ben Alan-Rahill and Calvin Murphy tallied a goal apiece as the Red Riots beat the Golden Bucks.

Jacob Fandel, Joseph Astumian and Jake Koffman provided assists for Orono to support Dennis Farnham and Nathan Reid, who combined for eight saves.

Cody Larsen piled up 28 saves for Bucksport.

Central 13, Dexter 1

At Dexter, Andrew Speed led Central with four first half goals in the first eight minutes of the game to help the Red Devils defeat the Tigers.

Zak Bailey, Nolan DeMoranville, Caleb Shaw and Grant Poulin each added a goal for Dexter, all in the first half.

Bailey led the second half scoring when he added two more goals while Andrew Prescott, Austin Morency and Micah Ward each contributed a goal.

Jordan Hughes scored the lone goal for Dexter.

Central's second half goalie Gage Poulin had one save on three shots. Dexter goalie Josh Simcock

had 10 saves on 25 shots.

Ellsworth 5, Hermon 0

At Ellsworth, Colby Clarke scored twice in the second half to propel the Eagles past the Hermon Hawks.

Ellsworth's Matt Curtis scored the game's only first half goal with 3:50 left before halftime. Alex Bralley and Sam Giffin each added a goal in the second half. Giffin's goal was assisted by Bralley.

Ellsworth goalie Bruce St. Peter had six saves on eight shots for his first career shutout. Hermon's Garrett Kiplinger and Jordan Potter combined for 12 saves on 19 shots. Ellsworth improves to 2-0 and Hermon is now 1-1.

Mattanawcook 3, Houlton 3

At Lincoln, Mattanawcook Academy sophomore John Farrington blasted the tying goal from 20 yards out with 17:58 remaining to secure the tie with Houlton.

Houlton midfielder Connor Grant scored his first of two first half goals just 30 seconds into the game. The Lynx battled back to cut the lead to 2-1 at halftime on a penalty kick by Noah Heselstine.

The second half saw numerous offensive chances on both sides and strong goaltending. Mattanawcook rallied again when Bailey Markie finished a Travis Copley cross to make it 2-2. Houlton (1-0-1) answered just nine minutes later when Pat Howe buried a rebound to reclaim the lead before Farrington's eventual tying goal.

Houlton keeper AJ Henderson made 12 saves on 18 shots. Mattanawcook was backed by Corbett Arnold's 15 saves on 24 shots for 1-0-1 Lynx.

Penobscot Valley 6, Piscataquis 3

At Guilford, Grant Doane recorded three goals for a hat trick to propel Penobscot Valley to victory.

The Howlers opened the scoring 10 minutes into the game when Doane dribbled by three Pirates defenders for his first goal. He scored his second goal with three minutes left in the half and converted again three minutes into the second half.

Thomas Spencer scored the Howlers' second and third goals on penalty kicks. Zachary Carr also added a goal via a Doane pass while Levi Thompson chipped in with an assist.

Piscataquis got on the board with 1:49 left in the game when Bryce Gilbert put a penalty kick



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Bangor's Gina Vo (left) tries to stop a pass from Brewer's Mariah Carlson during their field hockey game Tuesday at Bangor. Brewer won 2-0.

by diving PVHS goalkeeper Jaeden Folster. Then Brian Moulton dribbled the ball out of the midfield and past the Howler fullbacks for the Pirates' second goal 10 seconds later. Gilbert scored again on a loose ball header in front of the goal just before the final second of the game.

Folster made 10 saves on 24 shots for Penobscot Valley while Brandon Leavett made 13 saves on 29 shots for Piscataquis.

Bangor Chr. 3, Searsport 1

At Bangor, Tyler Welch scored all three goals for the Patriots en route to their seasoning opening win over Searsport.

Welch's goals were assisted by Luke Chandler, Erik Gorczok and Matthew Chretien.

Connor Kneeland scored the lone goal for the 1-1 Vikings on an assist by Barrett Grant.

Searsport goalie Ben Powell had 10 saves on 20 shots. BC's Austin Keib had four saves on eight shots.

Limestone 3, Van Buren 2

At Van Buren, Garrett Barb scored with a minute left in regulation, lifting the Eagles to victory over the Crusaders.

Tobyn Blatt scored twice for Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Matt Burgess and Noah Lajoie tallied a goal each for Van Buren and Joey Canwell added an assist.

Medomak Valley 4, Mount View 1

At Waldoboro, Tucker Prescott scored two goals to help the Panthers beat the Mustangs.

Alvaro Valls provided a goal and an assist and Ethan Swan also scored for Medomak Valley. Jackson Vail provided two assists while Cameron Robinson made five saves on six shots.

Mike Hustus scored on a direct kick to lead Mount View of Thorn-dike. Max Tomlin had seven stops on 19 shots.

Serena outslugs Venus to reach semis

BY STEVE KEATING
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NEW YORK — Serena Williams kept her bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam intact by outslugging older sister Venus 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 in a power-packed quarterfinal at the U.S. Open Tuesday night.

Serena entered the match with a 15-11 head-to-head advantage over Venus but the high number of losses to her 35-year-old sibling represented the most posted by any opponent against the world number one, who knew she was in for a tough fight.

The 33-year-old top seed, winner of 21 grand slam singles titles, took charge of the opening set by securing service breaks in the fifth and seventh games of a match that felt like a heavyweight title bout after a brilliant start by Venus.

However, Venus looked more like the player who has claimed seven grand slam singles titles in the second set, unleashing her power and drawing groundstroke errors from Serena for two service breaks that sent the match to a deciding third set. Serena seized control

early in the third and rode the momentum to the finish in her quest to join Maureen Connolly (1953), Margaret Court (1970) and Steffi Graf (1988) as the only women to win the Wimbledon and the Australian, French and U.S. Opens in the same season.

Next up for Serena will be Italian Roberta Vinci, who earlier defeated France's Kristina Mladenovic 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Defending champion Marin Cilic and unseeded Vinci were the first through to the semifinals of the U.S. Open, and both needed to go the distance against tough French resistance.

Cilic and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga kept everything on hold as the ninth-seeded Croat battled his way to a 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7(3), 6-4 win over the scrappy Frenchman.

Earlier, Italian Vinci needed a similar gritty effort to see off another player from France, Kristina Mladenovic, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 on another sizzling hot day at Flushing Meadows.

Cilic squandered three match points in the fourth set but came up strong in the fifth to stretch his Flushing Meadows win streak to 12 matches.

Tsonga saved two match points in the 10th game before holding for 5-5, and another in the 12th game to force a tiebreak that he won 7-3 to set up the climactic fifth set.

Cilic fought back in the final set to break Tsonga at love for a 3-2 lead and served out the set, cashing in his fifth match point in a match that stretched for four hours.

"It was a big mental fight, especially after losing that fourth set," said Cilic, who will await the winner between top seed Novak Djokovic of Serbia or Spaniard Feliciano Lopez who meet later on Tuesday night.

"Physically, it was very demanding."

Demanding, yes, but nearly as hot as the conditions faced by Vinci and Mladenovic who played the opening match of the day on a baking Arthur Ashe Stadium court.

The 32-year-old Vinci showed off her fighting spirit while Mladenovic, a decade younger, wilted in the punishing conditions using up all of her medical timeouts during the two-hour, 32-minute test.

A doubles specialist with a career grand slam on her re-

sume, Vinci finally cracked the solo code to move onto the final four in singles at a major for the first time in her 18-year career.

"It's an amazing moment for me. Unbelievable," beamed 43rd-ranked Vinci. "My first semi-final in my career."

"It was an incredible match, so tight. But I fight a lot. At the end probably we both were a little bit tired and scared about the match but I'm so happy."

Vinci, well-rested after receiving a walkover into the quarter-finals when Canadian Eugenie Bouchard was forced out of the tournament with a concussion, was pushed but never panicked against the young Frenchwoman.

After splitting the opening two sets the turning point of the match came at 3-3 in the third, when Mladenovic double-faulted twice to hand Vinci a break chance and the Italian gratefully converted to take charge.

"It's not easy to play with your sister, and Serena has a lot of pressure, I think," said Vinci.

"I'm so happy to be in the semi-finals so if I play Serena or Venus it doesn't matter."

Jays snap Red Sox 4-game win streak

BY MIKE SHALIN
THE SPORTS XCHANGE

BOSTON — Toronto third baseman Josh Donaldson took another step toward winning the American League Most Valuable Player Award on Tuesday night.

Donaldson led off the 10th inning with a triple that led to a double crew chief review — first to see if it was a home run and then to determine if he was out or safe at third. He eventually scored on shortstop Troy Tulowitzki's single to key a four-run inning that gave the Blue Jays an important 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

The win, coupled with the Yankees' 2-1 loss to the Baltimore Orioles in New York, increased the Jays' lead in the AL East to a game and a half.

The Red Sox saw their four-game winning streak end, and they dropped back into last place in the East, a game behind the Orioles.

Donaldson missed his 38th homer of the season by inches — if at all — when his high fly ball off Alexi Ogando (2-1) hit the top of the left field wall. Right fielder Jose Bautista flied to short center, and designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion walked. Tulowitzki then snapped the tie with his second hit of the game, to the delight of the impressive number of Toronto fans in the stands.

First baseman Chris Colabello followed with his second hit to score another run, and Ogando balked home the third run of the inning. After a wild pitch, center fielder Kevin Pillar hit a sacrifice fly to left. Colabello would have been out at the plate on left fielder Brock Holt's throw, but catcher Blake Swihart dropped the ball while making the tag.

Right-hander Aaron San-

chez (7-5) worked a scoreless ninth for the win, and righty Roberto Osuna finished up in what became a non-save situation.

R.A. Dickey, taking his first shot at his 100th career win, was pulled after six innings and just 80 pitches. He allowed one run on four hits. Dickey remains unbeaten in 10 starts (7-0) since his last loss on July 9.

Boston starter Henry Owens battled through 5 1/3 innings of one-run ball. The rookie pulled with two on in the sixth after 95 pitches. Right-hander Jean Machi, the first of five Red Sox relievers used in the game, came on and got a double play to end the threat.

Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia, off the disabled list after not playing since July 22, returned and went 1-for-4. He left the game after the ninth inning.

First baseman Travis Shaw homered for the Red Sox run in the second inning after the Jays took a 1-0 lead in the first without a hit.

Left fielder Ben Revere was hit by the second pitch of the game and took second when Bautista drew a one-out walk. Revere and Bautista then pulled a double steal (Revere's 25th stolen base between the Philllies and Jays), and Encarnacion grounded out to score Revere.

It was Encarnacion's 26th RBI in his last 16 games.

Orioles 2, Yankees 1

NEW YORK — Chris Davis led off the top of the ninth inning with his 41st home run, lifting the Baltimore Orioles to a 2-1 victory over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

Until Davis homered, the Orioles mustered only a solo home run by first baseman Ryan Flaherty in the sixth while striking out 10 times in eight innings off right-hander Masahiro Tanaka.

Too late, but Red Sox finally round into form

BY MIKE SHALIN
THE SPORTS XCHANGE

BOSTON — In the grand 2015 scheme of things, it doesn't matter, but the Boston Red Sox are hot under the new boss.

With new club president Dave Dombrowski watching and evaluating for 2016, the Red Sox have climbed into a tie for fourth place in the American League East and have moved to within two games of third place before Tuesday night's game against the Blue Jays. The last time the Red Sox were

higher than last was June 8. With the pressure off, the hitters are hitting, the pitchers are pitching and the fielders are fielding. The latest example was an 11-4 win over the first-place Toronto Blue Jays on Monday.

"We're a very quick striking offense," interim manager Torey Lovullo said after the Red Sox's fourth consecutive win, the 15th in 23 games with him at the helm as John Farrell battles lymphoma. "We are capitalizing in key situations. We're not giving away at-bats, and it's going hand in hand with our pitching. There's no mystery to it. We

are getting outstanding starting pitching."

With new-found offensive star Jackie Bradley Jr. leading the way, the Red Sox have 33 runs on 49 hits during the winning streak. Going back five games, Boston has 41 runs on 62 hits.

The Red Sox have hit .311 and have a plus-51 run differential in the past 28 games.

The starting pitching allowed eight earned runs in the four games, and the defense turned four double plays Monday.

Pedroia back in lineup After missing seven weeks with a strained right hamstring, Boston Red Sox

second baseman Dustin Pedroia returned to the lineup Tuesday night.

The Red Sox activated Pedroia from the 15-day disabled list earlier in the day. He missed 57 games with the same injury that kept him out of action in late June and mid-July.

The 32-year-old Pedroia, the 2008 American League MVP, is batting .287 with nine home runs and 34 RBIs this season.

The Red Sox also recalled right-handers Jonathan Aro and Matt Barnes from Triple-A Pawtucket and selected the contract of left-hander Rich Hill from Pawtucket.