

# Husson seeks bounce-back game at Alfred State

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Husson University is the only Maine college football team in action on Saturday.

C o a c h G a b b y P r i c e ' s E a g l e s w i l l face an Alfred — this time Alfred State College — for the second straight week.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The University of Maine and Maine Maritime Academy of Castine are both idle, while Colby Bates and Bowdoin are gearing up for their Sept. 29 season openers.

**Husson Eagles (0-1) at Alfred Pioneers (0-1), 1 p.m., Pioneer Stadium, Alfred, New York:** Husson looks to rebound from a season-opening 39-25 home loss to Alfred University when it takes on the Pioneers.

The Eagles lead the all-time series 2-1, including a 34-28 overtime win last season in Bangor. They're looking for some momentum heading into an unusual two-week stretch with no games.

Alfred State, which dropped its opener 42-20 to

William Patterson, is among three NCAA Division III programs without a conference affiliation.

Husson surrendered 39 points but only 313 yards last week, but it put themselves in difficult positions with four turnovers (two fumbles, two interceptions). The defense, led by linebacker Ellis Throckmorton of Bangor (13 tackles) and safety Kenny Sweet (11 tackles), will have to contend with a Pioneers squad that passed for 221 of its 254 yards in the opener.

Alfred State is paced by quarterback Jason McMahon (16-for-23, 172 yards, two touchdowns), wideout Josh Ashley (six receptions, 71 yds., one TD) and running back Joshua Hinds (17 carries, 41 yds.).

The Eagles offense features the running talents of tailback John Smith (24 carries, 81 yds.), quarterback Joe Seccareccia of Bangor (20-for-38, 258 yds., two TDs, two interceptions), and wideout Deon Wiggins (four receptions, 134 yds, two TDs).

The Pioneers are 2-14 since moving to Division III in 2013.



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Husson University quarterback Joe Seccareccia (7) makes a carry and is tackled by Alfred State's Matt Macagne (90) in the first half of their game last September in Bangor. Husson won 34-28, and the two teams will meet again Saturday in Alfred, New York.

## UM field hockey rolls to 4th victory

ORONO — Danielle Aviani and Cassidy Svetek each scored first-half goals in the first 30 minutes as the Black Bears went on to beat the Providence College Friars 4-1 in field hockey action Friday

## COLLEGE ROUNDPUP

The Bears improved to 4-1.

Nicole Sevey and Madison Cummings each chipped in with a second-half goal for Maine before Providence's Andrienne Houle answered with an unassisted goal at the 64:42 mark.

Casey Crowley chipped in with two assists for Maine and Sevey added one.

Maine had a slight edge in shots, 12-11, with Providence's Deidra Clymer making four saves. Emma Cochran made four saves in the first half for the Black Bears and Emily Corbett made two in the second half.

## Men's Soccer

UMFK 7, Davis 0

At Johnson City, N.Y., Lewis Temple scored three of his team's six first-half goals as UMaine-Fort Kent rolled to the victory.

Justin Soontiens, Stuart Conway and Kyle Robin each added a first-half goal for UMFK (8-0) and Milton Christopher scored in the second half. Kurt Skeritt chipped in with two assists.

## Castleton 2, MMA 0

At Bangor, Jake Tietgens scored a first-half goal and Cameron Rossi-Crete added one in the second half as Castleton State shut out Maine Maritime Academy at Husson University's Challenge Cup.

Steven Koenemann assisted on the first goal and the second was unassisted.

Amir Pasic made three saves on eight shots for Castleton (2-2) while Marshall Spear and Joshua Reeks combined for six saves on 16 shots for MMA (1-4).

## Women's Soccer

Walsh 3, UMFK 1

At North Canton, Ohio, Walsh scored the game's first two goals and then held off UMaine-Fort Kent to hand the Bengals their first loss of the season.

All of the scoring occurred in the first half with Jessie Gearhart and Kristen Conti each scoring for Walsh four minutes into the game.

Veronica De La Cruz answered for UMFK from a Kayla Richards assist at the 13:48 mark, but Gearhart scored again for Walsh to restore the two-goal lead 18 minutes later.

Michelle Delgadillo finished with two saves on 11 shots for UMFK (7-1) while Michaela Stucky made four saves on 12 shots for Walsh (2-1-1).



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MCI player Curtis McLeod carries the ball for the Huskies in the first half of their high school football game against Orono on Friday in Orono.

## Orono

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Bertrand, whose team has outscored its first two opponents by a combined 131-0. "We just needed to be physical and execute what we do and we were able to do that and capitalize on the opportunities we had."

Senior fullback Alex Bertrand added touchdown runs of 9 and 1 yards for MCI, while

reserve backs Pedro Matos and Jeff Boutwell each scored from 3 yards out in the second half as the Huskies displayed their depth.

"This year we've got more than 55 kids, which is the most I've seen in a long time," said Vigue. "With that we can work more guys in during practice and that makes us better when we get out on the field. We can get a lot more guys in, keep legs fresh and that benefits us in every way."

## Rays rally for five in 8th to beat Sox

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ST. PETERSBURG, Florida — Late-inning rallies have been few and far between for the Tampa Bay Rays this season, but they rallied for five runs in the eighth inning Friday night, surprising the Boston Red Sox with an 8-4 win to open a 10-game home stand at Tropicana Field.

Boston (66-74) enjoyed its own rally for a 4-3 lead in the sixth after chasing Rays starter Chris Archer, but Tampa Bay answered in the eighth with three straight hits off Red Sox reliever Junichi Tazawa. Third baseman Evan Longoria doubled, second baseman Logan Forsythe tied the game with an RBI single, and shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera hit a two-run home run — his 12th of the season — for the 6-4 lead. If that wasn't enough, catcher J.P. Arencibia added another two-run home run before the inning was over.

The Rays (69-71) were 5-53 this season when trailing

after seven innings, and the win helps keep alive their wild-card hopes, though Texas' win Friday keeps them five games back and behind four teams for the second wild card in the American League.

The Red Sox chased Archer with no outs in the sixth after 108 pitches, and Rays reliever Enny Romero allowed both inherited runners to score, on an RBI double by first baseman Travis Shaw and an infield single by third baseman Pablo Sandoval. Brandon Gomes replaced Romero, but gave up a sacrifice fly to catcher Ryan Hanigan for a 4-3 Boston lead.

The Rays threatened in the seventh, with center fielder Kevin Kiermaier hitting a leadoff double and advancing on a wild pitch to put the tying run at third with no outs. But after a strikeout, Rays designated hitter Brandon Guyer hit a weak grounder to third base and Kiermaier tried to score, with Sandoval throwing home for the easy out.

Given another chance in the eighth, the Rays capitalized off reliever Junichi Tazawa. Boston starter Wade Miley lasted seven innings, keeping the Rays scoreless in the last six after falling behind 3-1 in the first inning.

The Rays jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first inning, getting hits from their first three batters against Red Sox starter Wade Miley.

Brandon Guyer, playing designated hitter for just the second time this season, led off with a double and scored on an RBI single by rookie left fielder Mikie Mahtook. Mahtook took second on an error and scored on an RBI double by third baseman Evan Longoria, who then scored on a two-out RBI single by outfielder Steven Souza in his first at-bat in six weeks after coming off the disabled list.

Boston had struck first for a 1-0 lead in the first off Rays starter Chris Archer, getting a two-out single from shortstop Xander Bogaerts,

who then scored on a double by designated hitter David Ortiz. Archer put two on with a walk, but got out of the inning by striking out third baseman Pablo Sandoval.

From there, Archer dominated, striking out the side in the second and third innings — his seven straight strikeouts matched a Rays record, set by Andy Sonnanstine in 2007.

NOTES: The Rays got OF Steven Souza back after missing six weeks with a fractured left hand. He came off the 15-day disabled list and started in right field, batting sixth. He's still without in two home runs (15) of the American League rookie lead — Houston's Carlos Correa has 17 — despite missing 45 games with injuries. ... The Red Sox claimed RHP Roman Mendez off waivers from the Texas Rangers, and he was active for Friday night's game. To make room on the 40-man roster, Boston transferred RHP Koji Uehara to the 60-day disabled list.

## Open

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and Wimbledon wins to take her career grand slam total to 21, third on the all-time list behind Court (24) and Graf (22).

Williams' Wimbledon triumph enabled her to boast possession of all four grand slam titles at the same time for the second "Serena Slam" of her career after first accomplishing the feat when winning the 2003 Australian Open.

Yet Williams had to fight through lapses along the way.

The world number one was extended to three sets twice at the Australian Open, five times at the French Open and twice more at Wimbledon.

She even relied on her champion's survival instincts when she stood two points from defeat against British outsider Heather Watson in the third round at Wimbledon.

But whereas rivals in the caliber of her sister Venus and twice grand slam champion Victoria Azarenka managed to stretch Serena to three sets at the majors, delivering the killer punch seemed to be a feat beyond their capability.

It was left to a 43rd ranked, 300-1 long-shot to show the world that Serena Williams could be beaten.

In the other semifinal, face Flavia Pennetta crushed Romanian second seed Simona Halep 6-1, 6-3 in a stunning upset that put the Italian into her first grand slam final Saturday.

Pennetta, 33, entered the contest as the clear underdog but the 26th seed showed her experience and was not overwhelmed on the big stage having reached at



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Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits to Marin Cilic of Croatia on Day Twelve of the U.S. Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Friday.

least the quarter-finals at Flushing Meadows in six of the last seven years.

"It's amazing. I didn't think to be so far in the tournament," said Pennetta. "Today I think I played really well."

Pennetta, playing in her 49th grand slam, needed 59 minutes to get by Halep and secure a long-awaited berth in the final of one of the sport's four blue riband tournaments.

Aside from her U.S. Open resume there was little to hint at a U.S. Open final by Pennetta, who by her own

admission had an unimpressive run-up to the year's final grand slam that included second-round exits in Toronto and Cincinnati and a first-round loss in New Haven.

"I just tried to play every match the best I can from the first one. Try not to think too much about the draw, just play match by match," Pennetta said.

In the first men's semifinal, top-seeded Serbian Novak Djokovic crushed defending U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic 6-0, 6-1, 6-2 to secure passage to his

fourth consecutive grand slam final.

Djokovic needed just 85 minutes to bring Cilic's title defence to an end.

With the rout, Djokovic ran his record to 14-0 against the ninth-seeded Croat and moved one win away from adding to his 2015 grand slam triumphs at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

The Serbian world number one will next play the winner of an all-Swiss showdown between five-times U.S. Open winner Roger Federer and French Open champion Stan Wawrinka.