

Bender leads Trojans to win over Raiders

BAR HARBOR — Ally Bender recorded a hat trick to help lead the Trojans to a 6-1 victory over Washington Academy of East Machias in girls high school soccer action Wednesday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Ashley Porter put the Raiders on the board first with 23:40 into the game off a breakaway. Bender evened the score two minutes later off a through ball, assisted by Cadi Howell. Paige Mason scored what would prove to be the game-winner with 8:22 left in the first half. Adriana Novella notched a goal just before halftime on an assist by Daisy Granholm for Mount Desert Island.

In the second half, Novella served a long ball to Bender, who scored her third goal off an assist by Mei Cook. Abbe Miller connected on a cross served into the net by Natalie Klaver.

MDI's Cassia Barnes had three saves on four shots while WA's Hannah Atcherson made 10 saves on 28 shots.

Hodgdon 7, East Grand 3

At Hodgdon, Taylor Desrosiers led the Hawks to victory over East Grand with four goals and one assist.

Jill Gough contributed two goals and one assist for 4-1 Hodgdon. Sidney Crane chipped in a goal and one assist while Maddi Merritt and Katherine Rediker both assisted.

Haleigh Shay led the Vikings of Danforth with three unassisted goals.

For Hodgdon, Jessica Drew made

nine saves on 15 shots. Kianna Caisie had 23 saves on 35 shots for East Grand.

John Bapst 7, Mattanawcook Acad. 0

At Lincoln, Eilidh Sidaway recorded a hat trick and an assist to power John Bapst of Bangor past Mattanawcook Academy.

Also scoring for the 3-1 Crusaders were Grace Philippon, Abbey Legasse, Gina Cambria and Haley Grover with one goal apiece. Tia Zephir and Anna Zmistowski each had two assists.

Kayla Massey stopped all four shots she faced for John Bapst. Symone Malbaurn made 18 saves on 29 shots for the Lynx (1-3).

JV: John Bapst 2-0

Penobscot Valley 4, Greenville 3

At Greenville, Lexi Ireland scored on a penalty kick with 2:30 left in the second overtime to lead undefeated Penobscot Valley of Howland past the Lakers and give Ryan Reed his 100th career coaching victory.

Ireland also scored another goal and Tori Watts tallied two goals for the 4-0 Howlers. Judy King and Lauren Reed each provided assists.

For Greenville (0-3), Jessica Pomerleau recorded all three goals with assists from Morgan Noyes, Bianca Breton and Aleya Pelletier.

Southern Aroostook 5, Washburn 1

At Dyer Brook, Kylie Vining netted three goals to propel the Warriors past Washburn.

Emma Nadeau and Katie Stevens also scored for Southern Aroostook off assists from Katelyn Slauenwhite and Vining. Makelyn

Porter and Kacy Daggett chipped in with an assist apiece.

Washburn's goal was scored by Kristen Sarmiento, unassisted.

Sydney Brewer made 10 saves on 12 shots for the 1-2-2 Warriors while Maggie Castonguay had 12 saves on 21 shots for 3-7-1 Washburn.

Madawaska 8, Wisdom 0

At Madawaska, Kasie Blanche netted two goals to lead the Owls to the shutout over the neighboring Wisdom Pioneers.

Jenna Dugal opened the scoring with a goal at the 38:04 mark and contributed three assists. Gabby Cyr chipped in a goal with two assists. Adding one goal apiece for the 6-3 Owls were Emily Boucher, Desiree Belanger, Riley Lausier and Harley Berube.

Madawaska's Cassidy Beaulieu made two saves on three shots while Alyssa Banville made 16 saves on 24 shots for 3-4-2 Wisdom of St. Agatha.

GSA 5, Ellsworth 0

At Ellsworth, Nellie Haldane recorded two goals to pace George Stevens Academy of Blue Hill to victory.

Morgan Dauk, Lindsay Nevin, Hattie Slayton each chipped in one goal for the winners.

GSA goalie Bess McArthur made six saves while Callie Hammer had 16 saves for Ellsworth.

Boys Soccer

Hodgdon 3, East Grand 1

At Hodgdon, Wyatt Foster scored two of his three goals in the second half to provide the go-ahead goal and an insurance tally in the

Hawks' win over the Vikings.

Daden Palmer assisted on two goals and Dylan Jurson had the other assist for 5-0 Hodgdon. Josh Foster made 13 saves on 14 shots.

East Grand of Danforth (2-2) had tied the game on a goal by Peter Apgar. Thomas Gilman racked up 22 saves on 43 shots.

Foxcroft Acad. 6, Piscataquis 4

At Guilford, Levi Stedman tallied two goals to lift Foxcroft Academy to a come-from-behind win over the host Pirates.

Cam Kane scored off a Dillon Drew cross 33 seconds into the game to give Piscataquis (3-2) the lead. The Ponies (3-2) came back with goals from Steadman and Chandler Rockwell. Kane scored the equalizer from a Bryce Gilbert assist and Gilbert scored back-to-back goals to put the Pirates up 4-2.

Foxcroft came back in force with goals from Philip Pleninger, Jason Eubanks, Jae Park and Stedman's second goal to secure the win.

Logan Butera made four saves on nine shots for the Ponies and the Pirates' Tyler Febus had 13 saves on 28 shots.

Shead 5, Machias 0

At Eastport, Ethan Lank scored two goals to help the Tigers beat the Bulldogs in a rain-shortened match.

Matt Harris, Greg Jarrett and Damien Lank each added a goal for the Tigers (2-2).

The Bulldogs (0-3) started the match with 10 players and played down at least one man until the match was called due to weather with 25 minutes remaining.

Orono 2, Old Town 1

At Orono, sophomore Trent Lick scored twice to help the Red Riots slip past Old Town for the win.

Niko Knapp scored the opening goal for the Coyotes with five minutes to go on the first half.

For Old Town, Austin Sheehan and Tyler McCannel combined for 17 saves while Orono's Nathan Reid had 11 saves on 18 shots.

Southern Aroostook 4, Washburn 1

At Dyer Brook, Jackson Mathers and Tyler Batchelder each had two goals to pace Southern Aroostook to the win over Washburn.

Mathers, Batchelder and Johnathan Hardy had the assists for the 3-2 Warriors.

Quintin Thompson scored the lone goal for the 2-7-2 Beavers.

SA goalie Nolan Altwater made four saves on eight shots while Washburn's Caleb Thompson and McCall Turner combined for 14 saves on 20 shots.

Sumner 6, DI-Stonington 3

At Deer-Isle on Tuesday, the Mariners opened up the scoring with a goal by Rodrigo Cespedes but Sumner would battle back with three goals by Brandon Grinnan before the end of the first half en route to the victory.

Grinnan finished with four goals with another score in the second half, following goals by Orlando Herrera and Aidan Weaver for 2-1 Sumner.

Deer-Isle Stonington (0-4) scored first in the second half with a goal by Steven Cochrane and Colby Haskell added a goal.

Newton

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Blandino said Tuesday he believed one penalty had not been flagged for a hit on Newton that should have been called. Blandino likely was talking about Marshall's hit when he launched himself into Newton, hitting the quarterback in the helmet.

"We reviewed all of the hits in the game, just like we do for every other game," Blandino said on Tuesday's edition of NFL Total Access, "and there was one call that we felt was missed."

The NFL and the NFL Players Association each said earlier in the week they are investigating the response by medical personnel during the game after Newton absorbed multiple hits to the head.

Newton's father, Cecil Newton, said the family was "grossly disturbed" by the repeated shots his son absorbed in Week 1.

Broncos coach Gary Kubiak defended his players against criticisms that the team is playing "dirty."

"I disagree," Kubiak said Monday. "We play hard, we're going to continue to play hard."

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said the 6-foot-5, 245-pound Newton, the reigning MVP of the NFL, isn't being



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Denver Broncos inside linebacker Brandon Marshall (right) hits Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton in the third quarter at Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver, Colorado, last Thursday. The NFL fined Marshall \$24,309 for the hit. The NFL also fined Broncos safety Darian Stewart \$18,231 for a hit against Newton in the fourth quarter.

treated like someone of that stature.

"I think there is a little bit of prejudice to that," Rivera said of the lack of penalties. "It's kind of like Shaquille

O'Neal. He's a big, physical basketball player and he goes to set a pick and they fall down and they call a foul on him. Then he goes to shoot a layup and gets

hacked and hammered and they don't call it."

Blandino said quarterbacks lose protection when they transition from passing threat to running threat.

"It's basically the posture will dictate his protection," Blandino said. "So if he's in running posture, ball tucked, advancing it as a runner, he's treated like a runner and he doesn't get special protection. If he's in a passing posture, whether he's inside the pocket/outside the pocket, he's still going to get passer protection — head, neck, crown to the body — those types of protection. So it's the posture that dictates the protection.

"You can be scrambling in the pocket/outside the pocket, tuck the ball and then bring the ball up to throw and throw a forward pass. So you go from a runner to a passer again, so it can go back and forth."

Blandino was asked about the offsetting penalties — the helmet-to-helmet hit and intentional grounding — being called late in Thursday night's game despite heightened concussion awareness.

"That's the rule," Blandino said. "If it were a 5-yard penalty on the offense, say it was an illegal formation or an illegal shift, that 5-yard penalty would go away and only the 15-yard personal foul would be enforced. But if it's a 10-yard penalty or a foul like grounding, the fouls offset."

Red Sox

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four walks with four strikeouts.

Bogaerts clubbed his 19th homer, Travis Shaw was 3-for-4, and Pedroia and Jackie Bradley Jr. had two hits apiece for Boston.

"(A five-run deficit) in Fenway Park is nothing," Shaw said. "We didn't think that was going to be enough to win tonight."

Drew Pomeranz (2-5) lasted only two-plus innings, surrendering five runs on four hits and two walks while striking out three. He dropped to 10-12 overall after beginning the year with the San Diego Padres.

Pomeranz ran into trouble early and was gone before an out was recorded in the third inning.

Hardy launched a 3-2 pitch from Pomeranz for a three-run homer, which bounced off the Selfe sign on top of the Green Monster in left field with one out in the second.

It was Hardy's first homer since an Aug. 29 blast and his 10th of the campaign.

Reimold, making his first start since Sept. 3, added a two-run shot — his sixth of 2016 — two batters later, clanging a 3-2 Pomeranz pitch off the light tower on the Monster.

"It's pretty frustrating," Pomeranz said. "I was trying to get in on some of those guys and the ball was just shooting back over toward the middle of the plate."

Bundy didn't fare much better in the Baltimore second, loading the bases with one out in the frame.

He walked Ryan Hanigan and Pedroia in consecutive plate appearances to cut Boston's deficit to three, but struck out Bogaerts and induced an inning-ending David Ortiz bounce out to first.

"It could have been a lot worse," Bundy said. "It could have been 6-5 or something like that."

Bogaerts redeemed himself with a solo blast onto the second row of the Monster to lead off the fifth.

Schoop's insurance blast in the ninth was his 24th of 2016.

Dodgers 2, Yankees 0

NEW YORK — Clayton Kershaw retired the first 12 hitters he faced but had his second start since returning from a back injury halted by a second rain delay while Justin Turner produced the tiebreaking double with none out in the top of the ninth inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 2-0 victory over the New York Yankees on Wednesday.

Corey Seager opened the inning against Dellin Betances (3-5) when his one-hopper went off second baseman Starlin Castro's glove for an error. Seager stole second on a 3-2 pitch to Turner and two pitches

later, the third baseman doubled down the left field line.

Turner slid head first into second and his head collided with the back of Castro's left leg. After getting looked at for a few minutes by manager Dave Roberts and a trainer, Turner advanced to third on Adrian Gonzalez's fly ball to deep left field.

Turner then scored the second run on a throwing error by Betances. Yasmani Grandal hit a one-hopper to the first base side of the mound and Betances' throw sailed over catcher Gary Sanchez's glove as Turner slid home.

Luis Avilan (2-0) struck out pinch hitter Brian McCann to end the seventh with runners at first and second. He also struck out Jacoby Ellsbury to end the eighth after walking Brett Gardner.

Kenley Jansen retired Didi Gregorius as the potential tying run with a runner on second in the ninth and recorded his 44th save.

Kershaw needed only 44 pitches to get through the first four innings, which were interrupted by a 12-minute rain delay after the top of the fourth. In those innings, the left-hander had three strikeouts, six groundouts and three fly balls.

He lost his perfect game bid when Castro's one-hopper deflected off the top of Turner's glove and into left field for an error.

Rays 8, Blue Jays 1

TORONTO — The win was a long time coming for Alex Cobb.

In his third start since returning from Tommy John surgery, the Tampa Bay Rays right-hander held the Toronto Blue Jays to one run on two hits over 6 2/3 innings Wednesday afternoon in an 8-1 victory.

Cobb (1-0), who struck out four and walked three, last won in the majors on Sept. 23, 2014, against the Boston Red Sox.

Corey Dickerson hit a home run and had four RBIs and Kevin Kiermaier also went deep for the Rays in the rubber match of the three-game series.

"The amount if progress I've made in the last two starts has been tremendous," Cobb said. "I love winning. It's why starters go out there. You want to win the ball game, you want to work deep."

The Rays (62-83) took the season set 11-8 from the skidding Blue Jays (79-66), who are 3-9 in September.

"We're not playing very good baseball right now, either end of it," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "I've got to believe we're at rock bottom. I'm still optimistic that it will turn."

Toronto entered Wednesday in a second-place tie with the Baltimore Orioles, two games behind the first-place Boston Red Sox in the American League East.

Bakhtiari signs \$51.6M deal with Green Bay

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GREEN BAY, Wisconsin — Left tackle David Bakhtiari agreed to a four-year contract extension with the Green Bay Packers worth \$51.6 million.

Bakhtiari was a direct beneficiary of the Packers' NFL NOTEBOOK Pro Bowl guard Josh Sitton at the deadline to reduce regular-season rosters to 53 players.

By releasing Sitton before rosters were set, the Packers freed up additional money

and had \$16 million in cap space to invest before the 2017 league year.

Eagles impressed with Wentz's poise

PHILADELPHIA — Any questions that anyone had about Carson Wentz's readiness to be an NFL starting quarterback were emphatically answered on Sunday.

The cool-as-a-cucumber rookie from North Dakota State completed 22 of 37 passes for 278 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions in the Philadelphia Eagles' 29-10 win over the Cleveland Browns.

His 101.0 passer rating was the highest mark by an Eagles rookie since John Reaves (104.4) in 1972. His 278 passing yards were the fourth most ever by an Eagles rookie and the most by a rookie in his first start since at least 1960.

Of course, everything needs to be tempered by the fact that it came against what may well be the league's worst team. But it was a nice way to start his career.

He'll get a slightly bigger test Monday night when the Eagles travel to Chicago to play the Bears in a nationally televised game. But nothing appears too big for the kid

from North Dakota State.

He openly admits that he doesn't get nervous. "It's a game," he said before the win over the Browns, as if that explained everything. "I just try to go out there and have fun."

"This is who he is," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said. "This is his DNA. He prepared like a five-, six-year veteran, and obviously, he played that way."

"He enjoyed himself from Day 1 when he got here," wide receiver Nelson Agholor said. "He knew what was in front of him, and he just continued to get better."

Raymond propels UMF field hockey past USM

FARMINGTON — Carly Raymond scored the first of her two goals 13 minutes into the game and goalie Patty Smith made it hold up as the University of Maine-Farmington posted a 4-0 field hockey victory over the University of Southern Maine on Wednesday night at Prescott Field.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Emma Spahr scored the second goal of the half, before Lauren Watson set up Nickyia Lovely to make it

3-0. Raymond added a second-half goal off an Andrea Stemm assist to support Smith, who finished with three saves for the 4-0 Beavers.

Amanda Kasbohm came up with 12 saves and Elizabeth Amadei saw time in the cage for the University of Southern Maine of Gorham (3-3).

Women's Soccer Bowdoin 3, Bates 0

At Brunswick, Sophie Lemmer's early goal proved

enough offense as the Polar Bears earned a NESCAC shutout of the Bobcats.

Evan Fencik and Anna Mellman scored a goal each for Bowdoin (2-1-0, 1-1-0 NESCAC), while Morgen Gallagher and Lauren McLaughlin provided assists.

Bowdoin received three saves from Rachel Stout. Sarah McCarthy made nine stops for Bates College of Lewiston (2-2, 0-2 NESCAC).

USM 2, Salem State 1

At Gorham, Sarah Mi-

chaud one-timed a shot to the top of the goal in the 65th minute to break a one goal tie and lead the University of Southern Maine to victory over Salem State at Hannaford Field.

Analies Ross-Dyjak scored off an Adela Kalilwa assist and Taylor Canastra gathered in six saves for the 3-2 Huskies.

Allison Celia scored off a Katie Brown assist for 0-5 Salem State. Amanda Backe made two saves.