

Eylar scores 4 goals in win over Royals

EASTPORT — Ryan Eylar scored four goals to power the Shead Tigers to a 6-1 victory over the Jonesport-Beals Royals in high school boys soccer action Monday.

Ian Sullivan added two goals for the Tigers. Drew Greenlaw and Sullivan each re-recorded an assist.

Kendrick Alley scored for the Royals.

Philipp Farrell and CJ Francis combined to make 10 saves on 11 shots for the Tigers. Austin Grant recorded 10 saves on 16 shots for the Royals.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Lee 2, Piscataquis 1

At Guilford, Luis Licon Portillo scored two minutes into the second half, giving the Pandas the margin of victory against the Pirates.

Simon Calo had tied it with a goal late in the first half for 2-0-2 Lee Academy. Maurice Kopp made 15 saves.

Bryce Gilbert scored off a Ben Morrill cross to pace 1-5 Piscataquis Community, which outshot

lee 33-12. Brandon Leavitt made 11 saves on 12 shots.

Woodland 2, Machias 1

At Baileyville, Drew Hayward scored both goals to lead the Dragons past the Bulldogs.

Cameron Johnson scored early in the first half to give Machias (2-2) the lead. With under five minutes left in the first half, Hayward scored the game-winner off an assist from Dylan Leighton.

So. Aroostook 7, Hodgdon 2

At Hodgdon, Southern Aroostook used hat tricks from Tyler Batchelder and Jackson Mathers to pick up the win. Josh Perrin scored the other goal for Southern Aroostook of Dyer Brook (2-3).

Daden Palmer and Wyatt Foster tallied goals for Hodgdon (4-1).

Girls Soccer

Sumner 0, Bucksport 0

At East Sullivan, Bucksport's

Tess Solomon recorded a shutout along with Sumner's Mariah Kinghorn and Kala Young as the teams battled to a stalemate through two overtime periods.

Solomon had a save for Bucksport (0-3-2) while Kinghorn had three and Young had four for Sumner (2-2-2).

Calais 2, Narraguagus 1

At Harrington, Sydney Farrar's goal with 20 minutes left in the second half gave the Blue Devils the winning edge over the Knights.

Sasha Crowley scored with three minutes left in the first half off an assist from Kymberli Dow to put the Knights on top. Calais' Katie Cavanaugh scored the tying goal with 36 seconds before halftime.

Goalie Anna Jean McClure had nine saves for Calais while Kylee Joyce made 16 saves for Narraguagus.

Penquis 3, Dexter 1

At Milo, freshmen Camryn Rolfe and Cymeria Robshaw com-

bined to score all three goals as the the Patriots beat the Tigers.

Robshaw scored 2 goals, one assisted by Rolfe, who converted a penalty kick in the second half to cement the win for Penquis. Jordan Durant made 17 saves on 23 shots.

Skyler Theodore scored the goal for Dexter and Reaghan Patterson had 10 saves on 25 shots.

Schenck 4, Lee 0

At East Millinocket, Olivia Gallant racked up three goals to carry the Wolverines to victory.

Anna Sewall provided a goal and an assist and Samantha Falone added an assist for Schenck. Taylor McLaughlin and Allison Noddin combined to make 7 saves on 7 shots.

Amber Wilcoxson registered 15 saves on 21 shots for Lee Academy.

So. Aroostook 3, Hodgdon 2

At Hodgdon, Makaelyn Porter, Lily Leavitt and Kassidy Mathers each scored a goal to give the War-

rriors of Dyer Brook their first win of the season.

Jill Gough sparked Hodgdon with a goal and an assist while Taylor Desrosier added a goal.

Southern Aroostook is now 1-3-1 and Hodgdon is 4-1.

Field Hockey

Dexter 3, Mattanawcook 0

At Lincoln, Dexter scored all three goals in the second half to defeat Mattanawcook.

Kolby Kain scored two goals and Kaitlyn Webber added a goal and an assist. Abby Webber and Grace Belanger each had an assist for 4-1 Dexter.

For 2-5 Mattanawcook, Madison Page had 16 saves on 29 shots. Dexter's Kaitlyn Paquin had 3 saves on 4 shots.

Stearns 2, John Baptist 0

At Millinocket, Cassidy McLeod scored both goals and Jessica Girsra had one assist to help Stearns blank John Baptist.

JV: 3-3

Central Aroostook beats Limestone

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LIMESTONE — Dane Kingsbury only was able to play in half of Monday's high school soccer match, but the senior made the most of his time on the field.

Kingsbury scored on three different types of free kicks in the final 23 minutes, helping erase a two-goal deficit to lead visiting Central Aroostook to a 3-2 victory over the Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics Eagles.

The Panthers moved to 6-1 to stay atop the Class D North standings, while the Eagles, who moved up to Class C this fall, fell to 2-4.

After having to sit out the first 40 minutes due to missing a practice Saturday, Kingsbury provided a huge spark in the second half.

BOYS SOCCER

He scored directly on a corner kick to make it a one-goal game to open the offensive flurry.

"I wasn't taking the corner kicks at the beginning of the year, but one practice I started bending them in, so coach [Cody Tompkins] told me to start taking them," Kingsbury said. "As soon as we got that goal, we seemed to gain a lot of energy."

With just 5:49 to play, a hand ball in the penalty area sent Kingsbury to attempt the ensuing penalty kick, and his



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LCS/MSSM's Ahmed Beshir (left) tries to control the ball while being defended by Central Aroostook's Logan Grass during Monday's match in Limestone. The Panthers won 3-2.

blast to the right side of the goal tied the match.

"[Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics' Matthew Pelkey] was a good 'keeper, so I was just trying to keep it as low as possible," Kingsbury said.

Eagles coach Jon Hamilton said that goal was "a huge momentum changer" and his squad never recovered.

"It was a bad break on that hand ball, but after that I think we kind of lost our heads out there," he said. "We

were really tired and had some mental breakdowns. Up until that point I thought we had played very well."

Kingsbury's final goal came just over 2:30 later. After another Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics foul, the ball was set 25 yards from the goal. Even though Tompkins told him to chip the ball into the goalie box, Kingsbury had other ideas.

"I saw it, so I took it," said a grinning Kingsbury.

"Coach is going to be mad at me for that one."

Tompkins was more than forgiving afterwards.

"Good players like Dane know how to make big things happen, and he had a good instinct and he felt it," Tompkins said. "I always tell my players that even if I tell you one thing, if you are feeling it, go ahead and commit to it. Dane came up huge and put us on the scoreboard big."

The Eagles broke out to the lead after controlling play throughout much of the first half. They enjoyed a 12-7 shot advantage over the opening 40 minutes, with dangerous forwards Ahmed Beshir and Tobyn Blatt combining for nine of the chances. The only goal was the result of a through-pass by Blatt that Beshir raced onto and drilled past Central Aroostook goalkeeper Lane Grass with 11:53 to go before intermission.

Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics kept the pressure on early in the first half and Blatt, a crafty sophomore, lined in a left-footed direct kick from 22 yards out that went untouched by Grass into the upper left corner. That made it 2-0 with 29:41, but then the Panthers finally found their possession game and combined with the exploits of Kingsbury, began their comeback.

The Eagles held a 20-13 edge in shots on goal for the match, with both Grass and Pelkey making seven saves.

Gordon eager for next race after tying Iron Man mark

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

JOLIET, Illinois — After tying the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series record for consecutive starts, Jeff Gordon would have preferred a more appropriate venue to celebrate the accomplishment.

"Gosh it would have been so much sweeter if I'd been in Victory Lane right now," Gordon said.



Gordon

For the record, when the driver of the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet took the green flag in Sunday's myAFibRisk.com 400 at Chicagoland Speedway, he matched the 788 consecutive starts recorded by Ricky Rudd.

Gordon's streak is unbroken from his debut in the Sprint Cup Series, dating to the final race of the 1992 season. Assuming he starts next Sunday's Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Gordon will take sole possession of the mark.

In Sunday's opening Chase race at Chicagoland, Gordon led 41 laps and had a car capable of winning. He was running second when the sixth caution slowed the event on Lap 257 of 267.

Gordon stayed out on old tires and got buried on the subsequent restart on Lap 263. Denny Hamlin, also on old rubber, found an opening on that same restart and won the race.

"Got a pretty decent start, and I was blocking him (Hamlin), and he was pushing me down on the apron. I just came up a little too early off the apron to get to the turn, and he was able to squeeze in there."

"Great job to him. I'm pretty frustrated that that caution came out, and that we didn't capitalize on that last restart, but I'm highly encouraged by how great our car was today."

Though he dropped to 14th at the finish, Gordon can look ahead with anticipation to the rest of the Chase.

"It's the best I've run all year long — I'll be honest," he said.

Matt Kenseth overachieves with fifth-place run

It was a different sort of day for Matt Kenseth, who en-

tered the Chase on the strength of a victory in the last regular-season NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Richmond.

On Sunday at Chicagoland, Kenseth wasn't a contender for the win. In fact, he spent much of the afternoon trying to stay ahead of the race leader to avoid going a lap down.

But Kenseth took advantage of the final restart with five laps left and grabbed a fifth-place finish. In the driver's view, it was more than he deserved.

"We didn't run well today, really all weekend," Kenseth said. "We never were able to make it drive like we wanted it to and never found the speed that we wanted to. We were very, very fortunate to come home fifth. We had about a 15th-place car all day."

But the restart that followed a late debris caution gave Kenseth the opportunity he needed to salvage a top five and enter the second Chase race at New Hampshire with the series lead (thanks in part to the 12 bonus points he carried into the Chase from four regular-season victories).

"The last restart, we were on the bottom," Kenseth said. "They got all bottled up in Turn 1, and I think I passed about eight of them on the first corner. It turned pretty good on that restart, and starting on the bottom was an advantage for us."

"I slipped up the hill trying to drive Brad (Keselowski), or maybe we could have got one or two more (positions), but I can't complain about that — way more than we should have."

Great start to Chase for last year's runner-up

Ryan Newman must relish his role as the Chase's stealth bomber.

The championship runner-up by a mere half-second to Kevin Harvick in last year's season finale, Newman charged to a fourth-place finish in Sunday's Chase opener at Chicagoland Speedway, and did it all in the final five laps.

Newman restarted 14th on Lap 263 of 267 but passed 10 cars to finish fourth.

"Coming from 14th to fourth in five laps was a handful," said Newman, who advanced to last year's Championship Round without winning a race. "That last caution played into our favor, for sure. We had a good car all day."

Dolphins' Philbin denies Suh was 'freelancing'

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

DAVIE, Florida — The Miami Dolphins suffered a disappointing 23-20 loss at Jacksonville on Sunday, a game in which the Jaguars kicked a game-winning 28-yard field goal with 40 seconds remaining.

But the more concerning question among Dolphins fans is what's wrong with defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh. The four-time Pro Bowl selection only has three tackles (and no sacks) through two games.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Suh's surprising lack of production even spurred a Miami Herald report that said Suh has been freelancing and not obeying the defensive calls.

That report was denied Monday by coach Joe Philbin, defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle and three defensive players.

"That's not an accurate report," Coyle said.

Philbin said he watched tape of the entire game with his defensive staff.

"I didn't see anything of the sort," he said, "so I'm not sure where that came from."

And a Dolphins defensive back said Suh hasn't been freelancing.

"That's not the chatter in the locker room," he said.

Suh, who signed a six-year \$114 million contract — \$60 million guaranteed — with the Dolphins during free agency, had 8.5 sacks for the Detroit Lions last season.

"A lot of times they've been running away from him a lot," Philbin said.

"That's certainly been the case for a couple of weeks. He was actually, I thought, closer to plays this week than last week. He made some improvements in that area. They're going to come. I'm positive of that. There will be more plays to be made."

Miami's defense, a unit that was borderline dominant during training camp and preseason, has been a major disappointment through two games. Despite having what's thought to be among the best defensive lines in the NFL, they have allowed 284 yards rushing and have just one sack.

Miami's defense gave up six plays of 21 or more yards to Jacksonville, including a 52-yard reception and a 46-yard touchdown reception. Even Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles got in on the act with a 28-yard run.

Miami's defensive line of Suh, fellow tackle Earl Mitchell and ends Cam Wake and Olivier Vernon hasn't been nearly as active through two regular-season games as it was in training camp or preseason. But the players and coaches don't seem overly concerned.

"We'll get our share of sacks," Coyle said.

INJURY NOTES: QB Ryan Tannehill stayed in the 23-20 loss at Jacksonville despite a sprained right ankle. Tannehill had the ankle taped over his shoe. It doesn't appear he will miss practice or a games due to the injury. ... RB Lamar Miller (right ankle sprain) and TE Jordan Cameron (groin) left Sunday's game but appeared to be walking fine in the locker room Monday. ... LT Branden

Albert (hamstring) left Sunday's game in the second quarter and didn't return. Albert has now left the field three times in six quarters. His first absence was due to suspicion of a concussion in the opener at Washington. On Sunday, Albert left the game for a right hand injury, and then left for good with the hamstring injury. Albert, who is recovering from two torn ligaments in his right knee, seemed to be walking OK on Monday. ... DE Cam Wake (hamstring) didn't play the second half of Sunday's 23-20 loss at Jacksonville. It's unclear whether Wake will be affected this week but he was walking fine after the game.

Packers' Boyd breaks ankle

Green Bay Packers defensive tackle Josh Boyd broke his right ankle and additional tests showed possible ligament damage in Sunday night's game against the Seattle Seahawks, according to his agent.

Agent Rodney Edwards told ESPN.com that Boyd may need surgery, which could require an 8-10 week recovery.

The Packers got better news regarding running back Eddie Lacy, who left Sunday's game with an ankle injury. X-rays taken Sunday night came back negative, and Lacy could be back in the lineup when the Packers face the Kansas City Chiefs next Monday night.

The Packers also signed inside linebacker Joe Thomas off the Dallas Cowboys' practice squad to their 53-man roster, ESPN.com reported.

Rodgers answers Wilson

Packers quarterback

Aaron Rodgers may have been talking directly to Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson when he said "I think God was a Packers fan tonight" after Sunday's 27-17 win.

In January, after the Seahawks rallied to beat the Packers in the NFC Championship Game in overtime, Wilson shared his belief that God had a hand in the team's victory.

Rodgers countered then that he did not think God is a big football fan.

Falcons' Coleman sidelined

Atlanta Falcons rookie running back Tevin Coleman is out with a fractured rib and there is no timetable for his return.

Head coach Dan Quinn said Coleman's return depends on his pain threshold. A source told ESPN that Coleman is expected to miss a couple of weeks.

Bills' Williams out of hospital

Buffalo Bills safety Aaron Williams was released from the hospital on Monday.

Williams was monitored overnight. He was taken off the field by an ambulance with a neck injury suffered during the third quarter of Sunday's game against the New England Patriots.

Ravens acquire Davis

The Baltimore Ravens acquired third-year cornerback Will Davis from the Miami Dolphins in exchange for a seventh-round pick in the 2016 NFL Draft.

Davis has played in 15 career games, but was buried on Miami's depth chart and inactive for the first two games of this season.