

Craig helps Ashland trip up Warriors

ASHLAND — Lucas Craig scored what proved to be the game winner on a penalty kick seven minutes into the first half to propel the Ashland Hornets to a 2-0 victory over the Southern Aroostook Warriors in high school boys soccer action Tuesday.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

The score remained 1-0 for most of the game until Alex Kaiser scored on a pass from Dylan Haley with eight minutes left in the second half.

Ashland keeper Steven Belanceau recorded his third shutout of the year by making seven saves on 12 shots. Nolan Altvater and Steven Rackliff combined for three saves on 13 shots for Southern Aroostook.

Ashland is now 6-2-2 on the season while the Warriors fall to 4-4.

Hodgdon 2, Katahdin 0

At Hodgdon, the Hawks got two goals from Wyatt Foster in the first half of the game en route to the victory.

Daden Palmer had the assist on both goals for the Hawks, who improved to 9-0.

Tanner Lane made 15 saves on 23 shots for Katahdin (0-9) and goalkeeper Josh Foster made 8 saves on 10 shots for Hodgdon.

Bangor Christian 5, Greenville 0

At Greenville, Luke Chandler had two goals and two assists and Tyler Lehman two goals as Bangor Christian defeated Greenville.

Tyler Welch had a goal plus an assist for 7-0 Bangor Christian. Austin Keib had five saves on seven shots.

Evan Bjork saved 10 of 27 shots for 4-3-1 Greenville.

Central 7, Bucksport 0

At Corinth, Yosef Worster and Andrew Speed each had two goals as Central defeated Bucksport.

Caleb Shaw had a goal and three assists while Cody Raymond and Gage Poulin added goals for 7-1 Central. Poulin and Micah Ward combined to save all three shots.

Andy Allan had 10 saves on 18 shots for 0-8 Bucksport.

Camden Hills 2, Hampden Acad. 0

At Rockport, Max Pushaw and Morgan Mercier both scored unassisted goals to pace Camden Hills to victory over Hampden Academy.

CH goalkeeper Luca Boetsch stopped the only shot he faced while Sam Lilley, Andy Farnham and Cole Tweedie combined to make four saves on six shots for the Broncos.

JV: Camden Hills 6-2

Houlton 4, Lee Acad. 2

At Lee, Abe Lorom had two goals as Houlton knocked off Lee Academy.

Pat Howe and Jacob Worthly added goals for 6-2 Houlton. A.J. Henderson had 10 saves on 12 shots.

Lincoln Gallant and Huang Chu had the goals for the Pandas. Matty Knowles had 18 saves on 21 shots for 4-3 Lee.

Mattanawcook 1, Schenck 1

At Lincoln, the Lynx and Wolverines of East Millinocket battled to a tie through two overtimes.

John Farrington tied the game for MA late in the first half after

Schenck's Colby Hannin scored earlier in the half.

Justin Thompson had 20 saves on 26 shots for 3-4-2 Schenck while Corbett Arnold saved 14 of 17 shots for 2-4-1 MA.

Girls Soccer

Hodgdon 8, Van Buren 0

At Van Buren on Friday night, Taylor Desrosiers recorded a hat trick to help Hodgdon roll past the Crusaders.

Megan Russell contributed two goals while Sidney Crane, Madison Merritt and Shelby Sanders each chipped in one. Jill Gough led the Hawks with three assists and Merritt added two more.

Goalie Jessica Drew had one save on two shots for the Hawks to get the shutout win. Bailey LaPlante had six saves on 15 shots for Van Buren.

Katahdin 3, Hodgdon 1

At Hodgdon, Erin Lake knocked in three goals to lead Katahdin of Stacyville past Hodgdon.

Natalie Richards had five saves on 13 shots for Katahdin.

Sidney Crane had the only goal for Hodgdon. Jessica Drew saved 23 of 35 shots.

Ashland 8, Southern Aroostook 0

At Ashland, Mackenzie Carter had a hat trick to lead the Hornets past Southern Aroostook for their 10th win of the season.

Morgan Doughty contributed a goal and four assists Also scoring for Ashland were Jamie Poulin, Kassandra Nelson, Shelby Stolze and Willow Hall with one goal apiece.

Hornets goalkeeper Megan Cote stopped both shots she faced while

Warrior goalie Sydney Brewer made 23 saves off 46 shots. Southern Aroostook falls to 2-4-2.

John Bapst 3, MDI 2

At Bar Harbor, Grace Phillipon registered two goals to help lead John Bapst past the MDI Trojans.

The Crusaders took a 3-1 half-time lead behind Phillipon's two goals, one assisted by Tia Zephir, and Anna Zmistowski's goal scored off a direct kick.

MDI's Natalie Klaver put the Trojans on the board with a one touch volley taken from a corner kick by Ally Bender to close the first half. Bender provided the second goal for MDI when she converted on a penalty kick in the second half.

MDI's Cassia Barnes made 11 saves on 15 shots while John Bapst's goalie Kayla Massey stopped 13 of 16 shots.

JV: MDI 2-1

Narraguagus 4, Calais 2

At Harrington, Lanie Perry had three first-half goals to lead the Knights past Calais.

Anna Taylor added a goal for Narraguagus. Kylee Joyce had six saves on 10 shots.

Sydney Farrar had both goals for Calais. Lauren Cook saved seven of 18 shots.

Old Town 11, Ellsworth 1

At Old Town, Sage Phillips scored five goals to help the Coyotes roll by the Eagles.

Oliviah Damboise chipped in with three goals and Maddie Hall added two goals with an assist for the Coyotes. Emily Hussey, Emma Hargreaves, and Jacey Harrison

each contributed with an assist.

Hannah Sargent scored Ellsworth's goal via a penalty kick and goalie Callie Hammer made eight saves.

Old Town's Natalie St. Louis finished with six saves and stopped a penalty kick.

Camden Hills 7, Hampden Acad. 1

At Rockport, six different players for Camden Hills contributed to the scoring effort to help the Windjammers defeat the Hampden Academy Broncos.

Charlotte Messer opened the scoring for CH on a direct kick and the Broncos tied the game on a goal by Melissa Reichel. Kristina Kelly scored at the 21:00 mark and Bryn Anderson scored three minutes later on a Kassie Krul assist to round out the first half scoring.

In the second half, Ella Pierce, Eliza Roy, Kristina Kelly and Kaylyn Krul chipped in one goal apiece. Messer and Kassie Krul each added an assist.

Goalkeeper Isabelle Lang had three saves for Camden. Emily Dysart and Adie Hughes combined for 21 saves for Hampden Academy. The Windjammers outshot the Broncos 31-4.

Waterville 6, Spruce Mountain 0

At Waterville, Sophie Webb and Anika Elias had two goals apiece as Waterville thumped Spruce Mountain of Jay/Livermore Falls.

Jordan Jabar added a goal and Mackenzie St. Pierre a goal and three assists for the winners. T.T. Brandon had two saves.

Calley Baker had 18 saves for Spruce Mountain.

UM schedules 2 more FBS games

Next season: Central Florida, UMass

BY LARRY MAHONEY
BDN STAFF

The University of Maine football team will again play two Football Bowl Subdivision teams next season as the Black Bears will travel to play the University of Central Florida at Bright House Networks Stadium in Orlando on Sept. 30 and the University of Massachusetts at McGuirk Stadium in Amherst on Nov. 11.

UMaine will receive a \$350,000 guarantee from UCF and \$250,000 from UMass, according to UMaine Sports Information Director Tyson McHatten.

It will be the third-straight season the Black Bears will play two FBS teams.

UMaine lost to the University of Connecticut 24-21 and Toledo 45-3 earlier this season.

UMaine is one of the few Football Championship Subdivision teams that plays two FBS opponents.

"It's obviously something the kids and the coaches

look forward to," said UMaine head coach Joe Harasymiak. "I don't think it's ideal to play two FBS teams but it's something we need to do. The guarantees are the deciding factor. We're going to play the games at different times of the year so we'll see how that goes.

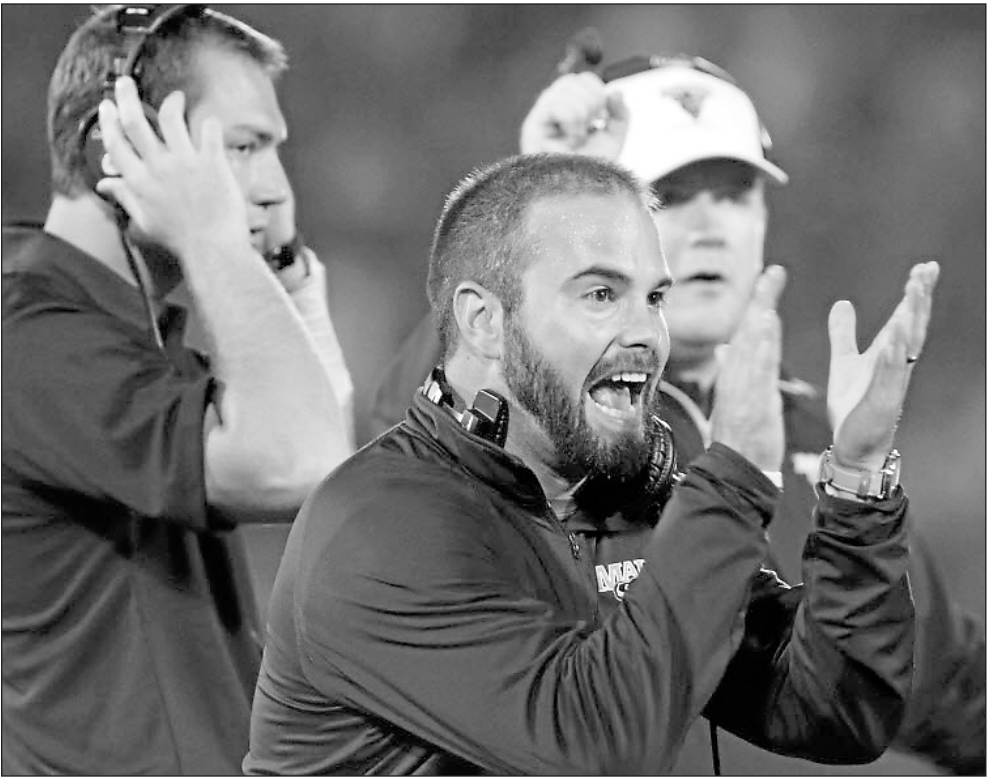
"It'll be nice to get to Florida and to play a familiar opponent in UMass. That will be a bus trip so that will be good and I'm sure we'll get a lot of fans there," he added.

UConn is in the American Athletic Conference along with UCF, and Toledo is in the Mid-American Conference where UMass used to be until they went independent this season.

In 2015, UMaine lost to Boston College 24-3 and Tulane (Louisiana) 38-7.

Central Florida had gone to three-consecutive bowl games before going 0-12 last fall. The Knights went 12-1 in 2013 and knocked off No. 5 Baylor University in the Fiesta Bowl 52-42.

They are 2-2 this season



University of Maine head football coach Joe Harasymiak reacts from the sideline during his team's game against the University of Connecticut at Husat Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Connecticut, on Sept. 1.

under first-year head coach Scott Frost, a former offensive coordinator at the University of Oregon. Their two losses have come to Michigan (51-14) and Maryland (30-24 in double overtime), which are both undefeated.

Michigan is the No. 4 team in the country in the latest Associated Press poll.

UMaine is 0-2 all-time against Central Florida, losing in 1995 and 1994.

UMass is 1-3 this season with a win over Florida International (21-13) and losses to Florida (24-7), Boston College (26-7) and Mississippi State (47-35).

UMaine and UMass are former Yankee Conference and Colonial Athletic Association rivals.

UMass leads the series 41-16-1, but UMaine won the last meeting in 2013 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, 24-14. It was UMaine's second-ever victory over a FBS school. The Black Bears had beaten Mississippi State 9-7 in 2004.

The Minutemen were 3-9 last year and 4-9 in 2014.

Colby routs USM 7-1

GORHAM — Sophomore Hanna Brozdowski scored a pair of goals and senior Aliza Van Leesten had a goal and two assists to lead the Colby College Mules to a 7-1 win over the University of Southern Maine Huskies in a non-conference women's soccer game Tuesday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Colby stops a three-game losing streak with its win over the Huskies, improving its record to 3-4 overall. Southern Maine drops its fourth consecutive match to stand at 3-6 on the season.

Van Leesten propelled the Mules to an early 1-0 lead with a perfectly placed cross to a wide open junior Laura Arnold just 75 seconds into the game. Arnold took Van Leesten's service out of the air for a one-timer to the right side, earning her team-leading third goal of the season.

Brozdowski scored the Mules next two goals in the 19th and 23rd minute respectively to make in 3-0, before freshmen Nicola Katz and Kara Wilson each added goals in the 23rd and 28th minute respectively to put Colby decisively ahead of USM 5-0 at the break.

Falcons show off balanced attack

BY PETER FINNEY JR.
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NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints did their best to channel the 10th anniversary of their emotional, post-Katrina return to the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, but the Atlanta Falcons decided to turn a poignant history lesson into a teachable moment Monday night.

The Falcons unleashed an avalanche of offense — scoring touchdowns on five consecutive drives and adding a field goal on the sixth — to overpower the Saints 45-32.

Atlanta (2-1) produced 194 rushing yards thanks to the backfield tandem of Devonta Freeman and Tevin Coleman, and quarterback Matt Ryan threw two touchdown passes.

Coleman scored touchdowns on runs of 2, 2 and 6 yards, and Freeman accounted for 207 yards from scrimmage with 152 yards on 14 carries and another 55 yards on five receptions.

However, it was rookie linebacker Deion Jones, a New Orleans native, who put the exclamation point on the victory by picking off a tipped Drew Brees pass and racing 90 yards for a touchdown that gave the

Falcons a 45-25 lead with 13:37 left.

Brees had just thrown his 305th pass without an interception — becoming only the fourth quarterback in NFL history to throw 300 consecutive passes without a pick — when cornerback Brian Poole broke on a slant route to tip the ball out of the hands of Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas.

Jones, who played at Jesuit High School in New Orleans but had never played in the Superdome, easily scooped the ball out of the air and outraced everyone, including Saints wide receiver Brandin Cooks, to the end zone.

"It was great to be back home and display my talents in front of my family and friends and leave it all out there for my brothers," Jones said. "I wasn't even thinking of scoring. I was just trying not to get caught from behind. Cooks is a pretty fast guy."

Not fast enough.

The Falcons displayed incredible balance. Ryan was 20 of 30 for 240 yards, including a 13-yard swing pass to a wide-open Freeman in the left flat for one score and a 4-yard shovel pass to wide receiver Justin Hardy for another.

"Talk about balance — we ran the ball really well, threw it efficiently, punched it in the end zone a bunch of times, and the defense had a pick-six," Ryan said. "This is a hard place to get a win, and we did a nice job."

The Falcons made it look so easy they didn't even need much output from wide receiver Julio Jones, who caught just one pass for 16 yards.

That simply opened things up for Coleman and Freeman, who combined for eight catches for 102 yards.

"I've been working real hard on my routes," said Coleman, who had a 34-yard reception. "It's a great feeling to go out there and perform. (Offensive coordinator) Kyle (Shanahan) splits both of us out wide. He just wants to get the ball in our hands to make plays."

The Saints (0-3) led 7-0 early, when Brees engineered an 11-play, 75-yard drive capped by his 2-yard TD pass to tight end Coby Fleener.

When Atlanta got the ball for the first time, the Saints forced a punt, only to have a keystone cops play on special teams. De'Vante Harris was blocking for return man Tommylee Lewis, but he slammed into Lewis, knock-

ing him to the turf, and the ball deflected off Harris' foot for an Atlanta recovery at the New Orleans 11.

Coleman then tied the game at 7 with a 2-yard run.

"It was a terrible play," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "It was a fair catch, and the jammer is going down the field and he has to avoid contact. There were two mistakes. He runs into the returner and then tries to pick up the ball. Our margin for error is too close. Obviously, that was not real smart."

Brees said his pick-six was the result of a great defensive play.

"It was a 14-point swing — that's how we lost," said Brees, who finished 36 of 54 for 376 yards with three touchdowns and the one interception. "Mike Thomas was coming underneath, and their nickel (Poole) did a nice job of jumping it."

Falcons coach Dan Quinn said he loved the defensive play produced by two rookies.

"They're young and they've got a good connection," Quinn said. "Some of these young guys are showing the veteran players, 'You can count on me.'"

Fleener made seven receptions for 109 yards.

Captain Love rallies players

BY LARRY FINE
REUTERS

CHASKA, Minnesota — U.S. Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III, tired of losing and seeking new ways to motivate, invoked the rah-rah style of American football coaches on Tuesday on how he would rally his team past Europe.

The United States, which once dominated the biennial match play competition, have lost three times in a row and eight of the last 10 and is desperate to end Europe's run at Hazeltine National starting on Friday.

Love drew criticism for resorting to hyperbole over the weekend in saying on the radio, "We're a great team. This is the best golf team maybe ever assembled."

European veteran Sergio Garcia told reporters that his teammates had taken notice and were using it for their motivation.

Love said on Tuesday his comment was misconstrued and that it was made in reply to a question about what he was going to tell his players to get them psyched up.

"That's what Nick Saban would tell his team when they're getting ready to go play Ole Miss," Love said about how the hugely successful University of Alabama coach would operate.

"He's going to say, 'you guys have worked hard, you're the best team I've ever seen, let's go crush these guys.'"

Love, who also captained the 2012 U.S. team that lost a big lead heading into Sunday singles at Medinah to fall again to Europe, said his message was that this is a fresh start for everyone, and not to look at the past.

Love said he also was stressing that no one need feel the need to do something extraordinary.

"I think we get in our own way doing that sometimes," he said, referencing New England Patriots four-times Super Bowl winning coach Bill Belichick.

"Like Coach Belichick says, 'Do your job, stay in your lane and the other guy next to you can be more aggressive.' That's pretty simple, if you take care of your partner and take care of your team mates, the results will take care of themselves."