

Grant sparks Shiretowners past Pandas

HOULTON — Connor Grant's header goal off a cross from defender Isaiah Littleton sparked the Houlton Shiretowners to a 2-0 high school boys soccer win over the Lee Academy Pandas on Monday.

Grant set up Jacob Worthley on a short cross for the other and A.J. Henderson made five saves on 12 shots for 4-2-1 Houlton.

Maurice Kopp made 10 saves on 23 shots for 3-1-3 Lee Academy

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Shead 6, Hodgdon 3

At Eastport, Ryan Eylar and Drew Greenlaw each scored three goals to lead the undefeated Shead Tigers to victory over Hodgdon.

Greenlaw assisted on all three of Eylar's goals, while Eylar assisted on one of Greenlaw's goal. Matt Harris assisted on another for the 8-0 Tigers.

For the 4-3 Hawks, Jimmy Buzzell scored two goals and Jordyn Merritt scored one.

Pine Tree 4, Highview Chr. 1

At Charleston, J.P. Tshamala registered two goals and an assist to lead 4-5 Pine Tree Academy to victory over Highview Christian.

Evan Owen provided a goal and an assist for the 4-5 winners of Freeport, while Jaehesh Stewart had the other goal. Ryan Pierce made two saves on three shots.

Alex Chi scored a first-half goal for the 0-6-1 Knights. T.J. Waldon made 21 saves on 27 shots.

Girls Soccer

Bucksport 2, Mattanawcook 0

At Lincoln, Cassie Coombs' goal early in the second half sparked the Golden Bucks to victory.

Hannah Ashmore scored a second-half goal off an Eliza Hosford assist for 1-4-3 Bucksport. Tessa Solomon made two saves on four shots.

Kiana Hafford and Symone Malbourn combined to make 11 saves on 22 shots for 2-5 Mattanawcook Academy.

Shead 1, Hodgdon 0

At Eastport, Cierra Seeley scored the game's only goal at the 26:32 mark of the first half to lift Shead past Hodgdon.

Samantha Wilder made 9 saves for the 7-0 Tigers and Jessica Drew made 6 saves on 7 shots.

John Bapst 7, Foxcroft 0

At Dover-Foxcroft, Hannah

Philippon, Brooke Springer, Tia Zephir, Grace Philippon, and Abbey Legasse each scored to help John Bapst shut out the host Ponies.

Foxcroft goalie Kiara Prescott made 19 saves on 26 shots while John Bapst's Kayla Massey made eight saves on 14 shots.

Houlton 9, Lee 1

At Houlton, Katie Condon scored three goals to help propel the Shires to victory win over the Pandas.

Chelsea Gentle added a goal and two assists, while Natalie Hill and Claire Gilpatrick each had a goal and an assist for Houlton. The Shiretowners also got goals from Aspen Flewelling, Tyra Gentle, and Chloe Davis.

Emma Hines and Hannah Foley combined to make 2 saves on 3 shots for the Shiretowners.

Chey Moody scored the goal for Lee Academy. Amber Wilcoxson made 27 saves on 41 shots.

MDI 8, Ellsworth 0

At Ellsworth, Opal Curless recorded three goals and two assists to power the Trojans by the Eagles.

Darcy Manu chipped in with

two goals for MDI while Alley Bender, Lily Turner and Paige Mason each added one. Julianna Cleaves made nine saves.

Callie Hammer finished with 13 saves for Ellsworth.

Narraguagus 4, Woodland 2

At Baileyville, Kimberly Dow scored two goals, including the game-winner with 20:49 left in the second half, to give the Knights the victory.

Laine Perry and Shawna Crowley added a goal and an assist apiece.

Jennie Cox and Kasey Grass scored for the Dragons while Anna Johnson notched two assists.

Kylee Joyce made 16 saves on 21 shots for Narraguagus. Sadie Smith made 11 saves on 18 shots for Woodland.

Orono 6, Dexter 0

At Jeffrey Parola Field in Dexter, Becky Lopez-Anido tallied a hat trick to propel Orono to their fifth win.

Aashi Fritton had a goal and two assists, Brinsley Chasse added a goal and an assist while Jordan Hernandez chipped in a goal. Elise Kenny and Amber Westley each added an assist.

Goalie Katelyn Richards made three saves on seven shots for Orono. Reagan Patterson made 14 saves on 25 shots for Dexter.

Highview Chr. 3, Pine Tree 2

At Charleston, Michaela Hill's second goal of the game off a cross from Jenna Kepple propelled Highview Christian to victory over Pine Tree Academy.

Megan McDonald made 12 saves on 15 shots, two of them in the last 90 seconds, for the 4-3 Knights.

Alex Goodman and Sarah Delaware scored the goals for 1-6 Pine Tree of Freeport.

Field Hockey

Foxcroft 2, Central 0

At Dover-Foxcroft, the Bourget sisters scored both goals to lead the Ponies past Central to remain undefeated on the season.

Alli Bourget scored off a Becca Anderson assist with 20:20 left on the clock in the first half and Abbi Bourget scored off a Jillian Annis assist with 24:32 left in the second half for 10-0 Foxcroft Academy.

For Foxcroft, Madison Chadbourne stopped both shots she faced. Makayla Boudreau made seven saves on 23 shots for 2-7 Central of Corinth.

Shaw, Bradley propel Sox past Yanks

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

NEW YORK — First baseman Travis Shaw and left fielder Jackie Bradley hit two-run home runs in consecutive innings off right-hander Ivan Nova as the Boston Red Sox prevented the New York Yankees from inching closer to clinching a postseason berth with a 5-1 victory Monday night.

The Yankees (86-70) had an outside chance at clinching at least a wild-card spot. A combination of them winning and losses by the Texas Rangers, Minnesota Twins and Los Angeles Angels and Minnesota Twins would have secured their spot.

New York still needs to win at least two of its final six games to get in for the first time in three years. The combination of one more loss and one more Toronto Blue Jays will officially eliminate the Yankees from the AL East race.

Left-hander Eduardo Rodriguez (10-6) allowed one run and seven hits over six innings during his final start of the season. He became the first Boston rookie southpaw to win 10 games since John Curtis in 1972 and finished his rookie season at 121 2/3 innings.

Rodriguez did not get the lead until two outs in the sixth. After shortstop Xander Bogaerts doubled off third baseman Chase Headley's glove into left field, Shaw drove a 2-1 fastball into the right-field seats for his 12th



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Boston Red Sox third base coach Brian Butterfield (left) congratulates center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. after he hit a 2-run home run in the seventh inning against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium on Monday night. The Red Sox won 5-1.

home run and a 2-1 lead.

Boston doubled its lead when Bradley drove a 1-0 fastball deep enough to left field for a drive that just cleared the wall.

Shaw's 12th home run and Bradley's 10th came after Rodriguez pitched with men on most of the night.

He put two on in the first after allowing a sacrifice fly to designated hitter Alex Rodriguez but struck out first baseman Greg Bird. Rodriguez loaded the bases in the second following a fielding error by second baseman Dustin Pedroia but fanned the 40-year-old to end it.

Heath Hembree and Noe Ramirez combined on a scoreless seventh. Ramirez retired Rodriguez on a double play after left fielder Brett Gardner singled to the third-base side of the mound.

Third baseman Devin Marrero added insurance when he hit his first career home run with two outs in the ninth off Caleb Cotham.

Robbie Ross Jr. put two on in the ninth but finished off Boston's fourth straight win when he struck out left fielder Brett Gardner.

Nova (6-10) allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings but got little help

offensively as the Yankees went 0-for-14 with men on base after consecutive two-out singles in the first.

NOTES: The Yankees announced RHP Masahiro Tanaka (hamstring) will rejoin the rotation Wednesday, potentially putting him in line to start the wild-card playoff game Oct. 6. ... New York RHP Nathan Eovaldi (right elbow inflammation) played catch for the third straight day but is unlikely to be available in the bullpen for a wild-card game. ... OF Rusney Castillo (strained right quad) was out of Boston's lineup and is day-to-day.

Red Sox pitchers finishing season strong

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

BOSTON — It's a case of too little too late, but what the Red Sox pitching did over the weekend was pretty special.

After losing the last three games of a four-game series against the Tampa Bay Rays, thus falling back into the American League cellar, the Sox reeled off three straight shutouts against a Baltimore Orioles team that still had a slight playoff chance.

On Friday, it was Rich Hill going all the way. Saturday it was seven pitchers combining for a shutout. Sunday it was Henry Owens throwing 7 2/3.

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Three games. No runs.

"To say you're going to shut out the Baltimore Orioles for three straight games, I would have never believed it," said interim manager Torey Lovullo. "Our pitchers deserve so much credit for that."

It is the first time the Red Sox, who ended their home season on Sunday, have pitched three straight shutouts since 2004, the first time they had three straight shutouts at home since 1987, the first time they had three straight home shutouts against the same team since 1958 — and the first time they blanked the Orioles three straight times in a series since the franchise moved to Baltimore in 1954.

"Rich set the tone the first time out and the bullpen did a great job yesterday," Owens said. "I knew they were anxious to hit, so I just wanted to get ahead of some guys and get some quick outs."

"It's kind of fuel to the fire. Just kind of fire you up a little bit and go out there and perform like they did."

Swihart solid

Catcher Blake Swihart isn't looking for home runs when he steps up to the plate, but he found one Sunday. The rookie slugged a solo home run into the Red Sox bullpen in right-center field and was 1-for-3 with a strikeout. "Home runs for me just happen," Swihart said. "I don't try to

hit homers." Swihart is batting .269 (73-for-271) with three homers and 25 RBIs in 79 games.

Last start for Rodriguez probable

LHP Eduardo Rodriguez is rapidly approaching his innings limit, and Monday's start against the New York Yankees could be the final one of the rookie southpaw's season. "He's really close to his inning total that we talked about some time ago," Red Sox interim manager Torey Lovullo said. "He's probably got six innings left." Rodriguez, who emerged as a top-of-the-rotation type pitcher for Boston this year, is 9-6 with a 3.97 ERA over 20 starts in 2015.

St. Joseph's rolls by Terriers 8-1

WATERVILLE — St. Joseph's College scored four goals in each half to beat the Thomas College Terriers 8-1 in women's soccer action Monday.

Colleen Sheehan scored two first-half goals for the Monks of Standish, both via assists from Haley DaGraca.

Colleen Sheehan also scored from a Sheehan pass while Hannah LeBlanc scored unassisted.

Sarah Comtois and Desiree Parent each added a second-half goal for St. Joe's, which benefitted from two Thomas own goals. Rebecca Pond and Megan Pollini each added an assist for St. Joe's (5-5) and Michelle Cunha finished with three saves.

Bronte Howorth scored off a Cassie Contigiani assist for Thomas (4-4) in the first half and Paige Leary and Ashley Gooden

combined for 17 saves.

Field Hockey

Colby 2, UNE 1

At Waterville, Megan Fortier scored off a Misha Strage assist in overtime to give Colby the victory over the University of New England.

Fortier stick handled in from the left side and came together at the same time with a defender and UNE goalie Holly Smith. Fortier pushed at the ball and it deflected right to Strage streaking up the middle and she scored her eighth goal of the season.

McKayla Blanch scored from a Hannah Hearn assist in the first half for Colby, but UNE equalized with 9:25 left in regulation on Nicole Matarozzo's goal off a Vonde Saunders pass.

Smith finished with five saves for UNE (6-4) and Sarah Evans had four for Colby (5-3).

Sports A.M.

Junior bowlers qualify for tourney

BRUNSWICK — Brandon Plummer of Scarborough and Jennifer Lemay of Lebanon, New Hampshire, qualified for the 2016 Junior Gold Championships during the Maine State Junior Gold Bowlers' first tourney of the season Saturday.

Plummer, who bowls out of Spare Time in Portland, recorded a five-game total of 888 while Lemay of Spare-time Recreation of Augusta, totaled an 822.

Lemay is also the under-20 tourney winner and Christopher Haney of Brewer and Family Fun Bowling Center of Bangor is the U15 winner.

Rolling high games at the tourney were: Brandon Plummer, 214; Nate Boothby, 208; Seth Kolreg, 209; Matt Douglas, 193; Jakob Harzewski, 192; and Marissa Parks 194.

UM team joins fire prevention week

ORONO — The University of Maine baseball team will partner with the Bangor Fire Department to raise awareness for fire prevention Oct. 4-10.

The team will kick off Fire Awareness week on Oct. 4 at the Bangor Fire Department at 289 Main St. with a donation box, with proceeds going to the Bangor Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau. Members of the baseball team will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when visitors can learn fire prevention tips.

On Oct. 7, the Maine and Husson baseball teams will hold a free youth clinic at 14th Street field from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Kids will learn skills from UMaine coaches and players and can also explore the Bangor Fire Department's trucks.

After the clinic, Maine will play Husson at 5:30 p.m. at Mansfield Stadium.

NJ QB died from lacerated spleen

NEW YORK — A New Jersey high school football player's death on Saturday was the result of massive internal bleeding from a lacerated spleen, the medical examiner said in a statement on Monday.

The autopsy showed Evan Murray, the quarterback of the Warren Hills Regional High School, had an abnormally large spleen, thereby making it more susceptible to injury.

"The autopsy determined that the cause of death was massive intra-abdominal hemorrhage (massive internal bleeding) due to a laceration of the spleen," Morris County, New Jersey Medical Examiner Dr. Ronald Suarez said in a statement published by local media.

Suarez said there was no evidence of head trauma or heart disease and ruled the death accidental.

A fundraising page set up by supporters of his family says that Murray, 17, a senior at the high school, took a hit behind the line of scrimmage during a game on Friday evening.

Murray died on Friday after being brought to Morristown Medical Center.

In an effort to help the Murray family defray the costs of medical and funeral bills, a classmate set up a gofundme donation page, garnering more than \$52,000 in two days from 1,071 donors as of Monday evening.

The school opened on Monday with more than 30 grief counselors on hand to attend to the 1,325 students at the high school, said Dr. Gary Bowen, interim superintendent of the Warren Hills Regional School District.

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Husson to induct 30th Sports Hall of Fame class

BANGOR — Shelby Bradford, Adam Duplisea, Randy Fletcher, Joey Melanson, Shane Rogers and the 1995 baseball team will be inducted into Husson University's 30th Sports Hall of Fame class on Friday, Dec. 4.

The Class of 2015 is comprised of five individuals and one team and covers more than two decades of Husson's athletic history. They will be honored during a ceremony at the Spectacu-

lar Events Center in Bangor.

"It is an outstanding group of men and women as well as the 1995 baseball team that represent the great tradition of Husson athletics," Husson director of athletics Frank Pergolizzi said in a news release.

Eight sports are represented in the class, with Bradford (women's soccer, women's basketball, women's lacrosse), Duplisea (men's golf), Fletcher (men's

basketball), Melanson (men's soccer), Rogers (football) and the baseball team.

"This class is a very strong class of athletes that have performed very well," Hall of Fame Committee Chairman Bruce MacGregor said in the release. "It is with great pleasure we welcome them in and look forward to the banquet."

The induction banquet is set for 5-6:30 p.m., followed by the ceremony at 6:45 p.m.

A breakfast and campus tour with the inductees will be held 10:30 a.m.-noon on Dec. 5 at the Wadleigh Academic Center. The class also will be recognized that day during halftime of a women's basketball game between Husson and Maine Maritime Academy, which tips off at 1 p.m.

For ticket information on the induction banquet, email Janice Clark at clarkja@husson.edu or call 941-7026.