

# Fahey ends strong run as Rams coach

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BANGOR — Retiring Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz has little on Jeff Fahey when it comes to going out on top.

Fahey, who has led the Bangor High School baseball team to Class A state championships in each of the last three seasons, has announced his resignation after 16 years as the Rams' head coach.

"I've been thinking about it for a while, but I didn't move toward it until a month ago," said the 51-year-old Fahey, who told his players of the decision Wednesday. "After we won in June, I took the summer to think about it. I struggled with it, but after coaching for 30 years [overall], I just felt this was a good time to go."

Fahey, who as a high school junior played center field on Bangor's 1982 state championship baseball team coached by his legendary predecessor, Bob Kelley, compiled a 246-50 record as head coach, winning four state titles overall as well as a fifth regional crown.

"Jeff is incredibly knowledgeable of the game and has had high expectations," said Bangor Superintendent of Schools Betsy Webb, who announced Fahey's resignation to the city's school committee on Wednesday evening. "His athletes were great students and wonderful citizens, and they brought that onto the baseball diamond as well.

"I certainly want to thank him for all of his years as a coach and the lessons he

taught his players that go not only throughout the season but throughout life," she said.

After graduating from the University of Maine and spending one year teaching and coaching in Hermon, Fahey returned to his alma mater as a physical education teacher and began coaching baseball under Kelley — who led the Rams to eight state championships and 15 regional crowns during his 32-year tenure.

Fahey spent 12 years on Kelley's coaching staff — a run highlighted by four consecutive Class A state championships from 1994 through 1997. When his mentor retired in 2000, Fahey took the helm, and his teams went on to average 15.4 victories per season.

"Coach Fahey followed a tremendously tough act in coach Kelley and did everything we asked him to do," said Bangor athletic administrator Steve Vanidestine. "His kids played hard for him, he was very positive, and his kids knew he said what he meant and meant what he said, and we had a lot of success over all these years because of it.

"Jeff did an outstanding job, and we're going to miss him. It will be very difficult to replace him," he added.

Fahey reached 200 career victories with a 5-4 win against Brewer on May 20, 2014.

Fahey won his first state championship as Bangor's head coach in 2006, followed by a second-straight regional crown a year later.

Fahey concluded his head coaching tenure with an .831 winning percentage, includ-

ing .917 (55-5) over his last three seasons — with the Rams' 12 consecutive post-season victories during that span producing three-consecutive state titles.

Fahey's final game in the dugout came last June when Bangor defeated Falmouth 5-0 in the 2016 Class A state final at Saint Joseph's College in Standish behind the three-hit pitching of left-hander Trevor DeLaité, now at UMaine.

"My biggest concern when I took the job was that the program — which was really one of the tops in the state — would decline, and I don't think that's happened," Fahey said. "Probably that's what I'm most proud of now, that it's at the point now where it was when I took it over. I don't think as a coach you can ask for anymore than that."

Part of Fahey's success stems from the stability within his coaching staff from the likes of current or former assistants Rob Gould, John Tennett, Fred Lower and Dave Morris — each one a product of the Bangor baseball program.

"I've been very fortunate to have very dedicated assistant coaches," said Fahey, "and the fact they're all Bangor guys helps, too."

Fahey said his coaching philosophies also were influenced by those who coached him in Bangor high school — particularly Kelley and former baseball assistants John Stubbs and Neil Waterman and former football coach Gabby Price, now the head coach at nearby



BDN FILE

Bangor head coach Jeff Fahey (right) hugs senior captain, Jordan Derrah, after the conclusion to the Class A baseball state championship against the South Portland Red Riots in Augusta in June 2015. Bangor won 5-4.

Husson University.

"Bob Kelley was very professional, he never used a curse word, he had high expectations and he was kind of the silent leader while John and Neil did a lot of the coaching," said Fahey. "But when it came down to strategy and calling a game, it was all Bob Kelley, and we all knew that as players.

"With Gabby, he was the ultimate motivator. He treated the 75th kid on the football team no different than the first one, and part

of his success was that he got all of his kids to play as hard as they could because he made everyone feel equal," he said.

While graduation losses from Fahey's 2016 state championship team include DeLaité, the state's reigning Mr. Baseball, and fellow four-year starter Kyle Stevenson, the Rams should be among the favorites in Class A North next spring with a pitching staff that features UMaine-bound senior Peter Kemble and classmate Nick Cowperthwaite and a top

catcher in senior Derek Fournier.

"I just felt like this was the right time to get done as far as the next coach is going to be left with a good solid team and a chance to repeat again with five returning starters and a good bunch of younger kids," said Fahey, who works as a registered Maine guide and will remain as chair of the physical education department at Bangor High School.

"I would rather leave it that way than with the cupboard bare," he said.

## Speed propels PCHS past Dexter

GUILFORD — Piscataquis Community junior Erin Speed scored three goals to record her first hat trick of the year, with all three goals coming in the second half as Pirates defeated the Dexter Tigers 3-1 in high school girls soccer action Wednesday.

Lexi Harris assisted on all three goals.

Dexter Sophomore Hannah Dorman scored the lone goal for the 2-6 Tigers.

PCHS (4-3-1) goalie Alivia Hunt had 23 saves on 24 shots while Dexter's Reagan Patterson had 13 saves on 16 shots.

### Penquis 2, Greenville 1

At Greenville, Chloe Wyman scored the winning goal to pace Penquis Valley to the win.

Cymeria Robshaw connected on a PK to open the scoring for the Patriots. The Lakers tied it in the second half when Jessica Pomerleau scored off a Delanie Boone assist.

Keeper Jordan Durant had 11 saves on 14 shots for 6-0-1 Penquis. Halle Pelletier had 12 saves on 14 shots for 2-5 Greenville.

### Field Hockey

#### Dexter 4, Piscataquis 0

At Guilford, four different players scored a goal to power the Tigers by the Pirates.

Hannah Farrar opened the scoring off a penalty stroke in the first period at 25:55 and Morgan Wyman added a goal about 19 minutes off an Abby Webber assist. Webber also set up Kaitlyn Webber's goal in the second half at 11:10 and Hayley Rossman finished the scoring with a goal from a Grace Belanger pass with 9:43 left.

Megan Peach stopped all four shots she faced for Dexter while Sydney Martin finished with 10 saves on 14 shots for PCHS.

### Nokomis 5, Morse 0

At Newport, Olivia Brown and Allysa Greene each had two goals to propel Nokomis to the win over Morse.

Jamie Skinner chipped in one goal. Lauren Burke added two assists while Allysa Greene and Maci Leali had one apiece.

### Boys Soccer

#### Jonesport-Beals 2, Highview Christian 1

At Charleston, Josef Guptill scored two second-half goals to lead Jonesport-Beals to a hard fought come-from-behind win over Highview Christian.

Aaron Garcia opened the scoring in the first half with 4:30 left off of a pass from Josiah Jurczak for the 0-6-2 Knights.

For the 4-4 Royals, goalie Austin Grant stopped five of eight shots while Highview keeper TJ Sheldon had 11 saves on 18 shots.

#### John Bapst 6, Old Town 0

At UMaine in Orono, John Bapst moved to 8-1 on the season as Alvaro Valls, Darren Hanscom and Paul Branch each scored two goals to propel the Crusaders to victory.

Branch contributed three assists for John Bapst while Valls and Alex Mooney also added assists.

#### Ellsworth 2, Presque Isle 1

At Ellsworth, the Eagles came out on top with Jack Lee and Bradley Smith each scoring and Trent Mahon had an assist.

Kyler Caron scored the lone goal for Presque Isle.

### Tuesday's games

### Boys Soccer

#### PVHS 3, Searsport 2

At Searsport on Tuesday, Brady Harding's goal from a Zack Doore assist with just 5:25 remaining in the game proved to be the game-winner for the Penobscot Valley Howlers.

It was their first lead of the day. Searsport led 1-0 at halftime, courtesy of Barrett Grant goal.

PVHS' Brad McKechnie responded in the second half by heading in a Reece Carter chip to knot it up. Liam MacMillan headed in a Connor Kneeland cross to temporarily regain the lead, but McKechnie answered right

back 90 seconds later unassisted.

### Girls Soccer

#### 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 halftime lead behind Phillipon's two goals, one assisted by Tia Zephir, and Anna Zmisowski'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

#### Bangor 6, Brunswick 2

At Brunswick on Tuesday, Libby Spekhardt had a hat trick to lead Bangor to the win over the host Dragons.

Megan Connor contributed two goals and Lucy Clein chipped in one while Eliza Jansujwicz had an assist for the Rams.

For Brunswick, Emily Larachelle scored two goals, both assisted by Kira Walpole.

Goalies Maddie Hodgdon and Page Cadorette combined for nine saves on 16 shots for Bangor and Beth Labbe made six saves on 20 shots for Brunswick.

### Field Hockey

#### MCI 7, Waterville 0

At Waterville, the Huskies scored less than two minutes into the game for the only goal they would need en route to the victory over the Purple Panthers.

Addi Williams, Victoria Friend, and Madisyn Hartley each scored twice and recorded an assist for MCI. April McAlpine also scored.

MCI goalies Elspeth Taylor and Ashley Souliere combined for 3 saves. Waterville's Coby Dangler made 15 saves.

MCI is 8-2 and Waterville is 1-8-1.

## Russell goal lifts Husson by Saint Joseph's

STANDISH — Junior forward Lauren Russell scored 3:05 into overtime on Wednesday afternoon to lift Husson University of Bangor to a 1-0 field hockey victory over Saint Joseph's College at Mercy Field.

With the teams playing 7 vs. 7 in OT, Russell picked up the ball near midfield, dribbled through a handful of defenders and fired two shots on goal. The Monks' Megan Baker stopped the first, but Russell lifted the rebound into the cage.

Kaitlin Dolloff made eight

saves to earn her first shut-out of the season for the 3-3 Eagles.

Baker finished with six saves for 3-3 Saint Joseph's.

#### UNE 4, Gordon College 0

At Wenham, Massachusetts, Nicole Matarozzo scored a goal in each half to help the University of New England on its way to a Commonwealth Coast Conference triumph over Gordon College at the Brigham Athletic Complex.

The Nor'easters won for the sixth consecutive outing, improving to 8-1 overall and 4-0 in league action. Big Blue, which remained just

outside of the latest National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Top 20 Poll (the second team also receiving votes), has now topped the Fighting Scots (3-6, 0-4 CCC) in five straight meetings.

After the senior forward put UNE on the board in the 15th minute, Becky Zakorchemny knocked in a cross from Hannah Buckley in the 24th minute to make it 2-0.

Things stayed that way until the 52nd minute when Matarozzo converted her team-leading eighth marker off a pass from Abbey Rouillard and Brooke Marshall

finished the scoring with a blast in the 55th minute — with an assist going to Marge Gardiner.

### Men's soccer

#### UM-Farmington 1, USM 0

At Farmington, Justin Pierce scored his first goal of the season in the 84th minute to snap a scoreless deadlock and deliver the Huskies to victory over the Beavers at Leib Field.

Simon Hulbert made two saves for the University of Southern Maine of Gorham (1-5-3).

Ronie Morales came up with two saves for UMaine-Farmington (2-6).

## Red Sox lose to Yanks in ninth, but clinch title

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira hit a grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning Wednesday night as the New York Yankees rallied for a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox, who clinched the AL East Division title.

The Red Sox learned they secured their eighth divisional title before Craig Kimbrel threw a pitch when the Baltimore Orioles secured a 3-2 win in Toronto.

Kimbrel (2-5) loaded the bases by allowing three walks and a hit. He was pulled for Joe Kelly, who recorded the first two outs.

With many of the Red Sox fans rising in anticipation of the win, Teixeira drove an 0-1 pitch over the center field fence for his 15th home run of the season.

Before Teixeira's dramatic moment, Mookie Betts hit a two-run bases-loaded double with one out in the eighth off Adam Warren and David Ortiz scored on a passed ball by Tommy Layne to give the Red Sox a 3-0 lead.

James Pazos pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

Clay Buchholz continued his late-season resurgence by allowing an infield hit to Brett Gardner in the fourth in six sharp innings. Gardner also had the other hit before Teixeira's home run for New York.

New York's Bryan Mitchell allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings

**NOTES:** Boston RHP Drew Pomeranz (forearm soreness) will have a bullpen session of 30 to 35 pitches Thursday to determine if he can make a relief appearance. ... Boston manager John Farrell said LHP David Price is still expected to start the regular-season finale Sunday against Toronto. ... Farrell said the Red Sox have purposely avoided any discussion about constructing a postseason roster.

#### Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2

TORONTO — Pinch hitter Hyun Soo Kim hit a two-run homer in the ninth in-

ning and the Baltimore Orioles came back to defeat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Kim's home run came against Blue Jays closer Roberto Osuna and gave the Orioles a split in the first two games of a three-game series.

Mark Trumbo also homered for the Orioles.

Orioles left-hander Zach Britton pitched the ninth for his 47th save of the season.

Edwin Encarnacion and Kevin Pillar each hit a sacrifice fly for the Blue Jays who have lost two of their past three games.

The Blue Jays (87-71) lead the Orioles (86-72) by one game for the first American League wild-card spot and their loss Wednesday night clinched the AL East division title to the Boston Red Sox.

Orioles right-hander Chris Tillman allowed six hits, three walks and two runs (one earned) in 5 2/3 innings.

Blue Jays left-hander Francisco Liriano allowed six hits and one walk.

Tillman left with two out in the sixth after left fielder Nolan Reimold's diving catch on a bloop by Troy Tulowitzki resulted in a double play with Jose Bautista being caught off second, Bautista and Russell Martin started the inning with walks.

Left-hander Donnie Hart finished the inning on a pop-out to third by Michael Saunders.

Liriano left with one out in the seventh after singles by Matt Wieters and Jonathan Schoop. Left-hander Brett Cecil struck out Reimold and the inning ended when shortstop Troy Tulowitzki made a diving stop on a grounder to throw out Adam Jones at first.

After Cecil struck out Chris Davis to start the eighth, Jason Grilli took over and retired Manny Machado on a ground ball to short.

Trumbo followed with his 46th homer of the season to cut the lead to one run and pinch hitter Pedro Alvarez doubled and was replaced by pinch runner Drew Stubbs. Wieters flied out to left to end the inning.

### COLLEGE ROUNDUP

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