

Tigers' Churchill scores three goals in win

FORT FAIRFIELD — Taylor Churchill scored three goals and had one assist to help lead the Fort Fairfield Tigers to a 7-3 high school girls soccer win over the Central Aroostook Panthers on Tuesday.

The Tigers are now 8-1 and the Panthers are 6-3.

Morgann Towle contributed two goals and one assist while Chelsey Pelkey added a goal and two assists. Alexis Coiley had one goal and one assist.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Kassie Levesque scored for the Panthers of Mars Hill on an assist from Kelsey Dominique while Karli Levesque and Molly Anthony each chipped in a goal.

Sarah Watt made eight saves on 23 shots for Fort Fairfield. Central Aroostook's Ashlee Harris and Taia Tilley combined for six saves on 16 shots.

Messalonskee 2, Bangor 2

At Oakland, Messalonskee scored twice in the first half and Bangor scored its goals in the second half to end in a tie.

McKenna Brodeur and Madison Charest each scored for the Eagles. Libby Spekhardt scored two goals on assists by Maddi Cormier and Lucy Clein for the Rams.

Messalonskee goalkeeper Sarah Van Der Karr made 18 saves on 33 shots. Emily Gilmore made nine saves on 14 shots for Bangor.

JV: Bangor 5-1

Katahdin 2, East Grand 2

At Stacyville, Georgia Landry

scored for Katahdin with 13:11 left in regulation to tie the game at 2-2 and send it into the scoreless overtime period.

Katahdin took a 1-0 lead on Erin Lake's goal at 35:41, but the Vikings of Danforth answered with two goals by Haleigh Shay, the first at 12:37 and the second at 8:06.

Courtney Stevens finished with 13 saves on 15 shots for Katahdin while Bethany Lindsey made 32 saves on 35 shots for East Grand.

S. Aroostook 4, Hodgdon 1

At Dyer Brook, Cassidy Mathers scored three first-half goals to push the Warriors past Hawks.

Kylie Vining added a second-half goal for the Warriors. Makaelyn Porter chipped in with two assists and Lily Leavitt also added an assist.

Taylor Desrosier scored unassisted for the Hawks with 4:11 remaining in the first half.

SACS goalie Alexa Merry had 3 saves on 15 shots while Hodgdon goalie Jessica Drew had 7 saves on 21 shots.

SACH is now 3-4-2 and Hodgdon is 8-4.

Houlton 3, Schenck 0

At East Millinocket, Natalie Hill scored a goal in each half to lift the Shiretowners by the Wolverines.

Mia Hanning chipped in with a first-half goal for Houlton.

Houlton goalie Emma Hines made 10 saves on 12 shots and Schenck goalie Taylor McLaughlin finished with 28 saves on 32 shots.

Madawaska 8, Limestone 1

At Madawaska, Desiree Belanger and Hannah Nadeau led the scoring attack with three goals apiece to pace the Owls to victory.

Sam Boucher and Chelsea Daigle each added a goal for 9-1 Madawaska while Belanger, Nadeau, Dakota Cyr and Emily Boucher each had assists.

For 2-8 Limestone, Jackie Peers got credit for a goal when her shot was redirected in by a Madawaska defender.

Madawaska goalies Alexis Levesque and Cassidy Beaulieu combined for one save off of two Limestone shots. For the Eagles, Bridget Thompson and Jackie Peers combined for 16 saves off 25 shots.

Boys Soccer

East Grand 3, Katahdin 2

At Stacyville, Phillip Farley had a hat trick to lead East Grand past Katahdin. Tyler Fry and Mathew Copley assisted Farley's goals.

Daniel Moody-Kay scored the Cougars' goals on assists by Dakota Rhinehart and Tyson Porter.

Goalie Riley Somers had five saves on 13 shots for the Vikings while Thomas Gilman saved nine shots on ten attempts for Katahdin.

Ellsworth 4, George Stevens 0

At Ellsworth, the Ellsworth Eagles blanked the George Stevens Academy Eagles 4-0 in high school boys soccer action Tuesday night, improving to 9-0-1.

Trent Goodman scored a goal in each half to spark Ellsworth,

which surged to a 2-0 first-half lead. Alex Braley and Colby Clarke each chipped in with a goal for Ellsworth, with Clarke's coming unassisted from 15 yards out on a tough angle. Lukas Firestone chipped in with two assists, via throw-ins, and Braley added an assist off a corner kick. Bruce St. Peter finished with six saves on eight shots.

Julian Lindholm Fiske made 11 saves on 18 shots for the Eagles of Blue Hill (4-4-1).

Limestone 6, Madawaska 1

At Madawaska, Ahmed Beshir recorded two goals and an assist to propel Limestone/MSSM to victory over the Owls.

Also scoring for the 6-4 Eagles were Tyler Simmons with one goal and three assists, while Garrette Bard, Henry Terhune and Alex Sprague chipped in one goal apiece. Trever Gava and Mathew Hancock each added an assist.

Tristan Cyr scored the lone goal for 3-7 Madawaska on Lucas Gendreau's assist.

Limestone's Matthew Pelkey made one save on two shots and Madawaska goalie Alex Daigle had 13 saves on 19 shots.

Mount Ararat 3, Hampden 2

At Hampden, Nick Gilpin scored two goals, one off a penalty kick, to help the Broncos edge the Eagles of Topsham and improve to 10-1.

Nick Chasse chipped in with a goal for the Broncos while Alex Ross and Andrew Gendreau each added an assist. Kyle Townsend finished

with four saves on eight shots.

Alex Miranda and Max Spelke each scored unassisted goals for Mt. Ararat (5-4-2) and goalies Gavin Patterson and Elliot Bowie combined for five saves on 10 shots.

JV: 1-1

Searsport 3, Bucksport 0

At Bucksport, Connor Kneeland tallied two goals and an assist to propel Searsport past the Bucks for their fifth shutout of the season.

Dean Evans started the scoring with three minutes to play in the first half off a Kneeland assist. Kneeland extended the lead in the second half by bending in a corner kick with 24 minutes to play in the game and rounded off the scoring three minutes later on a penalty kick.

For 7-2-1 Searsport, Ben Powell and George Dakin combined for eight saves on 10 shots. Bucksport's Cody Larsen and Jakob Donnell combined for seven saves on 13 shots. The Bucks fall to 0-9-1.

Field Hockey

Mt. Blue 6, Mount Ararat 0

At Farmington, Abby Wallace scored three goals to help the Cougars roll to the win and improve to 8-3-1.

Hannah LeClair, Rebecca Harmon and Ellie Pelletier each added a goal while Hannah Minns notched four assists. LeClair added an assist and Erika McArthur had one save.

Haley Frizzle finished with 23 saves for the Eagles of Topsham (3-8-1).

JV: Mt. Blue 3-0

Fort Fairfield defeats Panthers 3-2

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FORT FAIRFIELD — Ryan Player is perfectly content at his regular center midfield position, but with his team trailing by a goal late in Tuesday night's home match against Central Aroostook, his coach felt the need to move him to offense.

The switch paid off as the Fort Fairfield junior scored the tying goal with 5:28 left and assisted on Chris Gill's game-winner 38 seconds later, keeping the Tigers undefeated at 9-0 with a 3-2 victory over the Panthers (7-2) in a matchup of Class D North powers.

BOYS SOCCER

"Ryan doesn't really like to play striker," said Fort Fairfield coach John Ala. "He'd rather assist on a goal than score himself, but we needed his offense, and he came through."

Both squads were coming off lengthy layoffs because of the harvest recess, with Fort Fairfield having gone two weeks without a game and Central Aroostook one. It took awhile for each team's offense to click, but the goals came in bunches over the final 28 minutes.

The Tigers opened the scoring with a breakaway goal by junior forward Landon Kinney 12:35 into the second half, but the visitors bounced back with a couple quick strikes.

At the 20:25 mark, Fort Fairfield goalkeeper Dalton Cassidy made an initial save on a shot taken by Central Aroostook's Dustin Pryor, but Alex Boulrier was there to boot in the rebound to tie the match. Just over two minutes later, the Panthers' set play specialist, senior Dane Kingsbury, lofted a superb corner kick that Cassi-



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do, said it was the first time this season he was called upon to make the move up front.

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Gleason leads UMF soccer team by USM

GORHAM, Maine — Freshman Ashley Gleason recorded a goal and an assist in a three-goal first half to lead the University of Maine-Farmington Beavers to a 4-1 win over the University of Southern Maine Huskies in a non-conference women's soccer game Tuesday.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

UMF struck early and led 2-0 before 10 minutes had expired in the game. Freshman Lydia Roy tapped in a goal in the sixth minute on a Gleason assist to give the Beavers the 1-0 early advantage.

Gleason added an unassisted goal about four minutes later and Katie Clark also scored unassisted at 16:29 for a 3-0 first-half lead.

Ariana Davidson answered for USM off a Jessica Preble pass at the 59:25 mark, but Bridget Humphrey scored for UMF via penalty kick at 88:01.

UMF outshot USM 17-11 with Sam Hatch making six saves for UMF and Marissa Temple making five for USM.

UMF snapped a three-game losing streak and is now 3-7-1 and USM is 3-7.

Men's Soccer Bowdoin 4, USM 0

At Brunswick, Hunter Miller scored a first-half goal for Bowdoin and the

Polar Bears added three more in the second half to beat the University of Southern Maine.

Jake Stenquist, Colton Hall and Moctar Niang each scored in the second half for Bowdoin (4-2-2). Sam Ward, Nick DeStefano and C.J. Masterson each chipped in with an assist. Stevie Van Siclen made one save.

Simon Hulbert finished with 12 saves for USM (1-8-1).

Field Hockey Bowdoin 4, UMF 0

At Brunswick, Kimmy Gannon recorded two goals and Rachel Kennedy chipped in with a goal and an assist to help the Polar Bears prevail.

Liz Znamierowski added a goal for Bowdoin (8-0) and Kelsey Mullaney had an assist.

Patty Smith made 16 saves for UMF (5-3) and Alyssa Arsenault had three.

St. Joseph's 1, Thomas 0

At Standish, Bailey Cutler's goal at the 39:46 mark of the second half gave the Monks the win over the Terriers of Waterville.

Amanda Celata and Hayley Winslow recorded assists on the goal and Megan Baker finished with two saves for St. Joseph's (7-4).

Abbie Charrier made 15 saves for Thomas (6-6).

MLB questions DraftKings about employee gambling

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Major League Baseball said on Tuesday it was surprised to learn that fantasy sports operator DraftKings, in which it has an equity investment, allowed its employees to participate in contests and has reached out to the company to discuss the matter.

A DraftKings employee recently won \$350,000 from a \$25 entry fee in an American football contest and had other major winnings on rival website FanDuel, the companies confirmed on Monday.

That has led to a firestorm of criticism from many with connections to the nascent business as employees are seen potentially having an edge because they may be able to see how some of the best-performing participants are behaving before that becomes public information.

Daily fantasy sports allow players to draft teams in games played in as little as one day. This has allowed fans to bet with a frequency that some critics argue is akin to sports betting or gambling and led to the rise of the two privately owned industry leaders, FanDuel and DraftK-

ings, both valued at more than \$1 billion. Most popular games they offer are American football and baseball.

Major League Baseball has invested twice in DraftKings, in 2013 and 2015, though it declines to say how large a stake it has acquired.

MLB spokesman Matt Bourne said in a statement that MLB prohibits its own players and employees from participating in fantasy baseball games where money or something of value is at stake, and did not know that the situation was different at DraftKings. "We have reached out and discussed this matter with them," he said.

DraftKings and FanDuel have temporarily banned players from playing daily fantasy sports until they come up with a more detailed policy on the issue, the companies said in a joint statement Monday.

The Fantasy Sports Trade Association, the trade group representing the two companies and others in the industry, has a rule that member companies must restrict employee access to competitive data for play on other sites, it said on Monday.

DraftKings did not immediately respond to a request for comment on MLB's statement.

Aces Arrieta, Cole hold wild-card hopes

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Jake Arrieta wasn't an All-Star, but the Chicago Cubs right-hander swears he was made for this big stage, Wednesday night's National League wild-card game.

Standing in the way of the Cubs' early arrival to the playoff party and a National League Division Series meeting with the St. Louis Cardinals are the Pittsburgh Pirates and 19-game winner Gerrit Cole.

"I'm obviously confident. Everything is where it needs to be," Arrieta said following his 22nd win of the season. "Wednesday is the most important thing for everybody here."

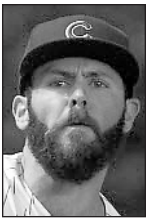
Arrieta (22-6, 1.77 ERA) and Cole are Cy Young candidates from the same division with success against Wednesday's opponent.

Arrieta tossed a one-hitter in his last start against the Pirates Sept. 27. He was 3-0 with a 0.75 ERA in five starts against the Pirates this season.

Cole is 7-1 with a 2.88 ERA in nine career starts against Chicago, including 2-1 with a 2.13 ERA this season.

"This is our guy," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said of the 25-year-old Cole, who averaged 8.7 strikeouts per nine innings in 2015.

Cole was the No. 1 pick in the 2011 and skipped one start in September to be lined up for this game. He is one of the young homegrown core players drafted by the Pirates who've helped the team to a third wild-card game appearance. The do-or-die situation is nothing new



Arrieta



Cole

to young veterans such as Andrew McCutchen, the 2013 MVP.

That won't be the case for the heart of the Cubs' order, but the thumpers in the middle of the Chicago lineup have done just fine against Cole.

First baseman Anthony Rizzo and left fielder Kris Bryant, the leading candidate for National League Rookie of the Year, were a combined 9-for-26 against Cole this season. The Cubs led MLB with 48 road wins.

"It's a chess match," Arrieta said. "They've seen what I throw. They know what I throw, but the sequences are things that I constantly change and constantly switch up so it's hard to find any pattern."

NOTES: The Pirates and Cubs went through 162 games and ended up with the second and third best records in the major leagues, respectively. Pittsburgh is no stranger to the one-game playoff and is making its third straight trip to the game after winning in 2013 and falling to the eventual World Series champion San Francisco Giants in the edition. Chicago's ascent this season is one step in a process started when Theo Epstein and Jed Hoyer took over the front office, and the team they built is brimming with young talent on offense like Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant and Kyle Schwarber. The Pirates took two of three from Cincinnati over the final weekend of the regular season to finish the season one game ahead of the Cubs and ensure the game would take place in Pittsburgh, where they are 53-28.