

Hermon girls shut out Ellsworth, stay unbeaten

HERMON — Alex Allain and Bri Saulter each registered a goal and an assist to spearhead undefeated Hermon to a 5-0 girls soccer victory over Ellsworth on Monday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Emi Higgins opened the scoring in the third minute with a perfectly placed direct kick. Allain doubled the lead three minutes later when Saulter found her with a pass that put Allain one-on-one with Eagles goalkeeper Callie Hammer.

Saulter scored the Hawks third goal on an Allain assist. Maddie Curtis made it 4-0 just before the half when she connected on a cross from Olivia Tardie.

Senior captain Morgan Buck finished off the scoring in the second half with a blast to the lower right corner on a pass from Bryanne Crouse.

Crouse had no saves in the first half and Megan Chamberlain recorded two saves in the second half for the Hawks' seventh shutout this season. Hammer made 22 saves on 27 shots for Ellsworth.

Caribou 4, Old Town 0

At Old Town, Caribou's Alexis Rodriguez broke through a rigid Coyote defense in the 56th minute of the game to open the scoring and

spark the Vikings to a victory over Old Town.

Hope Shea added her goal one minute later while Maddie Doucette and Eileen Patton each chipped in one. Doucette had three assists.

Willow Whitten had four saves on seven shots for Caribou while Old Town's Natalie St. Louis made five saves on 16 shots.

Bangor Chr. 1, Sumner 1

At Bangor, the Patriots and Tigers battled through two overtime periods to finish tied.

Jasmine Brown opened the scoring 14 minutes into the game to give Bangor Christian the early lead. Taylor Merchant tied the score for Sumner of East Sullivan at the 24-minute mark.

Morgan Hobert had 13 saves in goal for 2-7-1 Bangor Christian. Mariah Kinghorn came up with 13 saves for the 3-4-4 Tigers.

Foxcroft 2, Dexter 0

At Jeffrey Parola Field in Dexter, Jenna Clukey scored a goal in each half to propel Foxcroft Academy to the win.

Kiara Prescott made five saves on eight shots for Foxcroft and Reagan Patterson made 11 saves on 18 shots for Dexter.

Mattanawcook 3, Penquis 2

At Milo, Laci Hanington

scored the game-winner in overtime to lead Mattanawcook Academy past Penquis Valley.

Marianna York and Katie Tolman each scored a goal in regulation for the Lynx of Lincoln.

For Penquis, Cymeria Robshaw and Camryn Rolfe each scored.

Jordan Durant made 14 saves on 16 shots for the Patriots and MA's Symone Malbaum made saves on 10 shots.

PVHS 16, PCHS 2

At Guilford, senior striker Amy Hallett, the school's all-time goal scoring leader, added seven more goals to lead the undefeated Howlers from Penobscot Valley of Howland past Piscataquis Community High School.

Ryley Buck had four goals, Arianna McKinnon and Judy King had two apiece, and Taryn Reed netted a goal for the winners.

The Pirates received goals from Lucinda Wingert and Lexi Harris. Harris also had an assist.

Madawaska 1, Houlton 1

At Madawaska, the Owls and Houlton Shiretowners battled through two overtimes to end in a draw.

Claire Gilpatrick put Houlton (11-1-1) ahead in the first half with a goal at the 9:38 mark.

Aspen Cote scored for Madawaska (10-1-1) off a crossing pass from Hannah Nadeau to tie the game with 12:34 left in the second half.

Madawaska's Alexis Levesque made eight saves on 12 shots. Houlton's Emma Hines had eight saves on 14 shots.

Fort Fairfield 3, LCS/MSSM 0

At Limestone, the Fort Fairfield Tigers shut out Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Morgann Towle scored the first goal 2:28 into the game and Taylor Churchill scored with 29:34 left in the first half to give the Tigers the early lead.

Chelsey Pelkey rounded out the scoring in the second half.

Washington Acad. 4, Lee 1

At Lee, Molly Sheehan scored 2 goals in the first four minutes of the second half to break open a close game and lead Washington Academy past Lee Academy.

River Hodgdon scored the only goal in the first half for the Raiders of East Machias. Zoie Zanoni scored WA's final goal and Hannah Atcherson made 5 saves on 8 shots.

Kaylie Sawtelle scored for the Pandas and Amber Wilcoxson recorded 14 saves on 23 shots.

Field Hockey

Dexter 1, Mattanawcook 0

At Dexter, Abby Webber scored the only goal of the contest at the 22:31 mark of the second period to lead the Tigers to victory over the Lynx.

Kaitlyn Paquin made 1 save on 1 shot for 10-2 Dexter. Madison Page had 14 saves on 19 shots for 3-10 Mattanawcook Academy of Lincoln.

Boys Soccer

Caribou 2, Old Town 1

At Old Town, Michael Hunter scored both goals and Ethan Flourde made 27 saves as Caribou trimmed Old Town.

Hunter converted a penalty kick and was credited with the game-winning goal with 16 minutes left when the ball deflected into the goal off a Coyote defender.

Niko Knapp scored for Old Town off a Tae-Yun Park pass and Austin Sheehan made eight saves.

JV: Old Town 3-0

PVHS 3, Schenck 1

At East Millinocket, Grant Doane tallied two goals to lead Penobscot Valley past the Schenck Wolverines.

Grant Kidon added a goal and Zach Carr had an assist for the Howlers of Howland.

Mitchell McDunnah scored the lone goal for Schenck.

PVHS goalie Jaeden Folster had four saves on 13 shots. Justin Thompson and Chris King had seven saves on 11 shots for Schenck.

Houlton 8, Madawaska 0

At Madawaska, Connor Grant tallied three goals and an assist to propel the Shiretowners to victory.

Nolan Porter provided two goals and an assist and Jacob Worthley netted a goal and an assist, while Abe Lorum and Isaiah Littleton each had a goal. Zach Fitzpatrick, Sam Astle and Pat Howe each had one assist for 6-4-2 Houlton.

A.J. Henderson made four saves on four shots.

Alex Daigle made 10 saves on 18 shots for 3-9 Madawaska.

So. Aroostook 2, Woodland 2

At Baileyville, the Woodland Dragons and Southern Aroostook Warriors played through two overtime periods to finish in a tie.

Jackson Mathers opened the scoring for the 5-1-1 Warriors in the first half. Drew Hayward scored the equalizer on an assist by Noah Southard for 8-1-1 Woodland.

Hayward opened the second half scoring to put the Dragons in the lead and Josh Perrin scored the game tying goal for Southern Aroostook of Dyer Brook with just under six minutes left in the game.



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Toronto Blue Jays left fielder Ben Revere (right) steals second base against Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor during the eighth inning in Game 4 of the ALDS at Globe Life Park in Arlington on Monday. Toronto won 8-4.

Home runs power Jays by Rangers

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

ARLINGTON, Texas — Needing a win to stay alive, the Toronto Blue Jays reverted to what they do best: hitting the long ball.

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Toronto clubbed

three home runs — all the first two innings — to beat the Texas Rangers 8-4 Monday afternoon and even the American League Division Series at two games apiece.

The deciding Game 5 will be played Wednesday in Toronto. Neither team has won a home game in this series.

The Blue Jays led all of the majors with 232 home runs during the regular season. After two losses in Toronto, the Jays rediscovered their power stroke in Texas. Shortstop Troy Tulowitz-

ki broke open Game 3 with a three-run homer in Sunday night in Toronto's 5-1 victory. On Monday, third baseman Josh Donaldson, first baseman Chris Colabello and center fielder Kevin Pillar each went deep with Toronto's season hanging in the balance for the second consecutive game.

Pillar (3-for-4) finished with three RBIs, while Donaldson and Colabello each drove in two runs. Toronto racked up 12 hits.

The offense only told part of the story. The Blue Jays' pitching staff gave up only five runs in the two games at Globe Life Park.

Toronto starter R.A. Dickey made his first career postseason appearance a memorable one, even if he didn't qualify for the win. The 40-year-old

knuckleballer allowed only one run, but he was pulled with two outs in the fifth inning for Game 1 starter David Price.

Price got the next nine outs, working into the eighth, to pick up the victory despite allowing three runs.

With Price out of the mix for the start Wednesday, Toronto manager John Gibbons will turn to right-hander Marcus Stroman in Game 5. Texas figures to counter with ace left-hander Cole Hamels.

The Jays jumped all over Texas starter Derek Holland in the first two innings, giving the left-hander his first career postseason loss. Holland couldn't get an out in the third before getting yanked for right-hander Colby Lewis.

Donaldson started the onslaught with a two-run bomb to right in the first. Colabello followed two outs later with a solo blast to right for a 3-0 lead.

Pillar hit a mammoth shot to left-center in the second for a four-run lead.

When the dust settled, the Jays had scorched Holland for six runs on five hits. Lewis, the Rangers' regular-season leader in wins, couldn't stem the tide.

Of the Rangers' 11 hits, nine came from right fielder Shin-Soo Choo, third baseman Adrian Beltre, shortstop Elvis Andrus and catcher Robinson Chirinos. Designated hitter Prince Fielder, left fielder Josh Hamilton and first baseman Mitch Moreland — three of Texas' big bats — combined to go 1-for-10.

Cubs hammer homers, beat Cards

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

CHICAGO — Rookies Kyle Schwarber and Kris Bryant slugged two of a postseason-record six home runs as the Cubs

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seized command of their National League Division Series with an 8-6 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 3 on Monday.

Chicago won its second straight to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series. The Cubs would clinch a berth in the NL Championship Series with a Tuesday victory at Wrigley Field.

Second baseman Starlin Castro, first baseman Anthony Rizzo, right fielder Jorge Soler and center fielder Dexter Fowler also went deep for Chicago.

Bryant delivered the key blow — a two-run homer in a three-run fifth that gave the Cubs a 4-2 lead. Rizzo followed with a solo shot to make it 5-2.

Cubs right-hander Jake Arrieta improved to 2-0 in the postseason despite allowing four runs in 5 2/3 innings. Cardinals right-hander Michael Wacha took the loss after giving up four runs in 4 1/3 innings.

St. Louis trimmed a 5-2 deficit to a single run in the sixth with right fielder Jason Heyward's two-run home run to left off Arrieta that scored left fielder Matt Holliday.

Arrieta departed after hitting pinch hitter Brandon Moss with a pitch. It was the Chicago ace's shortest since he allowed four runs in five innings in a May 16 loss to the Cleveland Indians. On Monday, Arrieta gave up five hits while walking two and striking out nine.

Soler got the runs right

back in the bottom of the sixth. His first-pitch homer to left scored pinch hitter Chris Coghlan and gave the Cubs a 7-4 lead.

Fowler added a one-out solo shot in the eighth off right-hander Jonathan Broxton.

Cardinals first baseman Stephen Piscotty's two-run, ninth-inning homer with two outs cut the Cubs' lead to 8-6.

The six homers — by six different players — set a postseason record. The Cubs hit five against the San Diego Padres in a game in the 1984 NLCS.

Schwarber's one-out solo homer in the second inning opened a 1-0 Cubs lead. Schwarber, who sat out Game 2 in St. Louis, sent Wacha's 2-2 pitch to the left field bleachers for his second homer of the postseason and 18th overall.

The Cardinals jumped in front 2-1 in the fourth. Arrieta opened the inning with walks to Piscotty and Holliday. Shortstop Jhonny Peralta doubled home Piscotty, and center fielder Tommy Pham brought in Holliday on a fielder's choice to third.

In the bottom of the fourth, Castro forced a 2-2 tie with a first-pitch solo homer that went 413 feet to the left field bleachers.

Later in the inning, shortstop Addison Russell tripled to deep left with two outs but departed the game with a left hamstring strain. Javier Baez, who entered as a pinch runner for Russell, remained in the game at shortstop.

Bryant made it 4-2 in the fifth, connecting on Wacha's 3-2 pitch for a two-run homer to left. The homer — his first of the postseason — brought home right fielder Jorge Soler and earned a curtain call from Cubs fans.

Defense getting job done for Patriots

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts — Defense is going to play second fiddle in New England, and that's on the very best day for the Patriots.

That's life playing along with Tom Brady, Rob Gronkowski and an offense that scored 149 points in the first four games.

A 30-6 win at Dallas on Sunday was the latest example that Bill Belichick's retooled defense is very much trying to find its identity.

But with the Dallas defense battering Brady early and forcing the Patriots to punt on three of their first four possessions, New England's defense kept the Cowboys from moving the ball

and provided Brady and the offense endless opportunities to make adjustments.

It was the first time the Patriots went on the road and help the opposition without a touchdown since December 2010.

The effort had Belichick raving.

"Just go out there and just do it every week. Did they score?" defensive end Jabaal Sheard asked rhetorically after his two-sack performance. "We wanted to hold the offense to no touchdowns. ... They did get yardage. But at the end of the day, we held our own in the red zone."

And the effort started by shutting down the Cowboys rushing attack. Injuries to Tony Romo and Dez Bryant aside, Dallas does sport argu-

ably the best offensive line in football and the Patriots met that challenge head on.

"I think that is something we have to do every week," Sheard said of by far New England's best performance against the run this season. "It is the NFL, everybody wants to run the ball. You have a lot of great backs. Definitely you have to stop the run. That is something we have been trying to do since day one."

The Patriots do believe in everything working together — the defense feeding the offense, either with field position or by getting off the field quickly.

"On defense, the big thing is we are not paying attention to anything the offense does. They have a job and we have a job. So no matter if

they are scoring every possession or if they are going three-and-out or kicking field goals. We just have to get the ball back," safety Devin McCourty said. "I think from playing here for a couple years, we know if we can just keep getting the ball back, no matter what they are doing, eventually they will put points on the board and we will make a run."

A work-in-progress New England defense carried its weight in Dallas. It has a chance to keep the momentum going again on the road this week with a trip to Indy to take on the struggling Colts, who could get a jolt from the return of quarterback Andrew Luck from a shoulder injury that kept him on the sideline the past two games.

Husson beats Rivier

NASHUA, New Hampshire — Elizabeth Terry and Taylor Shaw each scored two goals in the first 22 minutes of

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

the first half on Monday, leading Husson University of Bangor to a 7-3 field hockey victory over Rivier College.

Kayla Royer also scored two goals while Lauren Russell added the other for the Eagles (5-6). Mikayla Toth provided two assists with Kerianne Downing and Libby Kain posting one each.

Kaitlin Dolloff made seven saves.

Jordan Parece, Marykate Sweeney and Leah Ingalls tallied a goal apiece for 2-11 Rivier. Stevie Charest and Emily Foster combined to make 12 saves.

Football Gamecocks' Spurrier steps down

South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier is retiring, effective immediately, and an interim head coach will be named Tuesday, The State newspaper of Columbia, South Carolina, reported Monday.

Spurrier, 70, informed his team of his decision Monday, and quarterbacks coach G.A. Mangus is expected to be named the interim head coach, a source told The State.

Spurrier is in his 11th season with the Gamecocks after returning to college football following a stint as a head coach in the NFL. He built South Carolina into a national power, but the Gamecocks on just seven games last year and it is 2-4 this season.

He won the 1996 national championship and six SEC titles in 12 years at Florida.