

Young's header lifts PI boys past Old Town

PRESQUE ISLE — Denny Young scored the winning goal with a header off a Nick Bartlett assist with 16 minutes left in the game to lead No. 3 Presque Isle to a 2-1 Class B North quarterfinal victory over No. 6 Old Town on Wednesday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Griffin Guerrette opened the scoring for Presque Isle when he finished a Joe Morse assist with 15:20 left in the first half. Old Town's Brad Westura scored the equalizer off a Drew Coulombe assist going into the half.

Jason Dumais made eight saves on nine shots for Presque Isle and Austin Sheehan had six saves on eight shots for the Coyotes.

Cen. Aroostook 5, Shead 1

At Eastport, Alex Boulier scored two goals in the first half to help the fifth-seeded Panthers hand the No. 4 Tigers their first loss of the season in a Class D North quarterfinal.

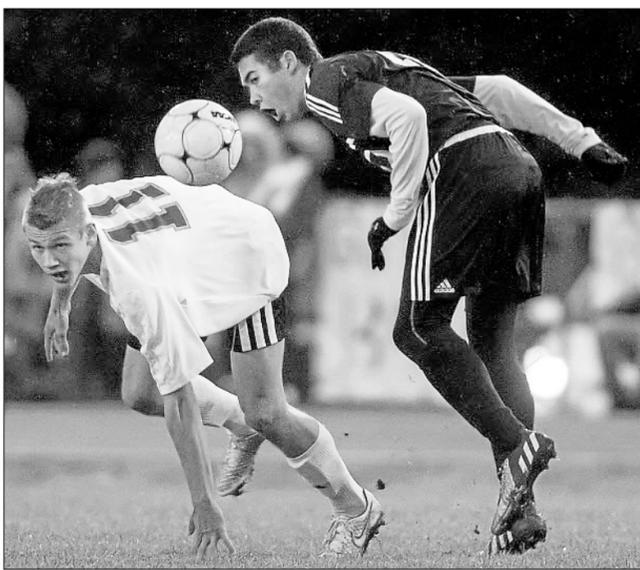
Caleb Harris and Dane Kingsbury each scored in the second half for 13-3 Central Aroostook of Mars Hill. Dustin Pryor added an insurance tally and Hunter Krouse made six saves on 18 shots.

Ian Sullivan scored on a penalty kick with 20:55 remaining for 14-1 Shead. Philip Farrell made seven saves on 22 shots.

Fort Fairfield 5, Machias 0

At Fort Fairfield, Chris Giberson led the way with two goals as the No. 1 Tigers shut out No. 9 Machias in Class D North quarterfinal action.

Isaac Cyr scored on a Greg Jellison assist 8:40 into the game and Jonah Daigle scored unassisted five minutes later. Giberson scored on an assist from Ryan Player to take a 3-0 lead into the half.



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Ellsworth's Dagin Bereyni (left) and Foxcroft Academy's Cooper Nelson battle for a loose ball during their Class B North quarterfinal game Wednesday in Ellsworth. Ellsworth won 2-1. Story on Page B5.

Giberson opened the second half with his second goal on Yoni Maja's assist. Player rounded out the scoring with an assist from Thomas Krause.

Dalton Cassidy earned the shutout in goal for the Tigers. For Machias, James Mersereau saved 11 of 24 shots.

Central 4, Houlton 0

At Corinth, Andrew Speed scored two early goals during a span of 3 minutes, 12 seconds to spearhead the Red Devils to a Class C North quarterfinal victory.

Caleb Shaw and Micah Ward scored second-half goals on headers off Speed corner kicks to help provide the final margin for Central of Corinth (14-1). Gage Poulin

made 8 saves on 12 shots.

A.J. Henderson amassed 27 saves on 34 shots for the Shiretowners, who finish the season at 9-5-2.

Ashland 2, PVHS 1

At Ashland, the Hornets advanced to the semifinals by edging the Howlers in the second round of penalty kicks.

The teams played through two scoreless overtimes and were deadlocked 2-2 in the first round of penalty kicks.

Grant Doane had staked Penobscot Valley of Howland (11-5) to a 1-0 lead with a penalty-kick goal in the first half, but Ashland's Lucas Craig answered five minutes later when he deflected Alex Kaiser's

shot from the 18-yard line into the goal.

Timothy Tarr made five saves on eight shots for the 11-4-1 Hornets, while Jaeden Folster posted 10 saves on 18 shots for the Howlers.

Fort Kent 8, PCHS 1

At Fort Kent, the No. 2 Warriors scored four goals in each half en route to the win over No. 10 Piscataquis in a Class C North quarterfinal game.

Senior Ryan Chasse led the attack with four goals and two assists. Trevor Carter scored two goals while Brandon Theriault and sophomore Micah Charette each added a goal and an assist for 13-1-1 Fort Kent.

For Piscataquis Community of Guilford, which finished at 7-9, Dastan Orozbov scored with 6:25 remaining in the game.

Chris Daigle turned away five of 14 shots for Fort Kent. Brandon Leavitt stopped 17 of 45 shots for the Pirates.

Bangor Chr. 7, Washburn 0

At Hampden, Tyler Welch tallied three goals to lead No. 2 Bangor Christian past No. 7 Washburn in Class D North quarterfinal action.

Josh Palmeter added two goals while Dean Grass and Jack York each had one for the 14-1 Patriots, who outshot Washburn 25-7. Luke Chandler contributed four assists and Sam Jones had one.

Washburn finishes the season at 9-6-1.

Camden Hills 3, Cony 2

At Rockport, Kienan Brown capitalized on a turnover from just outside the penalty area to score a second-half goal, lifting Camden Hills to a Class A North quarterfinal victory over Cony of Augusta.

Morgan Mercier scored off a Brown corner kick with 13 seconds left in the first half after Nate Foye's header had staked Cony to a 1-0 lead. In the second half, Josh Pitcairn converted a pass from Kieran Lydon to give Camden Hills the lead, but Tyler Sproul's shot from the top of the 18 got the Rams even shortly thereafter.

Lucas Boetsch made 8 saves on 12 shots for the Windjammer and Nick Robinson piled up 19 saves on 25 shots for Cony.

Searsport 2, Greenville 0

At Searsport, Dean Evans' header goal off a pass from Connor Kneeland eight minutes into the game propelled the third-seeded Vikings to a shutout of the sixth-seeded Lakers in a Class D South quarterfinal.

Searsport (11-4-1) struck again with 13 minutes left in the first half when Troy Reynolds took a direct kick from the left corner of the penalty area and bent it just inside the far post.

Ben Powell made a save on two Greenville shots to earn the shutout for the Vikings. Evan Bjork made 8 saves on 17 shots for 4-7-4 Greenville.

Hampden 3, Brewer 2

At Hampden, Nick Chasse scored two goals, including the game winner in overtime, to lead the No. 2 Broncos past No. 10 Brewer in Class A North quarterfinal action.

Isaiah Raime scored an unassisted goal while Nick Gilpin assisted both goals by Chasse.

For Brewer, Oisín Biswas scored unassisted and the second goal was an own goal.

Kyle Townsend made four saves on six shots for Hampden while Brewer goalie Jonathan Wood made five saves on eight shots.

Thomas propels Celtics to victory

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics overcame an early nine-point deficit and cruised to a 112-95 victory over the young Philadelphia 76ers in the opener for both teams on Wednesday night.

The loss spoiled the NBA debut of center Jahlil Okafor, the third pick of the 2015 NBA draft. The Duke product sparkled early and late, scoring 10 points in his first 5 1/2 minutes and finishing a strong debut impressively.

He wound up with 26 points and seven rebounds in 37 minutes. He was 10 of 16 from the floor but did have eight of his team's 24 turnovers.

Guard Isaiah Thomas keyed an onslaught by the Boston bench with 27 points and seven assists. Forward Amir Johnson, making his Celtics debut, also came off the bench with 15 points and seven rebounds, while fellow reserve (forward) Jared Sullinger adding 12 points and seven boards. Among the starters, guard Marcus Smart led the way with 13 points and five assists.

Forward David Lee, also making his Celtics debut, chipped in with eight points, five rebounds and five assists, while forward Jae Crowder scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Celtics, who are opening with three straight games at home.



GREG M. COOPER | USA TODAY
Boston Celtics forward Jared Sullinger dribbles the ball against Philadelphia 76ers power forward Richaun Holmes during the first half at TD Garden in Boston on Wednesday night.

The Celtics, who led by as many as 20, had 31 assists on 39 baskets.

The Sixers, with only nine players available because of injury, built a 26-17 lead in the first quarter, but the Celtics bridged the first and second quarters with a 21-2 run to take control of the game.

Forward Nerlens Noel, a local product playing in front of family and friends, had 14 points and 12 rebounds and guard Isaiah Ca-

naan posted 18 points and seven assists for the Sixers.

Thomas and his team got off to a slow start, with the Sixers building their lead as Thomas entered the game and missed all four of his shots in the first quarter.

He did have two assists in his first six minutes and then really heated up in the second, scoring six straight points to key a 13-0 run.

Okafor and Noel dominated the early going but it soon became apparent the Sixers just

aren't loaded with other options.

NOTES: G Nik Stauskas, acquired from the Kings during the offseason, made his debut with the Sixers after suffering a right tibia stress reaction on the third day of camp. "I know what I'm doing tonight, I just can't tell you guys," he said after the morning shootaround. "I feel like I could give 48 (minutes) today. I don't know how much they'll let me, though." He was the 10th man dressed for the injury-riddled 76ers.

Old Town

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yards after the catch of a shorter pass pattern.

"You've got to account for him, and if you don't account for him we're in a position to take advantage of him," said Cowan. "He and Jake have a great relationship, they can do things that most quarterbacks and receivers can't do at this level."

Miller has 35 catches for 731 yards — an average of more than 20 yards per reception — with 12 touchdowns so far this fall.

"You know when the game's on the line you can throw the ball up to Dre and nine out of 10 times no matter who's on him he's going to come down with the ball," said Jarvis, who has completed 75 of 123 passes for 1,208 yards and 16 TDs. "It's a great luxury to have. He's a great player."

But as the 6-foot-3, 200-pound Miller routinely draws the attention of multiple defenders, classmates such as Pascal Cyr, Ethan Stoddard and Josh Crouse also have contributed to the passing game.

"We have a lot of weapons," said Cowan, the team's second-year head coach. "It's something we've talked about all year, that if you take one person away we have plenty of other guys who are willing and ready to step up and make plays."

That passing game is complemented by an unsung rushing attack led by junior T.J. Crawford, a first-year starter at tailback.

"Not a lot of people knew about T.J.," said Cowan. "He didn't get a lot of carries last year with Braden [Upshaw] in front of him."

Crawford displayed his strength, speed and quickness in a major way during Old Town's biggest game to date this season, last Friday's 31-8 win over Mount Desert Island in their battle for a first-round bye. The victory evolved into the No. 1 seed a day later when the Coyotes won a coin flip with Winslow, which also finished the regular season without a loss.

Crawford blitzed through the MDI defense for 182 yards and two touchdowns despite starting fullback Dana Ouellette seeing limited duty on offense due to injury.

That performance pushed

Crawford's season totals to 1,044 yards and 16 touchdowns on 125 rushing attempts behind the all-senior offensive line of tackles Chris Hoxie and Noah Hayes, guards Drew Ryder and Caleb Koneff and center Seth Jack.

"We know teams are going to try to stop the pass a lot," said Miller, "but we also know T.J.'s a great running back and gets those tough yards."

The Old Town defense, meanwhile, has yielded an average of just 13 points per contest with Ouellette and Stoddard the leading tacklers from their linebacker slots, while the secondary of Miller, Cyr and Crouse has combined for seven interceptions.

This week the Coyotes find themselves in an unfamiliar situation from what has been the norm for the program in late October, idle not because their season has ended but because they're waiting to learn the identity of their next opponent. Old Town will host the winner of Saturday's 1 p.m. Class C North quarterfinal that sends No. 5 Foxcroft Academy of Dover-Foxcroft to No. 4 Madison/Carrabec on the weekend of Nov. 6-7.

"It's not something we're used to," said Cowan. "We're

going to keep them focused. You don't want to lose the gains you've made in the season, and we've got to fix our mistakes. We weren't perfect [against MDI], so this week we'll focus more on ourselves and then next week once we know our opponent we'll get after it."

In the meantime, the Coyotes are eager to continue pursuing the latest chapter in a series of significant athletic accomplishments for boys athletic teams in the Canoe City — among them the 2014 Class B basketball state championship, a trip to the 2014 Eastern Maine baseball final, return trips to the regional semifinals in both sports this year, including an undefeated regular season in baseball, and a berth in the 2015 Senior League World Series.

"It's funny," said Miller, "because when we were kids we used to be out in the backyard throwing the ball around and playing like we were seniors in high school, saying how this was for the state game or this was for the Eastern Maine game."

"We've always imagined it, but it's great to be living it right now."

UMFK shuts out UM-Machias 5-0

FORT KENT — The University of Maine-Fort Kent utilized five different goal scorers to post a 5-0 men's soccer victory over UMaine-Machias on Wednesday afternoon.

Ross Downie, Willie Monthe, Daniel Blackwood, Ashlee Davis and Justin Soontiens scored for the Bengals, who outshot the Clippers 21-0. Butch Forbes, Alex Charette and Ross Downie shared time in goal. Robert Devone made nine saves for UMM.

Volleyball

UMFK reaches nationals

The University of Maine-Fort Kent volleyball team has been selected to participate in the United State Collegiate Athletic Association's national tournament.

The Bengals, making the program's first appearance in the nationals, are the No. 9 seed and are in Pool A along with No. 1 Florida College, No. 4 Alfred State, No. 5

St. Mary of the Woods and No. 8 Penn State Brandywine.

UMFK will play each team in its pool on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5 and 6, for the chance to advance to the championship. The Bengals face Alfred State, St. Mary of the Woods and Penn State Brandywine all on Nov. 5, then tackle Florida College on Nov. 6.

Men's Soccer

Bowdoin, Tufts tie

At Medford, Massachusetts, Bowdoin College and Tufts played to a scoreless tie through two overtimes, setting up a rematch in Saturday's NESCAC quarterfinal match, also set for Kraft Field. The Jumbos (9-3-3 overall) finished as the No. 3 seed with a 5-2-3 record and Bowdoin (7-3-4) is sixth after a 3-3-4 conference mark. Tufts' keeper Scott Greenwood made six saves for the Jumbos' sixth consecutive shutout. Stevie Van Siclen had five stops for the Polar Bears.

Ellsworth

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13:12 into the match, but Ellsworth countered 2½ minutes later when Colby Clarke scored off an assist from Dagan Bereyni.

"The ball was going back and forth at the top of the box, and we just always click," said Clarke. "The defenders were rushing back and I cut back and laid it in with my left foot."

Ellsworth then turned to a staple of Higgins' coaching tenure, the set play, to score the go-ahead goal with the final seconds winding down before intermission.

Firestone unleashed a flip throw-in from near the Foxcroft bench along the right sideline toward the far post, where Braley redirected it past Ponies' goalie Logan Butera.

"I just try to be in the right

position at the right time for the throw," said Braley. "It's been working all season, and hopefully it keeps working throughout (the playoffs)."

Foxcroft was unable to get the equalizer after the break, though senior Tobias Hogfeldt, a boarding student from Denmark, created a couple of significant chances despite being constantly shadowed by Ellsworth back Trent Mahon.

Ellsworth finished with a 16-9 shots advantage, with Butera making eight stops and St. Peter six.

"We played about average, and the reason for that was they were very aggressive, they marked us very well, and that's the best I've seen them play against us in recent years," said Higgins after his 565th career coaching victory.

"But we were able to get our throw-ins into the box and our corner kicks into the box, and that probably was the difference in the game."

Seahawks' Wilson leads merchandise sales

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson is back on top with the NFL's best-selling jersey and in overall merchandise sales.

The NFL Players Inc., the licensing and marketing arm of the NFL Players Association, released its list Wednesday of the top 50

best-selling players among products licensed from March through August.

Wilson ended last year atop the NFLPA's sales charts, but he was interrupted by New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady at the top of the first-quarter list.

Brady took the No. 2 spot despite an offseason of Deflategate controversy.