

Southern Aroostook pulls away from Easton

EASTON — Sydney Brewer recorded 14 points to pace Southern Aroostook as both teams stayed close throughout the contest before the Warriors pulled away from the Easton Bears for a 46-40 girls basketball victory Wednesday night.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Kylie Vining and Katelyn Slauenwhite each added nine points for the Warriors of Dyer Brook.

Elise Allen and Blake Bradley both had 10 points for Easton.

SA: Brewer 14, Vining 9, Porter 8, Slauenwhite 9, Mathers 6

Easton: Leach 2, Bonner 4, Morin 8, Allen 10, Bradley 10, Gilman 6

SA 14 25 32 46
Easton 13 21 31 40
3-pt. goals: Slauenwhite 2

Ashland 56, Van Buren 18
At Van Buren, Hannah Stratton poured in 24 points to help the Hornets cruise by the Crusaders.

Morgan Doughty chipped in with nine points for Ashland (2-0).

Lindsay Gendreau paced Van Buren (0-2) with eight points and Alexis Headley had seven.

Ashland (56): Doughty 9, Dotson, Stratton 24, Sturgeon 4, Driscoll, Watt 2, Carter 9, Lothrop 6, Tardie 2, Jimmo

Van Buren (18): Nicknair, Gendreau 8, Theriault, Lajoie, Ouellette 7, Headley 1, Bresett, Roussel

Ashland 18 29 41 56
V.B. 0 4 15 18

Fort Kent 34, Limestone 27

At Limestone, Cassidy Lovely scored 12 points and Libby LaPointe added eight to pace Fort Kent to the win over the Eagles.

Jessica Lindsay and Francesca Armstrong each had six points to pace Limestone.

FK: O'Leary 3-0-6, Lovely 5-2-12, LaPointe 2-4-8, Saucier 3-0-6, Roy 1-0-2, M. Pelletier, Desjardins, S. Pelletier

LCS/MSSM: Peers 2-0-5, Albert 1-0-3, Lindsay 3-0-6, Armstrong 3-0-6, Williams 3-1-7, Tucker, Bragg, Hemp-hill, Dann

FK 10 14 24 34
LCS 4 8 18 27
3-pts.: Peers, Albert

Penquis 41, Greenville 33

At Milo, Penquis Valley put together a balanced-scoring attack to win at home against the Greenville Lakers. Jordan Durant and Megan Valvo each tallied 11 points and Camryn Rolfe chipped in 10.

Emily Vraux scored seven points for Greenville.

Fort Fairfield 61, Hodgdon 31

At Fort Fairfield, the Tiggers jumped out to a 25-2 first quarter lead and went on to post the win over Hodgdon. Taylor Churchill led 2-0 Fort Fairfield with 14 points, followed by Kayla Giberson and Marissa Brouette with 11 and 10 point, respectively.

Taylor Desrosiers led 0-2 Hodgdon with 11 points and Janelle Goff added five points for the Hawks.

FF 25 37 53 61
Hodgdon 2 4 8 31
JV: FF 45-30

MDI 72, Washington Ad. 47

At East Machias, Kelsey Shaw scored a game-high 19 points as MDI took a 20-5 first quarter lead and never looked back. Sierra Tapley and Keely McComony each contributed

16 points for the Trojans.

Caitlyn Lyons led the Raiders with 16 points while Rylea Steeves chipped in 14 points and Jaiden Veal had 11 points.

MDI: M. Watras 1-0-2, J. Watras 2-0-4, Miller 1-1-4, Shaw 9-1-19, Laurendeau, Candage 2-2-6, E. Watras 1-0-2, Tapley 7-0-16, Hamor 0-1-1, McComony 7-2-16, Parady 1-0-2

WA: Steeves 4-3-14, Day, Atcherson 2-1-5, Barker, Hodgdon, Richardson, del Olmo Hernandez, Mitchell, Lyons 4-8-16, Veal 5-1-11, Francis 0-1-1

MDI 20 38 52 72
WA 5 27 42 47

Mattanawcook 54, Old Town 43

At Lincoln, Mattanawcook's Camryn Lyons poured in 23 points to lead all scorers and grabbed eight rebounds. Cheyanne Libby added nine points and seven steals for the 1-2 Lynx.

Mikayla Richards led Old Town with 13 points while Olivia Albert added 10 points for the 0-2 Coyotes.

MA: Lyons 6-10-23, C. Libby 3-3-9, K. Tolman 3-1-7, Hafford 2-2-4, Voisine 1-2-4, Gordon 2-0-4, E. Tolman 0-2-

2, T. Libby 0-1-1, Hanington, McLaughlin, Page, Tilton

Old Town: Richards 3-5-13, Albert 3-4-10, Mishou 2-3-7, Sharp 2-2-4, Folsom 2-1-3, St. Louis 1-0-2, Saucier 1-0-2, King 1-0-2, Holmes

Boys Basketball

Van Buren 40, Ashland 16

At Van Buren, Paul Rioux led all scorers with 18 points to pace the Crusaders to victory.

Thomas Lajoie and Joseph Canwell added five points apiece.

For Ashland, Rylee Albert and Steven Bellanceau had five and four points, respectively.

Ashland: K Beaucher 2-1-3, A Harmon 1-0-2, b Clark 1-0-2, R Albert 2-0-5, s Bellanceau 1-2-4

VB: Paul Rioux 7-4-18, M Burgess, 1-0-2 N Lajoie, 3-0-6, T Lajoie 2-0-5, J Canwell 2-1-5
VB 8 19 28 40
Ashland 2 4 6 16

Bangor Chr. 44, Katahdin 43

At Stacyville on Monday night, Dean Grass scored 20 points to lead Bangor Christian past Katahdin.

Brody Guiggey paced Katahdin with 13 points and

Devin McGraw added 12.

Fort Kent 55, LCS/MSSM 36

At Limestone, Fort Kent used a strong second quarter to jump out to a 26-14 halftime lead over the Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics en route to the win.

Fort Kent's Ryan Chasse led all scorers with 16 points while Brandon Theriault had 15.

Justin Hamilton led the Eagles with 9 points from the post.

Fort Kent is now 2-0 and LCS/MSSM is 1-2.

Fort Kent (55): C. Jandreau 3-2-8; R. Chasse 7-0-16; C. Delisle 2-0-4; B. Theriault 7-0-15; M. Charette 1-1-3; J. Daigle 3-0-6; L. Hills 1-0-3, I. Christensen, A. Levesque, T. Anderson, J. Soucy, E. Babin, L. Ouellette.

LCS/MSSM (36): Sprague 2-0-4; Negron 2-0-4; Canonico 1-2-4; Hamilton 3-3-9; Patten 1-0-2; Beshir 2-1-5; Hatfield 2-0-4; Dolloff 2-0-4; M. Martin, Morgan, P. Flanigan, G. McCulloh, S. Sullivan, K. Albert.

Fort Kent 12 26 44 55
LCS/MSSM 8 14 23 36

Patriots sign defensive back Johnson

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The New England Patriots signed defensive back Leonard Johnson to their 53-man roster on Wednesday.

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Johnson, 25, was released from Tampa Bay's injured reserve list on Dec. 3. The 5-foot-10, 202-pounder originally entered the NFL in 2012 as a rookie free agent with Tampa Bay out of Iowa State. He has played in 48 NFL games (17 starts), registering 139 tackles, five interceptions with two touchdowns, 20 passes defended, four forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and nine special teams tackles.

The Patriots waived cornerback Rashaan Melvin on Tuesday. Melvin, 26, was

claimed off waivers from the Baltimore Ravens on Oct. 14 and played in eight games for the Patriots. He had three tackles and two special teams tackles for the Patriots.

In addition, the Patriots signed linebacker Eric Martin to the practice squad. Martin, 24, was released by the Patriots on Nov. 27. He made the 53-man roster out of training camp and played in the opening game before being released on Sept. 12. He was signed to the practice squad on Sept. 16 before being re-signed to the 53-man roster on Nov. 12. Martin played in two games after re-joining the 53-man roster and finished with three special teams tackles.

Patriots' Brady leads Pro Bowl voting

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, with

502,913 votes, leads all NFL players in balloting for the 2016 Pro Bowl as one week of fans voting remains, the league announced Wednesday.

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton (473,460 votes) ranks second overall, while Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton (389,062 votes), Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (359,158 votes) and Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski round out the top five on NFL.com.

Fans voting for the 2016 Pro Bowl will continue online and on web-enabled mobile phones at www.NFL.com/probowl/ballot until Dec. 15. NFL players and coaches will cast their votes on Dec. 18.

The Pro Bowl players are determined by the consensus votes of fans, players and coaches. Each group's

vote counts one-third toward determining the 88 All-Star players who will be eligible for the Pro Bowl Draft.

The Pro Bowl players will be announced on Dec. 22 on NFL Network. Players will later be assigned to teams through the Pro Bowl Draft on Jan. 27.

The 2016 Pro Bowl will be played on Sunday, Jan. 31 at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

The Pro Bowl will continue using the revised game format that debuted in 2014, with NFL Legends captains having final say over Pro Bowl Draft decisions. The Pro Bowl will remain "un-conferenced" — players will be selected without regard to conference in voting by fans, coaches and players and later assigned to Pro Bowl teams via a fantasy football-style draft.

Bowdoin player, UM coach receive field hockey honors

Bowdoin College of Brunswick senior Rachel Kennedy of Trumbull, Connecticut, was named the 2015 Division III

COLLEGE REPORT

Player of the Year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

A two-time first team All-American and two-time New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Kennedy is the first Polar Bear to earn the award since the NFHCA instituted it in 2009.

Kennedy was nearly unstoppable in her senior campaign, recording a NESCAC-best 35 goals and 76 points. She led all of Division III with 1.59 goals per game this season, recording a goal in 20 of 22 games and registering 11 multi-goal games. Ten of her goals this fall were game-winning tallies.

The senior forward be-

came Bowdoin's career leader in goals (103) and points (226) during the 2015 campaign. Kennedy ended her career at Bowdoin owning the highest career goal tally of any active player.

University of Maine head field hockey coach Josette Babineau also received a top honor as the 2015 NFHCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year.

Under Babineau, UMaine set a school record for most wins in a season with 19. The Black Bears also reached the America East Conference championship for the first time since 2005.

Babineau and her staff received honors from the America East Conference as Coaching Staff of the Year. During the 2015 campaign, Babineau reached a career milestone, surpassing 100 career wins, all at UMaine.

UMaine finished the season ranked as the 17th team in the country.

Bowdoin rolls past UMF for fifth victory

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

BRUNSWICK — The Bowdoin College Polar Bears jumped out to a 22-8 lead at the end of the first quarter en route to a 79-38 women's basketball victory over the University of Maine-Farmington Beavers Wednesday night.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Shannon Brady sparked Bowdoin (5-2) with 17 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots. Lauren Petit chipped in with 14 points, six steals and two assists while Marle Curle and Abi-

gail Kelly each netted nine points.

Bowdoin outrebounded UMF 44-38 and held the Beavers to a 29.5 percent shooting effort from the field (13 of 44).

Meghan Smith paced UMF with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Cheyenne Malloy added seven points and Kelly Pomerleau had five assists.

Men's Basketball
Thomas 91, UMA 83

At Waterville, Tyheem Simon came off the bench to connect on 12 of 16 shots

from the floor and finished with 28 points to lead the Terriers by the University of Maine Augusta.

UMA took a one-point halftime lead, but Thomas outscored the Moose 52-43 in the second half.

Carlos Gonzalez chipped in with 22 points and 13 rebounds for Thomas (4-5) while Adam Carlsen added 15 points.

Dallas Murray and Brandon Rogers each scored 21 points to lead UMA (6-8). Keith Chesley added 12 points and 10 rebounds and Caleb McGuire had 11 points.

Providence 66, Boston College 51

Ben Bentil had 16 points and eight rebounds before sustaining a first-half injury, and an illness sidelined Kris Dunn for the second half, but No. 15 Providence held on for a 66-51 victory over Boston College on Wednesday night at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I.

Bentil, a sophomore forward, apparently hurt his left leg after missing a jumper with 1:56 to play in the first half. He limped to the locker room and did not return.

MMA

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Rival gym stars to collide

Two Marine Corps veterans from rival Bangor-area MMA gyms will collide in the main event of NEF 21 on Feb. 6, 2016, at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee in Lewiston.

New England Fights promoters announced Tuesday that Bruce "Pretty Boy" Boyington of Young's MMA and Boyington's Taekwondo Academy in Bangor will defend his NEF pro lightweight championship against Jon Lemke of Team Irish MMA Fitness Academy in Brewer.

Boyington (12-8) has won

three straight fights and six of his last seven, including a three-round decision over Rodrigo Almeida on a World Series of Fighting card in October and a third-round TKO victory over Jimmy Davidson last month during a title defense at NEF XX in Lewiston.

"I don't really understand why he would want a fight with me right now," said Boyington in a press release. "I do believe he will show up and give his best effort, but I wouldn't want to fight me right now. I'm dangerous and my confidence is through the roof, and when it's like this, it is going to take a world-class athlete to stop me, but my focus this whole camp will be on remaining humble and focused."

Lemke (5-3) is considered

the No. 1 contender for Boyington's NEF title, particularly after defeating previously unbeaten Matt Denning via first-round TKO in the NEF XX co-main event.

"I am so incredibly grateful and excited to be fighting for NEF once again and especially an opportunity to fight for the title," said Lemke. "Those who know my story know what a long road this has been for me, which makes it all the more special. Bruce

is the man and has done a phenomenal job promoting himself as champion, and in the process brought a lot of attention to the rest of the MMA community in the area. He has a couple of titles with different promotions and had fights on the national stage.

"He presents a unique and explosive set of challenges, and I very much look forward to rising up and meeting that challenge head on," he said.

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