Bartlett sparks Old Town boys past Ellsworth

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

OLD TOWN — Chad Bartlett scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds on Wednesday night to spearhead the Old Town Coyotes to a 50-41 boys basketball victory over Ellsworth.

Andre Miller netted 11 points and Drew Coulombe provided 10 points for the 3-1 Coyotes, who have won three in a row.

For 2-1 Ellsworth, Bruce St. Peter scored 10 points, Bryce Harmon tallied 9 points and Nick Bagley added 8.

MDI 49, John Bapst 38

At the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, the Trojans built a 15-point halftime lead en route to victory.

Andrew Phelps led Mount Desert Island of Bar Harbor (3-1) with 13 points and Graham Good posted 10 points.

Nate Smith tossed in a game-high 18 points to pace John Bapst (3-2) and Alex Mooney netted 13 points.

MDI: Phelps 6-0-13, Reeves 3-0-7, Rich 0-1-1, Good 5-0-10, Lee, Snurkowski 1-6-8, Kropff 2-2-7, Swanson 1-0-3

John Bapst: Higgins, Lakeman 1-1-3, Mooney 6-0-13, N. Smith 6-0-18, Dieuveuil 1-0-6, Tomah, Baron 1-0-2

MDI 19-33-35-49

John Bapst 7-18-28-38

JV: MDI 49-26

PVHS 34, Penquis 33

At Milo, Grant Doane scored on a driving layup with 13 seconds to go in overtime to win it for Penobscot Valley of Howland.

Doane led the Howlers (4-0) with a game-high 19 points.

Claytie Preble led 1-3 Penquis with 10 points.

Penobscot Valley: Thompson 1-0-3, Doane 8-3-19, Priest 1-0-2, Littlefield 1-2-4, Spencer 2-2-6, Folster, Kidon

Penquis: Valvo, Artus 1-1-4, Preble 3-4-10, Beckett 1-0-2, Blanchard 3-2-9, Martin, Jeremy 3-0-6, Martin, Josh 1-0-2

PVHS 4 17 25 31 34

Penquis 4 17 22 31 33

3-pt. goals: Th ompson; Blanchard, Artus

GSA 62, Bucksport 41

At Bucksport, Taylor Schildroth led a balanced-scoring attack with 14 points to lead George Stevens Academy past the Golden Bucks.

For Bucksport, Tyler Pye tallied 14 points.

GSA: Entwistle 1-6-8, Slayton 1-3-5, Schildroth 4-5-14, Szwez 5-0-10, Peasley 3-0-6, Keenan 0-2-2, Chase 2-4-8, Simmons 1-0-2

Bucksport: Mason 1-0-3, Craig 3-0-6, Stegner 2-0-6, Pye 5-2-14, Larsen 1-0-2, Jackson 2-0-4, Mclood 3-0-6

GSA 9 21 37 62

Bucks 10 20 25 41

3-pt. goals: Mason, Stegner, Pye, Schildroth

Searsport 66, Sumner 58

At East Sullivan on Tuesday, Barrett Grant poured in a game-high 38 points, including 17 from the foul line, to carry Searsport to victory.

Bryce Shorey chipped in with 23 points for the Vikings.

Alex O'Hara led the way for Sumner with 19 points. Jordan Bernier tallied 13 points and Christiansen added nine.

Searsport scorers: Phillips 0-0-3, Powell 0-2-2, Shorey 3-8-23, Grant 6-17-38

Sumner: Davies 1-1-6, Eklund 1-1-3, Bernier 4-5-13, Pinkham 1-0-2, K. McLean 0-0-3, O'Hara 2-9-19, C. McLean 0-0-3, Christiansen 0-6-9

3-pt. goals: Barrett 3, Shorey 3, Phillips; Davies, K. McLean, C. McLean, O'Hara 2, Christiansen

Oceanside 62, Medomak 57

At Rockland on Tuesday, Keenan Hendricks tallied 22 points to lead Oceanside to victory. Nick Depatsy scored his 1000th career point in the third quarter for Medomak Valley in the loss.

Nick Mazurek added 14 points for the Mariners and Nate Raye chipped in 11.

Depatsy netted 16 points in the game while Cameron Allaire had 14 for Medomak.

Mount View 47, Camden Hills 28

At Camden on Tuesday, Joey Danna recorded 22 points to propel Mt. View to the win.

Dalton Oaks scored 10 points to lead Camden Hills.

Van Buren 36, LCS/MSSM 26

At Limestone, Van Buren opened up a 14-point halftime lead on the way to victory over Limestone Community School/Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

The Crusaders (3-1) were led by Joseph Conwell with a game-high 15 points while Noah Lajoie had 10.

Alex Sprague led the Eagles (2-4) with 13 points.

Van Buren: N. Lajoie 3-4-10, P. Rioux 3-0-6, T. Lajoie 1-3-5, J. Conwell 6-3-15, K. Cormier, B. Sytolek, A. West

LCS/MSSM: A. Sprague 5-0-13, V. Negron 1-0-2, A. Beshir 3-0-6, D. Canonico 1-0-2, M. Martin 1-0-3, T. Hatfield, B. Morgan, G. McCulloh, J. Hamilton, M. Patten, P. Flanigan

3-pt. goals: Sprague 3, Martin

Boys Hockey

Messalonskee 11, Hampden Acad. 3

At the Penobscot Ice Arena in Brewer, Jared Cunningham scored five goals and Brandon Nale had three more to lead Messalonskee of Oakland past Hampden Academy.

Dylan Burton, Jack Moore and Dylan Brown had the other goals for the Eagles and Eli Michaud made 26 saves.

Jordan Dysart, Vince Gilmore and Marc Thibodeau scored for Hampden Academy and Cole Benner finished with 36 saves.

John Bapst 4, Winslow 4

At Sawyer Arena in Bangor, Winslow's Jimmy Fowler and John Bapst's Kodi Lagassie each led their teams with three goals as the game ended in an overtime tie.

Logan Denis scored a goal for the Black Raiders and Tyler Wheeler had one for the Crusaders.

Drew Gardner had two assists for John Bapst while Lagassie and Logan Cyr-Ellis provided one apiece.

Winslow received three assists from Tommy Tibbetts while Jacob Grenier, Nick Gurney, Jacob Houghton and Jacob Trask had one each.

John Bapst's goalie was Dan Sprague and Andrew Beals manned the Winslow net.

Girls Basketball

Dexter 37, PVHS 28

At Guiski Gymnasium in Dexter, Kayli Cunningham led all scorers with 16 points to help the Tigers defeat Penobscot Valley.

Megan Peach scored 10 points for Dexter.

Amy Hallett scored 15 points to pace the Howlers of Howland.

PVHS: Hallett 6-3-15, A. McKinnon 2-1-7, Davis 2-0-4, E. McKinnon 1-0-2, Ireland, Roy, King

Dexter: Cunningham 8-0-16, Peach 4-2-10, Batron 2-2-6, Theodore 2-1-5, Pratt, A. Webber, Reynolds, K. Webber

Stearns 71, Penquis 28

At Millinocket, Emma Alley's 17-point effort sparked the Minutemen to victory.

Jess Girsa scored 16 points and Peighton Ingersoll added 7.

For Penquis of Milo, Jordan Durant scored 9 points and Megan Valvo added 8.

Penquis: Rolfe 3-1-7, Bolstridge 2-0-4, Durant 4-1-9, Valvo 3-1-8.

Stearns: Farquhar 2-0-4, Waceken 0-1-1, Stanley 2-2-6, Girsa 6-4-16, Alley 7-0-17, Russell 3-0-6, Marter 2-0-5, Carter 3-0-6, Ingersoll 3-0-7

Penquis 5 10 17 28

Stearns 23 42 59 71

3-pt. goals: Valvo; Alley 3, Marter, Ingersoll

Schenck 58, Katahdin 35

At East Millinocket, Kayla Falone recorded 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Schenck Wolverines to victory. Chantel Lane added 13 points and Anna Sewall chipped in with 11.

Molly Cunningham led Katahdin with 15 points.

Both teams are 2-2.

Schenck: Chasse 1-0-2, Osborne 1-0-2, S. Falone 1-3-5, Lane 5-0-13, Sewall 5-1-11, McLaughlin 1-0-2, Gallant 1-0-2, K. Falone 7-5-19, Noddin 1-0-2

Katahdin: Cintron 1-0-3, Landry 4-0-9, Rickards 3-0-6, Stevens 1-0-2, Cunningham 6-3-15

Schenck 22 29 45 58

Katahdin 14 18 26 35

3-pt. goals: Lane 3, Cintron, Landry

JV: Schenck 33-32

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Boston Celtics forward Amir Johnson (left) blocks the shot of Detroit Pistons forward Ersan Ilyasova during the first period at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Wednesday night. Detroit won 119-116.

Pope pours in 31 as Pistons beat Celtics

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

NBA

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored a career-high 31 points and the Detroit Pistons took the lead with a 14-0 fourth-quarter run and held off the Boston Celtics 119-116 Wednesday night at The Palace.

Caldwell-Pope, a third-year shooting guard whose previous season high was 22 points, surpassed the 30-point game he had against Oklahoma City in the final game of his rookie campaign.

Point guard Reggie Jackson had 23 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter. Center Andre Drummond notched his league-high 23rd double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Pistons (15-12).

Point guard Isaiah Thomas tied his career high with 38 points for the Celtics (14-12). Center Jared Sullinger had 17 points and 10 rebounds and reserve center Tyler Zeller added 12 points.

Boston reserve shooting guard Evan Turner, who handed out the 1,500th assist of his career, chipped in nine points and nine rebounds.

Drummond's dunk with 6:42 left in the third established the first double-digit advantage of the game at 71-61. The Celtics clawed back and finished the quarter on a 12-6 run to cut Detroit's lead to two at 85-83.

Zeller's layup in the opening seconds of the fourth tied it but the Pistons reeled off 14 unanswered points. Caldwell-Pope and Drummond scored after making steals, and backup forward Anthony Tolliver hit back-to-back 3-pointers. Sullinger finally ended Boston's drought with a 3-pointer.

Celtics reserve forward Jonas Jerebko cut the Pistons' lead to four, 101-97, with a 3-pointer. Jackson then got hot to keep the Celtics at bay. His banker with under two minutes to go made it 114-108.

Turner's three-point play with 19.3 seconds left cut Detroit's lead to 114-113. Caldwell-Pope sank two free throws for a three-point edge. Jerebko missed a layup and Caldwell-Pope made two more free throws.

Thomas dropped in a 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left but Jackson hit a free throw to seal the Pistons' win.

Drummond was a non-factor in the first half, contributing just two points and two rebounds, until he pulled down a defensive rebound and fired in a halfcourt shot as the buzzer sounded.

The second 3-pointer of his four-year career — and first since his rookie season — gave Detroit a 55-52 halftime lead.

NOTES: Pistons PG Brandon Jennings, out since rupturing his left Achilles tendon in January, is expected to begin a rehab assignment with their D-League affiliate in Grand Rapids on Saturday. "He does want to go up there and play," coach Stan Van Gundy said. "It gives him a chance to play big minutes instead of the 15-20 minutes we're able to give him." … Boston coach Brad Stevens believes Detroit C Andre Drummond, the league's top rebounder, will make his first All-Star appearance. "Every time the ball hits the rim, you're fearful he's going to get it," Stevens said. … The Celtics were forcing a league-best 18.3 turnovers per game heading into Wednesday's game. "It's a very, very aggressive defensive team," Van Gundy said.

Tuukka Rask, Bruins shut out Penguins 3-0

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NHL

BOSTON — Tuukka Rask recorded his 30th career shutout as center Max Talbot, left winger Jimmy Hayes and center Ryan Spooner provided the offense in the Boston Bruins' 3-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in a nationally televised contest Wednesday night at TD Garden.

Rask had 34 saves as the goaltender now trails Tim Thomas by one for third place on the Bruins' all-time shutouts list. It was the fourth perfect game of the season for Rask, who has nine consecutive games with a point, going 7-0-2 during that span.

Boston (17-9-4) has won three of its last four games and improved to 4-4 in December.

Jeff Zatkoff made 25 saves in net for Pittsburgh (15-12-3), which lost its third game in a row and has dropped five of its last six. Zatkoff started in place of the injured Marc-Andre Fleury, who suffered a concussion during Monday's game and will be sidelined one to two weeks.

The Penguins failed to earn their first win under new coach Mike Sullivan, who replaced fired Mike Johnston on Sunday. Sullivan, who played and coached in Boston, suffered a 4-1 defeat against the Washington Capitals on Monday in his debut on the Pittsburgh bench.

Talbot netted his first goal with the Bruins at 9:52 of the first period, sending a wrister from the right circle past Zatkoff to give Boston a 1-0 lead. Hayes was credited with an assist after his neutral-zone hit to Penguins defenseman Brian Dumoulin, which forced a costly giveaway.

Hayes' fifth goal of the season doubled Boston's lead four minutes into the middle frame, as the puck deflected into the net off the charging forward on a pass from Spooner.

Sullivan challenged the call, citing goaltender interference, but the referees upheld the goal.

Minutes later, Bruins defenseman Adam McQuaid left the game after taking a Dumoulin slap shot to the face. McQuaid instantly fell to the ice, but got up after a few moments and skated off the ice to the dressing room. He returned to the bench in the closing minutes of the period.

Spooner sealed the victory with an empty-net power-play goal with 2:43 left in the third, his eighth of the campaign.

NOTES: Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan was 70-56-23-15 in two seasons as Boston's coach. The Marshfield, Mass., native also played for the Bruins in 1997-98. … Penguins D Trevor Daley, acquired in the trade that sent D Rob Scuderi to the Chicago Blackhawks, said he requested the deal. "I don't know that I got the opportunity to even know that I couldn't fit into the system," Daley told Yahoo! Sports. … Pittsburgh C Nick Bonino (illness) did not play. … The Penguins recalled G Matt Murray and Fs Conor Sheary and Kevin Porter from AHL Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Tuesday after placing D Kris Letang and F Beau Bennett on injured reserve.

Patriots running out of runners

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

NFL

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts — Tom Brady dealt with plenty of injuries this season. From his offensive line to his receivers, the New England quarterback has had a variety of moving parts around him.

Now, the streak of injuries is taking a toll on the quarterback's stable of running backs.

Brady was already working through the loss of dynamic passing back Dion Lewis to injured reserve Nov. 9 due to a torn ACL.

This week, lead back LeGarrette Blount is joining Lewis on injured reserve because of a hip injury suffered in the first half of last Sunday night's win in Houston.

While the Patriots were a pass-first team for more than a decade and use a committee approach in the backfield, it's less than ideal to lose your leading rusher in mid-December.

Through 13 games, Blount paced the Patriots with a respectable 703 yards on 165 carries for a 4.3-yard average with six touchdowns.

Despite playing in only seven games, Lewis remains second on the team with 49 carries for 234 yards.

The only remaining healthy backs on the roster are fourth-year career backup Brandon Bolden and key special teamer and little-used second-year receiving back James White.

White essentially redshirted a year ago as a rookie but has seen his role grow incrementally in recent weeks. He had 10 receptions for 115 yards in a failed comeback two weeks ago against the Eagles.

Last Sunday in Houston he scored a two-yard touchdown on his only carry.

White added four catches for 38 yards but actually had his biggest potential play of the night wiped out by replay when he was ruled to have landed out of bounds on a tough sideline try.

Still, the play showed Brady's growing confidence in White — due to both increased reps together and pure necessity.

"I think he's earned everybody's trust," Brady said. "Not just mine, he's done a great job for our team when he's been in there. He's very dependable, consistent.

"He made a great play the other night on that catch, to give him a chance to go up over the top of a safety. He runs it good. He's smart. He's been available. Whenever he's been called upon he's answer the bell."

Bolden saw his role increase last Sunday night after Blount limped off. The veteran matched a career high with 16 rushing attempts for 51 yards in Houston.

Bolden has always been a trusted favorite of the coaching staff and Brady, although his talents could be tested by a potential increased workload in a time of need in the New England backfield.

"He definitely did that in college, so I'd say he's done that," Bill Belichick said of the possibility of Bolden taking over the lead back role. "Look, he's been a four-down player for us."

There is also the possibility that a player not currently on the roster could be added to the mix and given a role down the stretch for a team looking to lock up the No. 1 seed in the AFC playoff picture.

New England signed former Bronco Montee Ball to the practice squad this week and reportedly was working out former Rams and Falcons runner Steven Jackson.