

Foxcroft boys hold off Shiretowners

HOULTON — The Foxcroft Academy Ponies battled to a 15-point lead at the end of third quarter and then held off the Houlton Shiretowners for a 59-52 high school boys basketball victory Monday night.

The Shiretowners outscored the Ponies 26-18 in the fourth quarter, but Foxcroft made 14 of 22 free throws in the quarter to secure the victory.

Drew Dankert recorded 17 points to lead Foxcroft. Dylan Harmon-Weeks added 12 points while Jeremy Richard chipped in 11.

For Houlton, Jared Fox led the way with 14 points while Nick Perfitt and Jacob Brown had 12 apiece. Both teams are 1-6.

Foxcroft: Dankert 5-3-17, Harmon-Weeks 2-10-12, Richard 1-4-11, Hu. Smith 4-1-9, Richard 1-1-4, Hy. Smith 0-2-2, Pleninger 1-0-2

Houlton: Fox 7-0-14, Perfitt 4-0-12, Brown 5-0-12, Cleary 2-1-5, Graham 2-0-4, Porter 1-0-3, Ring 1-0-2

Foxcroft 16 28 41 59
Houlton 8 17 26 52
3-pt. goals: Dankert 4, Richard; Perfitt 4, Brown 2, Porter

JV: Houlton 58-52, OT

Bucksport 57, Stearns 34

At Millinocket, Tyler Pye led the Bucksport Golden Bucks with 15 points to get the win over Stearns.

Riley McLeod chipped in with

12 points and Chase Carmichael added 8 points for the Golden Bucks.

Colby Waceken led Stearns with 14 points. Seth Garvin and Devin Whitney added 9 and 6 points, respectively.

Orono 66, Washington Acad. 50

At East Machias, Keenan Collett scored 16 points and Imao Woldring added 14 to lead Orono to the victory in the battle of unbeaten Class B teams.

Orono (7-0) took control in the first quarter, jumping out to a 17-8 lead and didn't look back from there.

Janko Stojanovic scored 11 points for WA (5-1) and Sean Seavey had 10.

Orono: Koffman 1-2-4; Desisto 4-4-13; Collett 6-4-16; Robertson 2-0-4; Hines 4-3-11; Coutts 1-1-4; Woldring 6-0-14; Steelman; Farnham; Spencer; Moran; Marliere

WA: Varney 3-0-6; Seavey 5-0-10; Case 3-0-9; Jarrett 3-0-6; Milivojevic 3-0-8; Stojanovic 5-0-11; Vilone; Roberts; Lin

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WA 8 22 35 50

Boys Hockey

Camden Hills 1, Brewer 0

At the Penobscot Ice Arena in Brewer, the Camden Hills Windjammers downed the Brewer Witches behind a clutch third-period goal by Jonah Cameron and

the shutout goaltending by Zach Hand.

Cameron's goal came with 8:56 remaining in the contest from a Perrin Ganter assist for Camden Hills, now 4-1. Hand stopped all 25 Brewer shots.

Goaltender Tyler Friel suffered the tough-luck loss in net, stopping 26 of 27 shots for Brewer, now 1-5.

Camden Hills 0 0 1 — 1
Brewer 0 0 0 — 0

Girls Basketball

Calais 92, Lee Academy 44

At Lee, Calais placed four players in double figures with Prue Maxwell and Logan Huckins leading the way with 14 points apiece in the win over Lee.

Faith Tirrell and Kayli Doten each tallied 13 points for the 5-1 Blue Devils.

Kaylie Sawtelle scored a game-high 20 points and Dianna Nicholas added 14 for the 0-7 Pandas.

Calais 22 49 73 92
Lee 7 19 26 44
JV: Calais 56-34

Houlton 53, Foxcroft 41

At Houlton, Kolleen Bouchard scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Shiretowners to their sixth win of the season.

Aspen Flewelling added 10 points while Natalie Hill recorded eight points, seven steals and four assists.

Foxcroft was led by Grace Bick-

ford's 15 points and Abbi Bourget chipped in nine.

Houlton is 6-1 while Foxcroft is now 4-3.

Foxcroft 3 10 22 41
Houlton 11 27 43 53

Fort Fairfield 65, Madawaska 47

At Fort Fairfield, Taylor Churchill poured in a game-high 31 points to pace the Tigers' solid offensive attack for their 7th win of the season.

Chelsey Pelkey recorded a triple-double with 10 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists. Kayla Giberson added 16 points and Teresa Maynard had 12 rebounds.

Madawaska (4-4) placed three players in double-figures with Jenna Dugal scoring 16 points. Alexis Levesque and Desiree Belanger added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Fort Fairfield 22 36 51 65
Madawaska 11 25 37 47

Washington Acad. 45, Orono 40

At East Machias, the Raiders surged to a six-point lead at halftime and held off the Red Riots for the victory.

Caitlyn Lyons paced Washington Academy with 15 points and Rylea Steeves added 12.

Hannah Clement scored a game-high 22 points for Orono.

Orono: Steelman 2-0-6, Chasse 1-2-5, White, Dill, Clement 7-2-22, Hernandez 1-0-2, Richards, Robert-

son 2-0-4, Murphy, Henderson, Witham 0-1-1, Honey

WA: Steeves 3-5-12, Day 0-2-2, Atcherson 1-0-3, Hodgdon, Richardson 3-1-7, Mitchell 2-0-4, Lyons 3-8-15, Veal 1-0-2

3-pt. goals: Steelman 2, Chasse, Clement 6; Steeves, Atcherson, Lyons

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WA 11 22 32 45

Stearns 60, Bucksport 34

At Millinocket, Jessica Girsapoured in 26 points, including five 3-pointers, to propel Stearns to the win over Bucksport.

Abby Russell added 11 points while Peighton Ingersoll had eight points and Emma Alley chipped in seven.

Bucksport was led by Cassie Coombs with 13 points and Breanna Coombs had 10.

Sumner 47, Machias 37

At Machias, the Tigers of East Sullivan battled to an 11-point lead at halftime en route to the victory over Bulldogs.

Taya Moore paced Sumner with 19 points, Taylor Merchant added 14 and Casco Haley put in 11. Other scorers: Maggie Perry 2, Anna Young 1.

Tate Doley poured in 23 points to lead Machias. Other scorers: Karysa Norton 11, Kassandra Cox 2.

Sumner 12 30 43 47
Machias 7 19 27 37
3-pt. goals: Haley 3, Moore

Yankees land All-Star Chapman from Reds

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The New York Yankees acquired left-handed All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman from the Cincinnati Reds on Monday.

The Yankees will send right-handers Caleb Cotham and Rookie Davis and infielders Eric Jagielo and Tony Renda to Cincinnati.

The deal comes three weeks after a proposed trade to send Chapman to the Los Angeles Dodgers broke down after reports that police investigated an accusation of domestic violence involving the pitcher in October.

The Yankees had their own All-Star reliever in left-hander Andrew Miller as closer last season. He could be a set-

up man in a reconfigured bullpen or Miller might be dealt for a starting pitcher.

The Reds traded their other 2015 All-Star, third baseman Todd Frazier, to the Chicago White Sox in a three-team deal that brought back another three-prospect package in return.

According to reports, more than a dozen police of-

ficers responded to Chapman's home in Florida on Oct. 30.

The Davie (Florida) Police Department released a report that stated there was insufficient evidence to charge Chapman because of conflicting stories, the absence of physical injuries and no cooperating witnesses.

Cimbollek

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buzzer for the big upset. Campbell went on to walk on and then earned a scholarship at UMaine where he was a starter his last two years. 6 votes.

Leroy Patterson (6-2 forward): He guided Bangor to the 1962 Eastern Maine championship and state runner-up to Morse of Bath. The late Patterson is one of the best all-around athletes ever to attend Bangor High, where he starred as a running back in football and center fielder in baseball. 5 votes.

Mark Reed (6-3 guard): He

helped lead Bangor to its first Eastern Maine championship in 1992 after a 30-year drought and state runner-up to South Portland in a famous five-over-time game. The next year he led the Rams to their first state Class A title since 1959 as they avenged the loss to South Portland. He was a BDN All-Maine first-team selection and went on to play four years at Division I Liberty University. He is now the varsity boys basketball coach at Hermon where his dad and high school coach, Roger Reed, is a volunteer assistant. 4 votes.

MVP: Drinon.

Purest shooter: A three-way tie: Dickie Russell (1954), Scott Davis (1975) and Bruce Withington (1977).

Those casting their votes with me for the above selections were an esteemed group:

- Paul Graffam, a Bangor High basketball historian from the Class of 1947. His son, Ben, was a star point guard for Bangor in the mid-1970s.

- Bob Kelley, Bangor Class of 1954, who coached the Bangor High baseball team to eight state titles, and a veteran basketball official.

- Wayne Lawton, a veteran basketball official and Bangor High basketball player from the Class of 1958.

- Clint Van Aken, another great all-around Bangor player in football, basketball and baseball who went on to coach basketball and base-

ball at Hampden Academy.

- Bob Beatham, a fellow BDN blogger who graduated from Bangor in 1990 and coached freshman basketball at John Baptist.

- Dick Stacey, a 1955 Bangor High graduate who played baseball and managed the basketball team. He went on to become a successful area businessman and sponsored the locally famous TV show "Stacey's Country Jamboree."

- Keith Mahaney, a former Fort Fairfield High School and UMaine basketball standout who is a longtime Bangor High fan.

Bob Cimbollek is a retired high school basketball coach and athletic director.

Pyne

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her Durham hotel room on Monday night.

"But, for right now, my focus is to get to the point where I can walk around campus comfortably," added Pyne who pointed out that she had the surgery because the "bone structure in both knees is wrong" which requires reconstructive surgery to prevent cartilage damage.

If she returns in two years, she will have at least one year of eligibility remaining and

possibly two. From the day a student-athlete first attends a college, they have five years in which to complete four years of eligibility. But some have received a sixth year based on medical circumstances.

Pyne had finally returned to the field this fall after being sidelined for more than two years after undergoing a major surgery on Sept. 23, 2013, to repair severely torn knee cartilage.

That was followed by an 18-month healing period and she was a medical redshirt at Duke in 2014.

She made her debut on Aug. 21, making one save on

three shots during a 5-0 victory over Fresno State. She appeared in two other games, both wins.

Sophomore E.J. Proctor played all of the other minutes and led the Blue Devils to a 14-6-5 campaign that ended with a 1-0 loss to Penn State in the NCAA championship game in Cary, North Carolina.

Pyne said she has been overwhelmed by the support she has received.

"All of my teammates have written me a letter. Reading those has been awesome. And my mother has given up her Christmas to be here with me. One thing

young athletes learn when they get to college is that their parents are amazing," said Pyne, the daughter of John and Sandra Pyne.

She will retain her scholarship and will stay involved with the team in some way.

She already has begun her rehabilitation.

Despite her surgeries, she remains upbeat and still considers herself "incredibly blessed" and feels it is a "blessing in disguise. You can always find a positive in any situation. I am at an incredible institution and this has been, hands down, the best team culture I have ever been a part of."

Patriots

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from neck surgery in 2011 with the Indianapolis Colts.

"I fully support Peyton," Brady said. "My friendship with him over the years, he's a guy that I can always count on, and has been someone that's always been

so supportive of me. We'll have lifelong friendships. Truthfully I don't put much into anything. I have a lot of friends, I have a lot of support, and he is the same. I'm a big fan and supporter of his. That's how I really feel about everything."

PATS NOTES: As disappointing as Sunday was for the Patriots, they'll still be the No. 1 seed in the AFC if they

beat the Miami Dolphins — losers of three straight and five of their last six — next week. A win over the Jets would have clinched the No. 1 seed for the Patriots, who can't clinch this week because the winner of Monday night's Cincinnati Bengals-Denver Broncos game will still have a chance at securing the top seed with a win next week and a Patriots loss.

If the Patriots and Bengals each finish 13-3, the Patriots would be the No. 1 seed by virtue of their 4-1 record in common games (against the Broncos, Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers and Houston Texans). If the Broncos win their last two games, they would win a two- or three-way tie at 12-4 by virtue of their head-to-head wins over the Patriots and Bengals.

Men's college hockey
MAINE vs. NEW HAMPSHIRE
Time, site: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Cross Insurance Arena, Portland; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester, N.H.
Records: Maine 4-9-4, UNH 6-6-4
Series, last meeting: Maine leads 63-53-6, UNH 5-2 on Dec. 5
Key players: Maine — LW Blaine Byron (5 goals, 5 assists), C Will Merchant (6 & 3), Dan Renouf (3 & 6), C Cam Brown (2 & 7), C Steven Swavely (3 & 3), G Matt Morris (4-2-2, 2.55 goals-against average, .928 save percentage), G Rob McGovern (0-7-2, 2.65, .915); UNH — C Andrew Poturalski (16 & 16), RW Tyler Kelleher (6 & 23), LW Dan Correale (10 & 4), D Matias Cleland (2 & 11), LW Maxim Gaudreault (9 & 2), D John Furgele (1 & 8), G Daniel Tirone (4-6-4, 3.66, .889)
Game notes: This is the second year of the back-to-back Portland-Manchester non-conference games between the two archrivals. Maine won the Manchester game 5-2 last season but UNH rebounded to win in Portland 7-4 the next night. The teams have contrasting styles. Maine will try to use its size and strength to create forecheck chances at the expense of the young UNH defense. UNH is quick and will look to generate rush opportunities off transition. UNH plays its home games on an Olympic ice sheet (200 by 100 feet) at the Whittemore Center but the rinks in Portland and Manchester are pro rinks with smaller dimensions (200 by 85) like Maine's Alford Arena. That should give Maine an advantage. UNH went 3-for-7 on the power play in the tie and win vs. Maine before the break so the Black Bears can't afford to take any bad penalties. The nation's top-scoring line of Poturalski between Correale and Kelleher had four goals and eight assists in those two games so Maine has to be aware of that line at all times.

Men's college basketball
MAINE vs. QUINNIPIAC
Time, site: Tuesday, 7 p.m., Cross Insurance Center, Bangor
Records: Maine 2-9, Quinnipiac 4-6
Series, last meeting: Quinnipiac leads 5-2, Quinnipiac 81-64 on 12/29/14
Key players: Maine — 5-10 G Kevin Little (13.1 points per game, 2.5 assists per game, 1.2 steals per game), 6-7 F Devine Eke (11.2 ppg, 7.6 rebounds per game), 6-8 F Till Gloger (7.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg), 5-11 G Aaron Calixte (7.0 ppg, 2.1 apg), 6-2 G Lavar Harwood (6.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg), 6-5 G Shaun Lawton (6.6 ppg, 2.6 apg, 1.6 spg); Quinnipiac — 6-1 G Giovanni McLean (15.8 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 3.2 apg, .421 3-pt. FG pct.), 6-4 G Daniel Harris (9.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 1.2 spg), 6-9 F Donovan Smith (9.2 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 2.0 bpg), 6-4 G James Ford Jr. 6.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 2.0 apg), 6-1 G Dimitri Floras (4.9 ppg)
Game notes: The Black Bears come off their brief Christmas hiatus hoping to snap a six-game losing streak. UMaine dropped a tough 76-75 decision at Holy Cross on Dec. 21. Quinnipiac of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference has lost two in a row, most recently an 82-61 defeat at Oregon State on Dec. 21. A major point of emphasis in this one for UMaine will be rebounding as the Bobcats have led the nation in that category each of the last three seasons. Quinnipiac is seventh in rebounds per game (44.1) and third in offensive rebounds per game (17.5). However, Quinnipiac has posted only 65.5 ppg and is among the worst teams in the nation at the foul line (59.1 pct.). The Black Bears' Achilles' heel has primarily been defense, as they allow 84.6 ppg — which ranks 338th of 346 Division I teams — while allowing teams to shoot 47 percent from the field. Freshman forward Issac Vann is expected to miss his eighth straight game because of an ankle injury.

Former Orono High swimmer coaching at Brown

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Tree Swim Club in Portland.

In her second season as coach of the Brown University women's swim team, former Orono High and Canoe City Club swimmer Kate Kovenock has guided her team to a 1-1 record in dual-meet action this season with a win against the University of Massachusetts and a loss to Yale along with a fourth-place finish in an eight-team invitational hosted by Princeton University.

Brown returns to racing Jan. 16 against Harvard and University of Pennsylvania. Kovenock was an assistant at the University of Notre Dame and at Kenyon before accepting the position at Brown.

Mainer shines in Florida

Rocco Aceto, a 2007 Maine Swim Hall of Fame inductee, coached his Trinity Prep 200-yard female medley relay team to first place at the 1A Florida State Meet. Aceto's team finished in 1 minute, 42.9 seconds.

Since his arrival at Trinity Prep in 2005, 10 swimmers have qualified for the Olympic Trials and 13 swimmers have received interscholastic All-American honors. Aceto, also a member of The Peddie School Hall of Fame, began his swimming experience as a member of the Pine

Tycz sets Maine records

At the Winter East Junior Nationals held at Georgia Tech earlier this month, Bath's Long Reach Swim Club's Caitlin Tycz, 16, competing in the 200-yard butterfly, clocked a 2:01.2, establishing Maine records in both the 15 and 16 and open age groups. Tycz is coached by Maine Swim Hall of Fame member Jay Morissette.

Greely swimmer competing for Arkansas

Sarah Easterling, racing in the Georgia Tech Invitational for the University of Arkansas, swam in the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.2) and the 100-yard backstroke (56.5) The junior Razorback, a former Maine Swimmer of the Year, won the Class B 100-yard backstroke and 200 IM for Greely High in each of her four years competing for the Rangers.

Ellsworth notches first win over Bangor

Ellsworth's recent dual-meet boys win over Bangor High, the first ever for the Eagles, included several highlight swims for EHS, including the 200 medley relay (1:42.6), the 400 free relay (3:23.6) and a 53.9 100 back from Cooper Holmes. Bangor's Colby Prouty finished with an impressive 1:01.3 100 breaststroke.

Central

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Another sophomore, Emily Smith, added 10 points for Central and played a key defensive role against Piscataquis stand-out Delani Bennett, a 6-foot-3 senior center.

Bennett had 10 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots but was held to six shot attempts by Central's double-teaming ways and also was limited in her movement after missing most of the third quarter due to an ankle injury.

"We didn't want Delani to be able to catch the ball because when she catches the ball you see what she can do," said Rollins. "My sophomore, Emily Smith, put a body on her and tried to front her and then I had another girl in the back coming over and helping.

"That was another part of our start-over tonight, listening better and understanding what we needed to do to achieve the goal."

Central trailed just briefly at 4-1 on two Bennett free throws and a Haylee Patterson layup off a Bennett assist midway through the first quarter.

Central soon began shooting successfully over the Pirates' 1-2-2 zone and scored nine straight points to take a 9-5 lead, but that advantage was just 20-18 at intermission before the Red Devils capitalized on Bennett's absence from the middle to outscore the Pirates 14-5 during the third quarter.

A baseline jumper by Smith and a layup by junior forward Libby Cook opened the second-half scoring for Central, and Allen's penetrating moves into the lane created a short jumper for herself and a knockout pass to Kaitlyn Pinkham for a jumper that gave the Red Devils a 34-23 lead at the end of the period.

Libby finished with nine points and seven rebounds for Central while Emma Campbell had four steals.

Freshman Alivia Hunt came off the bench to contribute six points for Piscataquis while another reserve, sophomore Lexi Harris, grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

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