

BDN to show Hampden-Brewer game

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Thanks to a collaborative effort between BDN Maine and SportsNet Maine, Thursday's sold-out Class A North boys basketball **BOYS BASKETBALL** between rivals Hampden Academy and Brewer will be streamed live on the Bangor Daily News website.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. Defending two-time state Class A champion Hampden

took a 16-0 record into a Tuesday night home game with Nokomis of Newport, and Brewer had a 14-2 mark entering a game at Lawrence of Fairfield.

Hampden won a thriller in the first meeting between the two, 55-46, on Jan. 2 at a sold-out Hampden gym. Tickets for the rematch in Brewer sold out in two hours on Jan. 27.

Jim Churchill, owner of SportsNet Maine, will be handling the play-by-play and Aaron Jackson will be the color analyst.

Brewer High School athletic director Dave Utterback and Hampden Academy athletic director Mike Bisson welcomed the news of the streaming.

"Obviously, we want to be able to offer it to folks who weren't able to get a ticket," said Utterback. "For people who are working and others who live outside the greater Bangor area, they will have the opportunity to watch it live."

He pointed out that it will be especially nice for relatives of the players who aren't able to attend.

"We're glad the BDN and Jim Churchill [of SportsNet Maine] are taking care of it for us," added Utterback.

Utterback said he is exploring the possibility of eventually live streaming games on the Brewer High website.

The Hampden Academy website streams home games but not road games, according to Bisson.

"We're very happy the game is being streamed," said Bisson. "This will be a saving grace for people who can't get into the game."

Swim

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Bangor's Colby Prouty, Old Town's Nick Gould and Jacob Ketch along with Mount Desert Island's Liam Sullivan and Pierce DiMauro, will be among those challenging for medals. Kyle Adams of Bangor and MDI's Bryce DiMauro lead the diving entry.

MDI, winners of the 37th PVC girls meet last year, will defend its title led by Lydia DaCorte and Avalon Kerley. Bangor's Hannah Wood, Lily Waddell, Rachel Hand and Natalie Fournier provide the Rams, the second-place finisher in 2015, with versatility in multiple events.

Brewer's McKenna Porter, Ellsworth's Jessica Cohen and Sidney Hamilton, Foxcroft Academy's Ellie Clarke, Jenna Clukey and Gabriela Johnson along with Old Town's Emily Ketch can be expected to lead their teams.

In the 1-meter diving, Cassidy Harriman of Old Town, Emma Tomilson of John Bapst, Sarah Danby of Bangor and Chelsea Schroeder of MDI lead a competitive field of divers.

College swim notes

— Josh Williams of Brewer collected a win in the 200-meter backstroke (2 minutes, 10.4 seconds) for Boston College in the Eagles' recent victory over Providence College.

— On Saturday, the UMaine women dominated the Friars in a convincing 170-111 win in Providence at Providence's metered pool. The UMaine men, in their loss to the Friars, received wins from Windham's Nick Sandquist in the 100-meter butterfly (57.0) and in the 200-meter free (1:57) along with a first-place finish from Bangor's Matt England in the 100-meter back (59.6).

— Racing for Florida State against Auburn University and the University of Wisconsin in the Seminoles' final dual meet of the season, Mount Desert's Leila Johnston sped to a 51.7 in the 100-yard free.

— Both the Bates College men's and women's teams were recognized by the College Swimming Coaches' Association as Scholar All-American teams for their academic achievement during the first semester. The Bobcat men recorded a 3.46 GPA and the women a 3.27.

Grades

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smiling Koizar said during her acceptance speech.

"Sigi has a real charm about her because she is so humble and very sweet and has a small stature," Barron said.

Koizar goes into Wednesday night's America East game against Vermont as the Black Bears' leader in scoring (16.5 points per game), minutes played (34.0 mpg), 3-pointers (2.2 per game), 3-point percentage (.398), free throws (3.0 per game) and assists (4.0 apg).

In fact, Koizar needs only four points on Wednesday to become the program's 20th 1,000-point scorer.

Academic achievement is something the entire UMaine women's basketball team has embraced.

The Black Bears posted a cumulative team GPA of 3.561 during 2015, and each of the 16 players was recognized during Monday's ceremonies for attaining at least a 3.0 GPA for 2015 or maintaining a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

"It's not that they're the smartest kid or that they want to be pre-med or anything like that, as much as it is they want to do well in the

classroom," Barron said. "They value academics, and they understand that it's the No. 1 priority coming here."

Wood earned a gold medal for her third such honor, as did senior classmates Anna Heise and Mikaela Gustafsson. Women's basketball silver medalists included seniors Milica Mitrovic, Chantel Charles and Lauren Bodine, along with juniors Sheraton Jones and Koizar.

Seniors Sophie Weckstrom, Bella Swan, Parise Rossignol and Christiana Gerostergiou were bronze medalists, while newcomers Tanesha Sutton, Maddy McVicar and Isabel Her-

nandez Pepe were named "rising stars."

"We've done well with overachievers. We've done well with blue-collar kids that want to work," Barron said of the student-athletes' collective commitment to excellence in the classroom.

UMaine has maintained its high academic performance even though English isn't the native language for seven of them.

"I'm certainly very proud of them, but I think that's less a reflection of what we're doing right or I'm doing right and more a reflection of their values and who they are as people," Barron said.

Football

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Jan. 4 and completed the following week. He said he anticipates no problems.

"The 49ers did a great job of working their bugs out," Mangan said. "I got it after they made their fixes and solved their problems."

Osweiler waiting in wings behind Manning

The Denver Broncos were a two-quarterback team in becoming the AFC top seeds in the playoffs on the way to the Super Bowl, and Brock Osweiler is now again waiting in the wings behind Peyton Manning.

The 6-foot-7 Osweiler stood tall and proved him-

self when called upon to take over from the 39-year-old Manning in midseason when the future Hall of Famer was sidelined by a foot injury.

Osweiler, who had thrown only 30 passes in three previous seasons with Denver after being selected in the second round of the 2012 draft, showed he was the future of the Broncos by winning five of seven starts and showing off a powerful arm.

"Both quarterbacks played great for us this year," Broncos general manager John Elway said. "We wouldn't be here without Brock and we wouldn't be here without Peyton."

"It's been a great combination of both."

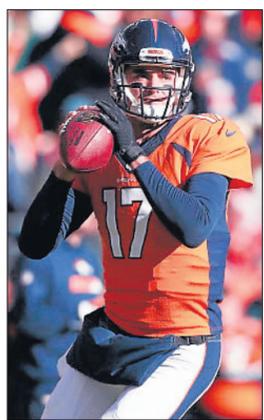
With Manning back in charge, the 25-year-old Oswei-

ler has assumed the chore of preparing the Denver defense by running a facsimile of the Cam Newton-led Panthers' attack at practice.

"It is extremely difficult. Cam Newton is one of the best players in the National Football League and he is one of those guys that I don't think you can simulate," Osweiler said.

"But at the same time, I am very prideful in giving our defense a great look on the scout team. I have done my absolute best to give those guys a great look over the past couple weeks."

Throwing for 11 touchdowns against six interceptions and displaying cool confidence on the field, Osweiler put himself in position to take over from his mentor Manning.



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Denver Broncos quarterback Brock Osweiler warms up before an AFC divisional round playoff game at Sports Authority Field at Mile High last month.

Whitney

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So I looked into switching schools."

"I love having her here," said senior Card. "She is so good. She has really gotten our team going."

Whitney had the opportunity to play basketball in the fall with her teammates, which helped her make a smooth transition.

"Everyone was so welcoming. They took me in with open arms," said Whitney. "I couldn't ask for a better team to play on right now. It seems like a perfect fit."

"I love this team. Everyone on it can play [well], and everyone works together well," she added.

The Eagles showed what they are capable of during the loss to John Bapst. They

trailed 36-13 early in the second half but rallied to within six before losing.

"That shows you how much heart this team has. It has been so much fun to be a part of," said Whitney, who also is an outstanding softball pitcher with a dominant repertoire of pitches.

She lives with her father in Ellsworth, and her mother drives the 57 miles up from Machias to join them a few nights a week.

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