

Boys

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“Keenan’s been clutch for us all year,” said Oceanside coach Matt Breen of the 6-foot-1 Hendricks, who also averaged 16.3 points in three tournament games. “He doesn’t get recognized for the things he does all the time, and I feel like he’s underappreciated, but everything we do, we basically play off Keenan.”

Hendricks is joined on the BDN Class A North all-tournament team by Oceanside teammate Nick Mazurek, Nicholas DePatsy and Cameron Allaire of Medomak Valley and Nick Gilpin of Hampden Academy.

Mazurek, a 6-foot-3 senior center, averaged 11.7 points per game during the tournament while providing Oceanside strong inside play on offense and defense as well as 3-point shooting range.

DePatsy, a 6-3 senior forward, averaged 13 points per game while leading third-seeded Medomak Valley to its

third regional final in his four varsity seasons. Last year’s Eastern Maine Class B tournament MVP scored 15 points — 14 in the second half — when the 2013 and 2015 Class B regional champs surged past-second ranked Brewer in the semifinals.

Allaire, a 6-6 junior center, provided a strong low-post presence for the Panthers, averaging 13.3 points and four blocked shots per tournament contest. He had a high of 21 points during a quarterfinal win over No. 6 Lawrence of Fairfield.

Gilpin, the 2015 Eastern A tourney MVP, earned all-tournament honors for the fourth straight season. The 6-3 senior guard scored a Class A North tourney-best 34 points as top-ranked and undefeated Hampden defeated Skowhegan in the quarterfinals, then nearly brought the Broncos back against Oceanside in the semifinals despite being at less than 100 percent because of a lower back injury suffered early in the contest that twice forced him to the sidelines.

Fleming, a 6-6 senior forward,

opened the inaugural Class AA North tournament with a 42-point eruption for third-ranked Oxford Hills in its quarterfinal win over No. 6 Bangor, then followed with 28 points in a last-minute semifinal loss to No. 2 Deering of Portland.

The University of Maine-bound Fleming, also a Class A all-tourney choice in 2014 for the Vikings, shot 64 percent from the field (27 of 42) during the two games while also averaging 11 rebounds per outing for coach Scott Graffam’s club.

Fleming is joined on the BDN Class AA North all-tourney team by brothers Amir and Terion Moss and Griffin Foley, all of regional champion Portland, and Malik White of Deering of Portland.

Amir Moss, a 6-2 senior, and Terion Moss, a 5-10 sophomore, provided the guard play that propelled top-ranked Portland to its third straight regional title, this time in dominant fashion as coach Joe Russo’s Bulldogs won their two tourney games by an average of 29 points.

Amir Moss had 19 points and 10 rebounds against



BREWSTER BURNS

Deering’s Benedict Williams (left) and Max Chabot (right) attempt to contain Oxford Hills’ Andrew Fleming during their Class AA North boys semifinal game on Feb. 16 at the Augusta Civic Center. Fleming was named the winner of the William C. Warner Most Valuable Player Award for Class AA North boys.

Deering in the regional final, and Terion Moss contributed 18 points and eight assists. Amir Moss averaged 16.5 points in two tournament wins, and Terion Moss

averaged 18 points per game. Foley, a 6-2 sophomore forward, contributed 12.5 points per game to the balanced Portland offense.

White, a 5-9 senior guard,

scored 23 points in Deering’s come-from-behind 73-67 semifinal win over Oxford Hills, then matched the team high with eight points in the final against Portland.



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Edward Little’s Emily Jacques (left) pulls up for a jump shot against Bangor’s Kira Yardley during the first half of a game on Dec. 4, 2015, in Auburn. Jacques was named the winner of the Owen O. Osborne Most Valuable Player Award for the Class AA North tournament.



AMBER WATERMAN

Lawrence’s Nia Irving (left) gets pressure from Messalonskee’s Sophia Holmes as she looks for a teammate during the Class A North final Friday at the Augusta Civic Center. Irving was named winner of the Owen O. Osborne Most Valuable Player Award for the Class A North tournament.

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And while the double-doubles have become standard fare for Irving, so, too, has excellence from the free-throw line where she made 23 of 26 attempts during the tournament, or 89 percent.

Joining Irving on the BDN Class A North all-tournament team are Lewis, Sophie Holmes and McKenna Brodeur of Messalonskee and Lauren Chadwick of Gardiner.

Lewis, a 5-5 guard, averaged 10.3 points per game during the regional, a performance that included eight

3-point goals to complement Irving’s inside work. She also was part of an aggressive perimeter defense played by Lawrence that forced numerous turnovers and otherwise disturbed the efforts of opposing offenses to establish their rhythm.

Holmes, a 5-8 junior guard, was the top scorer in the Class A North tourney, averaging 25.7 points in three games while also a double-digit rebounder in each game. Brodeur, a 5-10 junior forward, averaged 14.3 points in the tournament while playing alongside Holmes.

Chadwick, a 5-6 junior guard, helped Gardiner reach the regional semifinals this year after moving up from Class B under the statewide expansion from four to five classes. She averaged 15 points per game during the Tigers’ tourney run.

Jacques was part of a balanced Edward Little attack that produced three double-figure scorers during the second-ranked Red Eddies’ 49-34 victory over No. 1 Oxford Hills of South Paris in the Class AA North championship game.

Jacques scored 13 points in that game and 15 during a semifinal victory over Lewiston, one of four Edward Little players to reach double figures in that contest.

She is joined on the BDN Class AA North girls all-tournament team by Edward Little teammates Jordyn Richards and Karli Stubbs, Tianna Sugars of Oxford Hills and Tasia Titherington of Deering of Portland.

Reynolds, a 6-foot junior center, led the way for coach Craig Jipson’s Edward Little club in the final with 17 points and combined with Jacques and Stubbs to give

the Red Eddies a formidable front-line tandem throughout regional competition.

Like Jacques and Reynolds, Stubbs, a 5-9 senior forward, scored in double figures in each tournament game, including 11 points in the final.

Sugars, a junior center, was a versatile front-court force for Oxford Hills. Working both facing the basket from the perimeter and in the low post, she led the Vikings with 12 points in both the semifinals and the regional final.

Titherington, a 5-7 junior guard, led a youthful Deering team to the semifinals. She scored 16 points — including an 11-of-13 effort from the line — during a quarterfinal victory over Cheverus of Portland, then paced the Rams again with 15 points in their semifinal loss to Oxford Hills.

Cimbollek

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your team has a three-point lead with under 10 seconds left in the game, foul an offensive player.

— Save your time-outs and don’t let players call a time-out to avoid violations unless it’s late in the game.

— Get your team on a 94-foot court during the week to prepare for the longer courts at tourney sites.

— Insist on better shot selection from your players.

— Use a coach’s best friend, the bench, employed by the legendary John Wooden, to get more improved play from your players.

— To get better open 3-point shots, go inside first and when the double team comes, go back outside.

— Develop more players with back-to-basket post skills and use them.

For the broadcasters:

— There is no such thing as an offensive foul. They are either player-control fouls or blocks.

— Please let listeners know what type of offenses/defenses are being played by both teams.

— Provide your listeners

with more team statistics and percentages.

— Don’t try to ref from the booth.

— Be objective. Your listeners shouldn’t feel like you are favoring one of teams.

Looking back at the 10 North champs, I predicted six of the 10 champs — Portland boys in Class AA, George Stevens Academy of Blue Hill boys in Class C, Easton boys in Class D, Edward Little girls in Class AA, Lawrence of Fairfield girls in Class A and Houlton girls in Class B.

That 60 percent grade is a bit weak, so I’m trying again in the state games: AA boys, Portland; AA girls, Gorham; A boys, Oceanside of Rockland/Thomaston; A girls, Lawrence of Fairfield; B boys, Ellsworth; B girls, Houlton; C boys, GSA; C girls, Boothbay; D boys, Valley of Bingham; and D girls, Rangeley.

Best of luck to all of the teams!

This was the first tourney with the new five-class format for high school basketball. What did you think of it? Share your comments with me and I’ll touch on the new format next week.

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Packers legend sells his Super Bowl I ring, jersey

BY CINDY BOREN
THE WASHINGTON POST

How much is a ring from Super Bowl I worth?

A little more than \$125,000, it turns out. That’s how much the ring owned by Green Bay Packers offensive lineman Jerry Kramer brought at auction over the weekend. While it’s a figure that is far below the top price paid for a Super Bowl ring, it is believed to be the first bit of Packers memorabilia to bring six figures, with the \$125,475 price topping the \$80,662.50 paid for a Don Hutson game-worn jersey in 2011. The Super Bowl XXV ring owned by Lawrence Taylor brought a record \$230,401 in 2012.

The ring was one of more

than 50 Kramer items sold during Heritage Auctions’ Platinum Night on Saturday in New York. A jersey worn by Kramer in the first Super Bowl brought \$45,410, with the five most valuable items (a 1965 NFL championship ring, a 1962 NFL championship watch and a mid-1960s game-worn jersey along with the Super Bowl I items) bringing \$265,290. The total from the sale, which was expected to be around \$350,000, is going to an educational trust fund for Kramer’s grandchildren.

The ring is one of two Super Bowl rings Kramer has, but he won’t be parting with the one from Super Bowl II or the one from his first title, the 1961 NFL championship. Both of those are too dear.

Hockey

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“He is so sharp on his angles. He doesn’t give shooters much net to shoot at. He has great hand-eye coordination. He really sees the ice well,” said Paradis.

“He controls rebounds better than any goalie I’ve ever played with,” said Ram senior defenseman and tri-captain Ben Crichton. “He’s definitely the best goalie in the state.”

The 16-year-old Fournier said he has focused this season on covering his posts more efficiently and “getting out to the top of my crease quicker when a pass goes to the blue line. I try to take up as much space as I can.”

In other Tuesday night playoff action, No. 6 Cony/

Hall-Dale/Monmouth, 12-6, will take on No. 3 Edward Little of Auburn, 10-8, in the other A North quarterfinal.

In a Class B North quarterfinal doubleheader at Winslow’s Sukee Arena, No. 6 John Bapst High of Bangor, 11-6-1, will face No. 3 Messalonskee of Oakland (11-5-2) at 5 p.m. followed by the matchup between No. 5 Brewer (10-7-1) and No. 4 Winslow (12-4-2) at 7 p.m.

No. 7 Old Town-Orono (6-10-1) will travel to Rockport for a 6:40 p.m. game with No. 2 Camden Hills (15-3).

Messalonskee won both regular season games against John Bapst, 6-0 and 10-1; Brewer, 9-1-1 in its last 11 games, split its two games with Winslow and Camden Hills beat Old Town-Orono 4-2 in their only meeting. Camden Hills has won nine of its last 10 games.

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