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Narraguagus' Kelli Kennedy (left) shoots against Penobscot Valley players during the Class C North championship game Saturday at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Kennedy was named the Class C North winner of the Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player Award.



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Shead senior guard Cierra Seeley swings the net in front of Cassidy Wilder (center) and Madison Greenlaw after they won the Class D North championship Saturday against Central Aroostook at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Seeley was named the Class D North winner of the Owen Osborne Most Valuable Player Award.

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Seeley is joined on the Class D team by junior teammate Holly Preston, a guard; Central Aroostook of Mars Hill senior forward Karli Levesque; Machias senior center Tate Dolley and Washburn senior guard Emmy Churchill.

Churchill was an all-tourney choice last season, and Dolley was an honorable mention.

Point guard **Bouchard**, 5-foot-10, had a terrific tournament as she finished with 65 points in the Shires' three wins. She led all scorers in all three games as she had 23 points in the wins over Foxcroft Academy and Winslow and 19 in the triumph over Hermon in the title game.

She also was productive on the boards.

"She's a special player," said Houlton coach Shawn Graham. "She can do so

many things. She can rebound, she can defend, she's a great point guard, she can shoot with both hands and can hit [3-pointers]. I've never coached a player who can grab a rebound and take it the length of the court like she can."

Hill averaged just under 10 points per game including a 15-point performance against Hermon. She scored six points in the third quarter of the championship game to help the Shires turn a four-point halftime advantage into an 11-point lead.

The 6-foot Higgins led the upstart Hawks to their berth in the final coming out of the seventh seed.

She had 15 points, six rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot in their upset win over Mount Desert Island; 20 points, seven rebounds and three assists against Presque Isle and 11 points in the loss to Houlton.

Wheaton scored 15 points in each of Presque Isle's two games and exhibited exem-

plary ball-handling skills with a willingness to take the ball to the hoop.

Kervin had an exceptional tournament for the youthful Black Raiders as she followed a 14-point, three-rebound showing against Ellsworth with a 16-point, eight-rebound, three-steal outing against Houlton.

**Kennedy**, according to Narraguagus coach Heather Thompson, was the "backbone of our team."

"A lot of the things we do revolve around her. She can do it all. She's the center of our defense, she can rebound, she can score, and she can handle the ball if we need her to," said Thompson.

The 5-11 Kennedy had a game-high 14 points in the championship game win over Penobscot Valley, and she also grabbed five rebounds. She had 16 points, six rebounds and six steals in the triumph over Dexter and nine points vs. Piscataquis Community Guildford.

Toppin had a game-high 18 points in the victory over PCHS and had a productive performance in the final against Penobscot Valley with nine points and four rebounds.

The 6-1 Ireland capped her outstanding career with an impressive tournament performance in which she had a double-double (14 points, 15 rebounds) against Fort Fairfield and came close against Narraguagus (10 points, eight rebounds) and Schenck of East Millinocket (10 points, nine rebounds). She also had six blocked shots against Narraguagus.

Teammate Hallett averaged 10 points in the two tourney wins and grabbed seven rebounds and blocked three shots against Narraguagus.

The determined Pelkey led the Tigers to a hard-fought win over Calais by pouring in 20 points, grabbing nine rebounds, dishing out four assists and making four steals, and she followed that with nine points

against Penobscot Valley.

The 5-7 **Seeley** not only averaged over 11 points and nearly five rebounds in Shead's three victories, it was her precise pass to Preston that enabled Preston to hit the game-winning layup with 8.6 seconds left in their 38-35 win over defending five-time state champ Washburn in the semis.

She also was Shead's inspirational leader.

"In the final against Central Aroostook, we fell behind 5-0," said Shead coach Corey Sullivan. "I called a timeout. At the end of the timeout, Cierra said 'I've had enough' and went out and scored the next seven points."

"She's our spark. She'll do whatever we need," said Sullivan.

Seeley had 14 points and five rebounds against Central Aroostook.

Preston had a game-high six assists against Central Aroostook along with eight second-half points to help

the Tigers build the lead. Preston averaged 12 points per game and had 10 rebounds in the win over Deer Isle-Stonington. She also did a fine job handling the ball.

Levesque concluded her impressive career with 14 points and 10 rebounds against Shead despite being the focal point of their defensive coverage. She had eight points in the win over Southern Aroostook and six against Machias.

Churchill pumped in 23 points, including two clutch free throws with 11.6 seconds left, in the 67-62 win over Katahdin of Stacyville. She also had five rebounds. She followed that with eight points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals in the loss to Shead.

Dolley played in just one game, but it was memorable as she scored a game-high 33 points and set a Class D record by making 16 free throws in the quarterfinal loss to Central Aroostook.

## Boys

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Association representatives.

St. Peter's inside play helped Ellsworth win its first regional title since 1988. He averaged 14.7 points and ranked among the team leaders in rebounds, blocked shots and successfully absorbed player-control fouls during tournament play.

St. Peter also displayed some last-second magic, with his buzzer-beating jumper in overtime lifting the Eagles to a 42-40 semifinal win over Caribou.

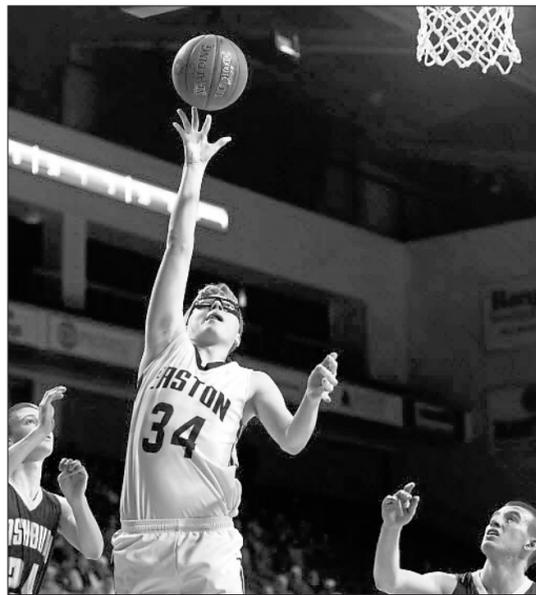
"He's always been our leader defensively with his charges. He can block shots, he rebounds and doesn't give up many easy shots," said Ellsworth coach Peter Austin. "That's what we need from him. He can dominate a game offensively, defensively and by rebounding."

Joining St. Peter on the BDN Class B North all-tournament team are Ellsworth teammates Bryce Harmon and Nick Bagley, Donovan Savage of Caribou and Jake Koffman of Orono.

Harmon's flare for the dramatic preceded St. Peter's semifinal game-winner, as his long 3-pointer as time expired in the fourth quarter sent that game into overtime. The 5-11 junior guard averaged nearly 10 points per game during the tournament, with 13 points and four assists in the final.

Bagley found offensive success both beyond the 3-point arc and working near the basket to add 11.3 points per game to Ellsworth's tournament run. The 6-foot senior forward contributed 14 points to the Eagles' semifinal victory.

Savage used his playmaking and scoring ability to lead sixth-ranked Caribou to the semifinals. The 5-foot-11 se-



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Easton's Jordan Doody goes up for two past Washburn's Mccall Turner (left) during a Class D North semifinal game Thursday at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Doody was named the Class D North winner of the William C. Warner Most Valuable Player Award.

nior guard scored 18 points in each tournament game while shooting 86 percent (19 of 22) from the free-throw line.

Koffman, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, epitomized Orono's rugged inside game that earned the Red Riots their second trip to a regional final in as many years — the 2015 berth came in Class C. Koffman's free throw with 3.8 seconds left gave Orono a 52-51 semifinal win over top-seeded Old Town. He had seven points and 13 rebounds in that victory.

Schildroth diagnosed what the George Stevens attack needed during tournament play, then provided it as the Eagles won their first two games by an average of 37 points before rallying from a 10-0 deficit to defeat Bucksport 55-43 in the Class C title game.

The 6-foot sophomore's

leadership was most evident in that final when he scored 32 points and grabbed seven rebounds. He had 16 of his team's 19 first-half points and 26 of the Eagles' 38 points through three quarters as GSA gradually gained control.

"He sees the court really well and hits people on the break, and he also can go to the basket," said GSA coach Dwayne Carter of Schildroth, who averaged 22.7 points in three tournament games. "He can go by anybody."

Schildroth is joined on the BDN Class C North all-tournament team by Tyler Pye of Bucksport, Justin Thompson of Schenck of East Millinocket, Jimmy Buzzell of Hodgdon and Nick Szwecz of GSA.

Pye, a 6-foot senior forward, played much bigger than his height in leading the



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George Stevens Academy's Taylor Schildroth (left) goes to the basket against Bucksport during the Class C North championship game Saturday at the Cross Insurance Center. Schildroth was named the Class C North winner of the William C. Warner Most Valuable Player Award.

third-ranked Golden Bucks to their first regional final since 2002. He averaged 14.7 points during the tournament, including 20 points and five rebounds in the final and 18 points and 13 rebounds in Bucksport's semifinal win over Hodgdon.

Thompson, a 6-2 junior guard, was the leading scorer in the C North tourney, averaging 24.0 points in two contests. The son of Schenck coach Darrick Thompson had a monster quarterfinal, totaling 26 points and 20 rebounds in an overtime survival of Lee Academy.

Like Thompson, Buzzell and his team moved up to Class C from Class D this winter under the statewide expansion from four to five classes, but the upward mobility didn't affect his production. The 6-foot senior guard

scored 23 points as seventh-ranked Hodgdon defeated No. 2 Fort Fairfield in the quarters, then added 19 points in a narrow semifinal loss to Bucksport.

Szwecz provided steady inside play for the champion Eagles in coordination with 6-6 sophomore Max Mattson. The 6-4 senior center averaged 11.3 points, including 16 points in the semifinals and six points and 10 rebounds in the title game.

Doody was one of five different players who received votes for the Class D North tourney MVP, a reflection of the balance not only within the Easton roster but also among the top teams in the division given that the Bears' run to their first regional crown since 1980 included two overtime victories.

The 6-foot-3 Doody saved

his biggest game for the final, scoring 20 points and grabbing nine rebounds as coach Manny Martinez's club outlasted Southern Aroostook of Dyer Brook. He was at his best near the basket as he averaged 13.0 points in the Bears' three tournament games.

Doody is joined on the BDN Class D North all-tournament team by Easton teammates Logan Halvorson and Jake Flewelling, Jacob Godfrey of Machias and Jackson Mathers of Southern Aroostook.

Flewelling teamed with Doody up front to give Easton the edge it needed in the final, contributing 12 points and eight rebounds. The 5-foot-11 junior forward also got the Bears off to a good start in the tournament with 26 points and seven rebounds during a quarterfinal win over Wisdom of Saint Agatha, and he averaged 14.3 points per game throughout the regional.

Halvorson, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, scored 13.3 points per game and came up with two of the timeliest baskets for Easton, the go-ahead hoop to start overtime against Southern Aroostook and a driving layup midway through overtime to propel the Bears to a 52-48 semifinal win over Washburn.

Godfrey had the dominant single-game performance of the tournament with 27 points and 26 rebounds in Machias' semifinal loss to Southern Aroostook. The 6-foot-5 sophomore center averaged 22 points and 17 rebounds during the Bulldogs' two-game stay.

Mathers, a 5-foot-9 junior guard, led Southern Aroostook to the championship game, averaging 18.3 points per tournament contest. His knack for scoring was best evidenced during postseason play at the free-throw line, where Mathers made 22 of 25 attempts, or 88 percent.

## Award

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Among the Mr. Basketball candidates, Coyne earned third-team Bangor Daily News All-Maine recognition as a sophomore before missing most of his junior year with a knee injury. The 5-foot-11 guard has returned this winter to lead Falmouth to a 17-4 record and a chance to win the second state crown of his high school career — the Yachtsmen

won the 2013 Class B title. The Bates College-bound Coyne was named the outstanding player-sportsman of the Class A South tourney.

Fleming, who has accepted an athletic scholarship to continue his playing career at the University of Maine next fall, averaged more than 30 points and 15 rebounds per game this winter. A third-team BDN All-Maine choice as a junior, he amassed more than 500 points as a senior while leading Oxford Hills to a

15-5 record and a berth in the Class AA semifinals.

The 6-6 forward scored 72 points en route to being named the tournament MVP, and finished as Oxford Hills' career scoring leader with 1,397 points.

Gilpin concluded his four years at Hampden Academy with more than 1,000 points and 500 assists and nearly 500 rebounds for Hampden. The 6-3 guard helped the Broncos win three consecutive Eastern Maine titles and Class A state championships in 2013 and 2015 while compil-

ing an 82-4 career record.

A first-team Bangor Daily News All-Maine choice last winter, the Bates College-bound Gilpin led the Broncos to an undefeated regular season and the Class A North semifinals this year.

Hasson, a third-team BDN All-Maine choice and first-team All-SMAA selection in 2015, is a four-year varsity player who led South Portland to the No. 3 seed in the final Class AA South standings this winter.

The Red Riots' post play-

er will attend Bowdoin College next fall.

Irving is a four-time Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class A player of the year as well as a first-team BDN All-Maine first-team choice from last winter who will attempt to lead undefeated Lawrence to its second straight state championship. She is a two-time Class A regional tournament MVP as well as the state's reigning girls basketball player of the year.

The 6-1 center, who has led Lawrence to 42 wins in

its last 43 games, has accepted an athletic scholarship to play at Boston University next season.

Todd led York to an undefeated regular season and then was named most valuable player of the Class A South tournament as the Wildcats topped defending Class B state champion Greely of Cumberland Center in the regional final.

The versatile Todd received nine Division I scholarship offers before opting to attend Northeastern University in Boston next fall.