

Former Colby coach to guide college all-stars

WATERVILLE — Colby College legend Dick Whitmore will get another chance to coach again this Saturday at the National Association of Basketball Coaches Association Division III College All-Star Game in Salem, Virginia.

The game will be played at 3:30 p.m. before the NCAA Division III championship game at the Salem Civic Center.

The NABC selects two retired coaches each year, who had careers in Division III basketball, to coach the two teams. Whitmore will coach the east squad and Dick Reynolds, the former coach at Otterbein University, will lead the west squad.

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Bowdoin player receives New England honor

BRUNSWICK — Bowdoin senior women's basketball player Shannon Brady has been named the New England Women's Basketball Association Player of the Year.

It is the second-straight season that a Bowdoin player has claimed the award, as Brady follows Sara Binkhorst, who earned the honor last winter. Brady was also named to the NEWBA First Team All-Region.

The senior forward finished third in the New England Small College Athletic Conference in scoring, averaging 16.8 points per game, while also ranking second in blocks (54) and averaging 6.2 boards per contest. In three NCAA Tournament games this year, Brady averaged 19.3 points and 9.3 rebounds.

She finishes her career at Bowdoin with 1,471 points (fourth all-time at Bowdoin), 717 rebounds (seventh) and 184 blocks (second).

UM baseball team suffers 4th straight loss

Joe Ogren and Miles Moore each rapped an RBI double to spark a four-run eighth inning that carried the Bucknell Bison to a 6-3 baseball victory over the University of Maine Black Bears Tuesday at Chain O'Lakes Park in Winter Haven, Florida.

The Bison (6-8) collected 11 hits and were the beneficiaries of six errors by UMaine, which slipped to 4-12 with its fourth straight loss.

Sam Clark (two singles) and Powell (double, single) led Bucknell with two hits each, and Miles Moore and Aaron Fritz each had an RBI single. Max Kra (1-0) pitched 2½ innings of two-hit, shut-out ball in relief of starter Dan Keller, who spaced seven hits and three runs.

Kevin Stypulkowski (double, single) and Brett Chapell (two singles) led UMaine, which also received a solo home run from Brenden Geary. Jeremy

Pena posted a single and a sacrifice fly.

Connor Johnson (1-1) took the loss, surrendering three runs while facing five batters in the eighth. Starter Justin Courtney of Bangor scattered seven hits and three runs (two earned) with three strikeouts and a hit batter.

Jake Marks worked the last 1⅓ innings.

Geary's solo shot off Keller with one out in the seventh gave the Black Bears a 3-2 lead, but Bucknell broke it open with four in the eighth.

The Bison chased Courtney as Powell and Ogren doubled to lead off the eighth, tying the game 3-3. Johnson came on and walked Sam Clark, then gave up Moore's run-scoring double.

One out later, Alex O'Neill reached on an error by third baseman Danny Casals, which opened the door for Fritz's RBI single that made it 6-3.

Player criticizes Goodell's medical marijuana stance

BY JEFF ZREBIEC
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Ravens left tackle Eugene Monroe called for the NFL to research the possible benefits of medical marijuana last week in an article on cnn.com. He took things even further Tuesday morning on his Twitter account, criticizing NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and calling for his fellow players to "stand up."

"It's a shame that Roger Goodell would tell our fans there's no medical vs recreational distinction," Monroe wrote. "... If I'm a fan, I'm pissed at the time I wasted listening to Goodell lie to me at the Super Bowl. As a player, I sure am."

Monroe also wrote, "Do you really care about players health?"

Monroe's commentary comes a day after NFL senior vice president of health and safety Jeff Miller acknowledged to a Congressional panel that there is a link between football-related brain injuries and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

Monroe, the 28-year-old who has had his share of injuries the past two years for the Ravens, told CNN last week that players are using marijuana, which is on the league's list of banned substances, to combat the aches

and pains that come with being a football player.

His primary point has been that the NFL should research how marijuana could curb brain injuries.

"I'm not here advocating smoking weed for recreational purposes. However, smoking weed just may protect your brain," Monroe wrote this morning. "Get over the 'stigma' we all know marijuana is not dangerous in any means. Even our government recognizes marijuana has medical benefits."

Monroe also wrote that "if you're a player and you see this, you better stand up. It's about damn time."

"Now that people aren't AFRAID to speak out, we know our top performing athletes openly admit their use and marijuana's benefits. Junior Seau and many others — yes, it can be us too. Please. Let's stop this from happening."

When asked last week to respond to Monroe's comments to CNN, a Ravens team spokesman said, "Those are Eugene's thoughts."

Pitino continues to distance himself from sex scandal

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Embattled Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino is again maintaining he did nothing wrong when it comes to the alleged sex parties with strippers scandal that is keeping the school out of this season's NCAA Tournament.

The university imposed its own ban that prohibited the team from participating in the tournament and ESPN's Outside the Lines recently reported that at least three former recruits told NCAA investigators they attended parties in an on-campus dorm where prostitutes were paid to have sex with them.

Pitino is slated to meet with NCAA investigators next month. He reiterated during an ESPN Radio interview on Tuesday that he had no

knowledge of the situation and he once again blamed former staffer Andre McGee for any wrongdoing.

"You have your dorm security people, who are being interviewed by the NCAA, then you have your graduate assistants," Pitino told the "Mike & Mike" show. "One unfortunate one was Andre McGee, whose sole responsibility was to make sure the kids get to school on time, make sure they get up in the mornings when they have a presentation or breakfast with a head coach or family."

"And then we have another graduate assistant. So the problem we had is we did have people in place. And the one person we did have in place, whose sole responsibility was to make sure they do the right things, and unfortunately that was Andre McGee. That was the problem there."

The sex scandal became public in October when escort Katrina Powell wrote about the activities in a book called "Breaking Cardinal Rules: Basketball and the Escort Queen."

Powell detailed how McGee paid her roughly \$10,000 between 2010 and 2014 to supply dancers and escorts to parties at the Louisville on-campus dorm that houses the basketball players.

Outside the Lines reported that McGee would give players stacks of bills from between \$200 to \$500 for use at the parties.

Pitino hasn't spoken with McGee since the scandal broke and used the opportunity to speak about him to take a shot at in-state rival Kentucky.

"If I could just get Andre McGee in a room for 10 minutes, I would say to him: 'Why would you do this? What purpose did it serve? We didn't need this to get recruits,'" Pitino said. "We're not Kentucky, where we're recruiting the one-and-dones. We have a different way we recruit. It didn't make any sense what was going on. How these women infiltrated our program is very disturbing to me."

As Pitino waits to see how developments unfold, he is a spectator during the opening week of the NCAA Tournament.

That bothers him immensely.

"It's a bitter pill to swallow," Pitino said. "March Madness is my favorite time of year."

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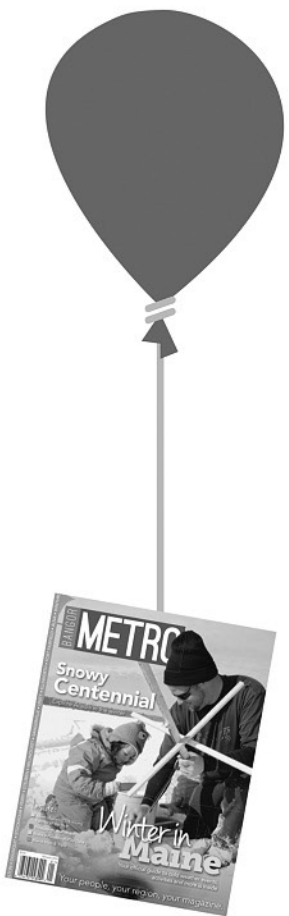
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