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in Milo to benefit Zak Mills, a middle-schooler from La-Grange and the son of Penquis boys varsity coach Jason Mills who successfulbattled bone cancer throughout 2015.

"I think the thing that made the biggest impression for having this game again this year was the impression that it made on the coaches last year," said Piscataquis athletic administrator and girls varsity basketball coach Brian Gaw, who helped organize Saturday's event.

"When you walked out of that gym you had an intrinsically good feeling that you had done something well and that you had helped somebody in a tangible way, and to a person the thought was, 'Why don't we do this every year," Gaw said.

The Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation was one of the first groups to make a sizable donation to the Mills family when Zak began his fight against cancer, and when it was suggested that proceeds from this year's game should benefit that foundation the event quickly gained momentum.

"After the game at Penquis last year when the coaches were just hanging out and taking pictures, there was an overwhelming



Fred Lazo lays in a shot in front of Blake Smith during the Coaches vs. Cancer benefit game Saturday night at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford

feeling among all the coaches that this needed to happen again," Piscataquis Community High School boys basketball coach Jamie Russell said. "Not necessarily at Penquis, but we could move it around because unfortunately there's always going to be someone in need.'

Coaches from as far away as Lee, Millinocket and Blue Hill participated in this

"The coaches have the easy part, we get to come play basketball," Gaw said. 'We're fortunate that we play in an area where people like basketball and support basketball, and when you can come and play a game you like to play — and a lot of us old guys don't get to play much anymore with two officials and a real crowd — even though it doesn't always look like real

basketball it's still fun and we get to make a lot of money for a really good cause.

"I don't think anybody's looking at the scoreboard. Everybody wins."

Donations for the foundation can be sent to: Aliza Jean Family Cancer Foundation, c/o Bangor Savings Bangor, PO Box 454, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

Quinnipiac top seed in hockey tourney

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

The 16 teams participating in the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship were announced Sunday with Quinnipiac University selected as the No. 1 overall seed.

The other No. 1 seeds, in order as determined by the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, are St. Cloud State, North Dakota and defending national champ Providence College.

The championship playoff format involves four predetermined regional sites with four teams assigned to each site. The four regional win- — St. Cloud State and West- March 25-26, U.S. Bank ners advance to the Frozen ern Collegiate Hockey Asso-Four April 7 and 9. The entire championship uses a single-elimination format.

Automatic qualification privileges are granted to the postseason champions of the five conferences. The remainder of the field is selected at-large.

The following conferences and teams received automatic qualification: Atlantic Hockey Association — RIT; Big Ten Conference — Michigan; ECAC Hockey — Quinnipiac; Hockey East Northeastern; National Collegiate Hockey Conference Saturday, final; Midwest,

ciation — Ferris State.

The matchups for the upcoming regionals are:

East, March 26-27, at Times Union Center, Albany, N.Y. — Saturday, No. 1 Quinnipiac (29-3-7) vs. No. 4 RIT (18-14-6); No. 2 Massachusetts Lowell (24-9-5) vs. No. 3 Yale (19-8-4); Sunday, final; Northeast, March 25-26, at DCU Center, Worcester, Mass. — No. 1 Providence (27-6-4) vs. No. 4 Minnesota Duluth (18-15-5); No. 2 Boston College (26-7-5) vs. No. 3 Harvard (19-10-4);

Arena, Cincinnati, Ohio No. 1 North Dakota (30-6-4) vs. No. 4 Northeastern (22-13-5); No. 2 Michigan (24-7-5) vs. No. 3 Notre Dame (19-10-7); Saturday, final; West, March 26-27, Xcel Energy Center, Saint Paul, Minn. — No. 1 St. Cloud State (31-8-1) vs. No. 4 Ferris State (19-14-6); No. 2 Denver (23-9-6) vs. No. 3 Boston U. (21-12-5); Sunday, final.

The Frozen Four will be held at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida, with the semifinals on Thursday, April 7, and the final on Saturday, April 9.

Day goes wire to wire to win at Bay Hill

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ORLANDO, Florida Jason Day went wire to wire to win the Arnold Palmer Invitation-**PRO GOLF** al, complet-

ing feat that even eluded Tiger Woods during his dominant runs at Bay Hill Club & Lodge.

But like many of Woods' wins, Day's victory Sunday required some 72nd hole dramatics.

Day needed to get up and down out of the bunker behind the challenging par-4 final hole to hold off Kevin Chappell, who had bogeyed the hole in the group ahead of

Day hit the sand shot to four feet and calmly sank the putt to pick up his first win since the BMW Championship last September and the \$1.134 million winner's check. He became the first wire-towire winner at Bay Hill since Fred Couples in 1992.

Day also earned a congratulatory handshake from The King himself, who watched the action from a golf cart behind the 18th green.

Day carded a 2-under par 70 in the final round for a 271 total. Seeking his first win in 150 tries on Tour, Chappell finished with a 69 to finish a shot back.

The 2015 runner-up Henrik Stenson and Troy Merritt finished in a tie for third, three shots behind Day.

Day began the day with a two-shot lead, but found himself two shots behind Chappell after eight holes and tied with Stenson. But the race to the finish soon tightened up dramatically.

Day, Chappell and Stenson found themselves tied at 16under through 13 holes. Merritt was a shot back amid a run of five straight birdies that ended on the on the par-3 14th hole when he holed a shot from the greenside bunker to move to 16-under him-

Stenson would be the first to blink. The world's seventhranked player made bogey on

No. 14. His bid ended for good when his 223-yard approach on the par-5 16th lead to a bogey on what had been the

easiest hole all week. Chappell pulled ahead with a birdie on 16 and maintained the lead when Day missed a 14-foot birdie putt behind

Day made up for the miss with a 12-foot birdie putt on 17. The reigning PGA Championship winner set up the putt with a perfect, pin high iron on the difficult 224-yard

Chappell then opened the door for Day with a bogey on the final hole. Chappell's tee shot ended up in the thick, right fairway rough, forcing him to lay up in the fairway. A pedestrian wedge shot from 106 yards left him with a 21-foot par putt that he left about 4 feet short, leading to a bogey 5.

Chawrasia wins Indian Open NEW DELHI Chawrasia staved off the

challenge of compatriot Anirban Lahiri and South Korean Wang Jeung-hun to end a run of second-place finishes by winning his home Indian Open for his third European Tour title on Sun-

Chawrasia had finished second in the Asian Tour cosanctioned event four times, including a playoff defeat to Lahiri last year.

Yet the 37-year-old, who won the 2008 Indian Masters and the Panasonic Open India on the Asian Tour two years ago at the Delhi Golf Club, held his nerve for a final-round one-under-par 71 to claim victory by two shots.

Lahiri birdied the first three holes of the day and was tied for the lead after Chawrasia dropped a shot on the sixth.

Chawrasia, however. wrested back the advantage with a birdie on the eighth and finished with a four-day total of 15-under while South Korean Wang and Lahiri finished at 13-under.

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"I didn't expect that, to be crashed the board. I thought Zach was going to make that Brey) always emphasizes going to the board hard, especially in situations like that, and it just turned out for the best for us."

A layup and two free throws by Jackson sliced the Lumberjacks' lead to 75-74 with 47 seconds to play.

Walkup converted two free throws for a 75-70 Lumberjacks advantage with 2:05 to go. Those were the last points Stephen F. Austin scored.

'We were putting the ball (Thomas Walkup's) hands," Lumberjacks coach Brad Underwood said. "Give (the Irish) credit because they made the stops they needed to make. The one thing that we were going to do was have (Walkup) make a pass, have him make a shot, or have him get fouled.

"Again, they came up with

than what we did the other night against West Virginia. We put the ball in Tom's hands, and I'll do it again young man.

The teams traded baskets last layup, but coach (Mike for nearly three minutes until Floyd nailed his fourth 3-pointer in just over three minutes to put the Lumberjacks ahead 73-70 with 3:35 left to play.

Walkup's two free throws with 6:46 remaining gave the Lumberjacks their first lead of the second half, 66-64.

Notre Dame engineered an 8-2 run to push its advantage to 62-55 lead with 9:18 to play, but the Lumberjacks quickly responded with a 9-2 spurt to tie it at 64-64 with 6:58 remaining. Floyd drilled two 3-pointers and Walkup contributed a traditional three-point play.

V.J. Beachem's 3-pointer from the right corner with two seconds left in the half gave the Fighting Irish a 42-41 edge. He led Notre Dame with 11 first-half points and finished with 15.

The lead exchanged hands ble-digit wins.

the plays. It was no different five times and was tied three times in the first half.

NOTES: Stephen F. Austin F/G Thomas Walkup was 26-for-27 from the foul line in every single time. I'm going the two tournament games. honest," Pflueger said. "I just to live and die with that He scored a school-record 615 points this season. ... Fighting Irish are 16-2 when leading at the half this season. ... In 16 seasons under coach Mike Brey, Notre Dame has appeared in the NCAA Tournament 10 times. When Brey played at Northwestern State (La.), he scored a career-high 22 points against Stephen F. Austin in 1979. ... Stephen F. Austin's Thomas Walkup played on an AAU team with Cameron Ridley, now at Texas, Ryan Manuel, who played for SMU, and SFA teammate Trey Pinkney. ... In 35 minutes against West Virginia's press in the first round and then 34 minutes against Notre Dame, Stephen F. Austin G Trey Pinkney had no turnovers. ... The single-digit decision was the first for the Lumberjacks since a 72-66 win over Houston Baptist on Feb. 6, ending a streak of 12 consecutive dou-

UM ends spring trip with loss to UMass

LAKELAND, Florida — University of Massachusetts freshman righthander Justin Lasko held the University of Maine Black Bears to four hits in

COLLEGE eight innings to lift **BASEBALL** the Minute-

men to a 10-1 baseball victory Sunday at Henley Field. Lasko (2-0) didn't walk a batter and struck out six as

the Minutemen improved to It was the final game in the Black Bears' spring trip.

They are now 5-14 and have lost six of their last seven games.

The Minutemen reached Maine starter Nick Silva (1-1), also a freshman righthander, for six runs and eight hits in in 41/3 innings. He walked two and struck out six.

Dylan Morris sparked the UMass offense with a double, three singles and three RBIs. Hunter Carey chipped in with a double, two singles and two RBIs and Mike Hart added two singles and an RBI in the 13-hit attack.

The Black Bears didn't score until the top of the eighth when Patrick Coughlin's double to center scored Colin Ridley, who led off the inning with a single.

Lou Della Fera added a double for the Black Bears while Danny Casals and Brett Chappel each added a single.

The Bears return to Orono and will open their America East campaign with a three-game series against Binghamton beginning Saturday at Mahaney Diamond.

Softball

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Flowers (4-4) pitched two shutout innings, giving up one hit and striking out three to help the Black Bears improve to 8-9.

Alyssa Derrick hit a three-home run to left field in the first inning to spark stuck out 13 to help the six walks by Flowers.

the Black Bears. Royle finished with three hits and Janelle Bouchard chipped in with a double and single.

Evie Claussell doubled, singled and drove in two runs to lead Long Island (11-17). Kyle Mulholland and Ariana Lopez each added two hits, with Mulholland driving in a run.

Bears earn the victory.

Decker hit a two-run double in the third inning and an RBI single in the fifth to pace the Black Bears. Derrick added a solo homer in the sixth while Rachel Carlson and Royle each contributed two hits.

Nicolette Anico singled twice for Rutgers (13-15), In the first game, Flowers which couldn't capitalize on

