

# UM softball sweeps Hartford

## Harvey paces Black Bears with 8 hits and 7 RBI's in 2 games

Erika Leonard knocked in two runs with a solo home run, a double and two singles on Sunday afternoon, spearheading a 17-hit attack that carried the University of Maine softball team to an 11-3 victory over Hartford to complete a sweep of their three-game America East series.

The Black Bears took both of Saturday's games, 8-3 and 11-2 in six innings.

On Sunday, Rachel Harvey continued her hot hitting, complementing Leonard with four singles and an RBI. Felicia Lennon doubled and singled (3 RBIs)

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and Alyssa Derrick singled twice (RBI) for UMaine (23-18, 10-4 AE).

Annie Kennedy and Molly Flowers combined to scatter seven hits, with Kennedy giving up six hits and all three runs with three strikeouts in four innings. Flowers worked three innings of one-hit shutout relief and fanned six.

Peyton Fisher had two singles for Hartford (6-39, 2-12 AE), with Sawyer Fried (double), Danielle DeMarco and Elizabeth Newkirk each driving in a run. Bianca Ross took the loss.

On Saturday, Harvey hit

two home runs, two doubles and drove in six runs to power the Black Bears to the sweep.

In the first game, Maine hit three home runs. Lennon started it off with a solo homer and Alyssa Derrick added a two-run shot, both in the second inning.

Harvey added a two-run homer in the seventh.

Maddie Decker and Derrick each finished with two hits and Janelle Bouchard contributed an RBI triple.

Left-hander Erin Bogdanovich (7-4) remained unbeaten in conference play. She scattered 11 hits while striking out eight and walking just one.

Kylie Dazalla recorded a double and two singles for Hartford while DeMarco and Fried each added two singles and an RBI.

Right-hander Flowers (9-10) turned in a strong performance in the second game to lead UMaine as she allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out three.

Harvey doubled twice and hit a three-run homer to spark the offense while Lennon chipped in with a double, single and two RBIs. Bouchard and Derrick each added two hits and an RBI.

DeMarco hit as two-run homer for the Hawks.

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"It was great to see two freshmen go out there and hold the game. They did it two days in a row, so I think they're really gaining some confidence," Trimper said.

Oscar Marchena (RBI) and Ben Prada (double) had two hits each for UMass Lowell hit a solo home run. Reliever Cam Lanzili (1-1) took the loss.

UMaine rallied in the seventh when Patrick Coughlin led off with a pinch-hit single. One out later, Caleb Kerbs reached on a fielder's choice via an error. Lanzili came on and surrendered Della Fera's high blast over the right-field fence that put the hosts up 5-4.

"We pinch-hit Coughlan and he came up with a hit to start off the inning," Trimper said. "Later in the game he had a sacrifice bunt that helped us get an insurance run."

Pena kept the inning going with a single, Danny Casals walked and Ridley singled to set up Kevin Stypulkowski's sacrifice fly.

Emerson got the first out of the eighth, before Silva came on to record the last five outs.

On Saturday, John Arel finally earned his first collegiate victory by pitching six innings of four-hit ball in the nightcap.

"You can't really beat



University of Maine's Brenden Geary (left) runs to third as University of Massachusetts Lowell's Oscar Marchena misjudges the ball during Saturday's game at Mahaney Diamond in Orono.

that winning feeling," said Arel (1-7), who struck out three and hit a batter.

He effectively blended a changeup with his fastball and slider while throwing 84 pitches, 60 for strikes.

"(The changeup) was feeling especially good today, as good as my slider has been feeling, so we were throwing that to anybody," Arel said.

Trimper went to Silva, a freshman righty, who worked a 1-2-3 seventh and struck out two.

"He's only a freshman, but he really wants to be out there and he really has that poise," Trimper said.

UMaine scratched out only three hits against UML righty Steve Xirinachs (1-6).

After Arel stranded five baserunners over the first three innings, UMaine scored the game's only run in the third. Jon Salcedo pulled a double down the left-field line and Kerbs was hit by a pitch. Two outs later, Casals fouled off a couple of two-strike pitches then grounded an RBI single to center.

Xirinachs retired the last 10 batters he faced, but the run held up.

Arel demonstrated his grit, escaping a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the first, then stranded a runner at second in the second inning.

UML mounted a two-out threat in the third on a single and stolen base by Ian Strom, but Arel induced an inning-ending grounder.

"John Arel has been doing great for us," Pena said. "I felt bad because we haven't really supported him with runs."

In the opener, UMaine posted nine hits against UML ace Andrew Ryan. Pena stroked a double and two singles with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Kevin Stypulkowski doubled and singled, while Colin Ridley and Kerbs each poked an RBI double.

Senior righty Logan Fullmer (3-1) limited the

River Hawks to four hits and one run through seven innings. He struck out four and walked one.

Emerson pitched a scoreless inning in relief.

Joe Consolmagno paced UMass Lowell with a double and a single and Strom singled twice.

Ryan (3-5), who went into the contest with a 2.15 earned run average, surrendered seven hits and five runs (four earned) in seven innings. He also walked five and hit a batter.

UMaine executed a delayed double steal with two outs in the first to take the lead for good, then made it 3-0 in the third as Pena ripped a run-scoring double past third and Casals followed with a sacrifice fly.

"He came to me with an off-speed (pitch)," Pena said. "I knew he was going out(side), so I was just trying to let the ball get deep and slap it the other way."

The Black Bears added an unearned run in the fourth, before UMass Lowell got on the board in the fifth on Mark Tumosa's sacrifice fly.

UMaine responded with a run in the seventh on Ridley's hard-hit RBI double past first base to plate Pena (single, stolen base), then tacked on three in the eighth.

The final rally included a run-scoring double by Kerbs.



University of Maine's Logan Fullmer pitches to University of Massachusetts Lowell on Saturday at Mahaney Diamond in Orono.

# Kraft

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"I share in our fans' anger and frustration with the penalties the league has levied, and the entire process and how it was conducted. But please trust that I am always trying to do what I believe is best for this franchise, and pledge that I will always continue to do that."

Based on a 2-1 vote of a three-judge federal panel, the appeals court on Monday reversed a federal judge's ruling from September, siding with the NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in a battle with the players union over Deflategate.

Goodell has given no indication whether he would be willing to negotiate a settlement with Brady.

"We had a lot of discussions last summer," Goodell said Friday on ESPN Radio. "There were a lot of offers back and forth about what to do to settle the issue. They chose to

pursue the issue and we chose to move forward and we are where we are."

Brady has 14 days to file an appeal after the ruling. If an appeal is filed, the suspension is stayed. If the appeals court then chooses not to hear the appeal, the suspension would stand. If the appeals court chooses to hear an appeal to the decision made by the three-judge panel, the appeal would be heard by the entire 13-judge court.

The NFL originally handed Brady a four-game suspension for his alleged involvement in the deflating of footballs before the AFC Championship Game against the Indianapolis Colts on Jan. 18, 2015.

In September, district judge Richard M. Berman vacated the suspension and Brady was able to play throughout the 2015 season.

Kraft did not appeal the Patriots' \$1 million fine and the loss of a first-round pick in the 2016 draft and a fourth-rounder in 2017 as part of the penalties.

Brady is now slated to

miss games against the Arizona Cardinals (Sept. 11), Miami Dolphins (Sept. 18), Houston Texans (Sept. 22) and Buffalo Bills (Oct. 2). He would be eligible to make his regular-season debut in Week 5 against the Cleveland Browns on Oct. 9.

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's legal team added former U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson for a possible appeal of the four-game suspension over Deflategate.

The move seems to be a clear sign that Brady and the NFL Players Association will be filing a petition for rehearing before the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York.

The hiring of Olson also hints that Brady's side is prepared to go all the way to the Supreme Court.

Earlier on Friday, Brady and the NFLPA filed a notice of appearance with the appeals court in order to announce Olson has joined the legal team.

Olson, 75, was assistant attorney general from 1981-

84 and Solicitor General under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2004. He has won 75 percent of his Supreme Court cases, which include two Bush v. Gore cases in the resolution of the 2000 presidential election.

Olson also worked for the NFLPA during the 2011 lockout.

Olson's signature appears on a motion filed Friday in the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York, which on Monday issued a 2-1 opinion to enforce Brady's suspension.

The three-judge federal panel reversed a federal judge's ruling from September, siding with the NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in a battle with the players union.

The NFLPA and Olson filed a motion requesting an extension of the 14-day window for Brady to appeal the Second Circuit decision on his suspension, asking for 14 more days. The deadline would then move to May 23, according to Sports Illustrated.

# Hall

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On Sunday, he wore a Calder Cup championship ring given to him by then-Pirates owner Ed Anderson.

"I got an education there. I got my master's in hockey," Roy said of 10 seasons with the organization. "I was trying to soak up everything I could."

Roy's life was forever altered on the first shift of his first game at BU in 1995. He crashed head-first into the boards trying to check a North Dakota player and was paralyzed from the neck down.

"I kind of hoped that someday I'd get here (the hall of fame) before my injury," Roy said. "If it's possible, it means even more to me just knowing that they're recognizing me for such a short athletic career."

He had made a lasting impact since his accident. In 1997, he and his family started the Travis Roy Foundation, which has recently almost raised \$1 million per year. It seeks to enhance the lives of people with spinal cord injuries by providing them with adaptive equipment and supporting medical research.

Roy is an inspirational speaker, giving 40-50 talks annually at corporate events, colleges and schools around the country.

"All those little sayings of never giving up, having a positive attitude, setting goals ... I put them to use before my injury and I've put them to use since," Roy said.

"It was a lot more fun having a passion to play hockey, but the last 20 years I've found a purpose in trying to give back with the Travis Roy Foundation," he added.

Vachon was a basketball star at Cony High School of Augusta and at the University of Maine. At Cony, playing for her father, Paul Vachon, the Rams posted a four-year record of 82-5 with two Class A state titles.

Vachon, who amassed 1,418 points, 977 assists and 524 steals in her career, was a four-time BDN All-Maine selection. At UMaine, the point guard directed a team that made four straight trips to the NCAA tournament and earned the program's only tourney win in 1999.

"It's humbling and very exciting to be here and to be honored with all the other inductees, Vachon said.

"I had so many positive adults in my life, coaches and teachers, and obviously my parents and my family," she added.

Vachon is UMaine's career assists leader with 759, which ranks 22nd in NCAA history. Vachon, in her fifth season at UMaine, learned

Sunday that she has been promoted to associate head coach.

She previously was an assistant coach at Catherine McAuley, Greely, Cony and Waterville high schools.

The Maine Sports Hall also honored the Lewiston High School boys soccer team for its teamwork, leadership and excellence.

Coach Mike McGraw's tea, which had players from the U.S., Germany, Somalia, Congo, Turkey and Kenya, was ranked in the top 25 of USA Today/National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll.

The team won the Class A state title last fall after finishing 18-0 and outscoring its opponents 114-7.

Highlights of other inductees:

— Kelley, a U.S. Hockey Hall of Famer who coached the Colby College men's hockey team, guided Boston University to two national titles and was president of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

— Barry, of South Portland, and Piers, of Westbrook, qualified for the Olympic Marathon trials in 2008. The friends, who train together, have placed in the upper tier of the Boston Marathon and the Beach to Beacon 10K.

— Raymond native Clark-Rickenbach was a downhill on the U.S. Ski Team and competed in three Winter Olympics. She won seven U.S. titles, and had 30 top-10 World Cup finishes.

— Cummings, of Lewiston, won the Maine Women's Amateur Championship six times in four decades and finished as runner-up nine times. She also has claimed 11 Senior Championships in the last 20 years.

— Friedman, of Cape Elizabeth, enjoyed a nine-year pro hockey career. He won a Calder Cup with the AHL's Hershey Bears and played with Edmonton and Nashville in the NHL. The former Boston University captain is the ice hockey coach and director of athletics at Kents Hill School.

— Hamblett, of Portland, won 28 state powerlifting championships, 19 national titles and five world crowns while setting three American records and one world standard.

— Phillips, of Portland, pitched for the Red Sox in 1970 and had a stellar minor-league career. He was the No. 1 hurler for Colby College, and an All-State player at Deering High.

— The Cross family has advanced sport in Maine through its naming rights at the Cross Insurance Center and Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. It features the Cross Insurance Pavilion & Business Center at Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots, and has a presence with the Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins.

# Wood

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elbows and fists while in top position, and several times he was able to take Phillips' back and pursue submission attempts.

The 26-year-old Phillips (4-1) was at his best in the third round, but that success was limited to occasional overhand right punches that landed.

But Phillips was unable to follow up quickly enough and Wood more than held his own, scoring two addi-

tional takedowns during a final round that otherwise featured both combatants standing up.

"This gives me stuff to work on back at the gym," said Wood, who was cornered for the fight by his wife Tiana and Mark Heathcote, a former state championship wrestler from Hudson and Central High School of Corinth who now lives in Oklahoma.

"I took this fight on two weeks notice. I didn't have a full camp, (Phillips) had a full camp and he was still more tired than I was, so it was a success all around."

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