

Maine swimmers gain top collegiate awards

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Nicole Mancini of Falmouth, who dives for Bentley University, and Bangor's Emma Waddell, who swims for Williams College, are among the 2016 first-team All-American swimmers and divers recently announced by the College Swimming Coaches Association.

SWIM REPORT

Mancini, competing in this year's NCAA Division II nationals, finished sixth in the 3-meter competition. The senior also won both the 1- and 3-meter titles at this season's Northeast 10 Conference Championship.

Waddell recorded a time of 50.06 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle, fractions behind the season's fastest Division III time of 49.86, according to CSCA results. At the New England Small Conference Athletic Conference Championships, the sophomore set meet records in the 50 butterfly (23.9) and the 100 butterfly (53.3).

Williams won the conference title and finished third at the NCAA Division III nationals.

Brunswick swimmer heading to FSU

Brunswick's Nate Samson will race for Florida State University next season after considering Ohio State, Penn State and the University of North Carolina.

"The campus is gorgeous, the team is super tight, and the practices are intense," Samson said.

Samson's communications with the team and coach Frank Bradley have revealed their goals as the Long Reach Swim Club member described them for the program, and they have the multi-stroke swimmer scoring in the finals at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship in his events and "doing my part" in the relays, he said.

Samson, who intends to pursue his interest in chemistry at FSU, raced a 48.7 in the 100 butterfly placing second and a fourth-place 1:50.4



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Emma Waddell, a former Bangor High School swimmer who competes for Williams College, is among the 2016 first-team All-American swimmers and divers recently announced by the College Swimming Coaches Association.

in the 200 individual medley at the YMCA Nationals earlier this spring. He also scored fourth in the 100 backstroke at 48.5.

In the Class A state meet, he established a record in the 100 free at 46.2 for the state champion Dragons.

According to FSU's class posting for next year, Max Polianski of New Zealand, whose father, Igor, won a

gold medal in the 200-meter backstroke at the 1988 Olympics for the USSR, will join Samson and the Seminoles.

Ellsworth swimmers heading to Florida

Meanwhile, two members of the Class B champion Ellsworth High Eagles will continue their swimming in Florida next season as well.

Talor Hamilton will race at NCAA Division II Florida Southern College. The senior led the Eagles to the Class B state crown this year and set standards in Class B swimming in the 50 free at 21.1 and in the 100 free at 46.4.

"He should be a great asset to their team, and I am sure he is destined for great things in the sport," Ells-

worth coach Jim Goodman said.

FSC finished third in the NCAA nationals. Mike Brum, coach of FSC, was voted Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year for 2016.

Another member of Goodman's team, Cooper Holmes, who has the distinction of being the only Eagle swimmer to race under a minute in each of the four strokes, also will compete in the NCAA Division II as a member of the University of Tampa.

"He, like Talor, will be a great asset to his college team as a freshman and should excel at the next level of competition and make great contributions to the team," Goodman noted.

Tampa, coached by Ed Brennan, finished third in this year's Sunshine State Conference and consistently ranks among the top 10 teams in Division II.

"These two seniors were the critical dynamic foundation of the team as co-captains and high point winners," Goodman said.

Celtics rookie eager for next season

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There are some players who enter the NBA and are stars from the moment they step on the floor. With more experienced players ahead of him, Terry Rozier has more work to do. He had to miss that train.

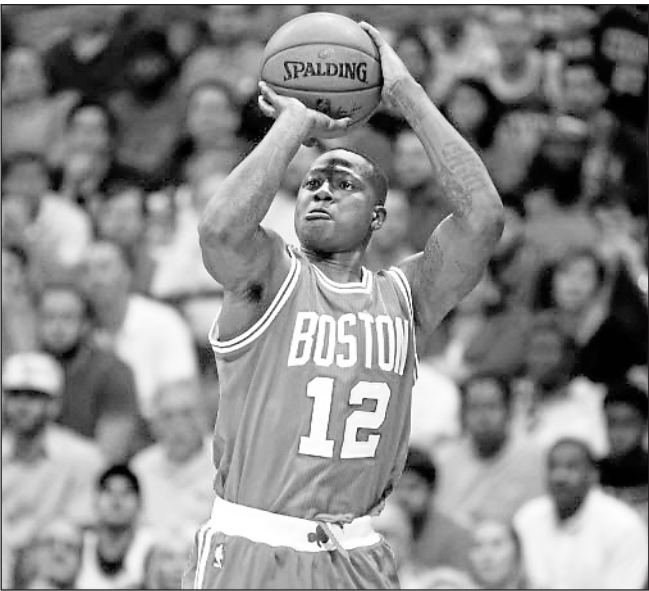
But he believes another is coming along.

"Oh, yeah. I wouldn't play if I'm not aiming to be a star," said the Louisville product who got into just 39 games as a Celtics rookie. "That's the main goal. I want to win."

Players and coaches around him think he'll get there, leading some in the organization to believe that some of the help the Celts need next year is already on the roster (Jordan Mickey also falls into this category, and it will be interesting how R.J. Hunter will look after a summer of work).

Rozier averaged just 1.8 points, 1.6 rebounds and .9 assists in a mere 8.0 minutes per appearance, but there was a nine-game stretch in March, coinciding mainly with Jae Crowder's absence, when he was a fairly important part of the rotation. He went for 2.9 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.1 assists over a still modest 13.5 minutes a night in that time, but there were clear signs that he will be capable of more.

Rozier was a DNP in the first game of the playoffs, but after Avery Bradley got hurt in the opener against the Atlanta Hawks, he came in to offer 4.8 points, 3.4 re-



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Boston Celtics guard Terry Rozier shoots against the Atlanta Hawks in game five of the first round of the NBA Playoffs on April 27 at Philips Arena.

bounds and 1.2 assists in 19.7 minutes. He made 4-of-7 shots on the way to 10 points in Game 2.

Beyond the digits is the fact that the wiry, strong 6-foot-2 point guard handled himself extremely well on both ends of the floor as he fought to get into the flow after a year spent largely on ice, D-League stints notwithstanding.

Isaiah Thomas didn't want to offer a projection.

"I don't think you can do that with him right now," Thomas said, "but given opportunity, I think once he gets comfortable, he's going to be really good.

"He's quick, athletic — a typical point guard these days that can get into the paint, create for himself and create for others. I think

he's going to be real talented in this league."

Coach Brad Stevens certainly sees it.

"I just think that he's got a burst that is pretty unique," Stevens said. "He's still learning how to do things, but he's making good progress, and his attitude's really good. I mean, he's a non-stop worker. He wants to be really good, and that's a great trait for a young guy whose minutes are inconsistent."

Looking back, Stevens said, "I didn't know much about him when I first saw him, which was in our draft workouts. But (president of basketball operations) Danny (Ainge) had really scouted him extensively and Danny had talked extremely highly of him, so I watched a

couple of games. I knew that he was going to be in consideration for our pick, because Danny had come back so high on him. And then obviously when he gets in those workouts, you could see his burst was just different. Like he's just got a different speed and level than a lot of guys."

Rozier's performance in training camp only added to Stevens' belief.

"I thought he was good," he said. "I think the biggest thing that you have to get answered in those moments is, what's his real work ethic like? You've got practices and everything else going on at that time of the year. But he showed a great work ethic, and he's continued that whether he's playing or not.

"He's got a chance. He's got a chance, no question. He's got a high ceiling."

Said Thomas: "Half the battle is working, becoming a student of the game, watching film and just learning. Then when your opportunity comes, you just take full advantage of it. So he's going to be good, man. I like his game, and I like his mindset."

"One thing about this league," Bradley said, "is that once somebody gets an opportunity and has confidence, anything is possible. That's the case for Terry. Obviously he's going to go out there and he's going to make mistakes, but all those things are things he can learn from and keep improving as a player. The thing about Brad is he gives you opportunity, man."

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Frank Vogel will not be fired, but the Indiana Pacers asked him not to stay.

"Frank's not getting fired. His contract is up and I just made the decision not to renew it," Pacers president Larry Bird said at a press conference Thursday morning.

NBA NOTES

Vogel became head coach on an interim basis Jan. 30, 2011, replacing Jim O'Brien and was granted the full-time job July 6, 2011. Vogel compiled a 250-181 record, five NBA playoff appearances, two Central Division championships and two trips to the Eastern Conference Finals.

Bird said Vogel asked repeatedly to be allowed to stay during a 30-minute conversation Thursday morning after they spoke previously on Wednesday.

"We know he'll be successful down the road and end up getting a job, but for us, I just feel it's time to move in a different direction," Bird said.

The belief from management was that Vogel lost his voice in the locker room. Bird ruled out former Boston Celtics teammate Kevin McHale and did not offer any other thoughts on specific coaches he is interested in hiring.

Bird said the Pacers will do what is necessary financially to get the right guy, but expectations are unchanged building around Paul George.

"I expect us to be better, and we will be," Bird said. "Paul coming off an injury and Myles (Turner) making strides, we should be better. What you add to that mix, the franchise is in good shape with some of the guys we have. I always expect greatness."

The Pacers plan to be aggressive in free agency, Bird said.

"We know through the grapevine some players who would like to come here and play," Bird said. "You can't talk to players this time of year, but you hear it. The new coach might have some ideas of players he'd like."

Though he has regular contact with George via text message and will discuss the process with the All-Star forward before it wraps up, Bird said didn't want to bother players with messages about what they want to see happen during the search.

"I think it's important to get someone they all respect," Bird said.

Curry appears doubtful to return Saturday

Steph Curry did not participate in three-on-three drills or scrimmage with the Golden State Warriors on Thursday, and coach Steve Kerr deemed the reigning NBA MVP unlikely to play in Game 3 of the second-round playoff series against the Trail Blazers on Saturday in Portland, Oregon.

Curry was present for the practice session but did not appear to participate in any segment of the workout, shooting from a stationary position and giving no indication he was ready to test his ailing knee.

Diagnosed with a sprained knee ligament on April 24, Curry sat out the final two games of the first-round series against the Houston Rockets and missed the two Warriors wins over the Trail Blazers in Oakland, California.

With three full days between Games 2 and 3, Kerr did not rule Curry out entirely but continues to give the company line for a status report of "doubtful."

"Everything has gone very smoothly. He hasn't had any setbacks," Kerr said.

The Warriors' initial timetable for Curry was to merely re-evaluate his status on May 9, two weeks from the date that general manager Bob Myers confirmed the severity of Curry's injury.

Wizards' Wall has surgery on both knees

Washington Wizards All-Star point guard John Wall underwent surgery on both knees, the team announced.

Wall underwent surgery on his left knee to remove calcium deposits. He also had an arthroscopic procedure on his right knee to clean out loose bodies.

Hockey

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ed teams and Bertagna doesn't feel that game, which would probably be played on a Thursday, would draw well at the TD Garden in Boston.

Bertagna said adding a 12th team to replace Notre Dame would be ideal because all the teams could be playing league games the same weekend instead of having one which is idle or playing non-league games.

"It's hard to schedule non-

conference games in February," he said.

The schools mentioned as possibilities include ECAC teams Quinnipiac University from Hamden, Connecticut, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from Troy, New York, or Massachusetts-based Atlantic Hockey schools Holy Cross and Bentley University.

"In my time here, Hockey East has never initiated any contact with other schools [about joining the league]," said Bertagna. "It wouldn't surprise me if we heard from somebody. But it's early. We're in no particular hurry."

Hermion

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Petersen at second base after playing right field a year ago, and Windsor is the new third baseman.

Theberge, who plays first or the outfield when she isn't pitching, and Perry have been the offensive catalysts on a team that has a lot of productive hitters.

Senior center fielder Deanna Phipps has already hit three homers after not having any during her first

three seasons. Perry has a pair of homers.

Sophomore right fielder Laura Zenk has done an exceptional job in the lead-off spot according to McCrum, and she called Windsor an "awesome" No. 9 hitter.

Veteran first baseman Sydney Adnessi is a quality hitter in the fifth spot in the order, and Oakes has done a nice job as the designated hitter.

Chloe Raymond won the shortstop job, and fellow junior Jaelen Albert is the left fielder. Junior Emily Perley is a solid infielder and hitter.

Sports A.M.

Sugarloaf GC names new pro

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — Zach Zondlo has been named the new head golf pro at Sugarloaf Golf Club.

Zondlo will oversee all instruction at the Sugarloaf Golf School, including the Nike Junior Golf Camps, according to a news release.

For the last three years, Zondlo has been an assistant professional with the Heather at Boyne Highlands. He was also an assistant pro at Fiddler's Creek Golf Club in Naples, Florida, alongside Sugarloaf's assistant pro Corey May, who will also be returning to Sugarloaf this summer.

"I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to work at the premier golf course in the state of Maine," Zondlo said. "I hope to bring my knowledge and experience to Sugarloaf to increase member activities and tournament opportunities, as well as assist members and guests in total game improvement."

Sugarloaf GC has been free of snow and ice for the better part of a month, allowing course crews to begin spring maintenance early with Friday, May 27 set as the opener.

Belgrade's Hammond qualifies for NCAA tennis tourney

University of Tennessee freshman women's tennis player Sadie Hammond of Belgrade has qualified to compete in the NCAA Singles Championships later this month, the NCAA announced Wednesday.

The championships will be held from May 25-30 at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Hammond competed as the Volunteers' No. 1 singles seed in dual-match play throughout the season, recording a team-high seven wins over ranked opponents.

Hammond, who earned All-SEC second-team and SEC All-Freshman team honors last week, has been ranked as

high as 42nd in singles nationally this season and is currently ranked 51st.

Three bowlers qualify for national tourney

PORTLAND — Cameron Atherton of Fayette, Austin Hicks of Gorham and Joshua Looman of Oakland qualified for the national Junior Gold Championships during a Maine State Junior Gold Bowlers 10-pin tournament Saturday at Spare Time Family Fun.

Atherton, who bowls out of Meadow Lanes in Wilton, recorded a five-game score of 1,064 while Hicks of of Spare Time recorded a 1,030 and Looman of Sparetime Recreation of Augusta totaled a 932.

Hicks also won the under age 20 tourney while Parker Thibault of Sparetime Recreation in Lewiston won the U15 title.

The high games for the tourney were: U20: Ben Furrow 214, 200; Looman 233, 220; Tyler Lerman 236; Nathan Boothby 217, 203; Jakob Harzewski 204; Hicks 279, 224, 223, 204;

Atherton 258, 236, 201; Chris Goulette 258; Matt Douglas 248, 223, 208, 200; Brandon Plummer 221, 213; Zachary Lessard 204, 201; Seth Kolreg 246, 237, 235; and U15: Thibault 219, 213, 207, 205, 205; Chris Haney 266; 200; Shayne MacFarlane 213, 212; Alexandrah Gagne-Robertson 223; and Jacob Sutter 200.

Bowlers also qualified from two other tourneys earlier this month. Christopher Goulette from Detroit qualified in the Maine State USBC Youth Open (1,953 pins for nine games). Tournament champions were Tyler Carr of Durham (1,984) and Jenn Lemay of Augusta (1,663 pins).

Qualifiers from the MSUSBC Pepsi Tournament are U20s Seth Kolreg of Auburn (1,004 pins for five games) and Alyssa Sutherland of Hermon (629 pins); U15s Shayne MacFarlane of Lewiston (846) and Alissa Parker of Glenburn (772), and U12s Cayden Hinkley of Jay (566) and Rubianne Vaughn of New Gloucester (607).

Tournament champions were Kolreg and Lemay (989 pins).