

# Despite third-place run, Elliott wants more

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DOVER, Delaware — Chase Elliott may need to do a better job enjoying his accomplishments.

When he arrived in the media center after finishing a career-best third in Sunday's AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway, Elliott seemed almost disappointed. After all, the Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidate hadn't converted his first real opportunity to win a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

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Elliott was close. On Lap 381 of 400, during the final 35-lap green-flag run, he passed Kyle Larson for second and set his sights on leader and eventual race winner Matt Kenseth. Instead, Elliott lost second place to Larson three laps later and had to settle for third.

"Well, I hope I'm close," Elliott said when asked if he felt his No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports team is on the verge of a victory at NASCAR's highest level. "Doesn't really matter what I say. Till you go get it done, it really is irrelevant.

"For me, I think I have a team that's capable of doing it. The way I see today, we had our shot, we had a

chance to do it today, (and) I didn't do it. It's as simple as that. Either you do or you don't, and we haven't yet. "Had a lot of fun racing with those guys at the end there. Like I say, hate to not get the job done and be so close, but we'll keep digging at it and try to get a little better."

## A Dover failure for Johnson

In last year's Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Dover, Jimmie Johnson had his race — and his hopes for a record-tying championship — waylaid by the failure of a rear end seal.

On Sunday, as Johnson led the field to green for a restart on Lap 355, an uncooperative transmission kept his car from surging forward and ultimately started a wreck that involved half the remaining field in Sunday's AAA 400.

As Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet failed to launch, the outside lane accorded behind him, and Johnson turned sideways after contact from Martin Truex Jr.'s Toyota. Cars behind him bounced off the walls and off each other.

"As soon as I went from second (gear) and tried to go to third, I kind of got up into the neutral gate of the transmission and didn't even go to third," Johnson said. "It stopped before it ever went



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NASCAR Sprint Cup driver Chase Elliott puts on his helmet during practice on Friday for the AAA 400 Drive For Autism at Dover International Speedway.

to third. And then I tried fourth and third and fourth and eventually I got hit from behind. There was a long pause there where I was trying to, I thought maybe I missed a shift; but it wouldn't go in gear.

"Martin was good and patient with me. He gave me a couple of opportunities to try to find a gear, and it just locked out and wouldn't go into gear for some reason. It

was still that way at the end, and I couldn't drive the car and I don't think I'm all that damaged, but unfortunately I lost a shot at winning, and I hate to see all those cars tore up."

From Johnson's perspective, the malfunction was unprecedented.

"In my career, I've never had a transmission do that to me," he said. "I've had them kind of lock out of reverse at a

test session or even in the garage area or something, but to lock out and not go across the gate and then no gear available is something I've never had before."

## More bad luck for Truex

As was the case last week at Kansas Speedway, Martin Truex Jr. was in position to win a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

But Truex's fortunes in Sunday's AAA 400 at Dover

International Speedway were no better than they were a week earlier at Kansas, where he led 172 laps only to be done in by a pit road gaffe.

After pitting on Lap 349 of 400, Truex ensured he would restart fourth in the preferred outside lane by letting the Carl Edwards precede him off pit road. But the outside lane proved to be unlucky when Jimmie Johnson's Chevrolet failed to launch in front of Truex.

Sandwiched between the Chevys of Johnson and Kevin Harvick, Truex's Toyota was damaged in the melee, and though he recovered to finish ninth, his winning chances were gone.

"Just one of those deals — wrong place, wrong time," said Truex, who led 47 laps before the accident. "Frustrating, but we got a top 10 out of it, so not too bad. The guys on pit road did a great job fixing it. Just hate that it happened.

"I wanted to be fourth on that restart, but I didn't want to be fourth that bad. I should have been third, so maybe I should have not let the 19 (Edwards) beat us off pit road. I don't know how you can see those things coming. All in all, good day — just bad finish."

# Scarborough driver wins rain-plagued Speedway 95 race

Garrett Hall of Scarborough became the first multi-race winner on the Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model North tour on Sunday as he maneuvered his way to the front from a sixth-row starting position in a rain-plagued 150-lapper at Speedway 95 in Hermon Sunday.

## AUTO RACING

The race kicked off Speedway 95's 50th anniversary season.

Hall had never seen the track prior to Sunday's event but, after several rain delays interrupted practice sessions and qualifying races, he wasted little time making his way through the field.

Hermon's Mike Hopkins had led a healthy portion

of the race, but Hall was able to pass him midway through it.

Hudson, New Hampshire teenager Derek Griffith wound up second and Hopkins finished third.

Rounding out the top five were D.J. Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire, and Trevor Sanborn of East Parsonsfield.

Hopkins said Hall earned the win.

"He was smooth. He was good. He had the better car. My car was dragging and got tight. But it was a good race and I had a good day," said Hopkins, who noted that all 20 cars ran 30-40 laps together to dry the track out after the last delay.

Hall won the PASS opener at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park in Con-

necticut and was third at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway. He was 17th at Oxford Plains Speedway.

Finishing sixth through 10th were Jeremy Davis of Tamworth, New Hampshire; Dave Farrington Jr. of Jay, Turner's Glen Luce, Farmingdale's Johnny Clark and Turner's Ben Rowe.

Local drivers Nick Jenkins (Brownville), Gary Smith (Bangor) and Travis Benjamin (Morrill) were 12th, 13th and 16th, respectively, while defending points champ and race winner Mike Rowe of Turner wound up 17th.

Farmington's Cassius Clark, who won this race two years ago, finished 18th and Ellsworth's Wyatt Alexander was 19th.

In other action, Andy

Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire, coasted to victory in a 30-lap PASS Mods race followed by Dixfield's Ryan Robbins and New Gloucester's Ben Tinker.

Brandon Langille of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia prevailed in a competitive Legends Cars 20-lapper while Gorham's Heywood Herriott won a 30-lap race for the North East Mini Stock Tour.

## Oxford Plains Speedway (Top 5 per class)

**Budweiser Super Late Model (50 laps):** 1. Spencer Morse, Waterford; 2. Tracy Gordon, Strong; 3. Dennis Spencer, Jr., Oxford; 4. Ryan Deane, Winterport; 5. Shawn Knight, South Paris; **Allen's Coffee Flavored Brandy Street Stock (30**

**laps):** 1. David Whittier, West Poland; 2. Zach Emerson, Sabattus; 3. Calvin Rose, Jr., Turner; 4. Kyle Hewins, Leeds; 5. Bryce Mains, Naples; **Bandits (20 laps):** 1. 21 Dustin Salley, Poland; 2. 91 Jamie Heath, Waterford; 3. 5 Jacob Hall, Oxford; 4. 1 Brandon Varney, Auburn; 5. 0 Matthew Mahar, Raymond; **Figure 8 (15 laps):** 1. Eric Hodgkins, Minot; 2. David Smith, South Paris; 3. Kyle Kilgore, South Paris; 4. Jon Lizotte, Lewiston; 5. Robert Morey, Lisbon

## Wiscasset Speedway

**Kennebec Equipment Rental Outlaw Minis (35 laps):** 1. Shawn Kimball, Augusta; 2. Zack Audett, Skowhegan; 3. Tim Collins, Farmington; 4. Brent Roy, Vassalboro; 5. Rob

Greenleaf, Bath; **Late Model Sportsman (35 laps):** 1. Chuck Colby, Wiscasset; 2. Shane Clark, Winterport; 3. Nick Hinkley, Wiscasset; 4. Chris Thorne, Sidney; 5. Andrew McLaughlin, Harrington; **Strictly Streets (16 laps):** 1. Maurice Young, Chelsea; 2. Chanler Harrison, Freeport; 3. Kimberly Knight, Chesterville; 4. Chris King, Burnham; 5. Mike Short, Auburn;

**NAPA Modifieds (30 laps):** 1. Mark Lucas, Harspswell; 2. Nick Reno, West Bath; 3. Allan Moeller, Dresden; 4. Adam Chadbourne, Wiscasset; 5. Jairot Harrison, Freeport; **Enduro (100 laps):** 1. Mike Marshall, 2. Michael Snyder, 3. Keith Rankin; 4. (not available); 5. Doug Tourteloutte

# Softball

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team," said freshman third baseman-outfielder Alyssa Derrick, the league's Rookie of the Year. "It was how we meshed, how we worked together, how we talked and bonded."

With eight wins in their last nine games, a .320 batting average, a respectable 52 errors in 47 games and pitchers Bogdanovich (10-4, 2.87 earned run average) and sophomore Molly Flowers (11-10, 2.58), the Black Bears are expecting to be competitive in a double-elimination regional that also includes 29-24 Oklahoma State and 26-26 Northwestern University from Illinois.

Georgia is the lowest-seeded host in the 64-team tourney.

"We want to prove ourselves and we believe we can definitely do that," Lennon said.

"We're in a really good bracket. There's going to be some good competition and really good games. We're going to have fun and see what happens," said junior catcher-outfielder Rachel Harvey.



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University of Maine's Felicia Lennon connects with a pitch from University of Maryland-Baltimore County during their softball game recently in Orono.

College baseball
<b>MAINE vs. BOSTON COLLEGE</b> <b>Time, site:</b> 4 p.m. Tuesday, Pellagrine Diamond, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts <b>Records:</b> Maine 18-31, Boston College 29-18 <b>Series, last meeting:</b> Maine leads 24-13, BC 12-0 on 5/12/15 <b>Key players: Maine</b> — 3B Danny Casals (.305, 3 home runs, 15 runs batted in, 12 stolen bases), LF Colin Ridley (.299-6-36), SS Jeremy Pena (.278-1-14, 10 SB), RF Tyler Schwanz (.274-5-23, 7 SB), 1B Brendan Geary (.260-2-15, 7 SB); <b>Boston College</b> — CF Michael Strem (.298-1-30), C Nick Sciortino (.283-2-15), SS Johnny Adams (.276-1-21), RF Logan Hoggarth (.276-2-20, 10 SB), 3B Joe Cronin (.275-3-30, 11 SB) <b>Possible pitching matchup: Maine</b> — LH Connor Johnson (3-3, 3.73 earned run average, 31 strikeouts); <b>BC</b> — LH Jesse Adams (5-4, 4.42, 32 K) <b>Game notes:</b> The Black Bears open what will be a four-game road trip with a nonconference contest against the Eagles. UMaine dropped two of three America East weekend games to Stony Brook and sits in sixth place, 9½ games behind first-place Binghamton. Boston College of the Atlantic Coast Conference, is seventh (last) in the Atlantic Division heading into a season-ending series at Georgia Tech that begins Thursday. The Black Bears will try to distribute the innings among a handful of pitchers as they start lining up the staff for next week's America East tournament at Lowell, Massachusetts. The Eagles have won four in a row and eight of their last nine, topping Niagara 9-3 on Sunday. UMaine is batting only .249 as a team and has only one hitter (Casals) over .300. BC has a .261 team batting average. The Eagles pitching staff has put together a 3.59 ERA, holding opponents to a .232 batting mark.

# Fight

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shows a little bit of their colors," said Bautista, who was 1-for-3 with three RBIs before getting ejected.

Toronto manager John Gibbons took Bautista's side.

"To me it was gutless," Gibbons said. "The other 29 teams, they come at you right away, but to wait until the end, it just sort of tells you something. I've been around this game a long time, like a lot of these guys, and it's sort of surprising. If

what happened last year bothers you that much, you usually take it up."

Texas manager Jeff Banister said, "I think it was just two hard-nosed baseball teams that play the game hard. They go at it hard. They like their club. We like our club. I take offense to everybody that thinks this is a game that shouldn't be played hard, that it shouldn't be played with emotion and intensity. We try to play hard. That's all I've got to say about that."

Odor, who almost certainly faces a suspension, was unavailable to the media after the game.

# Red Sox

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will counter with Ian Kennedy and Edinson Volquez.

## PLAYER NOTES

— Left-handed pitcher Henry Owens started for Triple-A Pawtucket on Sunday, giving up seven runs — including three home runs — on eight hits and two walks while striking out five and throwing 99 pitches (59 for strikes) in five innings. The 23-year-old was optioned to Pawtucket on May 6 after going

0-0 with a 5.11 ERA (75 1/3 innings) in three starts with Boston.

— Right-hander Joe Kelly (right shoulder impingement) is scheduled to make a rehab start Monday for Triple-A Pawtucket. Kelly, 1-0 with a 9.35 ERA in three starts with Boston this year, is 1-0 with a 2.25 ERA (eight innings) in two starts for Pawtucket in 2016.

— "We're getting contributions up and down the lineup, and it's fun to be a part of right now." — Red Sox manager John Farrell, after his team completed a 6-1 homestand.

four-year player on the soccer team. He won the Basil Mahaney Award.

Giggey Thomson is a 1950 graduate and multi-sport athlete who participated in basketball, cross-country skiing, softball and cheering. She averaged 24 points per game in her senior year of basketball. Her coach called her one of the quickest players on the court, male or female.

Ugonea ¸ a 1978 graduate and multi-sport athlete, played baseball, basketball, soccer and volleyball. He was a member of the 1976 Eastern Maine Soccer championship team and earned High School All-American honors for soccer that same year. Ugone was also a Basil Mahaney winner.

The induction ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and will be preceded by a social gathering at 5 p.m. and a supper at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Those seeking ticket information may contact Larry Gardner at lgardner@msad20.org or on the Fort Fairfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame's Facebook page.

# Hall

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# Broncos' QB Sanchez has thumb surgery

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Denver Broncos quarterback Mark Sanchez is expected to miss the start of next week's organized team activities

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following thumb surgery on his nonthrowing left hand.

Sanchez suffered the injury while working in the weight room Thursday as part of the team's strength and conditioning work.

The 29-year-old Sanchez, who is in his eighth NFL season, underwent minor surgery Saturday to repair a torn ligament. The timetable for his return is about a week.

The Broncos have a potential starter in Sanchez, who was acquired from the Philadelphia Eagles for a conditional seventh-round pick in March.

When OTAs begin May 24, Sanchez likely will miss the start of the workouts.

With Sanchez sidelined, second-year veteran Trevor Siemian and rookie Paxton Lynch, who was picked with the 26th selection in this year's draft, are expected to receive all of the work at quarterback during the first week of OTAs.

One day after he suffered his injury, Sanchez attended a prom with more than 100 patients at Children's Hospital Colorado.

## Bills' Lawson to have surgery

The Buffalo Bills announced that Shaq Lawson, the team's first-round pick in this year's draft, would undergo shoulder surgery on Tuesday.

Another former first-round pick, wide receiver Sammy Watkins, is scheduled for surgery to have a screw inserted in his broken foot and could miss several months.

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## Titans waive Mettenberger

Quarterback Zach Mettenberger was waived by the Tennessee Titans.

Mettenberger started 10 games for the Titans, who went 0-10 in those starts, and had 12 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. The Titans had seven or fewer points in five of his 10 career starts.

The Titans waived three other players and signed four tryout players: fullback Sam Bergen (Rutgers), wide receiver Ben Roberts (Montana), defensive end Mike Smith (Southern Miss.) and cornerback Bennett Okotcha (Texas-San Antonio).

In addition to Mettenberger, defensive end Iosia Iosia, tight end Kevin Greene and wide receiver Rashon Cease were waived.

## Bengals sign second-round pick

The Cincinnati Bengals signed second-round draft pick, wide receiver Tyler Boyd out of Pittsburgh.

In just three seasons at Pitt, Boyd established himself as the Panthers' career leader in receptions (254) and receiving yards (3,361). He also had 520 rushing yards and 1,362 on kick returns, and his 5,243 all-purpose yardage total stands second in program history behind only Tony Dorsett.

Boyd's 91 catches as a junior in 2015 were just one shy of the school season record, 92 in 2003 by future All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald.