

Second-inning rally lifts PI by Houlton

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PRESQUE ISLE — The Presque Isle Wildcats parlayed three bunt singles, three other hits and three Houlton fielding miscues into six runs during a second-inning rally, en route to a 12-1 high school softball victory over the Shiretowners Tuesday evening.

Presque Isle had scored a run in the first without the benefit of a hit, as the Class C Shires committed three infield errors to give the hosts the early lead. Wildcat coach Terry Cummings said the combination of his team's recent emphasis on making the defense make plays and Houlton's shaky start in the infield led to the "small ball" attack in the second.

"We had it done to us early in the season [in doubleheader losses at Hermon and Old Town in April], so we knew that was part of the game that we had to add," Cummings said. "We've been working on it at practice, and the girls have been executing it perfectly. They know where the ball has to be bunted, and then they just keep running."

"It was a big plus tonight because it turned around what would have been a close game," he added.

Ten batters went to the plate, beginning with Sydney Thompson's soft line-drive single down the third-base line. Alyssa Trombley and Emma Bouchard followed with bunt singles, with Thompson scoring after the first baseman failed to handle the throw and the ball rolled into the outfield.

One out later, No. 9 hitter Allison Madore stroked an RBI single to right field to plate Trombley before

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



DAVE ALLEN

Houlton third baseman Tyra Gentile tags out Presque Isle's Hailey Cameron during the first inning on Tuesday night in Presque Isle. Umpire Steve Thibodeau watches the play.

Taylor Williams reached on the second error of the inning to bring home another run.

Jillian Flynn followed with a squeeze-bunt single to score Madore from third. A sacrifice bunt by Savannah Rodriguez brought home Williams, and then Flynn scored one of her four runs in the contest on a wild pitch to close the flurry.

On the mound, freshman Thompson pitched out of some jams with the help of her Wildcat defense. The Shires had the bases loaded with

only one out in the second, third and fifth innings, but managed just one run. Thompson struck out the final two batters she faced in the second after walking in a run, while in the other two she benefited from inning-ending double plays.

Despite battling some wildness (four walks, four hit batsmen), Thompson struck out seven batters and allowed just four hits for her sixth pitching victory.

Even though she surrendered

just two hits outside of the second inning, Kristen Graham took the loss on the mound for the 9-4 Shires. She and Makayla Fitzpatrick led the Houlton offense with two singles each.

The Wildcats, competing for a playoff spot in the Class B North division, swept the season series as they had earned a 10-5 victory in the first matchup at Houlton May 5. They have now won eight in a row after the early-season losses to the Hawks and the Coyotes.

UMaine soccer standout won't be back for final year

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Claudia Dube-Trempe, the America East Goalkeeper of the Year in 2014 and an All-AE second team selection last fall, will not return to utilize her final season of eligibility at the University of Maine next fall.

Maine coach Scott Atherley said Dube-Trempe graduated this spring.

Dube-Trempe is from Chambly, Quebec, and Atherley explained that under Que-

bec educational guidelines, if a student wants to attend a four-year college, they must attend a cegep for two years after completing their junior year of high school.

A cegep is a pre-university college. Dube-Trempe was able to transfer her credits from her second year of cegep to her UMaine academic record, enabling her to graduate this spring.

Atherley said he has known for a year that she wasn't going to return and that she was upfront with him about her desire to graduate and leave.

"Because of her age, she really connected with our senior class. She thought of herself as a member of our senior class. It was a natural thing," said Atherley, who will be in his 18th season in the fall.

Atherley said she will be missed.

"She really represented the complete package as a goalkeeper," said Atherley. "She had great size, she was 6 feet tall, and had a very commanding presence. She was able to cover a lot of ground because she was so quick and athletic."

"Her greatest quality was

her feet," he added. "She was, arguably, the best distributor of the ball of any goalkeeper I've ever had. I haven't had many field players who could strike the ball with as much precision as Claudia. Her ability to hit a ball far and with accuracy enabled her to relieve pressure and launch counter-attacks."

Dube-Trempe had six shutouts, a 0.97 goals-against average and an .832 save per-

centage last fall after notching seven shutouts with an 0.80 GAA and a .849 save percentage in 2014, when she was the league's Goalkeeper of the Year and an All-AE first-team selection.

Maine had two freshmen goalkeepers in Samantha Cobotic and Sarah Gisler.

Cobotic appeared in two games, allowing three goals and making four saves in 96:29 of action.

Amendola

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Woodlands, Texas, made 65 receptions for 648 yards and three touchdowns.

In New England's 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX in 2014, Amendola made five catches for 48 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown reception from Tom Brady in the fourth quarter.

He was acquired to help

replace former Patriots wide-out Wes Welker after his departure for Denver. In three seasons with New England, Amendola has 146 catches for 1,481 yards and six TDs.

Earlier this month, Amendola agreed to a new, two-year contract with the Patriots. It will pay him \$1.35 million this year, all guaranteed, including a \$100,000 signing bonus and \$15,625 per game in incentives.

Next year, he will receive a \$6 million salary, \$31,250 per game in incentives and a

\$500,000 roster bonus.

Amendola spent his first four NFL seasons with the St. Louis Rams after a four-year career at Texas Tech, where he amassed 204 receptions for 2,246 yards and 15 touchdowns and more than 1,000 punt return yards.

Amendola went undrafted and instead signed a free-agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys and spent time on the practice squads of the Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles before signing with the Rams in 2009.

DeLaite

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"I think his accuracy is what separates him from other high school pitchers," Bangor coach Jeff Fahey said. "He can pitch. He puts the ball where he wants to most of the time."

The University of Maine-bound DeLaite is 20-2 during his varsity career at Bangor to go with a 21-1 record and two state championships as part of the Coffee News of

Bangor American Legion team.

"The fact that he hasn't missed a start and also plays in the field when he's not pitching and is one of our better hitters and a good baserunner in my opinion all factor into Trevor being selected as the best player in the state of Maine," Fahey said.

"His preparation both physically and mentally is more than most high school kids, certainly. I just think he's very deserving, and I think in this particular case his num-

bers certainly prove it, too."

Fahey cited the numerous high-pressure situations in which DeLaite has thrived as a key part of a Bangor pitching staff that also has included recent graduates Curtis Worcester, Justin Courtney and Andrew Hillier.

DeLaite also was one of four finalists last winter for the 2016 Travis Roy Award symbolic of the state's top Class A hockey player, and he has maintained a 3.11 grade-point average. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics.

UMaine

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It has been a forgettable regular season for the Black Bears, with five losing streaks of at least four games, but a season-ending 12-7 win at Binghamton against the league regular-season champs and the sense that there is parity in the conference has given them confidence.

"In all of our minds, we have felt we could be a dangerous team in the tournament," said Geary. "I wouldn't want to play us right now. If we get good pitching and timely hitting, we can make a nice run."

"If we can win game one, I'll feel very confident about our chances," said Maine coach Steve Trimper. "If not, we're going to have to fight our way through and

use our [pitching] depth." Senior catcher Kevin Stypulkowski said they have been competitive with every team in the conference and all the teams are

"pretty even."

"Nobody has shocked us," said Stypulkowski, whose Black Bears own at least one win over all the tournament teams except Hartford.

Open

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knocked off Canada's Vasek Pospisil 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

In other seeded matches, Spain's David Ferrer, seeded 11th, was a 6-1, 6-2, 6-0 winner over Russia's Evgeny Donskoy; Austria's Dominic Thiem (13) beat Spain's Inigo Cervantes 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-1; Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut (14) defeated Russia's Dmitry Tursunov 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, and American John Isner (15) defeated Australian John Millman, 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, 7-5.

In women's play, top-seeded Serena Williams had no trouble in her first match, dispatching Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova 6-2, 6-0.

The American needed just 42 minutes to finish off Rybarikova.

"Everybody who knows me knows I love to win," Williams said afterward. "Especially when I play on the big stages and the Grand Slams, that's what we always practice for and we always try to do well at."

Serena's ninth-seeded sister, Venus Williams, was challenged by Estonia's Anett Kontaveit 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4) in her first match of the tournament.

Venus Williams needed close to two hours to hold off the 82nd-ranked Kontaveit.

Williams lost in the opening round in last year's French Open.

Third-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany was ousted in the first round by Kiki Bertens of The Netherlands 2-6, 6-3, 3-6.

"I'm disappointed that I lost here in the first round," Kerber told reporters. "But that's sport... that wasn't my best tennis today."

Fifth-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus had her French Open end in disappointing fashion when she had to retire due to a knee injury.

Italy's Karin Knapp was the benefactor while posting the 6-3, 6-7, 4-0 victory.

Azarenka was injured during the second set and took an injury break before continuing. She won the tiebreaker to stave off elimination but was unable to compete in the third set before retiring from the match.



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