

Track

Continued from Page B5

Nealey was one of two Mainers to score a top-five finish in the boys decathlon at the nationals, as Sam Rusak of Scarborough placed fourth with 6,585 points. Rusak's effort included first-place finishes in both the discus (132-6) and pole vault (15-5) during the second day of the competition.

Hayden Ashley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, won the decathlon with 6,933 points.

Lufkin won the emerging elite division — for high school athletes who have not yet achieved champion-division qualifying standards — of the boys discus with a best of 163 feet, 2 inches on the third of his six attempts.

Lufkin also finished 24th in the championship division of the shot put with a best of 55-11¼.

The performance continued a strong spring in the throwing events for Lufkin.

At the Penobscot Valley Conference large-school championships, he set a league record in the shot put (55-6½) and also won the discus (159-10).

Lufkin then won the Class A state championship in the discus (168-4) while placing fourth in the shot put (51-6¼).

He reversed those finishes at the New England championships, winning the shot put with a best of 58-5¼ and placing fourth in the discus at 155-8.

Jake Koffman of Orono High School placed 15th in the championship division of the boys discus at the New

Balance Nationals Outdoor with a top throw of 169-11.

The Red Riots' rising senior earlier this spring set a Maine all-classes record in the discus of 189-9 at the Class C state championships and went on to win the same event at the New Englands with a best of 174-10.

Maine also was well-represented at the New Balance meet in the boys 1-mile race walk with four finishers among the top 10. That group was led by third-place Spencer Dunn of Auburn (7:01.84), while Trevor Judd of Livermore was sixth in 7:31.69, Bryan Ward-Sims of Fryeburg was eighth (7:57.59) and Nicholas Parrott of Wells was 10th in 7:58.68.

Brewer's Lily Cohen was 27th in the girls race walk in 8:43.17.

NBA

Continued from Page B5

had his mother do the same. Then again, Durant downplayed the housing peeks in the Bay and other areas, including San Antonio.

Durant can be offered a four-year deal or choose to take the higher-risk route with a potential monster reward next summer by opting for a one-year deal with a player option, the route that has helped LeBron James cash \$22 million-\$25 million annual salaries while maintaining the leverage over the team in the event things head south.

Durant said this week "I just want to hoop" and implied his decision would be solely about basketball. And winning.

The Warriors can find the financial means to add Durant even with Klay Thompson and Steph Curry on the roster. But what will that roster look like by the time the dust settles in free agency in July?

Golden State has eight free agents, headlined by starter Harrison Barnes, a restricted free agent.

Next summer is a bigger one with Curry's deal expiring at the same time Andre Iguodala, Shaun Livingston and Andrew Bogut hit free agency.

The reset of Golden State's core could be massive and instantaneous if Durant picks the Warriors.

It's feasible Curry and Durant would mutually agree to take less salary but next summer the definition of "max contract" changes with labor negotiations that might all but eliminate the idea. For certain, "max" deals will reach a new stratosphere in 2017.

For the lineup the Warriors use, with Draymond Green (who signed a four-year, \$73 million deal in July 2015) at center, Durant could be the "stretch four"



Kevin Durant (left) of Oklahoma City passes around Golden State's Stephen Curry during the NBA Playoffs in May. Durant may be considering the Warriors as his next team.

coach Steve Kerr prefers, requiring defenses to sweat every square inch of the perimeter.

For now it's only a mirage, but Lacob is determined to win, and that includes July.

Nowitzki becomes unrestricted free agent July 1

Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki will become an unrestricted free agent on July 1 after opting out of his contract on Tuesday.

Nowitzki, who just turned 38 on Sunday, had a Wednesday deadline to opt out and become a free agent or play next season for \$8.7 million.

The prevailing thought is that Nowitzki will remain with the Mavericks, although there is some thought that the Golden State Warriors might make a run at the future hall of famer.

Nowtizki has spent his entire illustrious 18-year career with the Mavericks. The 13-time All-Star selection has one MVP award and one NBA Finals MVP trophy under his belt.

He is sixth on the NBA's all-time scoring list with 29,491 career points and is taking aim at passing Wilt Chamberlain during the 2017-18 season.

Knicks' Afflalo, Williams opt out

The New York Knicks should be well under the salary cap when it comes time to start spending money in free agency on July 1.

On Tuesday, forwards Arron Afflalo and Derrick Williams said they would opt out of their contracts and test free agency. That should give the Knicks more than \$30 million in cap space, according to reports.

Williams, 25, came off the bench in 71 games and started nine for the Knicks this past season. He averaged 9.3 points and 3.7 rebounds in 17.9 minutes per game this season.

Williams was a top prospect coming out of Arizona in 2011. That year, Cleveland had the No. 1 pick and considered drafting Williams. Instead, the Cavaliers selected Kyrie Irving out of Duke.

Afflalo signed with the Knicks last summer, but was benched midway through the season and replaced by Sasha Vujacic.

Afflalo averaged 12.8 points on 44.3 percent shooting, but feuded with head coach Kurt Rambis. With Rambis gone and new coach Jeff Hornacek taking over, there had been hope that Afflalo might remain in the Big Apple.

Racing

Continued from Page B5

Theriault said he enjoyed working with Monsam and has also liked working with Lushes.

"Rich and I definitely think a lot alike," said Theriault. "We have a similar background coming from super late models. We're still finding that groove with

our communication but we're off to a good start.

"It's hard when you hit the reset button midway through and you're racing against guys who have worked with each other for several years," added Theriault. "But we're just going to keep getting better."

He ran nine Camping World Truck Series races for Brad Keselowski Racing last year and one this season. He hopes to run at least another one this year.

"I'm waiting for the right opportunity. Loudon comes to mind. I'd love to run that race in the fall if we can get sponsorship and support," Theriault said of the UNOH 175 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 24.

ON FACEBOOK

Join the conversation.
facebook.com/bangordailynews

You are invited to the 20th Annual

HOSPICE REGATTA OF MAINE

Partnering with Morris Yachts in Northeast Harbor

JOIN THE FUN ON JULY 9!

As a sponsor, as a racer, or as a guest at the Hospice Regatta Rendezvous!

BECOME AN HONORARY FIRST MATE!

For a \$250 sponsorship, two guests can view the races and enjoy a champagne lunch aboard our party boat and attend the dockside Rendezvous cocktail party featuring music by Mes Amis gypsy jazz trio and hors d'oeuvres by Chipper's Restaurant.

Our appreciation to these Major Sponsors:

BAR HARBOR BANK & TRUST

GOODING FAMILY FOUNDATION

TRADE WINDS Market Place

BDN MAINE bangordailynews.com Bangor Daily News

MORRIS YACHTS

Star 97.7

POINTS EAST The Boating Magazine for Coastal New England

Charles Butt

A.G.A. Correa & Son Family-run since 1969

Supporting **Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County**

End-of-life care and bereavement support to patients and families, without charge.

207-667-2531 • www.hospiceofhancock.org

Get a ... Sweet Deal!

Saturday Only \$1 per week

Thursday - Saturday \$2 per week

Monday - Saturday \$3 per week

Choose wisely...

Call for more information and to get a whoopie of a deal

1-800-432-7964

bdnoffers.com/deal/whoopie2016

Some restrictions apply. Price does not include tax. Offer good for Home Delivery only. Must not have been a subscriber in the last 30 days.

Expires 7/9/16. Subscription will continue at regular rate after promotion.