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and a 2015 NAC Men’s Soccer Sportsmanship Team selection. He posted 11 points in his career and never tallied a red card or a yellow card throughout 55 games in a Mariner uniform.

“I’ve only known Chris Gilman for a short time, but since meeting him I’ve been unbelievably impressed with his athletic, academic and civic contributions to Maine Maritime Academy,” said MMA men’s soccer coach Billy Shannon.

Gilman, who graduated in May, studied marine systems engineering, while minoring in mathematics, naval architecture and technical science.

Colby names women’s basketball coach

Brittany Gaetano, head coach at Drew University since 2010 and a former assistant at Amherst College, has been named the new head coach of the Colby College women’s basketball program.

A four-year starter during her playing days at St. Lawrence University, Gaetano starts at Colby on Aug. 1.

“We are thrilled to have Brittany joining us to lead our women’s basketball pro-



TONY LLERENA
Maine Maritime Academy soccer player Christopher Gilman (right) has been named the North Atlantic Conference Man of the Year.

gram. We were all very im-

pressed with her as a person and as a coach,” said Tim Wheaton, Colby’s Harold Alford Director of Athletics, in a news release. “Her personality and character coupled with her experience as a top NESCAC assistant



Gaetano

and as a Division III head coach have her well prepared to lead the program forward.”

Colby of Waterville finished 15-11 last year and made the New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinals. The Mules return 11 players, but lost three starters to graduation.

“I knew Colby was a special place as soon as I got on campus,” said Gaetano, a

2007 St. Lawrence graduate. “There is a great sense of community, and I felt an energy and excitement from everyone that was really contagious.”

Gaetano replaces former Cony of Augusta and University of Maine women’s basketball player Julie Veilleux, who stepped down in May after five seasons as Colby’s head coach to pursue a career in the private sector.

UMaine

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who had been the team’s defensive coordinator. “And he will have a pretty good supporting cast around him.”

The 30-year-old Harsymiak is the nation’s youngest Division I head coach. He replaced head coach Jack Cosgrove who stepped down after 23 seasons to become the senior associate director of athletics at the school.

Corey Hetherman is the new defensive coordinator, Liam Coen will be their first-year offensive coordinator and Nick Charlton has taken over

as special teams coordinator.

“Things are looking bright. It’s going to change the culture a bit,” said Ricard. “Coach Cosgrove was an old-school guy who had a traditional mindset.

“We’ll be more modernized and, with younger coaches, they’ll be able to relate to the players,” said Ricard. “We’ll be more explosive on offense. We’ll have more looks and we’ll be doing things we hadn’t done before.”

Richmond, which reached the semifinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs last fall, was the preseason pick to win the conference.

The Spiders received 19 of the 24 first-place votes.

They were followed by William and Mary, James Madison, Villanova, New Hampshire, Towson, Delaware, Stony Brook, Maine, Elon, Albany and Rhode Island.

New Hampshire received three first-place votes, while William and Mary and Maine each collected one.

Maine won’t play Richmond but will face William and Mary, James Madison, Villanova, New Hampshire, Delaware, Stony Brook, Albany and Rhode Island.

The Black Bears will open on the road against Football Bowl Subdivision teams the University of Connecticut and Toledo on Sept. 1 and Sept. 10, respectively.

Golf

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the 18th when she bogeyed the par-four.

“I didn’t leave myself any birdie putts,” said Plourde. “I always had to work for pars. It seemed like I was scrambling more than yesterday.

“It still felt solid, but it was frustrating that the birdie putts weren’t falling,” said Plourde, who will be a senior at Lincoln Academy in Newcastle this fall.

Creech said she is happy to be taking a lead into the final round but said she’s “not taking anything for granted.”

“You can shoot a 69 one day and a 79 the next day,” said Creech, wife of UMaine Athletic Director Karlton Creech. “I’m going to play my game, play hard and, hopefully, my hard work will pay off.”

Rio

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On the men’s side, Cameron McEvoy will chase gold in the 100 freestyle, one of five events he will contest.

Golden couple Emily Seebohm and boyfriend Mitch Larkin go to Rio as world champions in both the 100 and 200 backstroke.

The Europeans will get in on the act, with Britain’s breaststroke world champion Adam Peaty and 200 free world champion James Guy hoping to succeed for a country that has not had a male Olympic swimming gold medalist since Adrian Moorhouse in 1988.

Hungary, Italy, France — with reigning 50 meter free-

style world and Olympic champion Florent Manaudou — and the Netherlands all have potential medal winners, too.

Africa will look to South Africans Cameron van der Burgh, the reigning champion and Peaty’s big rival in 100 breaststroke, and Chad Le Clos, who beat Phelps to 200 butterfly gold in 2012.

The scourge of doping, in a year darkened by scandals in Russia, also hangs over the pool with 2012 gold medalists Sun Yang of China and South Korea’s Park Taehwan back in Rio after suspensions.

Pollution is also a major concern for the open water swimmers after dangerous super bacteria were found off Rio’s beaches.

Brazil soccer star vows to keep partying

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RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil striker Neymar has vowed to keep on partying after being asked if his off-the-field activities could harm the country’s chances of winning its first Olympic soccer title.

The Barcelona player was not released by his club to play in June’s Copa America but went to the United States to support his teammates and was pictured celebrating out with Hollywood celebrities and pop singer Justin Bieber.

He will be back to lead the Olympic side against South Africa, Iraq and Denmark in the group stage, which starts on Aug. 4, but the outstanding Brazilian player of his generation promised he would remain his own man.

“I think you have to start by looking at what I do on the pitch,” he told a news conference on Tuesday. “The moment I am off the field it’s my personal time.

“I like to go out and have fun with my friends. I have family, too, so why can’t I go out to clubs? I can and I will. I

am well aware what my duties are the next day. I am going to keep going out, and I don’t see anything wrong with that.”

He added that any millionaire youngster at the top of his game would live the same lifestyle and challenged reporters to say otherwise.

“Imagine you’re 24 years old, earning what I earn and having all that I have,” he said at Brazil’s training camp. “Wouldn’t you be the same as me?”

Neymar is one of the three overage players in Brazil’s squad as they attempt to win the gold medal for the first time next month at their home Olympics.

He also featured four years ago at the London Games when Brazil were defeated in the final by Mexico.

“We lost a goal after 40 seconds and so we were behind right from the start,” he recalled. “That’s hard. You have to be switched on the whole game. Any detail can be fatal.

“I am not worried about losing,” he said. “Being afraid of losing robs you of the desire to win. If we lose, we lose with our heads high and we carry on but if it is up to me we’re going to do everything possible to win.”



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