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Maine Maritime is steadfast in its approach to non-conference football scheduling, which is based on a desire to foster relationships with like-minded institutions.

Maine Maritime has an enrollment of about 1,000 students and most of its academic programs center on marine science, engineering, management and transportation. It also offers Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

"There's a unique bond among schools that have a mission like ours," Peed said. "We understand the challenges one another face and I think some of that was the impetus for moving toward the NEWMAC [the

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference] in football and why we schedule nonconference games the way that we do."

Husson, with about 2,800 undergraduates, offers a wide variety of majors including business, nursing, communications, physical therapy and pharmacy.

Maine Maritime football competes in the NEFC, which is made up of eight schools ranging from Maine to Connecticut and includes the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Rival Massachusetts Maritime was a member through 2012.

In April, Maine Maritime announced that in 2017 it will become an associate member of a new NEWMAC football league. Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy also are on board.

"Until the dust settles on

our transition into the NEWMAC and we have a league schedule, my primary interest in nonconference scheduling is safeguarding our longstanding rivalry with Massachusetts Maritime and protecting the budding rivalry that we're developing with SUNY Maritime [Throggs Neck, New York]," Peed said.

Maine Maritime and SUNY Maritime met this season for the first time, with the Privateers winning 30-0.

Beginning in 2017, Maine Maritime will have non-league games against Massachusetts Maritime and SUNY Maritime, and league contests against Merchant Marine, Coast Guard and Norwich, all of which have maritime and/or military education at their core.

"The teams that we're affiliated with are very simi-

lar in mission, which is what we're looking for," Peed said. "They have those built-in rivalries as part of what we do."

Peed said the fact Maine Maritime and Husson are members of the NAC for most sports does not affect how Maine Maritime schedules for football.

"I don't know that the conference affiliation really comes into play here, we're not in the same conference for football," he said.

The football programs at Maine Maritime and Husson have been on divergent paths in recent years.

Coach Chris McKenney's Mariners (0-1 this season) have compiled a 4-23 overall mark since 2011. Maine Maritime has won eight conference championships, most recently in 2009, and has made three trips to the ECAC tournament.

McKenney is pleased with Maine Maritime's approach in seeking out maritime-oriented nonleague opponents.

"We have our conference schedule and our maritime games, and that's what we plan on doing," he said.

"It's obviously a good rivalry thing and the ability to play similar-type schools," he added.

The Eagles (1-1) of coach Gabby Price are coming off a record-setting season during which they went 8-2, won the ECFC title and earned a home game for the first round of the NCAA Division III Championship. Husson is 15-15 since a winless 2011 campaign.

Price has sought a football relationship with Maine Maritime as Husson's coach and as the former athletics director at Husson.

"I have not wavered that a [Husson-Maine Maritime] game would be great for everyone," Price said.

Peed said the fact Maine Maritime and Husson are geographically compatible is not an enticing benefit to play football.

"There's not a tremendous cost savings in staying local, and I do think there's a lot of benefits in us being out in the country and expanding our schedule into a place like New York City," Peed said.

Thus, Maine Maritime will remain on course in scheduling maritime schools for nonconference games and Husson will continue to seek out future non-league opponents.



Price

NHL

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Gagne, who stepped away from the game two years ago after his father's death, said he's retiring for good with 291 career goals, 601 points and four All-Star Game appearances.

"Today, I want to thank my trainers and teammates," Gagne wrote in a statement. "You inspired me to surpass myself. You made me understand that you need more than talent; it takes sacrifice and discipline and you need to work harder than your rivals. I also wish to thank my fans. Every evening, you energized me and inspired me to perform."

Gagne played 10 seasons with the Philadelphia Flyers, including a 47-goal season in 2005-06, before he was dealt to the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2010 and later signed with the Los Angeles Kings in the summer of 2011. He would play four games during the 2012 Stanley Cup Playoffs but returning to the Flyers in a 2013 trade.

After sitting out the 2013-14 season, he made the Boston Bruins on a tryout contract and played 23 games last season before leaving

the team to be with his ailing father, who died December 26.

Adidas to take over as NHL supplier

Adidas will become the official provider for NHL team uniforms and also licensed apparel and headwear beginning with the 2017-18 season as part of a seven-year partnership, the league announced Tuesday.

The league's current outfitter is Reebok, a subsidiary of adidas.

"Teaming up with Adidas continues our strategy of aligning with major partners who share our vision for growing the game and putting innovation at the forefront of everything we do for our players and fans," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement.

Adidas also will be the provider for on-ice jerseys and replica apparel for next year's World Cup of Hockey, which is scheduled for Sept. 17 to Oct. 1, 2016, in Toronto.

Adidas plans to sign NHL players to endorsement contracts. The company recently struck a deal with Connor McDavid, the No. 1 draft pick by the Edmonton Oilers in June, to become a spokesman.

Ashland

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second against a good team. Against a lesser team, you can get away with it, but not against a team like that."

The Tigers continued to battle and got back to within a goal with 6:31 left after senior striker Chelsey Pelkey was fouled in the penalty area and blasted the ensuing penalty kick

into the upper left corner of the goal.

Fort Fairfield made a strong offensive surge with two minutes to go, and a through ball led to senior striker Taylor Churchill and Ashland goalkeeper Megan Cote nearly colliding near the left post. Cote got there first, slid and kicked the ball out of danger. A few seconds later, the Tigers took their first corner kick of the match, but nobody was able to get

their foot on the ball and it bounced harmlessly across the sideline.

"I liked the way we finished," Towle said. "We could have given up, instead we found a little extra energy. I was proud of our girls with how they played."

In the first half, the Hornets opened the scoring at the 18:18 mark when Carter scored her 19th goal of the season on a shot from six yards out after a scramble inside the 18. Just 1:26

later, Fort Fairfield senior center midfielder Alexis Coiley got free for a blast from 25 yards out that caromed off the crossbar. Churchill eventually got a foot on it, with Pelkey picking up the assist, and sent it past Cote to tie the match.

Ashland ended up with a 20-10 advantage in shots on goal. Cote had four saves, while a much busier Sarah Watt collected 11 for the Tigers.

Hampden

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first five minutes of the second half and had some chances at goal," he said. "But once we found our momentum going up the wings we started playing as a team again and found our rhythm. Our defense was solid."

Bangor finished with a 17-11 shots advantage.

"Something we talk about every game is coming out and competing for the whole 80 minutes," said Bangor coach Billy Shannon. "If we don't come out and match their work rate and look to possess and look to play around and look to defend

well and don't compete for the full 80, we can end up with results like we got today."

Hampden capitalized on its height advantage at the striker position and anticipation between teammates to take its 1-0 lead.

The Broncos worked the ball toward the right sideline and were awarded a throw-in, which the 6-foot-3 Gilpin quickly launched toward the 6-foot-3 Chasse, who skimmed a header toward the far post and past Bangor goalie Stanley Clarke (five saves).

"We try to take our set pieces and throws quickly, and that's what we did on Nick's goal," Gilpin said. "We got the ball going and threw it in before they had

a chance to set up, and that's why Nick got an open look."

Gilpin's game-winner came with 8:46 left in the opening half.

Chasse gained control of the ball in the defensive end and fed it ahead to senior Jackson Gilmore. Gilmore spotted Gilpin along the right wing and delivered a lead pass that left Gilpin alone to direct a low shot to the right of the diving Clarke.

"He finds himself in the right place just about every time," said Stevens. "That's basically what it was. We had some success going down the right side and he got on the end of it and put it home. That's what we want him to do."

Peterson: Opener 'embarrassing'

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

It wasn't anything like what Vikings running back Adrian Peterson envisioned for his return to the NFL.


Peterson, who missed the final 15 games last season over child-abuse charges, rushed for 31 yards on 10 carries in a 20-3 loss to the 49ers on national television Monday night. His longest run went for nine yards.

"This wasn't the way we expected it to go," Peterson said. "It was definitely embarrassing to play the way we did. It will be a much different feel coming in" next week at home.

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