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ond-team pick who was serving a two-game suspension stemming from a disorderly conduct arrest at a party last May, had 61 catches for 818 yards and five touchdowns last season. His 61 catches and 818 yards ranked fourth in the CAA.

“He can change a game so quickly. He was our leading receiver last year and our deep threat,” said UMaine coach Joe Harasymiak. “We’ve got to do a good job getting him in some [favorable] matchups.

“He is so excited for this game. But he’s got to stay in the moment. He can’t get too hyped up,” said Harasymiak.

James Madison (2-1) at UMaine (0-2), noon Saturday, Morse Field at Alford Stadium: The Black Bears are looking to snap a six-game losing streak dating back to last season and extend their win streak in home openers and CAA openers to four.

James Madison has averaged 54.7 points and 539.7 yards behind quarterback Bryan Schor and running backs Cardon Johnson and Khalid Abdullah. The Dukes churned out 495 yards of offense against North Carolina.

Johnson has rushed for 297 yards on 50 carries, Abdullah has 272 yards on 46 carries, and Schor has completed 39 of 54 passes for 532 yards and four touchdowns. Schor also has run for 159 yards on 22 carries. The top receivers are Brandon Ravenel (10 catches, 96 yards) and Domo Taylor (9-133).

Abdullah ran for 116 yards vs. UNC.

“Their backfield is definitely the strength of their team,” said UMaine senior linebacker Christophe Mulumba Tshimanga. “And their quarterback likes to run. We’re going to have to stop the run and force them to pass the ball.”

“We’re going to have to change up our fronts and our blitz patterns, and we’re going to have to tackle well,” said UMaine defensive coordinator Corey Hetherman. “They’ll run through arm tackles.”

All three punts James Madison has returned this



ALEY LEWIS

University of Maine wide receiver Micah Wright makes a diving catch during a game at Alford Stadium in Orono last season. Wright returns to action after a two-game suspension when the Black Bears face conference foe James Madison University at Alford Stadium on Saturday.

season have gone for a touchdown: Two by Rashard Davis and one by John Miller.

Ravenel, defensive linemen Andrew Ankrah, offensive tackle Mitchell Kirsch and cornerback Taylor Reynolds were first-team, All-CAA selections in 2015. Linebackers Brandon Hereford (28 tackles) and Dimitri Holloway (18) are the top tacklers.

First-year James Madison coach Mike Houston expects a good tussle from UMaine.

“Maine is a disciplined, hard-nosed, physical football team. They have a very talented quarterback [in Dan Collins], and their defense plays hard,” Houston said.

Collins (28-for-58, 334 yards) and Jaleel Reed (nine receptions, 180 yards) head the pass game, and Darian Davis-Ray (67 yards, 11 carries) is UMaine’s leading rusher. Nigel Beckford, Zaire Williams and Josh Mack also have been effective.

The defense features Tshimanga (22 tackles), strong safety Jason Matovu (16), free safety DeAndre Scott (13) and rover Sterling Sheffield (13) along with All-CAA end Pat Ricard (8).

Alfred State Pioneers (0-3) at Husson Eagles (1-1), 1 p.m. Saturday,

Winkin Sports Complex, Bangor: The Eagles look to follow up last week’s 43-23 win over Dean College with a Homecoming triumph over an Alfred State (New York) team they beat 44-2 a year ago. Dean and Alfred State are joining the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference next season.

Husson running back John Smith was the ECFC Offensive Player of the Week last week after he rushed for a school-record 280 yards on 39 carries and caught two passes for 25 yards against Dean. It was his fifth career 200-yard rushing game and school-record, 18th career 100-yard rushing game.

Husson quarterback Cory Brandon has completed 26 of 48 passes for 268 yards. Linebacker Ellis Throckmorton and lineman Luke Washburn headline the defense.

Alfred State has lost to William Patterson (43-13), Brockport State (49-0) and Rochester (55-27). The Pioneers feature freshman quarterback Dashon Turner (34-for-64, 432 yards), running back Hezekiah Williams (47 rushes, 187 yards) and wide receiver Khris Gregg (10 catches, 125 yards) along with linebacker Brandon Davis and strong safety Steven Hubick, who have both been in on 31 tackles.

Massachusetts Insti-

tute of Technology Engineers (0-3) at Maine Maritime Academy Mariners (1-1), noon Saturday, Ritchie Field, Castine: This will be a game of contrasting offensive philosophies as the Engineers are averaging 217 passing yards per game, and the Mariners have averaged 309 rushing yards.

Maine Maritime’s James Ferrar (39 carries, 211 yards) and Jacob Doolan (27-205) have netted over 100 yards per game, and quarterback Corey Creeger has gained 117 yards on 41 carries while also completing 12 of 23 passes for 267 yards.

MIT’s Udgam Goyal has thrown 113 passes in three games and completed 65 for 651 yards. His favorite receivers are Eddy Garcia-Montes (18-247) and Jared Hanson (16-122). John Robertson has rushed for 241 yards on 64 carries.

Maine Maritime defensive tackle Christopher Ford was named the New England Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week after making 10 tackles in the 42-35 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Saturday’s other college football games (all start at 1 p.m.): Colby (0-0) at Williams (0-0), Bates (0-0) at Trinity (0-0), Bowdoin (0-0) at Middlebury (0-0).

Garnett to end 21-year career

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett is expected to announce his retirement after 21 NBA seasons on Friday, according to the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

NBA NOTEBOOK

The newspaper reported that Garnett and the Timberwolves reached a contract settlement earlier Friday. Garnett was signed for \$8 million this season.

Garnett, 40, easily the most productive player in franchise history, spent 13 1/2 of his 21 NBA seasons with Minnesota.

He was drafted out of high school in 1995 and developed into one of the top power forwards in NBA history.

The 15-time All-Star ranks 17th with 26,071 career points, ninth in career rebounds with 14,662 and 17th in blocked shots with 2,037.

Garnett played in just 38 games last season due to knee and leg injuries and averaged just 3.2 points and 3.9 rebounds.

The Timberwolves hired Tom Thibodeau as coach and president in the offseason as well as a new general manager in Scott Layden. The duo is charged with completing the rebuilding process and halting a playoff absence that dates back to the 2003-04 campaign.

That meant resolving the Garnett situation in a manner that would eliminate the veteran from the roster prior to Tuesday’s opening of training camp.

Garnett was drafted fifth overall out in 1995 and quickly blossomed into a major star and franchise icon. He averaged over 20 points in nine consecutive seasons and earned MVP honors in 2003-04 when he averaged 24.2 points and 13.9 rebounds.

Garnett was traded to the Boston Celtics in 2007 and was part of that franchise’s 2008 championship squad.

Garnett returned to Minnesota prior to the trading deadline in 2015.

Bosh fails preseason physical

The Miami Heat announced Friday that star forward Chris Bosh has failed his preseason physical and remains unable to return to basketball activities.

The Heat said there is no timetable for Bosh’s return.

The 11-time All-Star forward is hoping to resume playing even though each of his last two seasons was cut short by blood clots.



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Defense

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actly like we wanted to, that led us to a win,” McCourty said.

Putting the whole thing in perspective, the safety added, “You hold a team to zero points, you got a good chance to win.”

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, lauded the work of his staff and players and, naturally, as a defensive coach, relished the work of the D — especially in a short week.

“Bottom line, New England had a great game plan,” Osweiler said. “They came out and played a hell of a game. They deserve all the credit in the world, and we’ll bounce back from this one.”

Added his coach, former New England offensive coordinator Bill O’Brien: “Good coverage, good coverage. Guys did a good job of coverage, give all the credit to New England. They did a nice job tonight.”

On Thursday night, Jacoby Brissett wasn’t perfect in his first NFL start but he didn’t have to be.

He didn’t have to be. The Patriots’ rookie quarterback got plenty of help from his offensive line, his defense and the sloppy Houston Texans in New England’s rout.

“I think he handled himself great, last week, this week, all week, every day,” Belichick said after Brissett ran a bootleg for a 27-yard touchdown and the defense pitched the team’s first shut-out since Dec. 30, 2012.

“He’s done nothing but

come in here and work as hard as he possibly can. We had three quarterbacks, (and he had) to take his opportunities and learn from the other two guys ...

“This week it was pretty much all him. He’s just a hard-working kid that is really dedicated to doing what’s right for the team and trying to improve anything you tell him.”

The Patriots improved to 3-0 during Tom Brady’s four-game Deflategate absence.

Brissett, who replaced the injured Jimmy Garoppolo in the first half Sunday, capped his scoring run an elusive power move near the goal line, making it 10-0 in the first quarter. He then ran to the sideline and gave Belichick the ball.

“Make sure (the Texans) don’t get it. Make sure we get it. So I gave it to him,” said Brissett, who confirmed that Belichick gave it back to him after the game ended.

However, Brissett injured his right thumb and may be sidelined for the next few weeks.

The Texans (2-1) fumbled away two kickoffs, leading to two New England touchdowns, and were also guilty of an interception. LeGarrette Blount scored from a yard out in the third quarter and broke a 41-yard TD run in the fourth quarter. Blount finished with 105 yards on 24 carries.

Stephen Gostkowski kicked two short field goals.

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, making his 2106 debut after missing two games due to a hamstring injury, played sparingly and didn’t have a catch.

UMaine sports hall induction set Sept. 30

ORONO — Tickets for the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet are now on sale.

The event will be held on Sept. 30, starting at 6 p.m., at the Black Bear Inn. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$25 for children 10 and under.

LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Scheduled to be inducted are Jake Eaton, football, 1999-’02; Johanna Riley, track and field, 1995-’99; Margaret Henrick, field hockey, 1992-’95; Andrew Hartung, baseball, 1988-’90; Bob McPhee, wrestling, 1983-’84; and Ted Woodbrey II, soccer, 1973-’76.

The Class of 2016 will join 181 members previously inducted since the Hall of Fame was founded in 1986.

Tickets may be ordered online here or by mail. Checks should be made payable to: University of Maine Foundation, M Club SHOF, University of Maine Foundation, Buchanan Alumni House, Orono, ME 04469-5792. Names will be placed on the guest list at the door.

For more information, call UMaine Athletic Development at 207-581-1130.

UMaine women plan free clinic

ORONO — The University of Maine women’s basketball team will hold a free clinic for students in grades 2-8 on Oct. 2.

The event, sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank, runs from 1 to 2 p.m. in Memorial Gym, where the Black Bears will hold their first full team practice of the season after the clinic.

Participants will be instructed by UMaine players and coaches and will also receive a free season poster with an autograph session.

Fans are invited to watch UMaine’s practice, then head over to Alford Arena for the 4 p.m. men’s hockey opener.

For more information, contact assistant coach Amy Vachon at Amy.Vachon@maine.edu.

St. Joe’s names swimming coach

STANDISH — Jared Felker has been hired as the head men’s and women’s swimming coach and the assistant aquatics director at Saint Joseph’s College.

Felker, a Yarmouth na-

tive, competed at the University of Virginia and has experience as a club swim coach. He served as an executive director while coaching for the Seacoast Swimming Association in Dover, New Hampshire, for the last six years and working as a head coach for Seals Swimming Inc. in Westbrook from 2003 to 2010.

“Coach Felker will be an excellent addition to our campus community,” athletic director Brian Curtin said in a press release. “He brings strong coaching experience, he is knowledgeable about the landscape of swimming throughout New England, and he is passionate about building the swim program here at Saint Joseph’s.”

In 13 years coaching club swimming, Felker mentored five Olympic Trials Qualifiers, 10 national qualifiers, a collegiate All-American, six high school All-Americans, a Paralympic Gold medalist and a world record holder.

Felker also served as a volunteer assistant coach at University of New Hampshire for two years. He graduated from University of Virginia with a Bachelor of

Arts in Sociology in the spring of 2000.

Monks hire Cosentino

STANDISH — Bill Cosentino has been hired to fill the newly created full-time position of head men’s lacrosse coach at Saint Joseph’s College.

Cosentino replaces David Beriau, who stepped down this summer after serving as the Monks’ skipper for three years. A native of Levittown, New York, Cosentino has been coaching since graduating from Plymouth State University in 2005.

He spent the last two seasons as the head coach at Daniel Webster College, where he guided the Eagles to back-to-back New England Collegiate Conference Tournament appearances. He was named the 2015 NECC Coach of the Year.

Prior to Daniel Webster, Cosentino served as an assistant coach and defensive coordinator at Keene State College. He was the founder of New England Elite Lacrosse, a Nashua, New Hampshire-based club program that originated in 2010.

first-round lead with Johnson and Chappell, are tied for third at 3-under. Kisner birdied the final hole to shoot 70. Matsuyama also birdied the final hole to salvage a 71.

Moore, Paul Casey and Rory McIlroy are tied for fifth at 2-under 138. Russell Knox, Justin Thomas and Si Woo Kim are tied for eighth at 1-under. Knox shot 66, the low round of the day, and had four birdies on the back nine.

Thomas was assessed a one-shot penalty when the two-foot putt he faced on the par-3 11th hole moved after he grounded his club.

lion for the victory and an additional \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup.

Johnson had five birdies and two bogeys Friday, one of them on the beefed-up 17th.

Chappell is trying to get to the next level, too. The veteran has never won a PGA Tour event and faces almost impossible odds to win the FedEx Cup. But he put together his second straight solid round with a 68. He had three straight birdies on the front nine and only had one bogey.

Kevin Kisner and Hideki Matsuyama, who shared the

Johnson fires 67, leads Tour Championship by 1 stroke

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

ATLANTA — Dustin Johnson has maintained all week that he’s not thinking about the \$10 million bonus that he would earn by winning the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup. But the long-driving Johnson admitted Friday that he is interested in become the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

Johnson is halfway to his goal this week. He shot a 3-under 67 on Friday at the East Lake Golf Club and stands at 7-under 133 through two rounds, one shot better than Kevin Chappell.

“I mean, yeah, I would love to become world No. 1,” Johnson said. “Obviously, I need to finish off the weekend, and we’ll see what happens.”

Johnson has been the PGA Tour’s dominant player since early summer when he won the U.S. Open and WGC Bridgestone on consecutive weeks. He added to his collection by winning the BMW Championship, the third FedEx Cup playoff event, and entered the Tour Championship as the leader in FedEx Cup points.

If he wins this week, Johnson will earn \$1.53 mil-

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events I saw on the news and were worded beyond poorly at best and I can see how and why someone could read into my tweets far more deeply than how I actually feel.”

The 30-year-old Clevenger has not played for the Mariners since late June after suffering a broken hand and a flexor strain in his right elbow.

In 22 games this year, his only season for the Mariners, he is batting .221 with one home run and seven RBIs in 68 at-bats.