

Valley boys beat Seacoast for ‘D’ South title

AUGUSTA — Cody Lawyerson scored 15 of his 26 points in the second half to help No. 1 Valley pull away from Seacoast Christian of South Berwick to win the Class D South crown, 52-45 in high school boys basketball tourney action Saturday at the Augusta Civic Center.

Collins Miller added 12 points for Valley of Bingham (21-0). Caleb Lacroix paced Seacoast (14-7) with 16 points and Skyler Archer added 12.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Seacoast 13 20 31 45
Valley 12 24 27 52

Falmouth 58, Brunswick 44

At the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, No. 2 Falmouth surged to a 10-2 lead at the end of the first quarter en route to the victory over No. 4 Brunswick in the Class A South final.

Senior Thomas Coyne paced Falmouth (17-4) with 21 points and his younger brother, junior Colin Coyne, added 14 points. Samuel Skop chipped in with nine points.

Caleb Cost scored 17 points to lead Brunswick (15-6) and Thomas Hanson added 11.

Brunswick 2 19 29 44
Falmouth 10 26 38 58

Waynflete 43, Winthrop 41

At the Augusta Civic Center,



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Shead High School fans cheer for their team during the Class D North girls championship game against Central Aroostook at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor on Saturday. Shead won 44-37 and will face Rangeley for the state Class D championship Saturday afternoon at the Augusta Civic Center. Story on Page B10.

Milo Belleau's two free throws in the final minute of overtime gave No. 4 Waynflete the winning edge over No. 2 Winthrop in the Class C South final.

Belleau also assisted on a Will Nelligan's 3-point basket in overtime and blocked Winthrop's final shot attempt at the buzzer.

Belleau, Nelligan and Yai Deng each scored 11 points to lead Waynflete (19-2).

Jacob Hickey paced Winthrop

(17-4) with 18 points and Garrett Tsouprake added nine.

Winthrop 9 13 33 35 41
Waynflete 9 22 30 35 43

Lake Region 53, Yarmouth 43

At the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, No. 1 Lake Region hit 13 of 18 free throws in the fourth quarter to secure the title win over No. 3 Yarmouth in the Class B South final.

Jackson Lesure sparked Lake

Region (19-2) in the fourth quarter when he scored eight of his 14 points, including a 6-for-8 effort from the line. Nate Smith finished with 17 points to lead Lake Region.

Alexsander Medenica paced Yarmouth (15-6) with 15 points and Bailey Darling added eight.

Yarmouth 5 22 35 43
Lake Region 7 27 35 53

Girls Basketball

York 66, Greely 56

At the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, Mia Briggs scored 21 points to help unbeaten and top-seeded York beat No. 2 Greely of Cumberland for the Class A South title.

Madigan Gogger added 13 points for York (21-0), Shannon Todd put in 12 and Chole Smedley netted 11.

Anna DeWolfe poured in 30 points to lead Greely (17-4) and Molly Chapin added nine.

Greely 10 28 37 56
York 18 35 50 66

Gray-NG 45, Lincoln Acad. 30

At the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, No. 2 Gray-New Gloucester battled to a 13-4 lead at the end of the first quarter to beat No. 4 Lincoln Academy for the Class B South title.

Grace Kariotis scored 13 points

to lead Gray-NG (17-4), Skye Conley added 10 and Alicia Dumont put in eight.

Gabrielle Wajer paced Lincoln Academy of Newcastle (18-3) with 18 points.

Lincoln Acad. 4 16 19 30
Gray-NG 13 24 29 45

Boothbay 40, Madison 24

At the Augusta Civic Center, Page Brown scored 11 of her 19 points in the second half to help No. 2 Boothbay pull away from No. 4 Madison to win the Class C South crown.

Kate Friant chipped in with 14 points for Boothbay (20-1).

Sydney LeBlanc and Kayla Bess each scored five points to lead Madison (14-8).

Madison 4 6 12 24
Boothbay 6 13 25 40

Rangeley Lakes 58, Vinalhaven 33

At the Augusta Civic Center, 6-foot-2 senior center Blayke Morin poured in 34 points to propel No. 1 Rangeley past No. 3 in the Class D South championship.

Morin scored 17 points in each half. Sydney Royce added 12 points for the Lakers (20-1).

Gilleyanne Davis-Oakes and Deja Doughty each scored 12 points to lead Vinalhaven (16-5).

Vinalhaven 2 12 27 33
Rangeley 21 25 43 58

Clemson beats UM in weekend games

Clemson University hammered University of Maine pitching for 22 hits on Sunday afternoon as the Tigers won the rubber game of the series with a 19-2 baseball victory at Kingsmore Stadium in Clemson, South Carolina.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Clemson (2-1) had bounced back from Friday's 4-3 loss to the Black Bears with a 9-4 win on Saturday.

In Sunday's game, the Tigers scored four runs in the fourth inning and tacked on seven in the fifth to put the game out of reach.

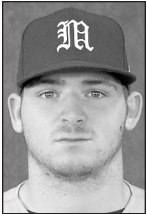
Weston Wilson (double) and Chris Williams collected three hits and an RBI each for the winners, while Chase Pinder and Seth Beer each drove in four runs with a home run

and a single. Eli White also doubled and singled to support starter and winner Jake Higginbotham, who scattered six hits and two runs through five innings.

Junior Jeff Gelinas of Saco suffered the loss, allowing 11 hits and nine earned runs in four innings. Four relievers were touched up for 11 hits and 10 more runs.

Junior transfer Tyler Schwanz paced UMaine (1-2) with a solo home run and an RBI double. Kevin Stypulkowski and Brenden Geary each posted a double.

Neither team committed an error.



Gelinas



Geary

In Saturday's game, nine walks and two hit batsmen opened the door for Clemson to score nine runs in the second and third innings en route to a 9-4 win.

Clemson scored four times in the second inning as Black Bears red-shirt freshman starter Chris Murphy, coming off 2014 Tommy John surgery, walked four of the nine batters he faced. The hosts then scored five runs in the third off freshman Nick Silva, who issued four bases on balls in a 1½-inning stint.

Alex Cabrera (RBI), Danny Casals and Brett

Chappell posted two hits apiece among 10 for UMaine. Stypulkowski and Jeremy Pena each stroked a run-scoring double.

Sophomore Jonah Normandeau of Cumberland was outstanding in relief for UMaine. He allowed only one hit and a hit batsman while striking out three, pitching 5 1/3 innings of shutout ball.

Right-hander Clate Schmidt spread out eight hits and four runs with five strikeouts and one walk to earn the win for Clemson. Pat Krall pitched 3½ innings of one-hit, shutout relief with six strikeouts.

The Tigers posted seven hits, including a two-run double by Adam Renwick and a two-run single by Seth Beer.

Obama praises former UMaine goalie at ceremony

Former University of Maine hockey goalie Scott Darling, a backup goalie for the Chicago Blackhawks, received words of praise from President Barack Obama when the team was honored at the White House on Thursday for its 2015 Stanley Cup Championship.

Darling was praised by the president for his act of kindness to a homeless man during a recent Blackhawks road trip to Arizona.

The text of the president's remarks follows:

“Then we’ve got backup goalie, Scott Darling, who — go ahead and wave, Scott. [Applause.] So Scott grew up idolizing the legendary Blackhawks’ goalie, Eddie Belfour; came up big in the playoffs against Nashville. But I want to highlight something he did just a couple weeks ago, when this team was on a road trip in Arizona. He struck up a conversation with a man down on his luck. Scott, I suspect, recognized some of his own struggles in the past, thought he might be able to help. He set him up in a hotel room, paid the bill for a month, hoping that that would be enough time for the man to get back on his feet.

“Scott didn’t tell anybody about this, except for his new fiancée. But a couple days later, the story went viral. Apparently, an Uber driver told the story to a beer-league hockey player. I’d never heard of beer-league hockey — [laughter] — but it sounds like fun. [Laughter.] And that player posted it online.

“And I couldn’t have more respect for Scott’s modesty, but now that it’s out there, I think it’s the kind of good deed that bears repeating. A champion reached out to help somebody who could use a hand — even though he didn’t have to, even though nobody was looking, even though he wasn’t asking anybody for credit. I like to think that reflects something about our city, about Chicago. It’s a very American thing to do. And so, Scott, I just want to say thank you.”

Darling, who spent the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons at UMaine before being dismissed from the team, overcame a combination of an anxiety disorder and alcohol abuse to eventually earn a spot with the Blackhawks last year after several minor league seasons.

Thomas propels Celtics by Denver Nuggets

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

DENVER — Guard Isaiah Thomas had 22 points and 12 assists, and the surging Boston Celtics beat the Denver Nuggets 121-101 on Sunday.

Forward Jared Sullinger had 16 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, which had a 48-36 edge in rebounding despite being undersized against Denver.

Guard Avery Bradley added 20 points for the Celtics (33-24), who have won 11 of 14 to stay on the heels of first-place Toronto in the Atlantic Division.

Center Nikola Jokic had 23 points and 13 rebounds and forward Danilo Gallinari scored 17 for Denver, which has lost its first two games out of the All-Star break.

Guard D.J. Augustin, acquired from Oklahoma City in a trade for Randy Foye on Thursday, had 13 points and four assists in his home debut for Denver.

It was another poor defensive performance for the Nuggets. They allowed 70 first-half points to Sacramento on Friday and 64 to Boston and never led after the first few minutes of the game.

Sunday, in a rare matinee game, the Nuggets (22-34) fell behind 51-25 in the sec-

ond quarter. They dug out of the 26-point deficit with a 13-3 run to start the second half, and Jokic’s 3-pointer made it 67-62.

They had a chance to cut it to three on a fast break, but Thomas blocked Gallinari’s shot from behind to spark a 9-2 Boston run that pushed the lead to 12.

The Nuggets tried to fight back early in the fourth quarter but the Celtics kept making plays. Leading by 13, guard Evan Turner stole the ball from Denver center Jusuf Nurkic in the lane and ran to the other end of the court to save it to Bradley, who hit the layup to make it 97-82 with 10 minutes left.

Denver got within 10 with 7:05 left, but Thomas hit a 3-pointer and made all three free throws when he was fouled on a 3-point attempt to push the lead to 109-94.

Knights

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from freshman Kylee Joyce, the Knights outrebounded the Howlers 41-29 and afforded PVHS only eight offensive rebounds.

“We knew going into the game that we’d really have to box out,” said ‘Guagus senior forward Kelli Kennedy, who scored a game-high 14 points and grabbed five rebounds.

“Sami Ireland’s a great rebounder and we had to focus on that,” she added.

Junior Kayla Toppin (4 rebounds) scored nine points and Osgood (4 rebounds) and sophomore Madison Leighton netted six points each for Narraguagus. Joyce added four points.

Ireland led the way for PVHS with 10 points, eight rebounds and six blocked shots. Fellow senior Amy Hallett contributed three points, seven rebounds and three blocks. But the Howlers could not get anything going at the offensive end.

PVHS went scoreless for more than 13 minutes starting late in the first half and ‘Guagus put up 19 unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

“I’ve been doing this a long time and I had this feel-



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Narraguagus’ Cassidy Osgood tries for two past Penobscot Valley’s Mikayla Roy (left) and Amy Hallett during their Class C North championship game Saturday at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

ing that we were going to shipwreck today,” said PVHS coach Joe Cyr.

“We had trouble with matchups with our big people,” he added.

Narraguagus asserted itself early against PVHS’ 1-3-1 zone and built a 10-point halftime lead. The Knights then held the Howlers scoreless in the third quarter to push the advantage to 13 points.

“I couldn’t ask for them to

play any better basketball for us,” Thompson said. “... They wanted it so bad. They never let up.”

Up 24-14 at halftime, the Knights scored six points to open the third quarter. Joyce scored off an inbounds pass from Reynolds, then Kennedy hit an eight-foot runner from the lane and scored from underneath off a Reynolds feed to make it 30-14.

Reynolds scored nine

points in the period as the bulge grew to 37-14.

“The group of seniors, we’ve been playing ball together for a long time with travel teams and everything,” Osgood said. “We just knew it’s now or never.”

“We have really good chemistry on and off the court, we’re all great friends,” Kennedy said of the Knights’ success. “I think that makes a huge difference.”

puck into the empty net from his own zone rather than chip it off the boards and his attempt landed on the stick of Jared Kolquist just inside the blue line. Kolquist fired the puck right away and Seney deflected his shot shot past McGovern.

Maine outshot Merrimack 33-23.

“I was really happy for our seniors,” said Maine coach Red Gendron. “The team’s effort was outstanding. We played really well.”

“Our guys battled hard, said Merrimack coach Mark Dennehy. “Obviously when you get two extra-attacker goals it shows this team has no quit in it. I would have liked to have gotten a point of out of this for sure. We didn’t shoot the puck enough.”

Hockey

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lead evaporated as the Warriors stunned the crowd of 4,184 by scoring two goals with goalie Drew Vogler pulled in favor of an extra attacker, giving them four extra-attacker goals over the last five games.

Chris LeBlanc scored with 1:43 remaining and Brett Seney notched the equalizer with just 22 seconds left.

But Maine prevailed in OT as Perez was camped out just beyond the crease when Michel’s 40-foot wrister off a Nolan Vesey pass spilled over to him.

“I was in front trying to blind the goalie and I turned around and found the puck sitting there. I was there at the right time. I shot it and it went five-hole,” said Perez.

“We wanted to send the seniors off on the right foot. I was trying to do whatever I could,” added Perez whose goal was his second of the year and first since Oct. 30.

“It was awesome to see everybody bear down and get us the win,” said senior captain Swavelly. “We needed those two points badly.”

The goal snapped Maine’s five-game losing streak and eight-game Alford Arena winless skein (0-6-2). Maine is now 8-20-6 overall, 5-13-2 in Hockey East, while Merrimack fell to 9-16-7 and 3-10-7.

Swavelly had opened the scoring when he backhanded a Will Merchant rebound past Vogler after Merchant had redirected a Conor Riley pass on net.

Brown expanded the lead when he gathered in his own rebound in the right circle, cut to the middle and wristed the puck past Vogler’s blocker. A Riley shot had been saved initially by Vogler before it landed on Brown’s stick.

But LeBlanc made it 2-1 from 10 feet out when Derek Petti passed it out from to him from behind the net and he beat Rob McGovern with a one-timer.

Seney tied it when Maine standout defenseman Dan Renouf elected to try to shoot the

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