



GABOR DEGRE | BDN

Machias Memorial High School's Russell Hanscom (left) goes up for a shot over Shead High School's Riley Demolet during a Class D quarterfinal game Monday at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

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18 points and nine rebounds.

But he had to sit after drawing his third and fourth fouls within a 29-second span late in the third quarter, and things were looking good for Central Aroostook as Zach Crouch then took a steal in for a layup to pull coach Jason Woodworth's Panthers within 36-34 by the end of the period.

Southern Aroostook regained control as Lillis made a layup to open the fourth quarter, Jackson Mathers hit two free throws after grabbing an offensive rebound, and Batchelder took a feed from Lillis and buried a 3-pointer from the left of the key to give the Warriors a 43-34 cushion with six minutes left.

Central Aroostook got no closer than five points the rest of the way.

Mathers, a junior guard who also eclipsed the 1,000-point mark earlier this winter, managed just one field goal against Central Aroostook's diamond-and-one defense but made all nine of his free throws to finish with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman guard Ben Thomas paced 10-9 Central Aroostook with 13 points. Crouch had 12 points and eight rebounds, and senior guard Dustin Pryor had 11 points and 11 boards.

In the second morning game, the Machias boys basketball team's 2016 tournament debut began with a slam dunk, and it only got better from there.

The Bulldogs scored 27 unanswered points during one first-half stretch Monday morning en route to the victory over Downeast Athletic Conference rival Shead.

The win was the fourth of the winter for Machias over seventh-seeded Shead.

Machias began the contest with a considerable height advantage over Shead with its front line of 6-5 sophomore Jacob Godfrey and 6-3 juniors James

Mersereau and Mark Anthony.

The Bulldogs complemented that size with the perimeter shooting of Jordan Grant and unselfish ball movement — Machias had 21 assists on its 27 field goals.

"We try to keep everyone involved, and everyone's bought into the idea that when we have five guys on the floor all five can score," said Getchell. "It's very hard to play any kind of junk defense or special defense when you've got five guys who can score and are also willing to give it up."

Grant, a 5-7 sophomore on the seniorless Machias roster, made three 3-pointers en route to 12 first-quarter points against Shead and finished with a game-high 23.

"It just opened the inside game up," said Getchell. "Grant's probably has gotten the least credit of anybody on our team all year long, but after today they'll probably look at him a little more."

Godfrey finished with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the field as well as eight rebounds and four blocked shots, while Mersereau finished with eight points, seven assists and six rebounds while Anthony contributed five points and seven rebounds.

"Our chemistry makes everything work," said Mersereau.

Mersereau converted a steal by Grant into an emphatic slam dunk to provide the game's first two points. Godfrey and Anthony followed with inside baskets to force a quick Shead timeout, but it did little to slow the Bulldogs' momentum.

Back-to-back baskets by Matthew Harris and Darren Turner kept the Tigers within 12-6 midway through the first quarter, but Shead went scoreless for the next 8 minutes, 59 seconds as Machias used its trapping defense to force numerous turnovers — which led to 27 consecutive points and a 39-6 lead.

Harris and Riley Demolet each scored six points for 11-8 Shead.

Cheverus

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Similarly in the 50 free, the Cheverus freestylers continued to harvest points scoring three swimmers highlighted by Shane Moore's 22.1 (third place) and Jacob Griffin's 22.2 (fourth). Gustav Anderson finished in a tie at 23.9 for 12th.

Brunswick senior Nate Samson tied the meet record set in 2013 by Cape Elizabeth's Evan Long with his first-place finish of 21.4. However, the Dragons totaled 53 points with fifth, eighth and ninth finishers behind Samson and then claimed 16 points with Chris Roderick's third-place finish in the diving to narrow the Stags lead over Brunswick to 13 points, 135.5 to 122.

Bangor's Kyle Adams displayed his talent, winning the 11-dive competition by a 98-point margin, totaling 449.65 points. Bucksport's Anthony Wardwell scored second.



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Bangor's Kyle Adams performs a 1-meter dive at the Maine High School Boys Swimming and Diving Championships on Monday at the University of Maine in Orono. Adams won diving with 449.65 points.

While Samson won his second event for Brunswick with a 51 second butterfly, the Stags continued to gather medals and points finishing second, third and 11th to extend their lead to 20 points, 174.5 to 154.

Shane Moore collected the Stags' second win in the 12-

event competition at 47.1 in the 100 free. O'Donovan collected his second individual gold by winning the 500 free at 4:41.7. Perron notched second (4:48.1), and Bangor's Sam Carlson got third (5:09).

The Stags assembled their talented freestylers in the 200 free relay and sped to a meet

record of 1:28.2. The previous record of 1:29.08 was set in 2000 by Bangor High.

Josh Labrecque gave coach Peter Small's Windham squad first-place points in the 100 backstroke with a 56.0 finish. This year's Maine Principals' Association's championship meets were dedicated to Small in a ceremony before the start of the championship.

Prouty took control of the breaststroke off the start to lead by a second and a half at the 50 (26.4) on his way to the record swim. Deering's Eric Delmonte held the previous record of 57.6.

Cheverus entered the final event with a 299.5 points, 57.5 points ahead of Brunswick. The Stags' freestylers continued their impressive swimming with three swimmers recording sub 50-second splits led by O'Donovan's 48.9 to win the 400 free relay in 3:19.3.

Samson, in the leadoff leg for Brunswick, raced an impressive 46.2 to give the Dragons a three-second lead before the Stags freestyle quality and depth prevailed.

Greely

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was an all-around good day."

Tolan's 50 free time of 23.39 betters the state record previously held by Leila Johnson (23.56) and marks a meet record.

"It's a really great feeling," Tolán said. "I've had the goal set all year. Going into today, I wasn't really thinking about the time, I was just thinking about my swim. Thinking about what I could control. Things I couldn't control, I tried not to worry about. I'm extremely happy."

Tolan also dominated the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.49, less than a second off of the Johnson state record of 51.02 and almost four seconds faster than Cape Elizabeth's Alicia Lawrence (55.14).

"Her motivation is just great," Marco said of Tolán. "Her drive is unbelievable. She just has great drive."

Greely used its strong depth to capture the state title as the Rangers scored points in 11 of the 12 events, including three places each in the 200 freestyle and 50 free, four in the 100 free and two each in the 100 butterfly, 500 free and 100 breaststroke.

The 200-yard free relay team of Camilla Civiello, Katie Bacall, Courtney Rog and Lily Black gave the Rangers their only first-place finish, and Hwanhee Park finished second in the 100 fly and third in the 100 breaststroke.

Kennebunk was led by Emma Patterson, who placed first in all three 1-meter diving events, with total scores of 343.20, 240.85 and 153.20. Marshall Lowery gave the Rams their lone first-place finish in a swimming event, taking the top spot in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:09.42. Britta Brown (2:26.02) also medaled by finishing eighth in the event.

"We're definitely well-rounded," Kennebunk coach Andrew Coulombe said. "The IM in particular is one of our stronger events as a team, which definitely shows our versatility."

Lydia DaCorte headlined the meet for Mount Desert Island, taking two first-place finishes in the 100 fly (57.55)



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John Bapst's Riley Satterfield competes in the 200-yard IM during the Class B state swimming and diving championships Monday at Bowdoin College in Brunswick.

and 500 free (5:05.68.). Her 500 free time is a meet record.

DaCorte also was a part of two fourth-place finishing relay teams. For the first, the 200 medley relay, she teamed up with Mary Ellen

Cimbollek

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8:30 a.m. game, because basketball wasn't meant to be played in the morning.

The tourney of past years, however, was more of a real tourney with three games on three straight days. The best prepared teams had an advantage because the only practice time would be a walk through on the semifinal and final game days.

One way to prepare then and still today for the late game is to have late practices.

My suggestion to the Maine Principals' Association is to reward the No. 1 seeds by giving them the late afternoon or early evening games on the eight-game quarterfinal games. Those teams shouldn't suffer a disadvantage after a regular season of work in which they earned the top seed.

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