

SPORTS & RECREATION

Maine youth hockey team captures NH tourney

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — The Maine Junior Black Bear Tier II Squirts captured the Black Cat Classic title over the weekend.

Sunday's championship game featured the Jr. Black Bears against the hometown Manchester Jr. Monarchs whom they'd beaten the previous night, 4-1, and went on to a 7-3 victory in the final.

Things looked good early on as the Jr. Black Bears jumped out to an early two-goal lead with captain Grady Vanidestine and championship MVP Aiden Dunn leading the way.

The lead would extend to 4-1 at the midpoint of the second period when the Jr. Monarchs mounted a furious comeback, finding themselves going into the third only one goal down.

Jr. Black Bears netminder Liam Doughty, and the defense corps put a stop to any further scoring on the Monarchs part and highlight-reel goals from



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAINE JUNIOR BLACK BEARS
Members of the Maine Junior Black Bears show off their championship trophies after winning the Black Cat Classic Sunday in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Dunn with a tip-in off a pass from Vanidestine and a short-handed bobbing, weaving and finishing foray by Olin Rummler gave the Jr. Black Bears some breathing room.

Over the fours game of the tourney, Coach Alex Porter's Jr. Black Bears out-

scored their opponents 27-7. Goalies Doughty (1.5 goals-against average) and Zane Baker (2.0 GAA) combined for the tourney wins along with the combined efforts of teammates Emery Audibert, Ian Bouchard, Dylan Davis, Jackson Guimond, Roman Johnson, Tucker

Leland, Alex McCannel, Colin McKay, Cade McKenney, Mike Mclean, Caleb Robbins, and Carter Walls. Players ages 9-10 compete in the Squirts division and the tourney was hosted by New Hampshire Junior Monarchs Youth Hockey.

GOLD MEDAL DIVERS



PHOTO BY LISA MARTIN/BDN STAFF
Kassidy Harriman 16, of Old Town and Anthony Wardwell 15 of Bucksport represented the Bangor YMCA Dive team at the Charles River Diving Fall Invitational at Harvard University in Boston on Sunday, Oct. 25. Kassidy placed first in the girls 16-18 1m novice diving with a score of 182.25. Anthony placed first in the boys 14-15 1m novice diving with a score of 153.30.

BANGOR U13 GIRLS SOCCER



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMANDA PROUTY
On Columbus Day Weekend, the Bangor U13 Girls Soccer team won the Sanford Soccer Tournament for their age group for the second year in a row. Pictured are: (front row) Addie Nichols, Ella Henry, Casey Britt, Alahna McCarron, Kimmy Miller, Emily LeClair; (middle row) Gillian Skehan, Kaitlyn Harriman, Sophia Mullins, Hannah Sherwood, Abbie Walden, Brielle Biehn; (back row) Coach Dee Nichols, Julia Houghton, Peyton Faulkner, Alyssa Elliott, Maggie Cowperthwaite, Erin McCarthy, Hailey McMahan, Coach Dennis Mullins. During the week the middle school girls play for their school teams - All Saints, Bangor Christian, Cohen and Doughty, sometimes playing against each other. On the weekends they play together for Bangor Soccer Club.

Try hockey for free

ORONO — The Maine Jr. Black Bears will host a Try Hockey for Free Day at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the University of Maine's Alford Arena. Maine Jr. Black Bears will provide all necessary equipment, including sticks, pads, helmets, etc., except skates.

The arena has a limited number of rental skates available. The event is free but to make sure there is enough gear for everyone, register at mainejrblackbears.com.

Next Central Maine Derby bout set for Nov. 21

Join the skaters of Central Maine Derby for some hard-hitting roller derby action in their 2015 fall season opener

as they debut new team the Northwood Knockouts, as they take on Rock Coast Rollers' Breakwater Blackhearts.

If you haven't seen modern day roller derby, you're missing out! The game has evolved from kitschy 70s TV into a fast-paced, full-contact sport on eight wheels. The skaters train like athletes, the hits are hard and the action is real.

This is a great event for a family outing: kids 12 and under are free and the games are always family-friendly. Sports enthusiasts (hockey and football fans especially) will appreciate the full-contact and strategy.

The bout is set for Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Cross Insurance Center. Doors are at 5 p.m., and the first whistle is at 6 p.m. Tickest are \$10 presale via the Cross Center box office, or \$12 at the door, and kids under 12, military and seniors are free.

MPA puts 2016 basketball TV coverage out to bid

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The Maine Principals' Association announced last week its 36-year relationship with the Maine Public Broadcasting Network appears to be over and it is seeking bidders to broadcast high school tournament basketball games.

Cory Morrissey, director of marketing and underwriting for MPBN, said that since the Maine Principals' Association has added a fifth class this season, Class AA, that means there will be games going simultaneously at three different sites instead of two, and they "simply don't have the resources to do it."

"We don't have enough staff to go to three different places, and we would also need to have equipment at all three sites, and we can't move stuff around like that," said Morrissey.

In the past, MPBN has rented and borrowed equipment, relied on media-partner involvement and MPBN staff volunteers to provide the games to the state.

Beginning this winter, the five classes of basketball championships will be held at sites in Bangor, Augusta and Portland starting on Feb. 16.

In the past, MPBN has televised the regional semifinals and finals along with the state championship games.

However, Morrissey said that MPBN will put in a bid to televise the 10 state championship games because they will be held at two sites each night instead of three, which makes it feasible for them to carry the games on their two signals.

MPBN submitted a similar proposal in October, but it was rejected by the Maine Principals' Association.

"Let me be clear, MPBN is committed to high school basketball this year as we have been over the past 36 years," said Mark Vogelzang, MPBN's CEO, in a news release. "We believe our solution is good for the teams, the athletes and good

for Maine supporters of high school athletics. I am hoping that the [Maine Principals' Association] accepts our bid to cover the state finals and our basketball tradition will continue."

The two Class A and two Class B state championship games will be held in Portland and Bangor, respectively, on Feb. 26, and the AA, C and D games will be held the next day in Portland (AA) and Augusta (C, D).

MPBN also will offer to rebroadcast the games the following day.

Bid proposals would include live television coverage statewide of all classes at all sites for regional semifinals, finals and state champi-

onship games; live television coverage at each site for regional semifinals, finals and state championships; live Web streaming for all classes at all sites, or live Web streaming at each specific site, according to the Maine Principals' Association.

"We realize a lot of people can't get out to Bangor, Augusta and Portland, and we certainly hope we'll be able to do something to keep this going. We're opti-

mistic," Durost said.

MPBN began telecasting Classes B, C, D tourney games in 1979 and added Class A games in 2003 when WABI-TV of Bangor and the Maine Principals' Association ended a 50-year association.

Durost will clarify questions to potential bidders until noon Thursday, Nov. 12, and asks that all questions should first be sent as an email at ddurost@mpa.cc.

Bids must arrive at the

Maine Principals' Association office by 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, and the Maine Principals' Association will reserve the right to change the date if deemed necessary.

Durost said they are cognizant of the fact stations need time to attract advertisers in their quest to put together a bid, and they are sympathetic to that process.

BDN writer Ryan McLaughlin contributed to this report

FROZEN FRIDAY FUN

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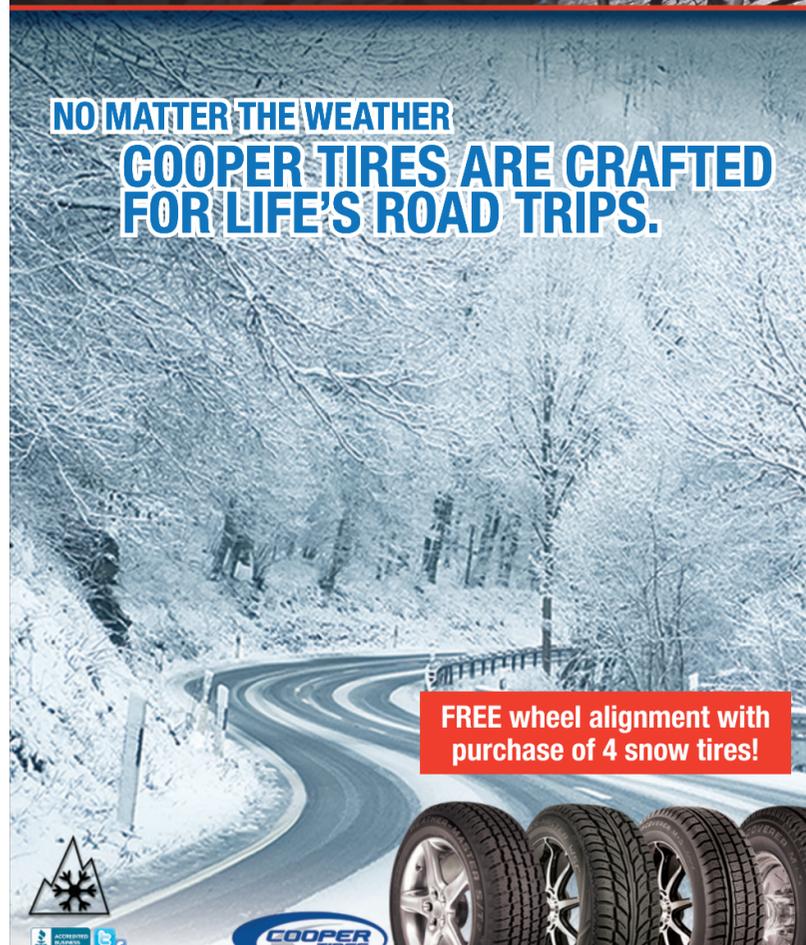


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