

HS Roundup: Mahar field hockey erases 5-1 deficit to tie Turners (PHOTOS) By THOMAS JOHNSTON, Staff Writer Published: 09-17-2024 9:00 PM

ORANGE — It wasn't looking good for the Mahar field hockey team during the third quarter against Turners Falls on Tuesday.

The Sens found themselves trailing 5-1 after the Thunder tallied twice in the opening two minutes of the half, dropping Mahar — searching for its first win of the season — into a deep hole.

Instead of giving up, the Senators fought back.

Ava DeJackome scored off an assist from Taylor Paluk to cut into the deficit with 10:09 to go in the third, and with 3:03 to play in the frame, DeJackome tallied again off an assist from Paluk to make it a 5-3 game going into the fourth quarter.

Mahar carried the momentum into the final 15 minutes. After a scramble in front of the Turners goal where Thunder goalie Conner Glennon made a number of saves, Carly Paluk was able to collect a rebound and fire it home to cut the lead to 5-4 with 9:20 to play.

With just under five minutes to play, Turners was whistled for a foul inside the circle which led to a Mahar penalty stroke. Shea Woods took it and buried the shot into the top left corner of the cage to tie the game.

Neither team scored the rest of the way, and the Valley League game finished in a 5-5 tie at the Woodward Complex.

"Overall it's been a challenging season," Senators coach Laurie Saisa said. "It was nice to see some hard work and perseverance pay off today. They never quit and that's been our MO. We go down 4-0 in the first quarter and hang our heads. Today we were down but the difference was they picked their heads up. A few balls started falling our way and we were able to get back in it. It was nice to see that."

After jumping out to a big lead, settling for a tie was tough for Turners (1-4-2), which felt it had the game in hand in the third.

"It's tough," Thunder coach Renee Tela said. "We started out well but then I don't know what happened."

Turners opened the scoring just 1:14 into the game, with Khalifa Sack smashing in a shot on an assist from Ella Guidaboni.

Mahar (0-5-1) answered with 5:28 to go in the first. Earning a corner, Woods sent in a pass to Taylor Paluk, who buried a shot to tie the game.

The Thunder closed the quarter strong. Guidaboni scored an unassisted goal following a corner and with 30 seconds to go in the first, she scored her second goal of the game to give Turners a 3-1 lead after 15 minutes.

Ledwin Villafana scored both Thunder goals to open the third quarter, both unassisted on the rush.

After switching up the formation, Saisa said her team felt more comfortable which led to the five goals. Before Tuesday, Mahar had not scored in its first five games.

"It was eye opening to see it click," Saisa said. "They've had to be so defensive minded. We play a 4-2 on the front and we changed it but they struggled to handle that. We changed it back today and everybody was happy."

After challenging games against Western Mass. powers like Westfield and East Longmeadow, Saisa was also excited to play a competitive game on Tuesday.

"We're playing teams where we're in the same boat," Saisa said. "Even if we don't win, it feels like we're in the game. It just feels better."

**Southwick 6, Mohawk Trail 0** — Kameron Nomandie scored all six goals for the Rams in a win over the Warriors on Tuesday in Buckland.

Redyn Gutierrez made 13 saves for Mohawk Trail.

Girls soccer

**Athol 8, Pathfinder 0** — Hannah Cordosa and Skyla Williams both scored twice in the first half in the Bears' triumph over the Pioneers in Athol on Tuesday.

Williams completed the hat trick with a goal to open the second half before Aubrey Brokney, Abby McNamara and Ava Adams closed out the scoring for Athol.

Williams, Brokney, Olivia Horrigan (3) and Cordosa provided the assists for the Bears.

**Greenfield 5, Gateway 2** — The Green Wave needed just 40 minutes to take command of the game, scoring five first-half goals before cruising to a victory over the Gators in Huntington on Tuesday.

Elderina Cecunjanin scored three of those goals, opening the scoring with a pair of goals before putting two in the back of the net to close out the half. Tayler Bergeron had the assist on two of

those tallies while adding a goal off an assist from Cecunjanin. Zephyr Jetzon also assisted a Cecunjanin goal.

Holly Babineau also scored for Greenfield while Annie Cobileanschi made six saves in the victory.

**Four Rivers 6, Stoneleigh-Burnham 0** — Sylvia Guillaume netted a hat trick for the Otters, which won their season opener on Tuesday.

Aida Potter tallied two goals for Four Rivers, and Anna Brown also found the back of the net in the victory. Goalkeeper Olivia Long played well in pitching a shutout for the Otters.

St. Mary's 2, Mahar 1 — The Saints scored twice in the first half to knock off the Senators in Orange on Tuesday.

Lexi Ares scored on a direct kick in the second half while Jaya McBroom made six saves for Mahar.

Golf

**Frontier 157, Athol 188** — Ryan Cetto fired the low round of 37, helping the Redhawks improve to 6-3 on the season with their third straight win on Tuesday at Cherry Hill Golf Course in Amherst.

Cam Skiffington was next with a 39 to aid Frontier, while Jacob Cornelison (40), Porter Hall (41), Brady Wood (41) and Christian Powell (46) also broke 50.

Athol's Ethan Heuer and Brandon Adams both shot 43, and Owen Stoddard carded a round of 49 for the Bears.

**Franklin Tech 161, Mohawk Trail 188** — Braeden Talbot and Jack Day tied to shoot the low score of 39, propelling the Eagles to a win over the Warriors at Thomas Memorial Tuesday.

Gabe Mota (40) and Will Belval (43) rounded out the scoring for Franklin Tech while Doug Wilcox (44), Logan Moore (45), Phineas Tuttman (47) and Sam Mizula (52) scored for Mohawk Trail.

Girls volleyball

**Franklin Tech 3, Pioneer 0** — Skylei LaPan recorded two aces and one dig while Taylor Underwood added two aces and three digs in the Eagles' 25-11, 25-12, 25-17 sweep over the Panthers in Turners on Tuesday.

Emmy Nash had one ace, three digs and one assist while Janiylah Wan tallied three aces and one dig for Franklin Tech.

Sophia Wood (three digs, two kills, three assists), Kiara Gruszkowski (two kills) and Abbie Ray (one ace, two digs, three kills) played well for Pioneer.

**Mohawk Trail 3, Mahar 0** — Palmer King tallied five kills, eight assists and seven digs while Jade Wheeler came up with 11 digs in the Warriors' 25-13, 25-19, 25-23 victory over the Senators in Orange Tuesday.

Emma Canaday added six aces and two kills while Abby Moffatt recorded three aces and three digs in the win.

Kamryn Hart had two kills, Madelynn Burgess dished four assists and put down two aces while Hayden Comeau had one kill, one ace and one block for Mahar.

**Turners 3, Greenfield 0** — Madi Liimatainen put down 14 kills and nine aces to go along with four digs while Maddie Dietz dished 20 assist while putting down an ace and coming up with three digs in the Thunder's 25-8, 25-22, 25-14 win over the Green Wave at Nichols Gymnasium Tuesday.

Tatianna Carr Williams added four kills, one ace and two digs in the victory.

**Longmeadow 3, Frontier 0** — The Lancers took the first set and didn't look back, earning a 25-16, 25-20, 25-14 triumph over the Redhawks at Goodnow Gymnasium Tuesday.

Abigail Hernandez finished with six kills, Arianna Miller made 21 digs and put down two aces, Parrish Stilla dished 16 assists and added two aces while Olivia Machon smashed five kills and one ace for Frontier.

Boys cross country

Hampshire 18, Greenfield 41 Greenfield 19, Westfield Tech 36 Greenfield 15, Mahar 50 Hampshire 15, Mahar 50

Westfield Tech 15, Mahar 50 — The Green Wave placed a trio of runners in the top 10 to come out with a pair of wins during a meet in Orange on Tuesday.

Dylan Breiwick earned fifth (19 minutes, 22 seconds), Mason Youmell placed sixth (19:40) and Alex Scotera took seventh (19:44) for Greenfield. Joseph Burke was Mahar's top runner with a 30th place finish (25:00) while Franklin Tech, which was unable to score as a team due to numbers, had one runner in the top 20, with William Thomas taking 17th (23:27).

Girls cross country

## Hampshire 15, Greenfield 50

Westfield Tech 24, Greenfield 31 — The girls race in Orange on Tuesday was dominated by the Raiders, which had the top seven finishers to earn a pair of wins.

Alice Fortin placed 10th (25:59) and Rose Fortin came in 19th (30:04) for Greenfield.

Late Monday results

Girls soccer

Mahar 1, Athol 1 — The Bears and Senators each tallied in the first half but both defenses stood tough in the final 40 minutes of play, with the contest ending in a 1-1 draw at the Woodward Complex.

Alexis Ares scored for Mahar while Kylah Blundon found the back of the net off an assist from Skyla Williams for Athol.

Jaya McBroom made seven saves in net for the Sens while Athol's Ava Adams also stopped seven shots in goal.

Mahar's Autumn Cleveland swept a potential Athol goal off the line to keep the game tied.

Boys soccer

**Pathfinder 3, Franklin Tech 1** — The Pioneers scored twice in the first half to defeat the Eagles in Turners on Monday.

John Gheorghita had the lone goal for Franklin Tech.

Girls volleyball

**Mahar 3, Veritas Prep 1** — Hayden Comeau finished with seven aces and four kills in the Senators' 17-25, 25-22, 25-17, 25-19 triumph in Springfield Monday.

Madelynn Burgess tallied four aces and six assists, Mia Santana put down six aces while Turin Gurganus made six digs in the win.

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