



Brien McMahon girls lacrosse player Madonna Wadolowski (5) runs through Greenwich defenders Hannah Bowers (2) and Katie Reed (17) looking to score during Saturday's game at Casagrande Field. Wadolowski had six goals and an assist in the Senators' 17-12 loss to Greenwich.

McMahon nearly upsets Greenwich

The Senators carried a lead into the second half before the Cardinals rallied

HS GIRLS LACROSSE

Greenwich	17
McMahon	12

NORWALK
TOM EVANS
 Hour Staff Writer

The Brien McMahon girls lacrosse team was poised to get its first-ever win over FCIAC rival Greenwich on Saturday afternoon, holding an 11-8 advantage nearly seven minutes into the second half.

But the Cardinals had plenty of poise themselves, combining that attribute with faceoff dominance and better shot selection to come

away with the 17-12 victory on Jack Casagrande Field.

McMahon had a three-game winning streak snapped and dropped to 5-2, both overall and in the conference.

Greenwich won for the sixth straight time — after opening the season 0-2 — to improve to 6-1 in the FCIAC and 6-2 overall.

"Greenwich controlled the draws for most of the game — we won just 10 of 30 — and they were getting fastbreaks, pulling us out to the side, and getting better shots," McMahon head coach Tory

Sullivan said of the second half in which the Cardinals outscored the home team 13-5. "Our fastbreak was working well in the first half, the defense did a great job of moving their feet, and we were working well as a team. Then Greenwich swiped the momentum."

Hannah Bowers and Emma Kramer played huge roles in swiping that momentum.

Bowers, who tenaciously dominated draw pulls, also scored all six of her goals and dished out her three assists in the final 25 minutes.

Kramer netted four of her five goals in the second half, and along with her sister, Sarah, was largely responsible for scooping up loose balls that flew out of the faceoff circle.

see McMAHON B2

Mets hold off Braves

A four-run fourth inning and key relief pitching behind starter John Maine carried the Mets

NEW YORK
JAY COHEN
 Associated Press

Tim Hudson repeatedly said he felt fine after another perplexing start. Just one bad inning, he said.

One bad inning was all New York needed to send the Atlanta Braves to another one-run loss.

Carlos Beltran hit a two-run double off Hudson in the Mets' four-run third inning, and New York held on for a 4-3 victory Saturday.

"It's been a while since we strung together a bunch of hits like that," manager Willie Randolph said. "It was good to see them attack a really fine pitcher and put the ball in play. We've been struggling a little bit there."

John Maine pitched five effective innings and David Wright snapped out of a slump with two hits for the Mets, who had lost five of six. New York also earned its first victory in four games against Atlanta this year.

"Any time you go out there and see METS B2

Opening Day ceremonies in Norwalk



Hour photos/
 ERIK TRAUTMANN

The Norwalk Little League held its 2008 opening ceremonies on Saturday at the new baseball fields at Veterans Memorial Park. Above, Babe Spinola, for whom one of the two fields was named after, says a few words to the crowd, while he was followed to the microphone by Mario Salomone (back row, far right) and Vinny Incantalupo (second to right), who had the other fields named after them. To the far left is Fred Bondi, Norwalk Common Council president and chairman of the Recreation and Parks committee. Below, players (l-to-r) Corey Hayes, Ricky Mejia and Hunter Sharkey listen to the National Anthem, sung by Billy Genuario.

V-Mart lifts Tribe

The catcher's RBI bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth spoiled a three-run rally by the Yankees

CLEVELAND
TOM WITHERS
 Associated Press

Masa Kobayashi dropped his head, closed his eyes as though in pain and tried to jog his memory.

Ten years ago, the reliever earned his first professional win while pitching for Chiba Lotte in Japan.

Which team did he beat?

"I can't remember," Kobayashi said through his translator. "But I'll never forget beating the Yankees."

Kobayashi got his first major league win when Victor Martinez's bases-loaded single scored Grady Sizemore from third with one out in the ninth inning and the Cleveland Indians won their season-high fifth straight, 4-3 over New York on Saturday.

Martinez slapped a pitch from Ross Ohlendorf (0-1) into left to bring home Sizemore, who moments earlier came up limping while running the bases. But

see YANKS B2

Longs, Ryan top draft; Jets score a 'Ghol'

The draft went according to form for the first several picks, including the Jets taking Vernon Gholston of Ohio St.

NEW YORK
BARRY WILNER
 Associated Press

Things were going so normally, so predictably at Saturday's NFL draft. All six players the league invited to the festivities hit the stage in the first half-dozen selections.

Yawn. Then came the wake-up call: trade after trade after trade, affecting 14 of the 31 first-round picks.

At one point, five of seven selections had been bartered. A little while later, it was another five of six.

Jake Long just sat back and smiled — right from the outset.

The Michigan tackle already had signed with the Miami



Dolphins as the top overall choice. He inked a five-year contract worth \$57.75 million, \$30 million of it guaranteed.

"I was a little more relaxed just knowing where I was going and just being here to make it official," Long said. "That solidified it all. It was just breathtaking to walk out there and shake the commissioner's hand and hold up that jersey. It was a dream come true."

Chris Long of Virginia, Matt Ryan of Boston College, Darren McFadden of Arkansas, Glenn Dorsey of national champion LSU and Vernon Gholston of Ohio State didn't have to wait long to walk under the floodlights, either. It was the first time since the NFL began inviting multiple prospects in 1993 and they all went at the very beginning of the proceed-



AP photo
 Ohio State's Vernon Gholston is selected sixth overall by the New York Jets during the 2008 NFL Draft Saturday at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

ings. So unlike last year, when Notre Dame's Brady Quinn had to wait hours to be chosen.

"It's great to see the green room empty," said defensive end Long, who went second to St. Louis.

"It's a blessing to be here, they only ask six guys to come," DE/LB Gholston added. "Funny how it worked out, teams made good selections."

After St. Louis took the son of Pro Football Hall of Famer Howie Long, Ryan, who could solve the quarterback problems in Atlanta, went to the Falcons.

see JETS B2

Tennessee accuses UConn of cheating

Tennessee alleges the UConn women's program has violated numerous NCAA rules regarding recruiting

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Associated Press

Tennessee filed more than 30 pages of documents with the Southeastern Conference in 2006 complaining of the recruiting practices of Connecticut's women's basketball program.

Newspaper articles, photos and Internet chatroom transcripts were among the items submitted by Tennessee alleging a pattern of violations, according to public documents obtained by The News-Sentinel in Knoxville.

The material alleges that multiple NCAA bylaws pertaining to boosters involvement, permissible recruiters and offers and incentives might have been violated.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt declined comment to the newspaper. Tennessee athletic director Joan Cronan said in a statement that the university has "nothing further to add."

The series between the nation's most storied women's programs, which began in 1995, was canceled in June 2007 after the Lady Vols announced they were pulling out.

In a letter dated July 27, 2006, Cronan wrote: "From time to time, we have encountered situations related to the University of Connecticut's women's basketball program that would seem to be a violation of the rules."

"On occasion, we have called the compliance office at Connecticut to determine how they do some of the things we had questions about — in hopes that we could do the same thing — only to be told they would get back to us, which never occurred."

The documents back up claims

see TENNESSEE B2