

McMahon falls to Ridgefield

Staff reports

RIDGEFIELD — The Brian McMahon baseball team dropped a 7-6 decision at Ridgefield Thursday in a battle of teams jockeying for position in the FCIAC Tournament, which begins Monday.

Enzo Latella (1-1) took the loss after allowing seven earned runs on 11 hits and two walks with three strikeouts over 4 2/3 innings.

Eric Stenger and Rocco Cundari combined on 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief for McMahon, 12-6 in the conference and 14-6 overall.

Tommy Fullam collected two hits and drove in three runs, and Todd Lyons had two hits for the Senators.

Trumbull 4, Wilton 3 (10)

The Warriors suffered their second straight heart-breaking loss against an FCIAC playoff team as Trumbull pushed across an unearned run in the top of the 10th Wednesday night in Wilton.

Darren Micaliczi reached on an infield error off Wilton reliever Adam Pratson (0-1) and scored on a two-out single by Terry Fairfield.

It was Wilton's seventh extra-inning game this season.

Wilton also suffered a 3-2 setback against Westhill in Stamford on Tuesday with the Vikings pushing the winning run across the plate in the bottom of the seventh.

Kurt Marut pitched eight effective innings for Wilton, allowing eight hits with nine strikeouts and two walks. Pratson pitched the final two innings. Casey O'Brien had a triple, single and an RBI and Jared Wyman had a double, single and an RBI for the Warriors. Wilton catcher Steve Marino added two hits.

Trumbull improved to 15-4 overall and 14-3 in the FCIAC.

Westhill 6, Staples 1

The Vikings broke the FCIAC game open with a five-run bottom of the fifth inning Thursday in Stamford.

Will Kaplan tripled and came in to

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

score on a ground out from Jack Hennessy for Staples, 11-7 in the conference and 12-8 overall.

James Lothrop (4-2) went five-plus innings on the mound, allowing six runs — three of them earned — on 10 hits and two walks while striking out six against Westhill (14-4, 16-4).

Brad Bernard tossed two innings of scoreless relief for the Wreckers.

Brunswick 4, GFA 3, (8)

Oliver Van Zant went 4-for-4 with seven stolen bases for the Dragons (7-10) but it wasn't enough to prevent the Fairchester Athletic Association loss Thursday.

BOYS GOLF

Weston 164, Bunnell 180

Bernie D'Amato was match medalist with a 40 to lead the Trojans (12-2-1 overall, 8-1-1 SWC) to a win at Oronoque Village. Rounding out Weston's scorers were Joe D'Amato and Dan Eldon (41 apiece) and Taylor Navin (42).

Ridgefield 149, Wilton 153

Brian Murphy again earned match-medalist accolades Thursday with a 34, but the Tigers still came away with the FCIAC victory at Ridgefield Golf Course.

Will Herndon shot a 37, Marshall Stock carded a 38 and Jack Matthews had a 44 for Wilton, 12-3.

Ridgefield (12-4) was paced by a 36 from Ian Lawrence and a 37 by Ryan Brand.

Staples 154, Norwalk 208

Kirk Massie posted a 36 to lead the Wreckers to the FCIAC win Thursday at Longshore.

Charlie Knofla shot 38, Carter Lathrop had a 39 and Ben Goodman turned in a 41 to help Staples improve to 11-1.

Shane Bogdanyi carded a 50 to pace Norwalk, 2-13.

GIRLS GOLF

Weston 213, Darien 217

Danielle Lamy used a 42 Thursday at par-37 Woodway to grab match-medalist honors, leading the Trojans past the Blue Wave in a non-conference matchup.

Franci Litvak shot 54, Kelli Marks had 58 and Dylann Katz carded a 59 to pace Weston, 10-4.

Darien (3-9-1) got a 46 from Stephanie Ko.

SOFTBALL

Westhill 1, Staples 0

The Vikings pushed across an unearned run in the top of the sixth inning to knock off the Wreckers in an FCIAC contest at Greens Farms Elementary School.

Dana Levy (8-7) deserved a better fate against Westhill (14-4, 15-5) after allowing just that unearned run on three hits and a walk with 10 strikeouts over seven innings for Staples, 10-7 in the FCIAC, 11-7 overall.

BOYS LACROSSE

Darien 19, Norwalk 4

Tevon Gilmore scored a pair of goals but it wasn't enough to slow down the powerful Blue Wave in an FCIAC contest Thursday on Sam Testa Field.

Andrew Lanzaro and Colin Prescott each scored a goal for Norwalk, 8-6 in the conference and 8-8 overall. Steve Garfunkel and Marc Copolla split the goaltending duties and combined to make eight saves.

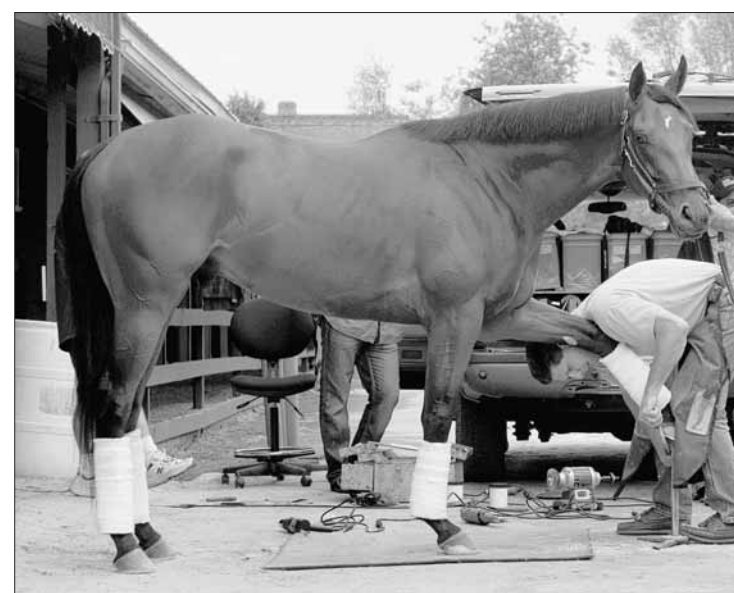
Darien (12-0, 15-1) got five goals from Mike Ryan and three saves from goalie Jameson Love.

GIRLS LACROSSE

St. Luke's 19, GFA 14

Chase Leonard netted seven goals for the Dragons in Wednesday's loss. Alex Tarika chipped in with four goals and Margaret Cissel, Hayley Brown, Hadley Siegel, Nikki Bergschneider and Alex Leonard added a goal apiece.

Greens Farms goalie Olivia Jack made 17 saves.



Blacksmith Ian McKinlay replaces the shoes on Preakness entry and Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown outside the stakes barn at Pimlico Race Course, Thursday in Baltimore. The 133rd running of the Preakness will be held Saturday.

Big Brown's got new shoes on

HORSE RACING

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Before anointing Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown the next coming of Secretariat, consider this: The colt enters Saturday's Preakness off a two-week turnaround, the shortest of his career; he's got problem front feet; and there are 12 horses with connections eager to show Big Brown can be beaten.

None of those factors has dimmed trainer Rick Dutrow Jr.'s massive confidence one bit.

"I just can't wait to get over there," he said, nodding toward Pimlico's track. "We're ready to move on, man."

Big Brown delivered on Dutrow's pre-Derby boasting with a 4 3/4-length victory nearly two weeks ago. The colt will try to take another step toward history by winning the Preakness in just his fifth career start.

Twenty-one of the last 23 Preakness winners did so off a two-week rest. Big Brown is the early 1-2 favorite, the lowest odds Pimlico officials can recall. Undefeated Preakness winners Majestic Prince (3-5 in 1969), Seattle Slew (2-5 in 1977) and Smarty Jones (2-5 in 2004) went off at low odds, too.

Dutrow has loudly proclaimed his dislike of the quick turnaround between races. He prefers either short breaks (up to five days) or long ones (up to 40 days) between races.

"But that's just me," he

said. "That doesn't mean that Big Brown won't like it. Since he's come out of the Derby up 'til this minute, I'm very happy with the horse. He's just done everything that you would want a horse to do when they're coming out of a race like that — he hasn't missed an oat, he's aggressive with his gallops."

Big Brown stepped onto Pimlico's track for the first time Thursday morning, galloping 1 1/2 miles. He was tracked by dozens of video and still cameras, and a horde of people followed him as he walked out to the track and back to the barn.

Eight Belles had no bone abnormalities

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Eight Belles had no diseases or pre-existing bone abnormalities that caused the filly to break down after finishing second in the Kentucky Derby.

Autopsy results reviewed by The Associated Press on Thursday confirm compound fractures of both front legs at the fetlock joints. They also describe lacerated skin on both legs, an absence of joint fluid in the damaged areas and congested lungs.

The filly also experienced a bruised head and hemorrhaging in the left thyroid gland, which the report blamed on her fall after the initial injuries.

Celtics searching for win in Cleveland

Associated Press
INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — It's do or summertime for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

One more loss, and a second straight Eastern Conference title is history.

One more win, and it's back to **NBA** Chowderland for Game 7.

A f t e r squandering a 14-point lead at Boston in a hail of missed free throws and getting entangled by the Celtics' spiderweb-like defense in Game 5, LeBron James and his teammates are down 3-2

and facing elimination from the NBA playoffs on Friday night at Quicken Loans Arena.

They'll go into Game 6 short-handed.

Guard Daniel Gibson, one of the club's best perimeter shooters and a star in last year's postseason, separated his left shoulder going for a loose ball early in the fourth quarter of Game 5 and will need a minimum of one week to recover.

The Cavaliers may be done before he's well.

"It's something we didn't want to happen," James said

following a light workout Thursday. "It's kind of the tale of our season — a guy goes down in the heat of a playoff series. He's very key to our team. It's not good seeing a guy who is that key to your team in a suit."

Utah's Kirilenko misses practice before Game 6

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko missed practice Thursday because of a travel visa, a day before Utah faced the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Agent Marc Fleisher said Kirilenko had to finalize a travel visa for a family trip to France this summer and Thursday was the only day he could do it without having to wait another month. Fleisher said Kirilenko, who is a Russian citizen, told the Jazz ahead of time about the conflict and was given permission to miss practice. Jazz GM Kevin O'Connor said Kirilenko told coach Jerry Sloan he had an appointment for the visa that had been scheduled for weeks. Kirilenko was expected to start today.

Italia comes through with big win over Diamond Deli

Harrison Hefferan, B.J. Buckle and Brian Beaumonte all drove in two runs and Matt Crowley pitched out of a tough jam in the second inning to lead Italia to a 9-2 victory over Diamond Deli in AAA action of the Norwalk Little League.

Buckle had a double and a single and Hefferan tripled for Italia. Allison Pitassi also drove in a run as did Isaiah Rodriguez. Crowley pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the second and no-hit Diamond Deli before turning the game over to Isaiah Rodriguez and Connor Madden in the final inning.

For Diamond Deli, Brendan Brown pitched two tough innings, giving up two

hits and three runs with three strikeouts and three walks. Malik Massey and Kyle Piscarita pitched in relief.

G & G Pizza 13, Partners 0

Matt McDonald had a double and a triple for G&G. Danny Frattaroli and Trey Canevari pitched well and also contributed extra-base hits. Kyle Mossop provided a solid pitching effort for Partners and hits came from Jack Poulson, Anthony Granchelli and Kyle Mossop.

Partners 15, John Glover 11

Reid Singewald had two singles, a double and one RBI. Matt Diurno had a triple and three RBIs. Anthony Granchelli had two hits and two RBIs. Alec Esmond and Kyle Mossop each had singles and Mossop had two RBIs.

For John Glover, Tyler Welch had three hits and an RBI. RJ Kenez and Sarah O'Connor had two hits and two RBIs. Sam Delio had two hits, an RBI and scored. Moe Ortiz and Justin Wargo added triples. Mike Kenez, Spence Wellen, Chris Trowbridge, and Kevin McQuillin had one hit a piece, scored and had RBIs.

Fairfield County Bank 10, Marinello's Deli 6

Fairfield County Bank took advantage of 12 Deli walks and five errors. Miles McQuillen, Colby Scovel,

NORWALK LITTLE LEAGUE

Zachary Pirraglia and Spenser Jacobsen combined for 10 strikeouts and only five walks. McQuillen singled twice and scored twice, Andrew Herbert doubled and scored twice, Scovel singled and scored and Pirraglia hit a grand slam during a five-run second inning.

For Marinello's Deli, Connor Halloran and Johnny Swick both had three hits and combined for three RBIs. Mike DiIorio had two hits and two runs scored. Joey Benincaso doubled and drove in one. Nick Covino made a fantastic diving catch in the first inning to save two runs.

C&C Landscaping 13, Stew Leonard 2

Ari Lander had a triple and single, Magnus Hermans had two hits, and Codi Mastropietro had two hits, including a booming triple and three RBIs to lead C&C. Ryan Edwards had two hits and three RBIs while pitching three full innings and striking out seven, giving up only three hits. Nicholas Howard pitched two innings of scoreless relief to go with two hits.

Teddy Wisniewski, Jeffrey Joslyn, James Tremonte and Mickey Manella (double) had hits for Stew's. Jeffrey Joslyn struck out three and walked three. Joshua Tilton closed the game with four pitches

and a strikeout.

Norwalk Pizza 7, John's Best Pizza 3

Pitching and defense set the tone for Norwalk Pizza, with strong performances on the mound by Matt Iannacone, Andrew Goldstein, Victor Silano and Pete Kotulsky. Nick Granata led the defensive effort with stellar play at first base.

John's Best ended up with six hits, including doubles by Joey Laracca and Michael Waring. Robert Essig led the offensive attack, going 2 for 3 with two RBIs. Victor Silano went 2-for-2 with one RBI. Teddy Wisniewski had two hits for John's Best and also struck out seven over three innings. Michael Waring and Eddie Marcarelli also turned in solid pitching performances for John's Best.

TNS Group 13, John's Best Pizza 3

TNS was led by the pitching of Mike Pascarelli, Sam Evans and Dillon Viscardi. TNS was led by Viscardi (2-for-3), Gregory Goldstein (2-for-3), Mike Pascarelli (triple). Charlie Doyle, Ben Kelly and Joe Murphy all had clutch hits.

MAJORS

Jaycees 15, Kiwanis 12

Will Ayles and Daniel Romanello combined for eight strikeouts to lead Jaycees. Ayles also had two

hits. Alex Valenzano and Edward Petrillo had one hit each and Conor Mulford smacked a grand slam in the fifth inning.

Monker Grotto 10, Rowaton Pizza 0

Monker Grotto had 14 hits en route to its shutout victory. Nick Lampman and Matt Savona combined to pitch a four-hit shutout. Jack Hefferan and Johanan Knight had three hits apiece for the winners. Kevin Cronin, David Langrin and Savona each had two hits. Nick Schwartz and Lampman also had hits for Monker.

Eagles 4, Laurels 0

Tyler Annunziata threw a complete-game shutout to lead the Eagles. Annunziata, who also had two hits and two RBIs, struck out 10 and walked just one. Trey Newcomb had three hits and one RBI for the Eagles while Brendan Mills added two hits and Harold Garcia knocked in a run.

Rotary 14, Matarese 0

Kevin Love pitched 4 1/3 innings of shutout ball, scattering four hits with 10 strikeouts and four walks to lead Rotary to its eighth win of the season. Justin Edwards got the final two outs in the fifth by strikeout to preserve the shutout.

Jack Careccia lead the offense with three doubles and seven RBIs. Ryan Evans was 2-for-2 with a walk and two RBIs. Edwards was 2-

for-2 with two walks and an RBI. Mike Boguski had two hits and two runs scored, while brother Thomas Boguski and Deion Clark chipped in with two runs each. Luis Santos also had a single.

For Matarese, Scott Coyne was 2-for-2 and Hunter Sharkey and Keegan Roberts each had a single. Sean Davis smacked a long double to left in the fifth.

Laurels 7, Brendan's 0

Latrell Johnson of Laurel AC laced a two-run inside-the-park home run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning to cap a come-from-behind victory for the Laurels over Brendan's 101. Johnson also tripled in the second. James Campbell blanked Brendan's over the final 1.2 innings to earn the win and singling three times.

For Laurel AC, Roger Quiroga and Thomas Clyne both singled twice and combined for three RBIs. Ricky Mydland contributed a key RBI single in the fourth.

Matarese 5, Lions 3

Corey Hayes, Scotty Coyne, Shaun Davis, Keegan Roberts, Ricky Mejia and Sam Starkman all had hits for Matarese. Hunter Sharkey pitched 4.1 innings, striking out eight to get the win. For the Lions Club, Trevor Remy clubbed a solo home run, his second of the year, Bobby Butler singled and scored and Zach LaRusso picked up a single.

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