

NWS vanquishes Eliminators for PONY title



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NWS Elite's Brittany York awaits a pitch during the 18U PONY Regional Championship Sunday at Murphy Park.

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A single by Dakota Smith-Porter in the top of the ninth inning helped plate the winning run as the NWS Elite 16U fast-pitch softball team held on for a 2-1 win over the Connecticut Eliminators in the 18U New England PONY Regional Championship at Murphy Park in Greenfield on Sunday.

Heather White led off the top of the ninth inning with a bunt single and moved to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Paige Ciroosta. Smith-Porter then hit a grounder to the right of second that was fielded but the throw was offline. Smith-Porter had the play beaten out for a single, but the errant throw allowed White to come around and score the go-ahead run.

The Eliminators, who entered the single-elimination portion of the 17-team tournament as the top seed after going 3-0 in bracket play earlier in the weekend, threatened in the bottom of the ninth by putting the first two batters on base, but a pair of popups and a groundout ended the game and gave the 16U NWS squad the victory in the 18U tourney.

The NWS Elite 16U team went 2-0-1 in their bracket to earn the third seed in the elimination round, which was played on Sunday. The Elite started Sunday off with a 3-2 win over the Westfield Whips, which includes Turners Falls High School players Stacy and Stephanie French. In the quarterfinals, the Elite edged the Central Mass. Galaxy, 2-1, before knocking off the NWS Elite 18U team, 4-0, in the semifinals.

Smith-Porter was named the tournament Most Valuable Player. The junior-to-be at Turners Falls High School went 7-for-13 in the four games on Sunday with three doubles. Teammate Brittany York,

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also from Turners Falls, went 4-for-12 with a double, and Franklin County Technical School's Nikki Vatalaro was 3-for-11 with a double and a triple.

Golf

KMP Shootout

Mike Duclos and Tim Brandl carded a 70 to win the KMP Shootout at the Country Club of Greenfield on Sunday.

Brodie Conant and Alex Siano took second with a 72. Duclos and Brock Hines tied Matt Pitoniak and Steve Lovett for low net with a 63.

• On Saturday, Matt Gauvin and Nate Burdick, Mike Kuchieski and Burdick, and Terry Blanchard and Chuck Yeter all tied for low gross with a 67 during the KMP Shootout.

Jim Worden and Brian Luippold won low net with a 59. Worden and Bill Canon were second with a 61. Worden and Norm Morris tied Gary Hicks and Dan Smith, and Smith and Keith Poirier for third with a 62.

Crumpin-Fox

Duncan Elliott and Ron Laverdiere shot a low gross 67 during the Member/Member Member/Guest golf tournament at Crumpin-Fox Club in Bernardston on Saturday.

Tom Bergeron and Bob Martin took second with a 68, and Tim Rice and Kevin Parsons were third with a 71.

Gene Kugler and Stephanie Maier won low net with a 61. Chet Kugler and Al Maier were second with a 62, while Charlie Shattuck and Doug Taylor were

third with a 63.

Diane Griffin and Donna Covey won the Ladies Division with an 88, while Marty Stinson and Carla Bernier won low net with a 74.

Baseball

Mickey Mantle

Aiden Barrett finished with three hits on Saturday but Mohawk dropped a 12-7 Mickey Mantle Baseball League game to Wilbraham F in the second game of a doubleheader in Wilbraham.

Liam Daires de la Blotier singled and tripled in the loss, while Josh Taylor and Josh Willis each stroked a double. Ryan Pease and Sam Downes added two hits. Pease suffered the loss, striking out two and walking one.

• Earlier in the day on Saturday, Daires de la Blotier struck out five, walked one and allowed no earned runs in four innings of relief as Mohawk earned a 10-8 win over Wilbraham C.

J.J. Burt went 4-for-4 with three runs scored, and Downes, Barrett and Daires de la Blotier each added two hits.

Adult softball

Greenfield Co-Rec

Justin Nash and Dustin O'sen each went 1-for-5 to lead B Team to an 18-15 win over Green Fields Market in a Greenfield Co-Rec Adult Softball League game on Friday night.

Ben Burt added two hits in the win.

Mike Cole went 4-for-5 in the loss, while Joe Guidaboni and Matt Welcome both singled, doubled and drove in two runs.