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SPORTS

Patriots

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run-scoring doubles. She was 3-for-3 on the day with three runs and four RBIs and she made a nice running catch in the gap in right-center to rob Samantha Eddy of extra bases.

"She's a special hitter," Lefebvre said. "She can hit in any situation, and she showed that today. She's good in the field and good at bat. She's good on both ends, so I can't complain."

Portsmouth racked up 12 hits, including a pair of doubles from Dallas Rynda, a double and a single from Ailish Cafferty, two singles each from Nikki Eggeman and Alivia Grande and an RBI single from Charena DeAngelis.

"All of our hitting practices are paying off," Heller said. "We're coming together."

"We started hitting again," Lefebvre said. "Once one person started hitting, we all kind of got in the groove. I think that got a lot of our confidence back. Some of the girls that haven't been hitting got on base multiple times for us today, and that was huge for us. It was an overall confidence booster today."

Mount Hope, which dipped to 3-10 on the season, certainly does not possess an offensive arsenal. The Huskies' best offensive output in a league game is four runs. They've been shut out four times and Tuesday was the third time they've been held to one run.

Portsmouth put junior Collette Martley in the circle, and she allowed just three hits, struck out four and walked



Dave Hansen | Staff photographer

Portsmouth junior Collette Martley delivers a pitch to a Mount Hope batter on Tuesday in Portsmouth.

six in her senior debut. Martley also got the big outs when needed as the Huskies stranded nine runners.

"She's got a go-get-it, nothing-bothers-you type attitude," Lefebvre said of Martley. "That's what you have to do as a pitcher. You can't let things get to you, and she just lets it roll off her back, which is good."

"She kept a fast pace the whole time. She helped the

game move along at a good speed. She did a superb job today. I'm very impressed."

Mount Hope pitcher Mad-die Reis did a good job, too. She struck out eight, including five in succession, and walked just two. But her outfield support was poor, and Portsmouth batters picked on the weakness.

"Honestly, I thought she had a very nice speed for every-one," Heller said. "We all were

able to see it well, so that was nice because it's been a little difficult lately."

Cafferty and Eggeman both reached via bunt singles to start the first inning for Portsmouth, and Heller sliced an opposite-field triple down the right-field line. She scored on Grande's groundout.

Mount Hope plated its only run in the fourth inning, but squandered a big opportunity and left the bases loaded. Heller got the run back when she doubled home Cafferty in the bottom of the frame.

Portsmouth scored five times in the fifth to break the game open. Cafferty and Eggeman scored on Grande's base hit, and Heller and Grande came around on Rynda's double. Rynda scored on DeAngelis's single.

Heller's second double drove in Eggeman in the next inning. Grande's infield single moved Heller to third, and Heller scored on an error to end the game.

Tuesday's contest was the second of four games in four days for the Patriots. They play at Tiverton today and at Classical on Thursday. Then Portsmouth plays at Central on Monday.

The Patriots already have beaten all three of their next opponents by 10 runs or more in their first encounters.

"I think those games will be a confidence booster for us if we continue to play like we did today," Lefebvre said. "We have to stay at our level and not play down to the competition's level."

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World Cup

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Brazil's sports ministry, which is in charge of getting the country ready for the World Cup. "The meetings to finalize the operational plans in the varied areas involved in the event's preparations will be concluded this week in all 12 host cities."

But Joao Augusto Nardes, president of the government's watchdog group, told Brazil's official news service, Agencia Brasil, on Tuesday that some of the work still isn't in place to provide "adequate security to those attending the World Cup."

FIFA is worried mostly about the stadiums where the 64 matches will be played. It wanted all venues completed by the end of last year, but Brazil was not able to get half of them ready in time. Many will not host all the test events that were planned.

Among the three stadiums under construction is the Itaquerao, where the opener between Brazil and Croatia will be played. There will be some 14,000 guests among the nearly 70,000 people in attendance, including many heads of state.

Some of the 20,000 temporary seats needed for the opener are still being installed, and the only official test event planned for the Itaquerao is set for Sunday, about three weeks before the opener. It won't even happen in front of a full crowd, with only 40,000 fans allowed into the venue.

"For the World Cup it will all be 100 percent ready," said Andres Sanchez, who is in charge of the stadium's construction.

Another unfinished stadium is the Arena da Baixada

in the southern city of Curitiba, which was nearly excluded from the tournament by FIFA this year. The first full test at the venue is scheduled for this week.

"There were some setbacks in some of these stadiums," said Brazil's Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo, who has been arduously downplaying the delays. "Everything will be ready."

There is also concern with the temporary structures at the Beira-Rio Stadium in southern Porto Alegre, and the other incomplete venue is the Arena Pantanal in the western city of Cuiaba, which is only expected to host an official test event at the end of the month.

Cuiaba is one of the cities where authorities acknowledge some infrastructure work planned for the World Cup will not be ready.

Projects also won't be done in many other cities, including at airports that will be crucial for the travel of teams and fans.

In the northeastern city of Recife, local authorities still haven't found private partners to host the fanfest, which allows fans without tickets to watch matches for free on large screens in public areas.

FIFA has threatened to sue the cities that don't organize the event.

Brazil was the sole candidate when it was selected as host in 2007, but it took a long time before any World Cup work began.

"It is difficult. Maybe we should have involved the Brazilian government before," said Valcke, who recently acknowledged that FIFA has learned lessons from all the problems in Brazil and "will act differently" in Russia in four years.

Dahlberg

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man with old ideas, with no one around who dares to tell him no. His attempt at public rehabilitation was such a train wreck you have to wonder if Sterling is listening to anyone.

The best thing for Sterling now is to simply disappear and let his money buy him some happiness. He needs to understand that his legacy is now effectively sealed and no amount of apologizing or charitable good works will change it.

Unfortunately, people like Sterling don't usually go quietly.

His wife has already said she intends to fight to keep her 50 percent of the team, and Sterling could keep NBA lawyers employed for years should he decide to dig in his heels to try to keep his half.

It should have never come to this. Sterling should have been bounced from the league a long time ago, but for some reason former commissioner David Stern and Sterling's fellow owners decided to overlook questionable behavior, including a ruling that found Sterling discriminated against black tenants.

They knew he was a bad apple, and if they didn't, it's because they didn't read his sworn testimony in the face of federal charges of civil rights violations.

They apparently weren't paying attention when former Lakers great Elgin Baylor sued Sterling for race and age discrimination, saying the owner had a "plantation mentality" and wanted a team of "poor black boys from the South playing for a white coach."

They had to be paying attention Monday night for an interview that was as uncomfortable to watch as most of the

Clippers teams Sterling had over the years. Silver was certainly paying attention, apologizing to Johnson for what was said about him while vowing to continue to move as quickly as possible to get Sterling out.

So far, Silver has made all the right moves. He came down hard and fast in banning Sterling from the league, and on Monday installed a CEO to run the team while things get sorted out.

But he still needs some cooperation from Sterling and his wife or the fate of the team could be tied up in the courts for a long time.

Sterling will have to make that decision, which by itself is troubling. His past record indicates he does not shy away from a fight, and judging by his combative stance with Cooper he may not back away from this one.

For now, though, all we can do is hope he simply shuts up.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

YOUTH LACROSSE

Portsmouth

The Portsmouth Youth Lacrosse under-11 team took down Warwick 10-3 on Saturday. **Wyatt Huggins** had two goals and three assists, **Mackie Peck** notched two goals and three assists and **Ramsey Huggins** had two goals and two assists.

Eddie Rishmany, **Dylan Manor** and **Dan Shea** netted a goal apiece, and **Jackson Cabral** assisted on a goal.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Middletown

Chris Electric topped Sayer, Regan and Thayer 6-4 in a Little Double M Division game on Monday.

For Chris Electric, **Liam Fitzgerald**, **Evan Levasseur** and **Johnny Ceres** had crucial hits. For Sayer, Regan and Thayer, **Joe O'Connor** and **Trent Ames** had hits, and **Wendell Santiago** pitched well.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOLS

Baseball
Portsmouth at Coventry, 4 p.m.
Middletown at North Kingstown, 4 p.m.

Softball

Central Falls at Rogers, 4 p.m.

Boys lacrosse

Tiverton at Smithfield, 6 p.m.

Girls lacrosse

Portsmouth at Lincoln High, 4 p.m.

Boys tennis

Tiverton at Cranston East, 3:30 p.m.

Golf

Portsmouth, Rogers, Barrington at Rhode Island CC, 3:15 p.m.

Girls track

Eastern Division championships at Barrington High School, 4 p.m.

BASEBALL

Sunset League

Westcott at Mudville Nine, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

HIGH SCHOOLS

Baseball
Mount Hope at Tiverton, 4 p.m.
Narragansett at Rogers, 6 p.m.

Softball

North Providence at Middletown, 4 p.m.

Portsmouth at Classical, 4 p.m.

Davies at Tiverton, 4 p.m.

Boys lacrosse

Middletown at Providence Country Day, 6 p.m.

Girls lacrosse

Tiverton at Middletown, 6:30 p.m.

Boys tennis

Middletown at Chariho, 3:30 p.m.

Portsmouth at Toll Gate, 4 p.m.

Golf

Tiverton vs. Bay View at Wannamoisett CC, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING
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MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Courtyard Marriott, Middletown
9 Commerce Drive
Middletown, RI
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

You can meet fellow citizens and representatives from the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and you can help plan studies and restorations of cleanup sites. **A public meeting for the Derektor Shipyard Proposed Plan for Remediation will start at 7:00 pm.**

For additional information and our schedule, go to the RAB Internet Web Site at www.rabnewportri.org. Additional information is available at the Navy's Internet Web Site at <http://www.navfac.navy.mil>.

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