

## DIVISION II BASEBALL SEMIFINALS: GOFFSTOWN 5, KENNETT 1



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Goffstown's William Soucy is ruled out at home in the third inning as Kennett's Derek Dascoulias makes the play during the NHIAA Division II semifinals at Southern New Hampshire University's Penmen Field in Hooksett on Thursday. Soucy was trying to score on a short passed ball.

# French, Grizzlies surge into final

■ **Righty stars:** Goffstown receives six innings of shutout ball from starter.

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**HOOKSETT** — A strong outing from pitcher Taylor French and plate discipline led the Goffstown High School baseball team to a 5-1 victory over Kennett of Conway in the NHIAA Division II semifinals Thursday at Southern New Hampshire University.

The second-seeded Grizzlies (18-3) will play No. 1 seed and defending champ Portsmouth, which beat fifth-seeded Hanover 5-4 in the late semifinal, in the championship Monday at 7 p.m. at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester.

The Grizzlies are making their first trip to the championship since 2015, when they finished as runners-up. Goffstown won their last title in 2014.

Thursday, Goffstown had five hits but drew seven walks and capitalized on three Kennett errors.

"We gave them baserunners, we gave them free bases and those are things that you're going to lose a game to a good team like Goffstown," Kennett coach Josh McAllister said. "Walks, errors, you can't overcome those things against a team like that."

French tossed a two-hitter over six innings. The senior righty allowed four walks, hit one batter and struck out eight over 98 pitches. French sent the sixth-seeded Eagles (14-7) down in order in both the

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