

Goffstown

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fourth and fifth innings.

"He's been doing it all year for us. He pitched awesome," Goffstown coach Adam Lawrence said of French. "He's tough. He pounds the zone and he goes right at it."

Justin Pinard drove in Carter Chouinard with a single to right field and Clay Campbell scored from third base on a wild pitch in the fourth inning to build a 4-0 Goffstown advantage.

Chouinard and Connor Hujsak drew back-to-back bases-loaded walks in the second inning to give Goffstown a 2-0 lead. The Grizzlies loaded the bases with a French leadoff walk, an Ethan Smith single up the middle and a William Soucy walk.

Tyler Santoro drove in Pinard with a one-out double to left field in the sixth inning to make it 5-0 Grizzlies. Pinard ripped a double to right field to get on base.

"Once we got our timing down, maybe once around the lineup or whatever, then we started to get our timing down and we started hitting the ball pretty hard," Lawrence said.

Devon Ouellette's sacrifice fly to center field scored Ben Roberts in the seventh inning to bring home the Eagles' lone run. Kennett had runners on first and second base with two outs before freshman Chase Spencer flied out to right field to end the game.

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"We've put a lot of runners on base this year and had a hard time capitalizing," McAllister said.

Pinard and Santoro both went 2-for-4 with an RBI and Smith went 1-for-3 with a run scored for the Grizzlies. Mitch Scacchi pitched the seventh inning, allowing one hit and one run.

Ouellette, Riley Fletcher and Ethan Ouellette each had a hit for Kennett. Derek Dascoulias took the loss, allowing two earned runs, three hits and six walks alongside two strikeouts over 3 2/3 innings. Nate Grames-Edwards allowed one earned run on two hits and one walk alongside two strikeouts over 2 1/3 innings of relief for the Eagles.

"We took advantage of mistakes," Lawrence said. "We told the guys the other day, 'Whoever makes less mistakes at this point is going to win games.'"

Portsmouth 5, Hanover 4: Portsmouth came back from a three-run deficit to advance to its third straight D-II title game.

The Clippers (17-1) trailed, 4-1, entering the bottom of the fourth inning before playing four runs with two outs to overtake the lead. Max Malila belted a two-RBI double to center field and a Hanover throwing error allowed Calvin Hewett to score the game-winning run. Hewett brought home Myles Sargent with a single to right field in the previous at bat.

The fifth-seeded Marauders (13-6)



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Goffstown starter Taylor French delivers a pitch during the team's 5-1 victory over Kennett on Thursday in the state Division II baseball semifinals at SNHU.

loaded the bases with nobody out in the fifth inning but Portsmouth starting pitcher Trevor Van Allen got out of the jam unscathed. The Clippers turned a 5-2-3 double play and Hanover No. 7 hitter Braxton McNulty grounded out to end the frame.

"At the top of the fifth inning, I thought we were going to score at least a couple more runs," Hanover coach John Grainger said. "Just needed that one big hit we didn't get."

Hanover stranded the game-tying and game-winning runs at second and first base, respectively, in the seventh inning.

Hanover No. 8 hitter John Loftus' two-RBI double to deep left field in the top of the second inning gave the Marauders a 2-0 lead. Kegan Silovich's bloop single to left field with two outs in the fourth inning brought home Joseph Perras, building a 3-1 Hanover advantage. With the bases loaded, Moises Celaya scored on a Nolan Gantrish groundout in the fourth inning to create a three-run Marauders cushion.

"We played about as bad as we could play for the first three or four innings and it was completely uncharacteristic of us," Portsmouth coach Tim Hopley said.

Portsmouth No. 9 hitter Jacob Grant drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk to bring home Hunter Leroux-Porter in the second inning to cut the Marauders' lead to 2-1. Celaya, Hanover's starting pitcher, got Hewett to ground out to end the frame.

Malila went 1-for-4 with two RBIs and Hewett went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored for the Clippers. Van Allen earned the win after allowing three earned runs on five hits and six walks alongside four strikeouts over six innings.

Oscar Lalime pitched the seventh inning for Portsmouth, allowing one hit and one walk alongside two strikeouts.

Celaya and Silovich both had two hits while Gantrish and Marcus Hampers each had one for Hanover. Celaya also scored two runs.

On the mound, Celaya pitched six innings, allowing five earned runs on six hits and eight walks while striking out four.

Portsmouth committed three errors while Hanover committed one.

"It doesn't have to be pretty and God knows tonight wasn't but (we) got to move on," Hopley said.

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