

Sports

Worcester Railers unfortunately wrap up preseason with loss

B I D D E F O R D , ME – The Worcester Railers HC (0-2-0-0) lost to the Maine Mariners (2-0-0-0) on Saturday, Oct. 11, in front of a crowd of 1,000 by a final score of 3-2 in favor of Maine at the Harold Alfond Forum in Biddeford, ME. The Railers open the regular season against the Maine Mariners next Saturday at the DCU Center on October 18th at 6:05 p.m. EDT.

Worcester opened up the scoring for the game early on, with JC Campagna (1-0-1) nailing a shot into the Mariners net at just 0:30. Mariners responded 69 seconds later with a goal from Ty Chevel-dayoff (2-1-3) at 1:39 to make it 1-1. Mariners center Wyl-lum Deveaux (1-0-1) landed a rebound goal towards the end of the period at 17:42,

which gave Maine a 2-1 lead to finish the first. Worcester evened the score early in the second with a goal from Tyler Kobryn (1-0-1) off a rebound shot 3:59 into the frame. Mar-iners’ Robert Cronin (1-0-1) secured the win for the night at the 17:26 of the third pe-riod after a battle at the net with Railers’ goaltender Gale.

The Railers opened the first period with a winning faceoff that allowed them to get a point on the board early with a goal at just 0:30 from JC Campagna (1st), assisted by Lincoln Hatten and and Tanner Schachle to make it 1-0. The Mariners didn’t wait long to even the score with a goal from Ty Chevel-dayoff (2nd) at 1:39, just 69 seconds after the Worcester goal was made, assisted by Xander Lamppa and Linus Hem-

strom. Neither team found the net for the next stretch of the first, until Mariners’ Robert Cronin sent a shot off the pads of Railers’ goalten-der Luke Pavicich, setting up a rebound shot for Wyllum Deveaux (1st), which broke past the goal line for Maine’s second of the night at 17:42. Worcester looked to even the score, but found themselves trailing by a goal at the end of the period. Maine outshot Worcester 12-8 with no pen-alties or power-plays on ei-ther side.

Worcester had another early scoring start in the se-cond period with a goal at 3:59 from Tyler Kobryn (1st), who was able to get a rebound off Maine’s Arvanitis from a shot by defenseman Benjamin Lindberg and tie the game at 2-2. Maine’s Jacob Perrault

followed the goal with serv-ing a two minute penalty at 4:42 due to too many men, which allowed the Railers to head onto their first pow-er-play of the game. Worces-ter split time between their goaltenders on the night, as Thomas Gale skated into the net around the eighth minute of the second period and took the place of starting goaltender Luke Pavicich. Worcester went onto a se-cond power-play at 16:45 from a slashing call on Mariner’s left defenseman James Ma-rooney. The Railers’ left the ice with a tie game at the end of the second. Worcester had two total power-plays in the second, the only two of the game so far, with two penalties from Mariners’ Jacob Perreault and James Marooney. Maine outshot

Worcester 17-9.

The Railers entered the third looking to take the lead for the second time. An early attempt to take the lead from Mariners’ Zach-ary Massicotte passed the goal line after the referee whistle—on-ice officials de-termined no goal for the de-fenseman to keep the game noddod 2-2. Worcester’s Na-than Burke received a two minute minor for tripping at 5:32, allowing the Mariners to go onto their first pow-er-play of the game. Maine’s Jacob Perrault followed Burke into the box shortly after with a slashing minor for four-on-four play and a brief 40 second power-play for Worcester. The Railers’ didn’t wait long to head back into the box as Nick Pennuc-ci served two minutes for a

holding minor on Mariners’ Tyler Chevel-dayoff. Both teams looked to score and take the game, but it would be Maine’s Robert Cronin (1st), assisted by Shawn El-ement and Xander Lamppa, who would secure the win for the Mariners at 17:26 by making it 3-2. Worcester fol-lowed the goal with a delay of game at the faceoff dot at 17:41, leading Maine to their third power-play of the night. Worcester had a late game opportunity, pulling Gale for an extra man on the ice to try and grab another goal but failed to find the net. Worcester had three penal-ties for the period, Nathan Burke, Nick Pennucci, and a delay of game served by Matt DeMelis. Maine had one with Mariners’ right wing Jacob Perrault.

Doiron doubles up at Lee, Robie clinches GSPSS Championship

LEE, N.H. – The Granite State Pro Stock Series’ 14th season drew to a close Sun-day evening as part of Russ Conway’s Oktoberfest, the season-ending spectacular at Lee USA Speedway.

And while Joey Doiron locked down his second series win of 2025, rookie Cole Robie celebrated his first GSPSS championship at “New Hampshire’s Cen-ter of Speed.”

Jeremy Sorel edged out Cory Casagrande in time trials, but Doiron wasted little time establishing him-self as the man to beat. The winner of July’s Iron Sight 125, the two-time GSPSS champion planted his Petit Motorsports entry at the front of the field early in the feature.

Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. closed in on Doiron mid-way through the race, hop-ing to reverse a July miscue and steal his first series win since 2022. But with Ren-frew breathing down his neck, Doiron turned up the wick, outpacing the recent-ly-crowned Lee track titlist.

Renfrew soon faded into Eddie MacDonald’s grasp, with “The Outlaw” making the pass for second on a late restart. But MacDon-ald had nothing down the stretch for Doiron, who stretched his advantage to

nearly a second as he took the checkers.

Doiron’s victory was his fourth GSPSS win at Lee, leading the series among all drivers. The 2019 and 2022 series champion from Berwick, Maine, now sits third with 2020 champ Joey Polewarczyk for the se-cond-most career GSPSS wins.

MacDonald held on for second, with Renfrew clinging to third in the fi-nal sprint. Fast qualifier Sorel finished fourth, his best run at Lee by far since 2022. Dave Farrington, Jr. avoided an early skirmish to come home fifth, his best result of the year.

Polewarczyk was sixth at the stripe, ahead of Ryan Green, who wheeled Doiron’s backup car to a seventh-place per-formance. Lee regular Frank-ie Eldredge matched his season best from Hudson Speedway in eighth. Ro-bie wrapped up the night in ninth while Casagrande rounded out the top ten.

Robie entered the eve-ning having virtually clinched the title a week ago. With the drop of the green flag, the 17-year-old from Windham, Maine, of-ficially became the series’ 12th different champion and its youngest titlist ever.

Robie joins Doiron and 2023 champ Travis Ben-jamin as the GSPSS’ third champion from the Pine Tree State.

Robie’s title comes on the back of a consistent season in which he fin-ished no worse than tenth all year, winning once in July at Monadnock Speed-way and completing all but seven laps. The reigning NELCAR Legends champi-on has strong Granite State ties; grandfather Carleton and father Jarod fielded their racing efforts from the family shop only a few towns away from Lee.

Title hopeful Evan Beaulieu, last season’s run-ner-up, could only manage a 14th-place finish. Nev-ertheless, the Durham, Maine, veteran celebrated a career season with two wins. Reigning champ Ca-sey Call was swept into an early crash, ending his eve-ning and ceding third in the standings to Casagrande.

Eight different drivers visited a GSPSS winner’s circle in 2025, including four former series champi-ons. Beaulieu and Doiron were the season’s only mul-tiple-time feature winners, with Beaulieu joining Robie and Alexandre “Fireball” Tardif as first-time GSPSS winners.

Comeback falls short for T-Birds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (0-1-0-0) battled valiantly, but could not overcome an early three-goal hole in a 4-3 loss to the Charlotte Checkers (1-0-0-0) before a sold-out Opening Night crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The season began with a dose of adversity just 19 seconds into the opening pe-riod, as Hunter Skinner and starting goaltender Vadim Zherenko miscommunicat-ed on control of a loose puck, and Charlotte newcomer Jack Studnicka pounced to poke the loose puck into the yawning net to give the Checkers a 1-0 advantage.

The defending Eastern Conference champions then flexed their power play mus-cles at the 9:04 mark, as Ben Steeves rifled a one-timer over Zherenko’s glove off a slick feed from Ryan McAl-lister, and the visitors’ lead grew to 2-0.

Before the T-Birds could stop the barrage, Charlotte



added still another when rookie defenseman Ludvig Jansson squeaked one through Zherenko on the short side at 11:28, and the deficit became 3-0.

Despite the tumultuous be-ginning, Spring-field fought back, beginning with Otto Sten-berg pursuing a loose puck after being denied on a first attempt on Charlotte goal-ie Cooper Black. The sec-ond-year Swede chopped the second chance past Black, cutting the lead to 3-1 at 14:37.

Just 1:33 later, former Checker Matt Luff contin-ued the momentum shift, arriving at a loose puck at the blue paint after a Skin-ner shot ricocheted off a teammate in the crease. Luff played through to the whis-tle and jammed it under the fallen goaltender, and after so much had gone wrong to begin the night, the T-Birds had clawed to a 3-2 score heading into the second.

Charlotte, however, got right back to their power

play excellence to begin the second, with rookie Jack Devine wiring a one-timer over Zherenko’s shoulder at 2:11 of the second, restoring the insurance marker, 4-2.

After six goals in the game’s first 22 minutes, both goaltenders settled down through the duration of the middle stanza, and the 4-2 score carried into the final period.

The third period proved to be tough sledding for both teams to locate offense, but with Zherenko on the bench with 1:23 to play, Juraj Pe-karcik unleashed a one-time slapper past Black, cutting the lead back down to one, 4-3. Theo Lindstein also picked up his first AHL point with the primary assist.

Despite the tough begin-ning of his night, Zherenko showed great resilience in making 32 saves for the night. Black earned the victory with 26 stops in the Charlotte goal crease.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time in the 2025-26 season next Satur-day and Sunday for a pair of contests against the Hershey Bears.

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P1976EA
Estate of:
Joyce E. Ruggeri
Also Known As:
Joyce E. Votava
Date of Death: August 08, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Steven**

Ruggeri of Feeding Hills, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Steven Ruggeri of Feeding Hills, MA has been informally appoint-ed as the Personal Representa-tive of the estate to serve **with-out surety** on the bond.

The estate is being adminis-tered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uni-form Probate Code without supervision by the Court. In-ventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties

are entitled to notice regard-ing the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to insti-tute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or re-stricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed un-der informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Peti-tioner.

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that if we win our final two league games against Chi-copee Comp and South Had-ley. All of our league games have been very competitive”

The last time that the Ludlow girls’ soccer team won a league title was in 2015.

It didn’t take the Lady Li-ons very long to build a 2-0 lead in the second meeting of this season against the Brownies.

Six minutes into the opening half, junior Audrey Afonso blasted a shot into the back of the net past sophomore goalie Kayleen Sullivan. It was Afonso’s team-leading tenth goal of the regular season.

A minute later, senior Cata-rina Mazza, who assisted on Afonso’s goal, netted an unassisted goal.

Agawam had a couple of scoring chances in the mid-dle of the first half on shot attempts from sophomore Madalynn Fleury and senior Kylie Warner.

Ludlow junior goalie Madelyn Riley didn’t allow any of the shots to get past her during the first 40 min-utes of the match.

With 22 seconds left in the first half, a free kick tak-en from about 25 yards out by Mazza sailed high over the crossbar.

The Lady Lions were leading 4-0 early in the sec-ond following two more goals from the senior duo of Aneysha Donais and Rhiley Comeau.

The Brownies began their comeback with a free kick goal in the 59th minute.

Fleury booted the ball into the box from the right sideline where Warner

headed it into the net.

A minute later, senior Ju-liana Bartolucci stole a pass before scoring an unassisted goal giving the Lady Lions a four goal cushion again at 5-1.

Warner, who was select-ed as an All-State player as a junior, scored the game’s final three goals during the final twenty minutes of the match. Her final goal came with two minutes remaining in the contest, which closed the gap to 5-4.

“Kylie is a very special soccer player for us. It took a total team effort to get the ball to her during the sec-ond half,” Wray-Ramos said. “She’s hoping to continue playing soccer at the college level next year.”

Unlike their first meeting with Ludlow, the Brownies were unable to score the ty-ing goal.

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resolutions, orders, and ordi-nances that can benefit the community, address needs and solve problems. If you are elected, name one piece of legislation you would sponsor in the first six months of your term, whether it is supported by your fellow councilors or not, and defend why it would be a positive for the commu-nity?

5. The proposed Battery Energy Storage Facility on Sil-ver Street has drawn a strong reaction from some members of the community in recent months. One of the contro-

versies is the fact that current state law allows them to be in-stalled with virtually no com-munity input. Do you support these facilities being in Aga-wam? If yes, why? If no, what do you think the community can do to change state law and gain meaningful input in the permitting process for battery energy storage facili-ties.

6. Please list three things that you believe Agawam’s lo-cal government does well, and three things that our town needs to work on in the future.

School Committee mem-bers will be asked questions about capital priorities fol-

lowing the high school proj-ect, bullying, what class or program they believe should be offered in the district, and if MCAS should be replaced with another requirement.

All candidates who partic-ipate in the questionnaire will have their responses in next week’s edition, to be available on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The 2025 Municipal Elec-tion will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4 with polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters inter-ested in taking part in the election should be sure to read the candidates respons-es and register to vote by the deadline.

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Precinct 5
Benjamin Phelps
School 689 Main Street

Precinct 6
James Clark School
65 Oxford Street

Precinct 7
Agawam Jr. High
School 1305 Springfield
Street

Precinct 8
James Clark School
65 Oxford Street

For more information on the upcoming elec-tion, go to the town’s website, www.agawam.ma.us.