

Springfield T-Birds defeat Wolf Pack, await playoff opponent

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds (32-32-6-2) overcame another hard charge from the Hartford Wolf Pack (26-38-5-3) to emerge with a 4-3 win on Saturday night before a sell-out crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center.

After a disheartening third period on Friday, the T-Birds came out with a clear purpose to their game in the opening 20 minutes, outpacing Hartford on the shot board, 18-4. Despite that disparity, it took until the 14:14 mark and the club's 16th shot of the period to find the back

of the net. Dillon Dube did just that, deflecting an Alek Kaskimaki shot past Callum Tung's glove to make it a 1-0 lead for Springfield.

Dube's work was not done, either, as the veteran forward cranked a one-timer through Tung at 19:07 off a pass into the high slot from Calle Rosen, giving him 20 goals in just 46 games this season and joining Chris Wagner and Kaskimaki as 20-goal scorers for this season's T-Birds squad.

Juraj Pekarcik helped buoy the lead further when he stole a puck from two de-

fenders and quickly chipped a forehand shot past Tung at 5:45 of the second to make it a 3-0 lead for the home team.

However, for a second straight night, the Wolf Pack refused to go away quietly, as Brendan Brisson's second goal in two nights got Hartford on the board at 7:56 of the second. Then Aidan Thompson stole a puck off the right wing wall and quickly funneled a forehand shot through Will Cranley on the stick side to cut it to 3-2 at 12:48 of the period.

From there on, though, the T-Birds' rookie netmind-

er was monstrous, as Cranley would make 37 saves by the time his night was done.

Just 33 seconds after Thompson's goal, Springfield got a much-needed response when Hugh McGing put a shot off a defenseman's stick and past Tung's shoulder, giving the T-Birds a two-goal cushion heading into the third.

Controversy made an appearance 3:46 into the third when Brisson poked a puck, along with Cranley's pad, across the line on a power play to make it a 4-3 game. The T-Birds argued heavily,

but the officials stayed with the goal call on the ice, and the margin was down to one heading down the stretch.

McGing appeared to have Springfield's fifth goal of the night moments later, but after video replay, he was deemed to have kicked the puck over the line, so the 4-3 score was upheld.

Despite a furious push of 36 shots over the final 40 minutes of play, the Wolf Pack wound up finishing one goal short.

By virtue of their win and Hershey's regulation loss to the Islanders, Springfield

now awaits the final outcome of the Bears' Sunday contest with the Rochester Americans to determine who their first-round opponent will be.

If Rochester defeats the Bears, Springfield will secure the 5-seed and face the Bridgeport Islanders, who locked in the 4-seed with their win over Hershey on Saturday.

If the Bears defeat the Americans, Springfield will be the 6-seed and face the Charlotte Checkers, the 3-seed who would host all three games of the best-of-three series.

Railers get win in penultimate game

WORCESTER - For the Railers' loyal fans, the 2025-26 hockey season has gone from being "wait till next year" to "we can't wait for next year."

The home team increased its winning streak to five games with a wonderful 3-2 overtime victory over the Adirondack Thunder Saturday night. Drew Callin, assisted by Anthony, got the winner at 4:05 of OT.

The game went into extra minutes thanks to a late goal by the Thunder.

Adirondack, though, carried no momentum into overtime. The Railers outshot the visitors, 4-0, in the fourth period. At times it looked like Worcester was playing with a two-man advantage.

The winning goal came via a short pass from Anthony to Drew in close. The older Callin had a tap-in, although a minute earlier he had missed what looked like a gimme from in close on a similar

play.

The goal was Drew Callin's 25th of the season. He is merely the fifth Railers player to reach that plateau and has two of Worcester's eight overtime goals this year.

"We love that OT," he said, adding, "We came into the weekend knowing it was the last weekend and we wanted to go out the right way. We wanted to get the first one and do it again (Sunday)."

MacAuley Carson and Max Dorrington had the other Railers goals, both in the first period. Dylan Wendt and Grant Loven scored for the Thunder. Loven's goal came with only 2:09 left in regulation and just six seconds after a delay of game penalty on Adam Samuelsson had expired.

Parker Gahagen was the winning goaltender with another great performance. He made 23 saves to improve his record to 20-11-1. Gahagen is only the second individual

Railers goalie with a 20-win season. Mitch Gillam won 20-plus in the team's first two years as members of the ECHL.

It is Gahagen's second personal 20-win year as pro, at least with the same team. He was 20-10-3 with the Florida Everblades when they won the Kelly Cup in 21-22. Gahagen has been beyond good at the DCU Center. He is 10-4-0 at home with a 1.96 goals-against average and .930 saves percentage.

The Railers got ahead early on Carson's goal at 4:41 of the first period. He received a neat pass from Riley Piercey along the left boards and beat Thunder goaltender Tyler Brennan along the ice from about 20 feet out. It was Carson's seventh goal of the season and third in the last five games after he endured an 11-game drought.

Worcester retained its 1-0 lead for about 14 minutes. Dorrington made it a 2-0

game at 18:26 His goal came on a bad angle shot from the right of the net with Gleb Veremyev and Adam Samuelsson picking up assists. The goal was Dorrington's seventh and he has four in the last five games.

The Railers kept Adirondack off the scoreboard for more than half of the second period but Wendt got his team a goal at 10:41. It was a very nice play all around as Thunder defenseman Connor Hutchison slid a diagonal pass from the left point to Wendt between the circles.

He re-directed it over Gahagen's glove into the top corner.

Worcester nearly regained its two-goal lead shortly after that as Lincoln Hatten had the puck and some space about 25 feet out but was denied by Brennan.

Adirondack's tying goal came from in close, set up by a shot from Kevin O'Neil.

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relationship with St. John's during the past five years," Pender said. "We won in five sets in this gym two years ago. We executed very well in tonight's match."

Two of the Brownies returning varsity players are junior Jacob Nesen, and senior Tim Karcha, who was credited with a team-high 15 kills.

"We didn't have to get to Tim as much in tonight's match because we had some other guys contribute," Pender said. "He had 27 kills in our four set win against Chicopee Comp last night."

Nine other players were credited with kills in the road match against the Pioneers.

The Brownies other seniors are Michael Lukomski, Jaiden Briotta, Andrei Batranciuc, David Zhmaidziak, Chase Gerani, Alex Williams, and Elijah Ramos, who had a team-high 21 assists against the Pioneers.

Nesen, who has enough credits to graduate a year early, is a libero. He finished the match against St. John's with seven digs.

"We have a couple of

home school players who graduated early in the past," Pender said. "We would love to have Jacob back again next year, but he's thinking about graduating early."

A couple of the Brownies juniors are Jason Mihalicenco, Aiden Torres, Brady Cross, and Dominic Manes (17 assists).

The Brownies led from start to finish in the opening set of last Wednesday's road match. Their largest lead was 23-14.

There were six ties early in the second set before the Brownies pulled away with the help of an 8-1 run and they never looked back.

The third set was a lot closer. The score was tied for the final time at 19-19 before the Brownies sealed the deal with a 6-1 run.

"Playing close sets like the last one is only going to help us improve," Pender said. "The players are working very hard and are learning every day."

The members of the Agawam boys' volleyball team are hoping to still be playing meaningful matches in the middle of June just like they did a year ago.

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The Town of Agawam is requesting sealed bids for Road, Sidewalk, Driveway Parking Lot Maintenance. IFB Packages will be available at 10AM 4/22/2026. Pre-bid 5/5/2026. Packages are available via email at bids@agawam.ma.us. Due by 5/13/2026 @ 2:30 PM. 04/23/2026

PUBLIC HEARING

AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at a Regular Meeting of the Agawam City Council to be held at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on TR-2026-20 which is the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2030 as submitted by Mayor Christopher Johnson on April 6, 2026.

The Capital Improvement Program is a prioritized plan of proposed capital improvements over the next five fiscal years. A capital improvement is a project or undertaking which provides for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or replacement of a public building or facility; an addition to a public building or facility; the purchase of land, buildings or

facilities for a public purpose; or a long range development study. TR-2026-20 is available for public inspection on the Town of Agawam website (www.agawam.ma.us) or by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us.

BY ORDER OF:

Anthony J. Russo, President
Agawam City Council
04/16, 04/23/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD14P1201PM
In the matter of:
James J D'Amato of Agawam, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/Respondent
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Twelfth account(s) of William

P D'Amato of Colchester, VT as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/19/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this pro-

ceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 14, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccamoni
Register of Probate
04/23/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD26P0786EA
Estate of:
CHRISTINE MARIE MEYER
Date of Death:
MARCH 5, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Petitioner SHERYL L BAXTER of WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

SHERYL L BAXTER of WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA
LISA RAMSEY of PALMER, MA

have been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding 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 institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 04/23/2026

Town of Agawam
Legal Notice
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing

on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and the Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., both in the Veterans Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Charlie's Garden Park for a zone change request for 1399 Suffield Street and Parcel 2 Suffield Street from Business A, Agricultural, and Residence A-2 to just Business A and Agricultural and to include the parcels in the Mixed-Use Business C Overlay District. City Council's public hearing will be livestreamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15 or Channel 1074. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Planning Department between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm at the Agawam DPW, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing the Office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

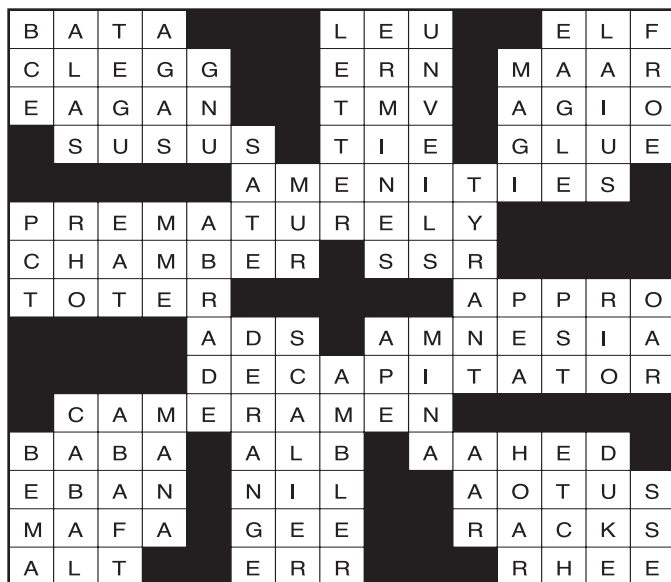
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Violet Baldwin, Chair
Agawam Planning Board
Anthony Russo, President
Agawam City Council
04/23, 04/30/2026

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