Sports

Westfield State University falls in penultimate game

WESTFIELD – UMass Dartmouth running back Mekhi Wilson ran for 183 yards and three touchdowns to lead a potent Corsairs' offensive attack in a 45-14 win over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game at Alumni Field on Saturday.

UMass Dartmouth evens its record at 4-4, 4-3 in the MASCAC, while Westfield is now 3-5 overall and 3-3 in the conference.

Dartmouth jumped out to a 24-0 lead in the first half, getting a 40-yard scoring strike from QB JC Petrongelo to Jayden Francois on their first offensive possession.

From there Wilson did the lions share of the damage, scoring on runs of 12 and 8 yards to boost the lead to 21-0, and the Corsairs led 24-0 at the intermission after a Connor McManus 23-yard field goal late in the half.

Wilsn added his third TD on a 2-yard plunge midway through the third quarter.

Westfield got on the scoreboard late in the third quarter when QB Dom Curtis lofted a 40 yard TD pass down the middle to Drayden Keirsey. The Owls added a special teams TD in the fourth quarter when Cal Coughlin blocked McManus' punt from his own end zone, and Westfield Charles Lewis scooped it up before it rolled over the end line for the touchdown. Andrew Currier booted his second extra point of the day for the 45-14 final.

UMD outgained Westfield 495-226 and had a 34:33 to 25:27 advantage in time of possession.

Petrongelo finished 10-17 passing for 149 yards with a TD and an interception. Wilson carried 25 times for 183 yards and three TDs, with Chris Soto adding 79 yards on 12 carries. Francios finished with four catches for 96 yards.

Curtis was 5-8 through the air for 101 yards with a TD and an interception. Cole Ingham carried 7 times for 57 yards, while Manny Mengata added 36 yards on 17 carries. Keirsey had two catches for 67 yards, with Lweis added three catches for 34 yards.

Westfield's defense got 11 tackles from Andrew Lovell, 10 from Aydan Verba, and nine stops and an 18-yard INT return from Josh Marino.

UMD's Matteo Pina led with seven tackles and forced a fumble. Bryant Lopes had five tackles and an interception.

Westfield will complete it's season at home next Saturday, hosting Fitchburg State at 12:00 noon on what will be the Owls' senior day.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD26P2322EA
Estate of:
Sarah Jane Adams
Also known as:
Sarah J Adams
Date of Death: 10/19/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karen J Perkins of Enfield, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Karen J Perkins of Enfield, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/30/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 02, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/12/2026

TOWN OF AGAWAM
Public Hearing
Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 6:00 PM
FY 2024 CDBG Progress and Re-Programming Funds

The Town of Agawam, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regarding the town's ongoing FY24 Community Development Block Grant program, and considering re-programming remaining grant funds. The hearing will take place at **6:00 PM on Thursday, December 3, 2026**, in person at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The hearing will review the projects funded through the town's FY24 Community Development Block Grant Program including engineering designs for infrastructure improvements on Moore and Valley Streets, as well as the first phase of Moore and Valley Streets construction. These activities received funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Massachusetts CDBG program. Remaining funding is available for re-programming, pending public feedback and project development.

The Senior Center is accessible. Persons who require special accommodations for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413)-726-9737. For further information and to submit written comments, contact Joe Hagopian at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or jhagopian@pvpc.org.
11/12/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD26P2128EA
Estate of:
Martin Jay Varteresian
Date of Death: 09/23/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Rosemarie Patterson of Agawam, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Rosemarie Patterson of Agawam, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/02/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 04, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/12/2026

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Docket No. HD25P1171PM

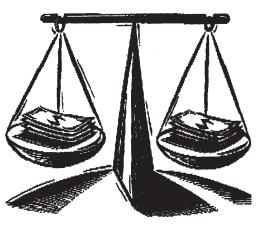
To all persons interested in the estate Birhanei Arnare Bihonegne of Agawam in said County, a person under Conservatorship, single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate of said Birhanei Amare Bihonegne for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA, before **10:00 a.m. on the 10th day of December 2026**, the return day of this petition.

Witness, CLAUDINE T. STOUDEMIRE, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this sixth day of November 2026.

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register
11/12/2026



Worcester Railers fall to Wheeling

WORCESTER – Maybe a trip south is what the Railers need to start going north in their division.

They lost to Wheeling Sunday afternoon, 5-3, and were swept by the Nailers in their two-game weekend visit to the DCU Center. Worcester will play eight of its next nine games on the road starting with three against the Greensboro Gargoyles in Waffle House country later this week.

The Railers' only home game in the next 26 days will be versus Reading on Nov. 22.

The afternoon started fairly well for the home team as it scored the first goal, generally a good omen. It ended with Wheeling scoring five of the next seven, though.

For the day their goals were scored by Adam Samuelsson, Jordan Kaplan and Vinny Corcoran. Sam Stange had two assists. Gabe Carriere stopped 26 of 31 shots.

Connor Federkow had an assist, his first in 23 games with Worcester.

Wheeling got two goals from Matt Crasa. Dustin Geregach was 1-1-2, Dante Sheriff 1-2-3 and Remy Parker had a goal. Nailers goaltender Philip Svedeback made 14 saves.

Samuelsson put Worcester ahead with a nifty goal at 9:27 of the first period. He beat Svedeback with a 45-footer from the base of the left boards. Samuellson had about six square inches to shoot for in the top right corner and put the puck right there.

It was the first goal by a Railers defenseman this season and the second of Samuellson's career in Worcester. His first one last season came in his 59th game. It took just three this year.

Geregach tied it at 17:21. The puck went in over Carriere's glove as it changed direction on the way in from the left side.

The Railers sagged in the second period, though, and fell behind by 3-1 as the clock headed toward 12 minutes. Parker put a 35-footer off the far post from the left circle at 8:40. Crasa batted in a second rebound to give Wheeling a two-goal edge at 11:19.

Kaplan gave his team some momentum with a power play goal at 18:46. He was set up just in front of the net by Sterzer, who carried the puck down the right side.

The final period was a dud. Crasa scored at 10:14, then Corcoran slammed home a pass from Anthony Repaci at 12:12 to make it 4-3. That marked Worcester's first shot on goal of the period. Sheriff's goal at 15:25 was a weird one from a tough angle to the right of the Railers net.

Obituaries

Laura L. (Holmes) Hamel



Laura L. (Holmes) Hamel, 78, of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Laura was born in Springfield on August 28, 1948. At a young age, she was welcomed into the home of John and Ida (Semchuk) Poshkowski, who raised her with love in Agawam. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1968 and shared a close bond with John and Ida throughout their lives.

Laura worked as a keypunch operator at MassMutual Life Insurance, where she met her future husband, Edward, in 1970. They were married on May 5, 1973, at St. Thomas Church in West Springfield and were blessed with 53 happy years of marriage. Some of their family's favorite memories were made on camping trips, from campgrounds near the beach to rainy days in the pop-up camper.

Laura loved working on puzzles, playing in pitch leagues, and singing karaoke around the area. She loved any excuse to decorate, whether it was Halloween, Valentine's Day, or St. Patrick's Day. At Christmas, she gave away her peanut butter cookies topped with Hershey's Kisses. In the craft room Ed set up for her, she made quilts, hemmed more pairs of pants than anyone could count, and took in dresses whenever someone needed a hand. If there was a wedding or shower coming up, chances were Laura was already making the centerpieces or favors.

Laura also helped out at West Side Dance Center, owned by her daughter Karen, where she was loved by the dancers and their families. Depending on who you were, you knew her as Gram, Mimi, Marmie, MamaSan, Pooh Bear, or simply a friend. She gave the best hugs, and if you got a little out of line, she'd tease you about getting out her wooden spoon. She knew how much we loved her, and she made sure we knew how much she loved us, too.

Laura leaves behind her loving husband, Edward Hamel, and her children, Karen (Michael) McMahon and Robert Hamel. She was a proud grandma and Mimi to her three grandchildren, Jason Hamel, Serenity McMahon, and McKaelyn Fisher. Her sisters, Cheryl Fournier, Darlene Blair, and Angel Holmes, will also dearly miss her. She leaves behind her sisters-in-law, Mary (Donald) Tarantino and Joan Sagendorph, as well as her brother-in-law, David (Lydia) Hamel, and many nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to thank the ICU staff at Baystate Medical Center for the compassionate care they gave Laura and the kindness and support they showed our family.

A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts. A funeral service will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Laura's name may be made to either of the following organizations. Blood Cancer United, Attn. Donor Services, P.O. Box 22324 New York, NY 10087, or Celebration of Hope, benefiting the Sister Caritas Cancer Center, https://celebrationofhope-ma.org/donate.

DEATH NOTICE

Hamel, Laurel L. (Holmes)
Born: August 28, 1948
Died: Nov. 3, 2026
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfieldd

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