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Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week 19 of the Wednesday Night Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes in Ware.

After 19 weeks, Fire Mountain maintains the #1 seed overall and in their division. Fire Mountain has a record of 84.5 wins and 48.5 losses. Night Hawks are in second place with a record of 78-55. Ironmen are in third place with a record of 76-57 and Sandri has the same record as Ironmen and are leading in the west division.

During week 19, Night Hawks bowled against The Snappers at Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Snappers began the match with a win over Night Hawks, 493-451. Eddie Stachowicz of the Snappers was on fire with an opening game of 139.

In game two, Night Hawks snapped out of their first game slump and beat the Snappers, 501-474. Every Night Hawk bowler exceeded the century mark with scores of 129, 118, 108, and 103.

In game three, Night Hawks won the last game by a score of 448-431. Gavin Sinclair of Night Hawks finished strong with a final game of 122. The high three-game series on the Night Hawks was bowled by Darryl Sinclair (340), and the highest series for Snappers was Stachowicz (311).

The final score was 1400-1398 in favor of Night Hawks.

Ironmen bowled against Spare Parts Bud during week 19. In game one, Spare Parts Bud defeated the Ironmen by a score of 491-469. Pete Swistak of Ironmen began the match with 119 in a losing effort. John Jebb of Spare Parts Bud maintained the lead and began with 99.

In game two, Ironmen defeated Spare Parts Bud by a score of 464-459. Ryan Drago of Ironmen finished with 119 to hang on to a slim lead. Jebb had to throw back-to-back spares in the final two frames to catch up to Drago and only got one spare.

In game three, Ironmen won by a score of 525-498. Steve Swistak of Ironmen bowled well over his average with 124. Drago finished with the highest game of the match, 143. Jebb finished strong bowling well over his league average by scoring 114.

The final score was 1458-1448 in favor of Ironmen.

Cannonballs bowled against P&J Meats in week 19. In game one, P&J Meats defeated Cannonballs by a score of 436-430. In game two, Cannonballs defeated P&J Meats by a score of 464-448. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs responded with 112 in game two.

In game three, P&J Meats won by a score of 448-445, the closest game in the match. The final score was 1339-1332 in favor of Cannonballs.

Fire Mountain bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls on lanes 9 and 10 at Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Fire Mountain won the first game by a score of 482-443. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain began the match with 128.

The final score was 1437-1379 in favor of Fire Mountain.

Registration set to open Feb. 1 for Quabbin Valley

SOUTH HADLEY – On Sunday, Jan. 11, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 recreational league, held its first meeting of 2026 to prepare for the upcoming season.

At the meeting it was determined registration for players will open up on Sunday, Feb. 1.

For the 2026 season, the cost will be $215 and will include a 16th game added to the regular season schedule.

During the 2025 season, the league experimented with playing on Mother's Day Saturday as well as a weeknight game to allow players an opportunity to play under the lights. While the night games were very successful, the Mother's Day Saturday games were rained out.

Those elements will return along with a 16th game with an opponent to be determine as the league's board explores possibilities for interleague matchups with another league in the region.

For returning players to the league, the deadline is Mar. 22 at 12 noon to be registered for the 2026 season in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. There will be open practices for all players but specifically targeted at new players scheduled for March 29 and April 4 at times and locations to be announced. The draft is currently scheduled to take place on April 4 following that practice.

The season is currently slated to start on Sunday, April 19 and following the success of the six-team fall league last year, the league will also have a fall league in September and October this season.

The registration link will be live on Feb. 1 at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Players must register and then pay the league dues via Venmo or contact the league leadership if an alternate form of payment is needed.

Aside from the weeknight and Mother's Day games, other games take place Sundays at 10 a.m. outside of Mother's Day, Memorial Day and July 4 weekends. Playoffs will be in August.

This is the 30th season for the league and league officials are looking to celebrate the anniversary with a couple of events.

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ter first joining the staff as an assistant in the summer of 2017. During his tenure, the Summerside, PEI, native has helped the Blues compile a 350-244-74 (.588 points percentage) regular-season record and four postseason appearances. In 2018-19, just his second season as a coach, Ott played an instrumental role in helping the Blues make a historic rise in the standings during the regular season, ultimately capturing the 2019 Stanley Cup championship. Ott becomes the fifth head coach in Thunderbirds history

As a player, Ott enjoyed a 14-year NHL career, including 122 games with the Blues from 2014-2016. Overall, he accumulated 288 points in 848 career regular-season games, including stints with Dallas, Buffalo, St. Louis, Detroit, and Montreal.

Konowalchuk, 52, was in his second season as head coach of the Thunderbirds and has recorded an overall record of 47-50-4-8 (.486 points-percentage) during his time in the organization, including a record of 13-18-4-2 (.432) this season.

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East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of Jan. 12-18, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 130 building/property checks, 86 directed area patrols, nine radar assignments, eight traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, one assist other agency, two motor vehicle accidents, two safety hazards, one investigation, one scam, one animal call and 35 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, Jan. 12

1:28 a.m. Safety Hazard, Pleasant Street, Officer Handled

2:33 a.m. Safety Hazard, Howe Street, Services Rendered

8:35 a.m. Investigation, Harrington Street, Services Rendered

9 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Rocks Road, Transported to Hospital

10:46 a.m. Complaint, Howe Street, Officer Handled

2:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Rice Road, No Action Required

5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued

5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued

6:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Jan. 13

3:48 p.m. Traffic Control, East Main Street, Citation Issued

3:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

4:03 p.m. Directed/Area Patrol, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

3:54 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

8:03 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Jan. 14

12:22 p.m. Assist Citizen, Draper Road, Report Taken

4:24 p.m. Assist Citizen, Mechanic Street, Officer Handled

4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

5:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

6:14 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Route 49, Vehicle Towed

Thursday, Jan. 15

4:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Draper Road, Officer Handled

Friday, Jan. 16

11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued

12:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

1:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued

1:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Jan. 17

8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

8:28 a.m. Traffic Control, West Main Street, Citation Issued

8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

9:24 a.m. Traffic Control, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

10:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Shore Road, Citation Issued

10:54 a.m. Scam, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken

2:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Jan. 18

10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken

10:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled

11:36 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Jan. 12-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, three traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle investigation, one threat, one complaint, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one animal call and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

4:08 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

1:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Jan. 14

7:58 a.m. Threat, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

2:18 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, Jan. 15

10:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Removed Hazard

12:17 p.m. Complaint, Memorial Drive, Referred to Other Agency

6:50 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Jan. 16

3:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled

3:22 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Dennis Whitney Road, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Jan. 17

12:26 a.m. Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Patient Refusal

Sunday, Jan. 18

10:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

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Town of North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of North Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on **February 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center 29 Forest Street**. The application is for a Special Permit to convert and renovate the existing building at 75 School Street into a four-unit multifamily residential building by AUM Blackrock Investments LLC. The request is being made under the North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section IV(A)(2)(1), which allows an existing dwelling to be converted to multifamily use if the ZBA grants a Special Permit.
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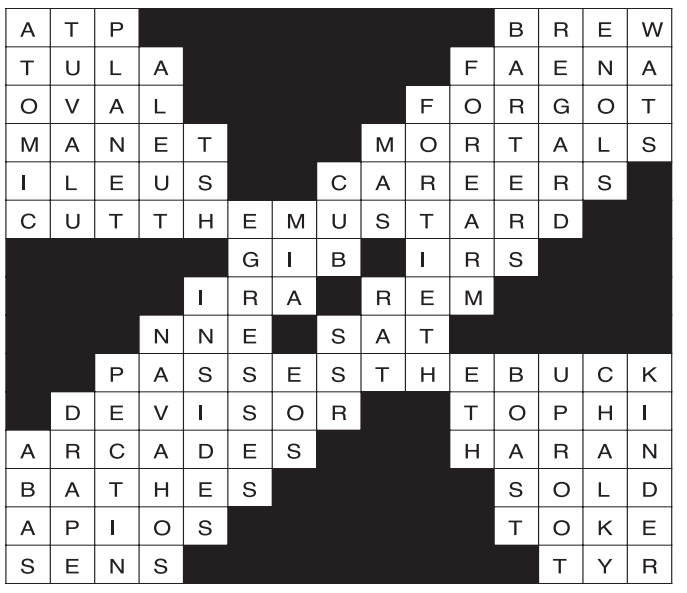
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