

SPORTS

T-Birds stunned by Phantoms

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (13-15-4-2) were snakebitten by a three-goal third period rally as the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (19-11-2-2) came away with a 3-2 win on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Indians Throwback Night.

Entering the game having allowed only two total goals in their prior three victories, the Phantoms and their netminder, Carson Bjarnason, made it clear goals would not come easily for the T-Birds, as the rookie backstop turned away all 10 first period attempts from the home side.

At the other end of the rink, Georgi Romanov had a relatively quiet first period, making all seven saves asked of him in the Springfield crease. Neither team

could connect on a power play chance, and each goalie came up with a timely save off an odd-man attack, with Romanov stoning a Phil Tomasino 2-on-1 bid and Bjarnason rejecting a Juraj Pekarcik breakaway.

The T-Birds’ power play wasted little time getting to the lead in the opening minute of the second, as Calle Rosen gathered a pass from Matthew Peca at the top of the left circle and picked the top corner over Bjarnason’s glove to make it a 1-0 Springfield lead just 52 seconds into the frame.

That same man-up unit added to their tally at 16:53 on a gorgeous three-man passing play, as Alek Kaskimaki slid a pass to Chris Wagner at the left post. From there, Wagner stuffed a perfect between-the-leg pass over to Matt Luff, who fired

home his team-leading 12th goal to make it a 2-0 game into the intermission.

The third period began at 4-on-4, and the Phantoms finally got on the board as Lane Pederson curled to the middle of the ice before snapping a perfect shot upstairs over Romanov at the 27-second mark, cutting the Springfield lead to 2-1. On a power play just 2:40 later, Christian Kyrrou dissected the T-Birds’ defense and chipped a forehand over Romanov’s glove, bringing Lehigh to a rapid tie, 2-2.

The 2-2 tie made it all the way to the game’s final seconds, but a bad-angle shot from Anthony Richard at the bottom of the left circle somehow found its way home with 11.9 remaining, and Lehigh Valley escaped with the victory.

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The Orioles’ other three double digits scorers were senior guard Austin Raymer (12 points), junior center Shea MacLean (11points), and senior guard Jacob Pacunas (10 points).

Senior guard Jackson Mateus, who entered the home contest as the Lions leading scorer this season with more than 120 points, finished with 11 points against the Orioles.

Raymer guarded against Mateus most of the game.

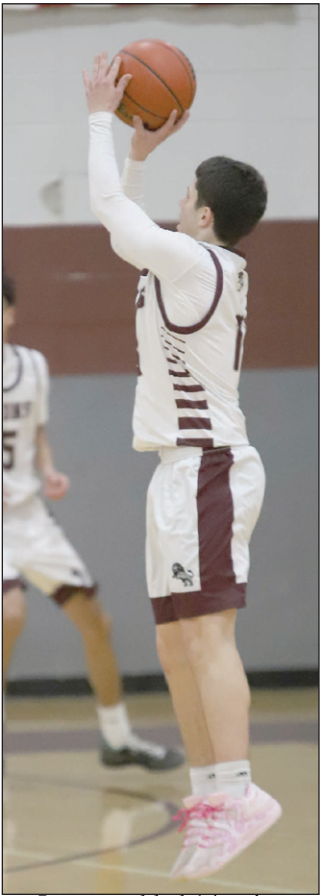
“I thought Austin did a very good job of guarding Jackson Mateus,” Hart said. “We also used our full-court press defense for the first time in this game.”

Mateus, who has scored more than 750 career points, is trying to become the Lions first boys’ basketball player to score 1,000 career points since Mike Kane reached the elite milestone in 2005.

The duo of senior forward Mason Morace and Lyman picked up the slack offensively for Ludlow.

Morace, who was the starting quarterback for the Lions football team, scored 10 of his team-leading 17 points before halftime.

“This was probably Mason’s best game of the season,” Zimmer said. “He was outstanding at both ends of the court.”



Lyman added 14 points.

With less than two minutes remaining in regulation, Mateus was fouled while making an inside hoop, which sliced the Lions deficit down to 52-48. He missed the bonus free throw.

Down at the other end of the court, MacLean did make a pair of free throws with 1:24 left.

He then scored an inside basket and a foul shot, which

extended the visitors lead to 57-48 with 45 seconds remaining.

“They double teamed Brice, which left Shea open,” Hart said. “He played very well down the stretch.”

Following a Letendre steal, Pacunas made two more foul shots, which pushed the Orioles lead into double digits for the first time.

The Lions, who held an early 10-5 lead, were outscored 10-7 during the final five minutes of the opening quarter.

A Letendre lay-up closed the gap to 14-13 before Mateus buried a 3 pointer.

Then Pacunas made two free throws, and the Orioles were only trailing by two points (17-15) entering the second quarter.

Belchertown retook the lead at 19-18 for the first time since early in the first quarter following a driving MacLean lay-up in the middle of the second stanza.

The Lions were trailing, 27-22, late in the first half when junior forward Kobe McKay knocked down a 3-pointer, which was his only points of the contest.

The third quarter was evenly played, but the Orioles held a 47-41 lead, entering the final eight minutes.

The Lions got within four points of taking the lead before the Orioles pulled away.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P2580GD
In the matter of:
Deborah Ann Gauthier
Of: Ludlow, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Allyson A Gauthier of Ludlow, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Deborah Ann Gauthier** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Allyson A Gauthier of Ludlow, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appoint-

ment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **02/06/2026**.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding 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. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 06, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
01/14/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD25P2581PM
In the matter of:
Deborah A Gauthier
Of: Ludlow, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/ Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Allyson A Gauthier of Ludlow, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Deborah A Gauthier** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Allyson A Gauthier of Ludlow, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney

must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **02/06/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding 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. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 06, 2026

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
01/14/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P2670EA
Estate of:
Paula M Leblanc
Date of Death:
September 12, 2025
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE
G.L.c. 190B § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the At-

torney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby give on **Dec. 3, 2025**

James E Baker of South Hadley, MA intends to file with the above-named

Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Probate of a Will

Petition for informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond

James E Baker of South Hadley, MA

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under 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.

01/14/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P2656EA
Estate of:
Michelle Ann Oliveira
Also Known As:
Michelle A. Oliveira
Date of Death: Nov 2, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Frassinelli of Manchester, CT.
Cheryl Ann Frassinelli of Manchester, CT has 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 Personal Representative under 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.
01/14/2026

Town of Ludlow Massachusetts LEGAL NOTICE
The Select Board opened the Warrant on December 16, 2025, for the May 11, 2026, Annual Town Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. at Ludlow High School. All Articles should be submitted to the Select Board’s Office, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA no later than Friday, April 3, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. The Select Board will close the Warrant on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at their regular meeting.
Manuel Silva, Chairperson
Select Board
01/07, 01/14/2026

Legal Notice Town of Ludlow
Ludlow Special Town Meeting of October 6, 2025–Case #12032 Warrant Articles 4 and 8 (General) and 10 and 11 (Zoning) were approved by the Attorney General’s office. “Such Bylaws have been posted according to the Bylaws and copies are available at the Town Clerk’s Office”.
**see full context of text in Town Clerk’s office.
Posted in all 6 polling locations and at the Ludlow Town Hall.
Precinct 1: Harris Brook Elementary School
Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School
Precinct 3: Ludlow High School
Precinct 4: East Street School
Precinct 5: First Church in Ludlow
Precinct 6: Paul R. Baird Middle School
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