

ECHL

Thunder come home for Game 3

Round 2 series returns from South Carolina split 1-1

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GLENS FALLS » The Adirondack Thunder have home-ice advantage for the next three games in their ECHL Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series against the South Carolina Stingrays.

After splitting Games 1 and 2 in Charleston, the action resumes Tuesday at Glens Falls Civic Center, followed Games 4 and 5 on Thursday and Saturday — all starts are 7 p.m.

The Thunder hung on for a 5-4 victory in Friday's opener and dropped a tough 1-0 decision on Sat-

urday, the kind of low-scoring affair Adirondack coach Cail MacLean is expecting for the remainder of the series.

"Both goaltenders played really well Saturday," he said.

South Carolina's Mark Dekanich recorded a 21-save shutout, while Stingray Austin Fyten slipped a loose puck past Thunder netminder Ken Appleby for the game's only goal midway through the second period.

It was the Thunder's first road loss of the postseason after winning four straight, three against Manchester in Round 1 followed by Game 1 of the semifinals on Friday.

The big question for Adirondack

is whether home ice is really an advantage. The Thunder played better away from Glens Falls during the regular season than they did at the Civic Center.

"The key is to concentrate on playing the style we want to play, play hard and work together," MacLean said. "We've got to make sure we don't pass up chances. When you have a look, take advantage of it. I don't think we're going to rack up a ton of shots."

"It's more about getting quality chances and taking advantage of them," he said.

The Thunder only put three shots

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Adirondack Thunder forward Mitchell Heard, center, skates against Manchester during an ECHL Round 1 playoff series won by the Thunder. Adirondack hosts South Carolina in Game 3 of their Round 2 series Tuesday.

H.S. GOLF

BEATING THE BOYS PAYS OFF FOR ETHIER

Saratoga Catholic senior to golf at Hobart William Smith

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SARATOGA SPRINGS » All the time Saratoga Catholic senior golfer Chloe Ethier has spent playing from the men's tees and playing on the Saints' golf team — competing against the best male golfers in Section II — has paid off.

Ethier is taking her game to the next level this fall. She is set to play golf at Hobart William Smith Colleges, a Division III program in Geneva.

"It's such a relief to know where I'm going and know it's the right place," Ethier said of her college decision. "I know I'll have a lot of opportunities ahead of me especially at Hobart William Smith."

"Playing with boys is definitely something a lot of girls don't have to do and I think that playing with boys my age actually will prepare me for playing with girls because it'll change. There's higher expectations when you play with boys and people underestimate you and I think that accomplishing what I have against boys is an eye-opener to everyone else that girls are just as good as boys can be."

The senior finished her high school golf career in an impressive fashion this past fall, playing a factor in Saratoga Catholic's third straight sectional title. Ethier was one of two girls to qualify for the 78-golfer sectional field. Her teammate, Emma VanDeCar, was the other.

Ethier, who played from the men's tees since eighth grade, was named a Western Athletic Conference all-star for the second time this fall, and finished her career with a record of 66-2 in match play.

During her senior season, Ethier shot an 87 during the Western Athletic Conference Cup, a tournament the Saints won. Saratoga Catholic went undefeated this past fall.

"I think that as bittersweet as it was, I kind of felt good about it because every year I've improved and gotten better and better, and that was my goal," Ethier said. "We all contributed to the third

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Saratoga Central Catholic golfer Chloe Ethier chips onto the green on the first hole during a match against Galway on Sept. 18, 2013.

BOYS LACROSSE

Saratoga suspends lax coach

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SARATOGA SPRINGS » Saratoga Springs varsity boys lacrosse coach Jon Warner has missed his team's last two games after it was reported he used inappropriate language with the team, according to a source who did not wish to be named.

Warner did not coach in the team's April 27 victory against Albany or the April 29 loss at Shenendehowa according to multiple sources.

He is not expected to be at practice Monday afternoon or Tuesday's road game at Troy High.

Saratoga Springs Assistant Superintendent David L'Hommedieu said he could not comment on the situation because it is a personnel matter and phone messages to athletic director Pete Sheehan were not returned.

Warner, a sixth-year varsity coach and Saratoga Springs High

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FROM OFF THE PACE

If not Nyquist, then who?

Nyquist has had a tough time convincing people he's for real. Maybe it's his low Beyers or the fact that he doesn't always win

by impressive margins. Or maybe it's because he's a son of Uncle Mo, who in his brief career was unproven beyond 8½ furlongs and was probably best at a mile.

With the brilliance of American Pharoah still fresh in people's minds, many assumed Nyquist would eventually be overshadowed in Derby prep by flashier, more hype-worthy horses.

It didn't happen. With the race just four days away, Nyquist remains the most accomplished horse in the field, as well as the likely favorite. He is undefeated in seven starts, the last six in graded stakes. He has four Grade 1 victories com-

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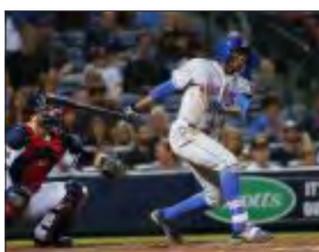
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MLB

Mets look to create another streak

Fresh off of having an eight-game win streak snapped, the Mets sent Bartolo Colon to the mound as they hosted the struggling Atlanta Braves. The game was not completed by press time.

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HORSE RACING

Collmus earns extension from NBC Sports

Larry Collmus, the voice of American Pharoah's historic Triple Crown victory, received a five-year extension from NBC Sports on Monday. Collmus has been with the network since 2011.

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PODCAST

Still chasing down New England

With the draft in the rearview, sportswriters DJ Eberle and James Costanzo discuss which AFC East team benefited enough from the draft and free agency to compete with the New England Patriots.

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OPINION

Still a future for David Wright?

According to Fangraphs, David Wright is third in the MLB in hard-hit ball percentage a year after being diagnosed with spinal stenosis. Does the Mets captain still provide value in the Big Apple.

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