

Obama gathering another win in Maine

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PORTLAND, Maine - Barack Obama Sunday appeared to be heading to a weekend sweep of Democratic presidential nominating contests over rival Hillary Clinton. The senator from Illinois was leading his colleague from New York 58 percent to 42 percent, with 59 percent of the state's caucuses reporting, the Portland Press Herald reported. Despite a snow storm, more than 27,000 Maine Democrats made their way to caucuses. About 17,000 Maine Democrats caucused in 2004, the newspaper said. "I'm surprised the turnout is this high," said Arden Manning, executive director of the Maine Democratic party. The high turnout was causing long delays in some areas and final results were not expected until 11 p.m. EST. Obama and Clinton are running a close race in the campaign for the Democratic nomination. Obama also won in Louisiana, Nebraska, Washington and the Virgin Islands this weekend.

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