

RICHARDS ON SPORTS

Clipboard notes

by Lee L. Richards

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Nanticoke Area Coach DAN DISTASIO told this corner his gridders couldn't believe shenanigans going on from Dallas players bikering among themselves during the game.

We've got to select the Trojans as the most improved team in the Valley this season. They've pulled off some surprises in stunning GAR, Pittston Area and trying Dallas???. This is one of the few

Trojan teams we've seen that lacked a sound passing game.

Meyers Coach Mick Gorham should be saluted for a superb coaching job this season. We feel Mick has done a remarkable job considering the number of quality athletes he lost from last year's championship team. Mohawks are 7-1 entering this weekend.

What ever happened to GAR??? Grenadiers are currently 4-3 and many observers felt that they had

the best club in the Valley back in August.

One of our pet peeves last year and this is the inconsistency in which NFL officials are calling fumbles. They always laud how skilled the "Stripe Shirts" are with their calls, but we feel they're ineptitude is more evident with each game.

There's been some peicayune talk around about JIMMY CEFALO considering leaving Penn Sttate. Rumor was probably started by some

local four-flusher. Cef's only problem has been getting his leg back 100 percent from severe ankle injury. He admitted he's not in tip-top shape to us recently.

On Dallas grid fan has inquired if there is a quality leader on the Dallas football team???. Sure hope so; otherwise, why would they have co-captains.

There's a heap of grumbling going on these days about the mediocre showing of the Wilkes

College grid team this season.

Maybe the Colonels were a bit overrated—which it is a habit of local sports fans are inclined to do with Valley athletes and teams.

Here's out top five grid teams and we've got a tie for No. 1 Dallas and Meyers; 3. Valley West; 4. Nanticoke Area; 5. Pittston Area. Meyers is 7-1 and Dallas 5-0-1.

Many football buffs are wondering now if the results would be the same "if" Dallas were to play Meyers again?

defense. He's a very steady performer."

Needless to say, Coach Gorgone is concerned about Coughlin

Dallas Coach Jack Jones put his team through the paces last week and is hoping they will execute better against a rugged defensive team in Bishop O'Reilly this weekend.

Delighted to hear that Dallas receiver Jeff Supulski is able to play. He got whacked in the head

against Nanticoke Area. Lake-Lehman's Bill Lavelle, a tough hitting youngster, is back working out but has lost a step.

Philly Eagles are a pathetic lot these days. They traded away the future when they went for Roman "Fat Five" Gabriel. Why they aren't going with Mike Boryla we'll never know. Eagles lack quickness, too. We look for a coaching change

with Walt Michaels taking over as the head coach for the remainder of the season.

Dallas Coach Jones predicted Meyers victory over Valley West. He said by two TDs. Feels his team could win by three over the Spartans. We'll never know!

Already Rams, Dolphins, Vikings and Raiders appear shoo-ins for playoff berths in NFL.

Bowling news

First place Wesley Citgo men took 3 points from the Dallas Shopping Center men in the Crown Major League paced by Lamoreaux' big 213. Second place Chris Sunoco five shut out Elby's Restaurant behind K. Youngblood's walloping 576 series. R. Bonomo, Jr. scattered the wood for 210-235 (614) to lead Gebhardt Bowling Supplies in blanking Hasay Chevrolet. B. Gosart aided with a walloping 221 (576). K. Picking eked out 210 for Shantown Lumber to lead them in picking up 3 points from Vanguard Security.

Lahr's Arco held the lead in the Imperialette League

by copping 3 points from Gino's Fairview Shoe Store. B. Brobst set the pace for the Arco girls with 176. Carmen's Pizza took all from Goodman Florist to gain a game on the Arco team. M. Ritts showed the way with 170. Dallas Dairy girls dropped 3 points to Joe & Joe Repairs and Lombardo Bakery shut out Ralph Fitch & Sons.

In the George Shupp League, Irene's Bar blanked F.T.A. Corp. and Harris Associates took everything from George's Auto with S. Bonomo knocking down pins for 562 and J. Guido rolling 214. R. Bonomo came up with 589 and M. Sharok hit to help Fino's Pharmacy grab 3

points from Daring's Market. J. Stredny hit 241-206 (601) to lead his Dallas Nursery team despite their 3 point loss to Stanton TV. Teammate J. Swingle rolled 212 (575). The TV men had J. Masulis' 217 (570).

Luzerne National Bank and Daring's Market divided evenly in the Ladies Country League. David Ertley girls moved ahead of the league leading bank girls by taking 3 points from the pizza girls. They were sparked by M. Shepherd's 187. A. Corbett's 177 (496) and C. Michalek's 171 were high for the pizza girls. Third place Fashion Vending dropped 3 points to G. H. Harris five. Harris girls had M. Zier's 175 (470) and B. Egliskis' 178. H. Bonomo paced the vending girls with 178 (508).

In the Back Mountain Church League, East Dallas shut out Trucksville B by a wide margin. Trucksville A blanked Maple Grove while Dallas A tapped Orange A for 3 points. J. Zarno rolled 225 (565) for the Orange team. S. Fielding's 215 (575) led Shavertown B to 3 points over Shavertown A. Orange B dropped 3 points to Dallas B who had F. Adams 215-210 (624). Shavertown C's C. Klabor rolled 210 (554) and W. Watkins hit 219 to pace them to 3 points over Carverton B. D. Eddy scattered the pins for 234 (592) to lead Mt. Zion in taking 3 points from Trucksville C. Lutherans and Carverton A split 2-2.

C. Kazokas blazed the lanes for 256-218 (665) and J. Strazdus hit 210 (518) for Roth Novelty who shut out Offset Paperback. S.

Bonomo blasted woods for 221-213 (507) to pace Disque Funeral Home to taking 3 points from Treat Drive In. J. Swingle rolled 217 for the losing five. Automatic Cigarette Service blanked Club Lee and Castle Inn earned 3 points from Men's Fellowship. I. Christensen managed 211 for the in-keeper.

In the Bowlerette League, Duke Isaacs girls dropped 3 points to John Connelly with no one able to break 170.

Sunday bowling

In the Sunday night mixed bowling league, Duncan retained first place by taking three games from Aicher; Ratcliffe took four from Roth and moved into second place; Shaver took three from Michael and is in third place.

The standings thus far are: Duncan 17-11, Ratcliffe 15-13, Shaver 13¹/₂-14¹/₂, Aicher 13-15, Michael 13-15 and Roth 12¹/₂-15¹/₂. High single for the men was B. Downs with 193 and high single for the women was D. Maturi with 175. High series for men was B. Downs with 535 and high series for the women D. Maturi with 467.

Hunter course planned

N.J. Molski, supervisor, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Dallas, has announced that a Hunter Safety Training Course will be held at the Pennsylvania Game Commission, located on

Memorial Highway, Dallas, on Saturday, Nov. 22.

The entire course will be given on that date. Instructions will start at 9 a.m. and last until 2:20 p.m.

YMCA plans new concept

The Wilkes-Barre Central YMCA will pioneer a totally new concept in basketball programming for young players this winter with the unveiling of the "Youth Basketball Association."

According to Rick Davis, physical director at the Central YMCA, "The YBA is a brand new program being initiated by the YMCA and the National Basketball Players Association. The primary goals of the program are the values of education, basketball skills, and teamwork."

"We plan to get started with the actual playing of games on Jan. 17," Davis noted, "but before doing so, we will be sponsoring various clinics through November and December

at the YMCA. The first clinic will feature Wilkes mentor Roger Bearde on Nov. 8 and ensuing weeks, we will be having Ed Donahue of King's, Jim Atherton of Luzerne County Community College, plus many other area high school mentors." The YBA program will

include three separate leagues for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade elementary students. "We must have a minimum of six teams in each division to begin," Davis said. "If interest of the young people dictate, we could be fielding as many as 10-12 teams in each division."

Sports schedule

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL

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