



**SOFTBALL CHAMPS**—Members of the Hearthstone Pub team, 1977 Back Mountain softball champions are shown with their trophies. Seated, left to right, are Bob Mensch, Din Katyl, John Ginochetti, Billy Sponseller, mgr.; Jim Yascur, asst. mgr.; Don Chamberlain; standing, Dale Sponseller, Dave Jones, J.R. Spert, Bob Cyphers, Nick Brin, and Don Bulford. Absent from photo are Conrad Gonzales and Al Cohen.

## Rambling Riders host horse rally

Area horsemen are invited to participate in the first annual competitive horse rally, sponsored by the Rambling Riders, to be held Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. in Noxen.

The object of this rally is to ride to designated check points while collecting specified objects along the route. First rider to collect all objects and complete the ride in the designated time will be awarded a double Navajo saddle blanket with engraved leather corner plates.

Second rider in will receive a handmade hoofpick-holder mounted on his or her saddle. Third rider in will receive a nylon halter and lead. Fourth rider in will receive a pair of inch wide reins.

An entry fee of \$10 will be charged, this includes food and beverages at the end of the ride. All entries must be in by Nov. 16. A map of the routes and designated check points will be given to each rider.

There will be no specified order to each these check points. Rider may choose own routes and order of check points. Riders must have saddle bags or sack tied to saddle to collect objects.

All spectators welcome. Food and refreshments will be available.

Entries may be sent to: R.D. 1 Box 36-B, Pittston, Pa. 18643

For more information call: 388-6659, 675-0405, or 287-8476



**RUNS IN THE FAMILY**—Big sis, (left) Jennifer Maslow, a senior at Wyoming Seminary and co-captain of the girls field hockey team and also editor of the Wyoming, the school's year book passes on some advice to her younger sister Melanie (right) an 8th grader at the Day School who is also captain of the Day School hockey team and editor of the school's yearbook, the Tatler. Hilary, a 10th grader, the in-between sister, also plays on the varsity squad, looks on to pick up some pointers herself. Next season Seminary again will have two Maslow sisters on the squad as Melanie will join the team as a freshman. The Seminary hockey team won the Wyoming Valley Girls Field Hockey Championship this year for the third straight year. They finished this season with a 7-0-2 record. Coach is Karen Klassner. The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maslow, Sutton Road, Shavertown.

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## Commission schedules Hunter Education

N.J. Molski, Supervisor, Pennsylvania Game Commission, has announced that a hunter education course will be held in the Pennsylvania Game Commission,

located on Memorial Highway, Dallas on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The entire course will be given on that date. Instructions will start at 9 a.m. and last until 3 p.m.

This course will be conducted by District Game Protector Edward Gdosky and other NRA Instructors.

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## WILKES-BARRE FATS

Forget the prior 10 games fans. Saturday is the day when the championship of the Back Mountain will be decided between Dallas (7-3) and Lake-Lehman (4-6).

Coach Jack Jones has gone against the Black Nights nine times and shows seven wins. The last three encounters have only been decided by a TD.

"Lake-Lehman is a very formidable football team and we have a lot of respect for them. I'm concerned about the law of averages catching up with us. I guess you could toss out the

record book for this one," said Coach Jones.

Dallas is averaging around 17.5 points per game while allowing around 12. Lake-Lehman on the other hand is scoring at a 16-point clip while giving up 17 a game.

"We're pleased to some extent with our players' performance," says Coach Rich Gorgone. "We've lost a couple of close games while Dallas has won the close ones. It will take an inspired effort for us to defeat them because of their size and strength. We plan on doing a couple of different things which we

feel could off-set some of the strengths."

Meanwhile, Lake-Lehman will only have six seniors playing on the offense and defense. Bert Balliet, Jim Spencer, Jack Swire and Dana Sutliff are their key personnel.

Knights will have to close down passing of Steve Asby to Bob Whalen. Doug Smith and Asby have split work at QB. Charles Falcone has been the workhorse on the ground for the Bid D lads.

Saturday's game is significant in a number of ways. Most important it will be the final time players on both teams will perform. For most it will be the last time they'll represent their schools. It will be the last time they'll

have the opportunity to have their friends and relatives see them play.

While there is no championship at stake with the exception of the Old Shoe there is another aspect much more important. Pride! Coaches stress that you remember your final game all though life.

That's an understatement. When we encounter guys from Meyers we still discuss our final game--and the results are the same. GAR won and copped the championship. It was a most memorable day.

It should be a good time for the participants of both schools. It will be something special. It will be a special day and to the

winners it will even be sweeter. Yes, the significance of the game won't seem much now, but we guarantee it will in several years.

We hope both teams play up to their capabilities and they enjoy the game.

**CLIPBOARD NOTES:** Crestwood completed its best season with a rout over Bishop O'Hara of Scranton. Comets wind up the season with a nifty 9-1-1 log. David Schmid again starred as he rushed 199 yards and two TDs. QB Eric Mantush scored one TD and threw for two others.

Tip of the hat to Coach Marv Antinnes for the splendid season his Wyoming Sem lads enjoyed. They've posted 17 straight wins over the last couple of years and it was the second straight perfect season.

We're looking forward to Saturday's clash between Ohio State and Michigan. Bo's boys have got to be the favorites, but we're rooting, as always, for the Bucks of Coach Woody Hayes. It will be a real helmet-buster with, get this, passing deciding the outcome. Yep, both have been throwing the football a bunch this season.

We had an enjoyable time Saturday when we viewed the Rutgers-Tulane game with Bob Saul. Rutgers really creamed Tulane which could be the worst football team we've seen this season. Rutgers continues to work toward making it in the big leagues and from what we've seen and heard they're going in the right direction.

Got a chance to visit with Coach Bob Naso and Bill Speranca after the blow-out. They're sharp guys.

Learned recently that Coach Bob Knight is going to do a weekly sports column. Knowing Coach Knight he'll show some of the scribes a thing or two.

Here's our Top Five Schoolboke teams: 1-Nanticoke Area. 2-Meyers. 3-GAR. 4-Dallas. 5-Pittston Area.

Delighted to hear Robin Fry will captain the women cagers at Pitt this season. Robin is an outstanding athlete and we'd like to see her make the U.S. Olympic team.

Have you ever seen anything as ridiculous as the recent PIAA Bowl? This is just another indication of why our scholastic athletic programs continue to decline. The kids are the ones that gotta suffer. It's like the old saying, "When you've got jerky guys running the athletic programs, consequently you'll end up with jerky programs."

We know Pitt has the personnel to defeat Penn State and we know if Penn State goes to the Orange Bowl Oklahoma will whip them, too. What we're wondering is just what kinda preparations Coach Jackie Sherrill will come up with for State?

Our Super Seven College Grid Teams are: 1-Texas. 2-Oklahoma. 3-Ohio State. 4-Michigan. 5-Kentucky. 6-Notre Dame. 7-Alabama. They're sure going out of the way to set Notre Dame up for the National Championship aren't they?

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