

SPORTS



CHAMPIONS—Pictured above are members of the Harveys Lake Major Division Little League team, sporting championship smiles. The Harveys Lake team won the postseason championship of the Major Division of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League, defeating the Centermoreland Phillies in the final game of the season. Centermoreland had won the straight season championship but lost the postseason championship to Harveys Lake. Pictured, kneeling, left to right, are Ricky Titus, David Judge, Jeff Martin, Steve Haynes, Ryan Traver, Bob Scull and Rod Coulton. Standing, same order, Greg Javer, T. Willy Cadwalader, Paul Adams, David Martin, Tony Javer, Paul Cooper and Chris Steel, with Manager Al Wendel and Coach Al Martin in the back row.

Bill Mathers places second in nationals

Billy Mathers, 55-lb. wrestler, Trucksville, placed second in the Grand National Free Style Wrestling Championships at Lincoln, Neb., last weekend.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William "Hap" Mathers, Jr., Cliffside Avenue, Trucksville, Billy is a member of the Back Mountain Wrestling Club and has won numerous medals and trophies over the past few years.

He advanced to the Grand Nationals, placing second at the regionals at Shippensburg.

In taking second in Lincoln, Neb., he was in the nine and 10 year old

division. He pinned Brad Simpson of Missouri in 1:35 and the first round. In the second round he decided Ted Heyrend of Idaho 5-1, then shut out Frank Sanchez of Wyoming 14-0 in the third round. In the fourth round, Billy decided Matt Meyers of Oklahoma 3-0. He lost to Tony Kitchen of California 5-1 in the fifth round.

He placed second when Kitchen of California defeated Meyers of Oklahoma on Marks while Billy had to sit by and watch the outcome. Unlike regular wrestling, the champion is decided by a black mark system rather than number of bouts won

and lost.

Billy's record for the past year is 57 wins - 9 losses.

Billy would like to thank Larry Schuler, Dallas Sr. High Wrestling Coach; Mark Carter and Andy Pinter, members of the Dallas Sr. High wrestling

team, and Jeff Austin, one of his teammates on the Back Mt. Wrestling Club for their time and help during his work-outs the weeks preceding the Championship. He would also like to thank the Back Mountain Wrestling Club and friends who helped defray the cost of his trip.



Billy Mathers

Back Mt. Nationals advance to semi-finals

Back Mountain Nationals reached the semi-finals of District 16 Little League by defeating Dupont 11-1, last Friday. The win advanced them to Monday's game with Pittston at the Pittston field.

Jerry Rollman starred

at the plate for the local team with a grand slam home run and a single. Dave Thomas had two homers and a single to drive in three runs for the Nationals.

Allan Michaels gave up only four hits during four innings before he was

relieved by Scott Drogatch. Michaels struck out five and Drogatch fanned one.

Len Zielen had two singles and Chris Wargo and Michaels each had a double.

The local team took an early 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on a two-

run hit by Thomas, double by Wargo and Rollman's single. Thomas added another run in the third.

Back Mountain moved to 9-1 in the third on Rollman's grand slam and Zielen's RBI-single.

They added their final runs in the sixth inning.

Area men for Jr. football announced

All Back Mountain boys, ages 9-13, interested in playing junior football are requested to contact the following persons:

Dallas Borough, Township and Franklin Township residents, Bill Piekanski, 675-0153; Kingston Township residents, Goerge Tucker, 696-1580; Lehman, Jackson, Ross Townships, and Harvey's Lake Borough, Tom McLaughlin, 675-4308.

Slo-pitchers plan All-Star game this Sunday

League officials and managers of the 16 teams that comprise the American and National Divisions of the Back Mountain Slo-Pitch League completed plans for the annual All Star game to be played Sunday afternoon at 1 on the Noxen diamond. The All Star game is an annual affair and is expected to attract a capacity crowd.

Jim Barbacci, manager of the Noxen Rebels, will manage the National Division All Stars in Sunday's game. Barbacci's Rebels won the straight season title in the National Division last year, and as part of the awards, Barbacci will get to manage the National All Stars in Sunday's game.

Bill Sponseller was slated to manage the American Division All Stars in Sunday's game but because he is scheduled to compete in the state softball playoffs this week the American Division All Stars will be managed by Bobby Kern, Harold Cornell and Ed Friar.

Personnel of both teams was announced following Monday night's meeting of league officials and managers at the Farmers' Inn, as follows: National Division All Star: Billy Santerelli and Randy Arthur from the Down Home Music team; Stanley Simmons and Tom Kanasky from Grotto Inn; Gary Throne and Richie Goodwin from Back Mountain TV;

Dwight Barbacci and Carl Siglin from Noxen Rebels; Bill Kanasky and Tom Perry from the Columbia Porch Shade squad; Kenny Miller and John Swingle from the Treat Drive-In team; Gary Kostrabala and Mike Barnard from the Hilltop Inn squad;

Walter Stewart and Todd

Lozo from Town Tavern; alternates, Billy Wagner and Chris Kaye from Treat Drive-In; Kevin McGuire and Jim Carey from the Grotto, and Ray Croanuer and John Ricetti from the Down Home Music team.

American All Stars: Tommy John, Danny Miller, Kenny Chamberlain, Steve Doziak of

W.B. Construction; Vito Pilosi, Tim Langston from the Loyalville team; Don Rice, Mitch Wachulski, Farmers' Inn; John Miller, John Demko, Kenny Hoover, Carl Derhammer, Pizza Bar.

Kevin Rose, Danny Brody, Stegmaiers; Mark Engler, Joe Kileen, Pete Salas, Back Mountain

JayCees; Gary Keefe, Jimmy Belles, Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen; Nick brin, Paul Adamchak, Hearthstone Pub.

League officials are president, Harold Cornell, Hunlock's Creek; vice-president, Bill Sponseler, Pittston; secretary-treasurer, Jim LaBar, Orange.

have a nice weekend...



LPGA tourney

Pocono's Tanglewood Golf Club on Route 507 in Greentown will be the host for the 1978 LPGA Hall of Fame Championship Aug. 1 through 6. Sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Human Resources Foundation, this sporting event will benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Over 50 LPGA members will be competing in the 54-hole championship for a purse of \$30,000. Scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2, is an 18-hole Pro-Am event that will be played by fivesome teams for a \$3,000 purse. The teams will consist of one lady pro and four amateurs, male or female. Plus, the cost of a Pro-Am patron ticket is \$200.

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