

STRIKE TWO—The umpire called strike two on Kenny Thompson of the Fernbrook Yankees, who tried to drive a

long hit to the outfield but failed to do so. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Horlacher League opens season

A total of 28 teams in five divisions of the Bob Horlacher Memorial League began their 1979 season of play this week with 408 players from six area communities on the various rosters.

Major Division teams of the Horlacher Little League opened their season on Tuesday, and a second round of games is scheduled for tomorrow evening when the Centermoreland Phillies travel to Noxen to help the Noxen

Athletics open their 1979 season at home. Noxen began its season Tuesday at Beaumont. In the other Major division game tomorrow the Orange Yankees will journey to Harveys Lake.

Last evening eight teams of the Minor Division were slated to start their season with Orange Yankees at Centermoreland Phillies; Harveys Lake Pirates taking on the Harveys Lake Bears in an intra-town contest; Beaumont

Dodgers tangling with the Beaumont Bombers in another intra-town contest, and Kunkle playing the Noxen Athletics on the latter's field.

Saturday's games in the Bob Horlacher League will send Kunkle against Beaumont at 12:30 at Beaumont; Harveys Lake Red Sox play Harveys Lake White Sox at 4:30, with the Orange Yankees getting the bye, in Minor Division contests.

In the Horlacher T-Ball

Division for 6 to 8 year olds, Orange Orioles play at the Harveys Lake Giants Saturday at 2:30, and Beaumont Cubs will be guests of the Kunkle Indians at 12:30. In the Teeners Division, Orange Yankees will play the new entry, Beaumont-Jenks on the Jenks Diamond at 4:30, and the Centermoreland Phillies will be guests of the Kunkle Indians at 4:30.

Schedule for the Major Division of the Horlacher League for Tuesday will send the Noxen Athletics to Orange Yankees, and Beaumont will be guests of Harveys Lake. Centermoreland Phillies will be idle on Tuesday.

Noxen teams in slo-pitch league

The Noxen Rebels, probably the winningest slo-pitch softball team in the Back Mountain area, again this year has a team entered in the Back Mountain Slo-Pitch League. Last year's champions of the National Division of the League and also postseason champions, the Rebels again this year will be competing as members of the National Division.

Managed by Co-Managers Carl Siglin, Jr. and Jim Barbacci, the Rebels are defending champions of the Back Mountain Softball League, having won National Division honors during the straight season in 1978, then going on to defeat the Hearststone Pub Slo-Pitch team, American Division winners, for postseason marbles.

This year's Noxen Rebels lineup will include Carl Rogers, Don Faux, Bobby Youells, Mike Kopcha, Ronnie Sorber, Chris Yanchek, and Clayton Kieper for duty at the outfield spots, along with Bill Patton, who will take his turn at both the infield and outfield positions.

Tom Considine and Carl Siglin will share the job as catcher with Siglin on the mound when he isn't pitching, with Mike Galka in a similar situation—doing duty as a catcher when he isn't performing on the mound. Tom Bean will again be at the first sacker post; John Barnoski will be the second sacker; Dwight Barbacci will be at short-stop, and brother Jim will cover the hot corner at third base.

Interest in Slo-Pitch Softball, always high in the Noxen area, will take another boost for the 1979 season with announcement by Harold Cornell, president of the Back Mountain Slo-Pitch Softball League, that the Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen also have a team entered in the National Division of the league. Sportsmen last year were members of the American Division. All of which means that the two Noxen teams will play each other at least twice during the straight season, which should create fever-pitch interest from Noxen area residents.

The Sportsmen will be managed by Ken Butler and Carl Weaver, co-managers. The team, now in its third year of competition in the league, finished in fourth place in the American Division last season, but Butler is confident the team can come up with a better showing this year.

Other members of the Sportsmen roster will be Gary Keefe, Clayton Fraser, Tom Scouten, Mike Stolarick, Leo Smith, Bob Bellas, Dean Morese, Skip Bonham, Bradley Everetts, Jim Strohl, Steve Figel, Roger Case and Joe Klemenes.

Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen open their 1979 season on Tuesday, May 15, on the Noxen diamond

against the Treat Drive-In team. Noxen Rebels opening game will be at the Noxen diamond on Thursday, May 17, when the Rebels meet "The Whips." Both teams will have almost a full month of slo-pitch softball under their belts before they meet each other on the Noxen diamond on Tuesday evening, June 5. Their second and final meeting of the 1979 season—unless both make the playoffs—will come in the final game of the straight season Thursday evening, August 2, both games scheduled for the Noxen diamond. Noxen Township residents have already circled both dates in red crayon on their home calendars!

Indians get

new uniforms

Noxen Indians of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League came out sporting brand new uniforms in their game against Beaumont on the latter's field Tuesday evening. Noxen BALL Association, which sponsors the Noxen Little League teams in that township, purchased a dozen new uniforms for the Noxen major division team for the 1979 season. In addition, members of the Noxen minor division Little League team are sporting new baseball caps.

Noxen BALL Association held a reorganization meeting last Wednesday evening at the Noxen ball field, and elected the following officials: chairman, Mrs. Beverly Murphy; finance chairman, Donald Crispell; secretary and publicity chairperson, Mrs. Marlene Konopke; refreshments, Mrs. Sharon Colle; Mrs. Janice Boston; fundraising, Mrs. Ruth Searfoes, assisted by an advisory board composed of David Traver, Jim Barbacci and Fred Boston.

L-L to meet Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Lake-Lehman High School, Lehman. Gilbert Tough, president, will preside.



STRIKE OR BALL—Fernbrook Yankee Mark Coolbaugh kept his eye on the ball waiting to knock it into the outfield

for an extra base hit. He eyed it too long and the hurler on the mound put it past Coolbaugh for a strike. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Troop 281 holds court of awards

With a welcome by Walter Geffert and the invocation by Rev. Akers, Troop 281 began its court of awards night in the form of an Eagle dinner to honor Dave Diefenderfer, the recipient of the highest Award in Scouting, the Eagle.

Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Diefenderfer of Trucksville. Dave has a brother Doug, also a Scout and a sister, Laura. Attending the dinner in his honor were his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziedenitz, James Barr, scoutmaster of Troop 58, Allentown, and several friends from the Allentown Area where Dave used to live and did most of his scouting. Parents and fellow scouts shared in the evening of awards.

After everyone finished the delicious meal that was prepared by the parents of the boys and served by the Girl Scout Troop from Lehman. Slides were shown to the parents. The slides previewed the highlights of the year and included the canoe trip down the Susquehanna last year. Troops this year are to travel 50 miles down the Delaware River to earn their canoeing merit badge.

The Court of Awards ceremony began with the presentation of the floral centerpiece to Mrs. Diefenderfer and Mrs. Ziedenitz. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to those people that helped with the troop during the year. Receiving the awards were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Margan, Hal Williams, Bruce Davies, Don and Kate Dickson, John and Cookie Fetterman, Fritz Hall, Beverly Ide, Bob Morgan, Reed Sterling, Barbara Strazdus, and Richard and Pat Titus.

New troop officers were commissioned by the troop committee and are assistant scoutmaster; Bill Lewis, Jr. Assistant scoutmasters; Walter Giffert and Dave

Diefenderfer, senior patrol leaders, Chris Taylor, Dave Diefenderfer, and Nick Styl; patrol leaders, Bob Morgan, Ed Lyons, and Glenn Sterling; assistant patrol leaders, Scott Bowen and Don Dickson; quartermaster, Kurt Fetterman; and troop scribes, Don Ide and Steve Strazdus.

Presenting the fundraiser prizes were Dave Diefenderfer and Don Dickson. These prizes were awarded to top Salesmen and those scouts who were lucky enough to win the drawing for selling the required amount of pizzas. Highest sales went to Kurt Fetterman, Jack Hines, and Don Dickson. Drawing went to Jack Hines. Top seller in the second sale was Don Dickson and drawing went to Walter Feffert.

Skill awards were given by Bob Morgan and Don Dickson and went to Doug Diefenderfer, Jack Hines, and Rick Titus for camping; Jeff Hall and Scott Bowen for citizenship; Kurt Fetterman, Bob Morgan, Roger Morgan, and Steve Strazdus for conservation; Kurt Fetterman for communications; Don Dickson for community; Doug Diefenderfer, Bob Morgan, and Rick Titus for cooking; Kurt Fetterman and Bob Morgan for environment; Jeff Hall, Scott Bowen, and Doug Diefenderfer, Kurt Fetterman, Jeff Hall, Jack Hines, Don Ide, Ed Lyons, Bob Morgan, Roger Morgan, Steve Strazdus, and Rick Titus for swimming; and Kurt Fetterman for physical fitness.

Merit badges earned by the boys were awarded by Bruce Davies and John Gatterman. Receiving the badges were Scott Bowen, camping, Soil and water, and first aid; Don Dickson, home repair; Dave Diefenderfer, fish and wildlife, soil and water, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the

world, and Indian lore. Craig Duffield, cycling; Kurt Fetterman, home repair basketry, leatherwork, art, and woodcarving; Jeff Hall, home repair; Jack Hines, nature, mammals, and fishing; Don Ide, home repair; Ed Lyons, first aid; Robert Morgan, home repair, first aid, fishing, and printing; Roger Morgan, home repair and fishing; Jim Niski, home repair; Jeff Alson, home repair; Mat Pretko, home repair; Glenn Sterling home repair and first aid; Brent Sterling, home repair; Steve Strazdus, home repair, leatherwork, nature, mammals, coin collecting, and stamp collecting; Nick Soull home repair, veterinary science, and animal science; and Rick Titus, home repair.

Advancement through the ranks of scouting was made by Don Dickson and Reed Sterling. Advancing to Scout were Jim Niski; Mat Pretko, Jeff Alson, Taylor Ruggles, John Sobeik, Mike Sobeik, and Mark Wright; advancing to second class sound were Scott Bowen, Don Dickson, Kurt Fetterman, Jeff Hall, Jack Hines, Don Ide, Ed Lyons, Roger Morgan, Steve Strazdus, and Rick Titus; First class scouts are Doug Diefenderfer, Bob Morgan, and Glenn Sterling.

Then came the most important moment of the night, the presentation of the Eagle award. Proceeding through an impressive ceremony, the history of scout Dave Diefenderfer was given by his fellow scouts as a candle was lighted for each advancement. Along the way of the eagle, charges were given from the church by Rev. Lynn H. Rothrock; the school by Holbrook Hunt, the community by Ambrose Gavigan and the scouting charge by Jim Keiper.

The pledge of the eagle was given by Charles Thomas, president of the Penn Mountain Council.

James Barr, former scoutmaster for Dave in Allentown, presented the Eagle Award. Eagle Scout Dave Diefenderfer then pinned his mother in the traditional manner with the Eagle pin and presented his father with the Eagle tie bar.

A special thank you to all present was made by Dave as he promised not to forget his fellow scouts and to return to all meetings and help them through their scout travels as he was helped by those people and scoutmasters both from Allentown and his new home here, in troop 281.

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Fire

no containers of gas in the place of business when he left the beauty salon after the close of business on Saturday.

Dallas Fire Chief Don Shaffer conducted the initial investigation and had the filled containers of gasoline removed to a safe location for State Fire Marshal Ron Ramage's inspection on Monday.


No estimate of the cost of damage to the beauty salon was available at press time.

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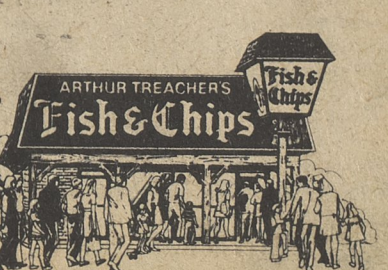
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