

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Dallas board 'in a pickle'

by Lee L. Richards

Dallas School Board is in a pickle. According to several sources close to the situation several members of the board is in favor of making a change in the basketball program. In other words, they're not satisfied with Clint Brobst as head coach.

It seems the board, which has the option of opening the post each year, was not ready to accept Brobst's application if he reappeared. That would have been the appropriate way out.

However, things sort of got out of hand last week when Brobst was asked to submit his resignation.

It's no secret several groups of fans and parents of team members are quite disturbed with the direction the program is going, which in their opinion, is a notch above mediocrity. The Mountaineers had talent as evidence, by the All-Star team which had three players named to the ten-man squad.

There's two sides to every story. I'd like to see the board set up a committee and conduct an investigation into the overall structure and direction of roundball program.

After this is complete they could then reach a final decision as to whether they want to continue with the present philosophy and leadership or attempt to upgrade the situation by bringing in new ideas and leadership.

Once the determination is reached, the board could then declare the position open and hire the person most qualified. It's obvious they need immediate stability and a much more organized program.

That's one of the shortcomings in Wyoming Valley for years. Too many of the athletes aren't receiving the kind of coaching which could develop their skills and consequently help them gain a scholarship of some nature.

The ball is now in the Dallas school board's end of the court and we'll wait patiently to see what they do with it!

Note of interest to Penn State buffs, Dayle Tate, last year's starting QB, appears to be finished for the spring and his career is in doubt after shattering his jaw in a drill last week. That leaves the door wide open for Frank Rocco, Jeff Hostetler and Todd Blackledge...Panther Valley's Greg Gogal, a highly regarded signee last year, is reported transferring to another school.

Pro scouts last week clocked Pitt's Randy McMillan at 4.5 in the 40-yard dash. Big Mac is 6-2, 228 pounds and Coach Jack Sherrill reports he's getting better and better.

Lake-Lehman's Coach Tom Hisiro attended the annual Maryland grid clinic over the weekend. Hisiro had a good visit with Assistant Coach Gib Romaine and the topic over conversation was Mike Leskowski, who

could be one of the top recruits in Wyoming Valley this season.

According to reports out of the Terp camp, Valley West's Mark Duda has been running first-team at defensive tackle and has been his aggressive self. Over on the offense, Charlie "D" Wysocki is running with more authority and confidence than last year when he led the ACC in rushing with over a 1,000 yards in a mere nine games.

Irem Temple Country Club opened for another season over the weekend and despite the damp grounds a bunch of golfers toured the links on Sunday. The course appears in tip-top shape thanks to the relatively mild winter and the greens will be lush until the heat comes.

Whenever I hear of a team having discipline problems I think of Coach Vince Lombardi telling the fat-heads: "I'll put up with your crap only until I find someone good enough to take your place."

I was elated to learn last week Major General Raymond Murphy will call it quits as Army's athletic director the first of July. Having observed the program at the Point, I couldn't help but notice it needed new leadership with more foresight.

Jets' coach John Mazur told me sometime ago that it takes longer to prepare offensive blocking technique than any other position except middle linebacker and quarterback.

There's a lot of talk coming out of Pittsburgh about the Panthers making a serious run at the national championship. Toughest foe for Coach Jackie Sherrill's team could be the problem of complacency. It can occur as an unconscious, relaxation-type thing which seems to take place on a team after you win.

After assessing all of the major college grid schedules recently, I'd have to rank Penn State's among the top 10 in the country this season.

Things are in the talking stages to switch the Pitt-Tennessee game to Labor Day weekend for prime-time coverage by ABC. Both teams appear to be pointing to this goodie and we imagine they'll both take the field in a bad mood. It's no secret there's bad blood between John Majors and Sherrill.

I'll mention again that Dunmore's Dan Carter is the top college prospect in this end of the state for next season. He's a veer-type QB with uncanny ability to scramble and toss the football. He's an outstanding punter, too.

Understand tickets are going extremely well so far for Arnold Palmer's visit to Irem Temple Country Club May 17th. I'm looking forward to watching how Arnie plays the local links and his shot selection.

Dallas Post All-Stars enhance league lead

The Dallas Post All-Stars strengthened their hold on first place in the Wilkes-Barre Volleyball League Sunday afternoon by winning two of three games from the second place team, Nanticoke Alfa-Jacks.

hitting Isin Tuplu of Istanbul, Turkey. Tuplu, a topflight collegiate volleyball star now studying in the U.S., has been on the Post roster all year but appeared in his first match Sunday.

The Post coasted to relatively easy wins in each of the first two games of the match but was upset in the final after Nanticoke took an

early lead. Other members of the Post team participating in the winning effort were Capt. Bob Anthony, Fred Alcaro, Jim Anthony, Jack Cannon, Jerry Schultz, and Ray Carlsen.

In other Sunday action, the Tunkhannock Spikers took three games from the host YMCA team and Don Brandt's team managed to win one of three from the powerful Wyoming

Valley West Elks. The standings after Sunday were as follows:
 Post All-Stars 16-5
 Nanticoke Alfa-Jack 14-7
 Valley West Elks 12-9
 Tunkhannock Spikers 12-9
 Brandt's Team 5-16
 YMCA 4-17
 The league's activity will be postponed this weekend for a YMCA powerlifting meet and return to action April 27.

Back Country Briefs

by Michael Polk, 333-4387

About 55 per cent of the registered voters of Franklin Township and the Northeast (Carverton) District of Kingston Township turned out to vote in the special election held on April 9 to fill the unexpired term of Congressman Daniel J. Flood.

James A. Nelligan of Forty Fort, the endorsed Republican candidate, polled the highest number of votes in both predominately Republican Districts. Nelligan received 48 votes in the Carverton voting district with Raphael Musto of Pittston running second with 24 votes. The balance was distributed among five other candidates.

In the Carverton (Northeast) District, 138 of the 234 registered voters turned out to vote in the special election. Registered voters in the Northeast District for the special election showed 144 registered as Republicans; 81 Democrats and nine registered under other party labels.

In the Franklin Township voting, where 242 registered electors voted out of a total of 444 registered, James A. Nelligan of Forty Fort received 82 votes and was high man, although that vote was disappointing. The GOP organization came up with a high vote of 195 in the November, 1979, voting.

Atty. Frank G. Harrison ran second in the Franklin Township voting, receiving 42 votes, followed by Atty. Paul Kanjorski of Nanticoke with 40 votes and Raphael (Ray) Musto of Pittston with 34 votes. Ed Mitchell of White Haven received 20 votes from Franklin Township voters; Richard Adams of Kingston garnered 15 votes, and Atty. Robert Hudock of Hazleton received three votes. Hudock withdrew from the special race before the election, accounting in part for his showing.

THE JUDGES

Elmer Phillips served as judge of election for the special election in Franklin Township, replacing William Perry, who was reported in Florida with his honey bees. Mrs. Jean Earl served as an inspector, filling in for Mrs. Mildred Lord, who was a patient in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital at the time.

Others, who served on the election board in Franklin Township for the special election on April 9, included Mrs. Florence Shively, inspector; Mrs. Lucy Zarnoch, clerk, and Ernest Gay, Jr., township constable.

Voters will go through the same process on Tuesday

when the Primary election will be held to pick party nominees for Congressman, U.S. Senator, state representative, auditor general and state attorney general.

As is customary on primary and general election day, church and civic groups will serve lunch and dinner meals at the voting places. At Centermoreland, UM church annex, where Northmoreland Township voters will cast their ballots, UM Women of Centermoreland UM Church will serve lunch, while the MM's of Centermoreland UM Church will serve a dinner from 5 to 7.

At Orange where voting will take place in Orange Community Hall, United Methodist Women of Orange will serve soup and wimpies for the noon-day meal, and a fresh ham dinner for the evening meal, starting at 4.

At the Carverton Grange Hall where voters of the Northeast District of Kingston Township cast their ballots, members of Mountain Grange 567 will serve hot dogs and wimpies for the noon-day meal. Evening dinner from 4:30 will be a complete ham dinner.

Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship volleyball team of Centermoreland UM Church lost in both of its games on Sunday in the UMYF volleyball tourney held at Dallas Junior High School, going down to defeat at the hands of Trucksville "A" and "B" teams in the double eliminations tourney.

Sunday afternoon, the Centermoreland UMYF senior volleyballers will play in the Senior tourney with games scheduled to be played from 2 p.m. to about 7 in the evening. Members of the Senior UMYF team from Centermoreland, who will be competing, will include Donna Rought, Lois Weaver, Shawn Considine, Tim Considine, Jeannette Munoz, Keri Bevan, Kevin Gilpin, Roger Bellas, Susan Bellas, Georgia Phillips and Bobby Phillips. UMYF counselors at Centermoreland are Mr. and Mrs. John Headley and Miss Donna Munoz. Centermoreland residents are invited to attend the games and root for 'the home team.'

Howard Earl of Carverton, who has been having his

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS--Track and field officials recently met to discuss plans for the upcoming 1980 Luzerne County Special Olympic Track and Field Meet, to be held at Meyers High School Stadium in Wilkes-Barre, on April 19th. At the meeting were (seated left to right) Jerry Fonzo, Wyoming Valley P.I.A.A. official and officials coordinator for the meet; Charles Wasserott IV, Special Olympics area coordinator; John Charles, director of Luzerne County Parks and Recreation Dept. and this year's honorary chairman. Charles has served as chairman for many Special Olympic track and field events over the past three years. Standing are (left to right) Kevin Davenport and Joe Moran, both Wyoming Valley P.I.A.A. track and field officials. The public is invited with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SCID officers basic

Two Luzerne County residents completed four weeks of basic training in corrections last week at the Bureau of Correction Central Training Academy, according to Fredric A. Rosemeyer, director of the bureau's Staff Training and Development Division. Corrections Officer Russell D. Patts, of Dallas, and Gerald W. Degnon II, of Wilkes-Barre, were among 55 who received certificates from Corrections Commissioner William B. Robinson at graduation ceremonies. Both Patts and Degnon are employees of the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

Alan Rogers enters architect's school

Alan L. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rogers of Shavertown and husband of the former Jane Welker of Trucksville, has been accepted into the professional program in

the School of Architecture at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.

Admission to the professional program is determined by the faculty and selection criteria includes academic performance, writing, mathematics and graphic skills. Each applicant is considered on his or her own merit. Applicants can apply only after successfully completing the pre-design curricula in architecture.

Rogers, a 1972 graduate of Dallas High School and a 1979 cum laude graduate of Luzerne County Community College with an associate degree in architectural engineering was one of very few persons to be successful in his first try to be accepted into the Professional Program. He was also one of the very few transfer students to be accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are living in Manhattan, Kan. where Mrs. Rogers, also a graduate of Dallas High School and Luzerne County Community College is working on Kansas State University campus after successfully passing a Kansas State Civil Service exam.

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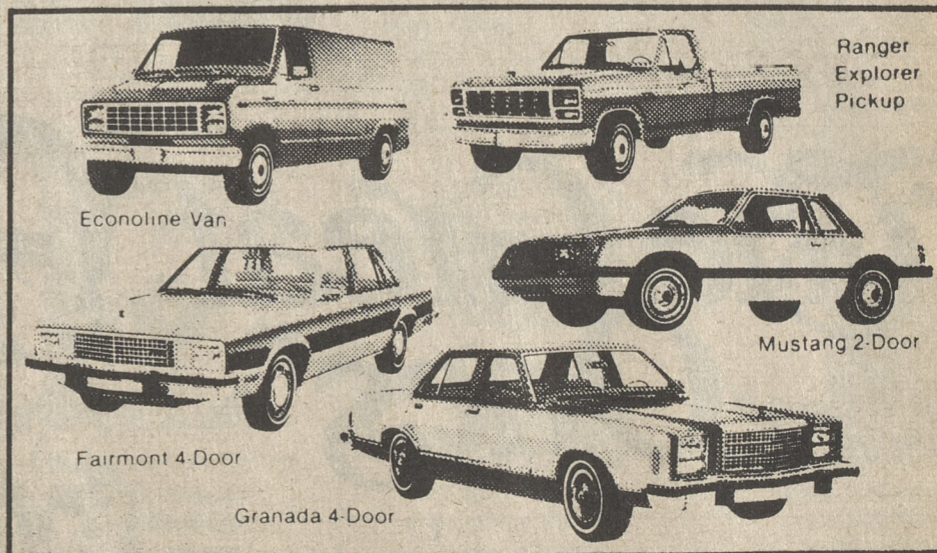
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