

Post Sports

Youth soccer opens 1980 season Aug. 10

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association has announced that it will open its playing season Aug. 10.

Registration for all boys and girls between the ages of seven through 14 years will be June 5 and 6, 7 to 9 p.m., and June 7, noon to 5 p.m., at Shavertown United Methodist Church.

John Isaac, public relations officer for the association, reported that a recent meeting of the association officers, it was decided to play two games weekly and have only one practice each week.

Skip Davis is league commissioner. Bruce Kern is head coach, John Bergevin treasurer;

Larry Griffin, in charge of officials and Isaac, public relations.

During the week of May 6, Isaac visited the Lake-Lehman Schools explaining the soccer program to six, seven and eight year olds; nine, 10 and 11 year olds and 12, 13 and 14 year olds.

This week, Isaac visited Trucksville, Westmoreland and Dallas Borough

Elementary schools on May 13; Dallas Junior High School, May 14; and May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Dallas Senior High auditorium. He will meet with all parents of children interested in the soccer program.

He will present a film on soccer, followed by a discussion on the program in the Back Mountain.

Wolensky to coach Legion baseball

Jack Wolensky, baseball coach at Dallas Area Senior High School, will be managing the Back Mountain American Legion baseball team for the upcoming season. That announcement was made yesterday by Joseph Kelley of Demunds Road, president of Back Mountain Baseball, sponsor of the team.

Wolensky will succeed Don Smith, 144 Main Street, Dallas, who has given up the job after serving with the Back Mountain Legion team for 23 years. Smith, a member of the State Police at the Wyoming Barracks, relinquished the post to spend more time with his family.

It also was announced that Smith's assistant for the past several years, Gerry Munsing of Midway Manor, also will not be serving with the Back Mountain Legion nine in a coaching position, having also decided to turn over the duties to younger members of the Back Mountain Baseball Association.

Wolensky, it was announced, is being given a free hand to select his assistants for the 1980 season. Back Mountain Legion team again this year will receive financial support, as in the past, from Commonwealth Telephone Company, it was announced.

Back Mountain Legion nine will play a total of 24 regular season games this

year, opening its 1980 season on May 31 against Plymouth on the latter's diamond, and winding up the season on July 23 against the Jenkins Township Legion Post on the latter's diamond.

The Back Mountain Legion nine will open its 1980 home season on June 1, meeting the always strong North End nine at the Dallas Junior High School diamond. All home games this season will begin at 6 p.m.

The 1980 schedule for the Back Mountain Legion team was announced by Kelley as follows: May 31, Plymouth, away; June 1, North End at home; June 3, South Wilkes-Barre, at home; June 4, Pittston, at home; June 7, Nanticoke, away; June 9, Jenkins

Township, away; June 11, Plains at home; June 12, Plains, at home (The two Plains games may be played as a twin bill, arrangements are pending);

June 17, North End, at home; June 18, Swoyersville, away; June 20, Swoyersville, away; June 21, Plymouth, away; June 23, South Wilkes-Barre, away; June 26, Pittston, away; June 28, Nanticoke, home; Jenkins, at home; July 2, Plains, away;

July 9, North End, away; July 12, Swoyersville, at home; July 15, Plymouth, at home; July 16, South Wilkes-Barre, at home; July 19, Pittston, at home; July 22, Nanticoke, away; July 23, Jenkins Township at home.



ARNIE'S HEYDAY--This photo from the 1963 American Golf Classic at Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio, shows golfing great Arnold Palmer (with microphone) at

the peak of his winning career. Seated with him is Johnny Pott, who won the tourney that year. Palmer is scheduled to play an exhibition round at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, this weekend.

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Arnie's Army at Irem

by Lee L. Richards

Arnold Palmer is coming to Irem Temple Country Club Saturday. I've often fantasized about a top-notch pro playing our links and how he'll attack the hilly lay-out with the postage-stamp-like greens. I've often discussed how they'd approach some of the tougher holes.

When I had my pal Rick Spears down several years ago he knocked the lights out. I'm curious to see what Arnie does.

I've been told that Palmer likes to shoot for the course record when he's playing an exhibition of this nature. We're not going to trump things up. The pins will be in the center of the greens and the tees at championship distance.

I figure Arnie will have nothing more than a wedge into 12 out of the 18 holes. Both par fives he could reach in two. However, will he be able to read the tricky and sliding breaks of the greens?

I've seen Arnie perform in this type of exhibition before. I've seen him play in person when he was in his prime. It's simply amazing what he and the pros can do with a golf ball and how precise they knock the ball to the flag. He's a very unique individual. He's responsible for the popularity of the game today. Simply because he was Arnold Palmer. His style from the start was bold. He felt every hole could be birdied.

The first golf tourney I went to was the Thunderbird at Westchester C.C. Thanks to Art Wall I got to meet Palmer. I wasn't connected with sports writing then, yet he couldn't have been more cordial. Mr. Charisma made the people in the gallery part of the action. He took the time to chat with them as he stalked the fairways. This was different. He could concentrate and still be polite.

If you've never seen Arnie's Army you don't know what you missed. They would do anything to see his ball stayed in play on errant shots. You knew precisely at what point on the course he was because when he made a shot they roared. First time I saw the Army it looked like a cattle stampede from an old western movie.

I was so enthralled with seeing the pros I jumped in my car two weeks later and zipped up to Boston for the U.S. Open. It was worth the price of admission.

They played 36 holes on Saturday in those days. I took my wife along and she met Arnie. I knew he wouldn't remember me from New York so I wore a Pitt jacket. I stood out like a Red Coat at the Boston tea party. He was walking to the first tee and I said hello. He stopped, saw the jacket and said how nice it was to see me again. My wife couldn't believe she met Arnie. That tourney was golf at its best.

We got away from the Army and wound up following Julie Boros. He didn't have a whole lot of people with him. He chatted with the ones that were. He even explained how he was going to play some difficult little flip shots. We left Beantown before the tourney was over. What surprised me the most was Boros stringing together some fine shots and winning.

Meanwhile, Palmer has always been one of my favorite athletes. The people in Pittsburgh worship the ground he walks on. When I was a youngster I lived between Latrobe and Greensburg. His golf course wasn't but about three drivers and a wedge away.

The course record at Irem is believed to be 64 or 65. I've tried to find out for sure, but even Dr. Max Speizman isn't sure and 'Mighty' Max knows it all.

It's going to be a treat to see Arnie operate on our course. Just to see him with the familiar hitching up the trousers and smashing the golf ball in the way only one of the games' greatest could. His putting touch may have diminished and he hasn't won a tournament in the states in quite some time, but to me he's still the King and he's a Pennsylvanian, too.

Sodrosky, Majewski begin Unico practice

Practice gets under way in a month for players selected to play in the Unico Club's annual East-West all star charity high school football game scheduled for Friday, June 27 at 8 in Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium.

General Chairman Joe Mantione of Wilkes-Barre has urged all players chosen to begin workouts on their own to be in top condition for the start of drills.

of Dallas Area. The East is directed by J.P. Meck of Coughlin and Bob King



Jeff Sodrosky

of Hanover Area. Named to the West are Dallas Area seniors Jeff Sodrosky and Jim Majewski.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sodrosky, Upper Demunds Road, Dallas. He is a 6-4, 260-pound tackle, who will attend West Chester State.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Majewski. He is a 6-0, 180-pound tight end, who will study engineering at Penn State.

Proceeds from the contest will be used by

Unico for the special project of aiding the mentally retarded.



Jim Majewski

11 teams begin Church League

Eleven teams are entered for play for the 1980 season in the Back Mountain Church Softball League. Rev. Wayne Brooks, pastor of Dallas Community Church and league coordinator again this season, has announced. The league opened its 1980 season on Tuesday and will play its games on Tuesday evenings, weather permitting.

These teams are entered in the league for the 1980 season: First Baptist of Kingston, Dallas Community, Northmoreland Baptist, Dallas Baptist, Back Mountain Bible Mission, Noxen Independent Bible Church, Calvary Bible Church of Muhlenberg,

Roaring Brook, Sweet Valley, Bloomingdale, Tunkhannock Baptist.

In last week's opening round of games, Dallas Baptist defeated Sweet Valley 4 to 2; Roaring Brook nosed out First Baptist of Kingston, 8 to 7; Bloomingdale lost to Tunkhannock Baptist, 10 to 9; Calvary Bible defeated Back Mountain Bible, 17-10, and Northmoreland Baptist of Centermoreland defeated Independent Bible Church of Noxen, 10 to 6.

Tuesday's schedule sent Dallas Baptist against Northmoreland Baptist; First Baptist of Kingston played at Dallas Community; Bloomingdale traveled to Sweet Valley; Roaring Brook journeyed

to Calvary Bible at Muhlenberg; and Noxen IBC met Back Mountain Bible Mission.

On Tuesday evening, May 20, Dallas Baptist will meet Dallas Community in a renewal of a strong intra-town rivalry that highlighted most of last season's play; Sweet

Tee Ball Division

Centermoreland and Noxen remained unbeaten in 1980 play in the Tee Ball Division of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League after two weeks of play. Centermoreland came out on top of a high scoring spree against Orange, winning 33-29, and the Kunkle and Beaumont Tee Ballers set

Valley will meet First Baptist of Kingston; Tunkhannock Baptist will play at Noxen IBC; Back Mountain Bible will play Northmoreland; Calvary Bible will play Bloomingdale, with Roaring Brook having the bye for Tuesday.

a new league high in run scoring, getting 91 runs in the contest, with Beaumont gaining the nod, 48-43.

Standings of the teams after two weeks of play: Centermoreland 2-0, 1,000; Noxen, 1-0, 1,000; Beaumont 1-1, 500; Orange, 0-1, 000; Kunkle, 0-, 000.

Millers take CM basketball crown

The Millers team defeated the Sunset team 35-34 last Sunday afternoon at College Misericordia to take the title in the Back Mountain Girls Recreational Basketball League.

Scoring for Miller's were Maureen Dillon 20

points, Sue Nalenovitch five points, Maureen Morriken two points, Doreen Baranski eight points. Also playing in the game were Karen Evans, Ellie Grabski, Dorothy Rosick.

High scorer for the Sunset Girls was Candy

Karuza with 15 points. Nancy Roberts had 10 points, Sis Sivick two points, Robin Fry six points and Cathy Galinus one point. Beth Ann Delaney also played on the Sunset team.

The halftime score was Miller 17-Sunset 15.

Referees were Eric Larson and Joe Prato. Director was John Szela. Beth Ann Delaney was coordinator.

During the season four teams played every Friday night--Pony Express, who finished third and Joe's Sports Bar, who finished fourth.



CHAMPIONS--The Miller's girls basketball team won the championship in the College Misericordia Girls Recreational League directed by John Szela. Members of the championship team are seated, left to right, Sue

Malenovitch, Maureen Morriken, Ellie Grabski, Dorothy Rosick; second row, Bill DeRemer, Doreen Baranski, Karen Evans and Maureen Dillon. (Photo by Mark Moran)