

Post Sports

Prominent runners expected for local event

A record number of runners are expected to take part in the 5th Annual Back Mountain Run, June 8, over the 10-mile course which starts and finishes at College Misericordia.

Favored runners for the 1980 Run are Chuck Barrows of McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.; Bill McCable of Pittston; Mark Weber, Easton; and Lou Gunderman, Ringtown. Ray Krombel of Wilkes-Barre, who finished first in 1976, 1978, and 1979, is not expected to defend his championship this year. Krombel set the course record of 53:01 in 1978.

The Run is organized and directed by Human Dynamics and sponsored by two business firms. Special assistance is being provided by the Wyoming Valley Striders AAU. Back Mountain community sponsors include Dallas Lions Club, Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, Dallas Rotary Club, Dallas Kiwanis Club, Back Mountain Jaycees, Back Mountain Jay-C-ettes, Back Mountain Cultural Center, The Hoagie Bar, Hearststone Pub, Encon, Inc., Offset Paperback, Daring's Market, Commonwealth Telephone Co., James C. Thomas and Sons, Standard Coach

Co., Pinebrook Inn, First Eastern Bank, Luzerne National Bank and Columbia Porch Shade Co.

There are more than 75 awards in 17 male and female classes. First place award is a hand-made pewter mug. Other awards are made of pewter and wood.

The Back Mountain Run was initiated in 1976 as the Back Mountain Bicentennial Run as part of the Bicentennial celebration.

1976 had a field of 54 runners with Ray Krombel coming in first. In 1977 Mark Weber of Easton finished first in a field of 168 runners. Ray Krombel came in first in a field of 273 runners in 1978, setting a record time of 53:01 and in 1979, he finished first in a field of 332.

Other noted runners taking part in past Runs were Carmen Hagelgams, world class distance runner in his age group for 40-49. Hagelgams competed in the world championships in Stockholm; Martha White, former Pennsylvania State High School champion cross country runner, now running for West Virginia University; and Hubert Morgan, 63-year-old marathon runner, winner in his age group in the

Pikes Peak Run.

Local runners entered in this year's Run include Dr. Harry Reich, Dallas, 38 years, a former swimmer who has been running for the past three years; and Atty. Albert Aston, Dallas, 38 years, running for the past six years. Aston has competed in several marathons including the Skylon International marathon in Buffalo and the Marine Corps marathon in Washington, D.C. He runs 50 to 90 miles per week in preparation for participation in the various Runs.

Chuck Barrows, who competes on the U.S. Air Force team, is one of the entrants. Barrows has qualified for the U.S. Olympic team marathon trials with a time of 2:19.33. He is ranked among the top 50 American marathoners.

T.J. Pempel of Ithaca, N.Y., is also entered in the Run. The 37-year old Cornell University professor is a member of the Finger Lakes Track Club and has been running for 12 years competing in road races throughout the United States.

Runners from seven states including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Connecticut

and Ohio are entered in the 1980 Run. Running clubs or teams entered are the Wyoming Valley Striders, D.C. Harriers, Finger Lakes Track Club, Scranton Organization of Area Runners, Kinetic Energy Running Club, Penn-York Striders, Mercer Street Striders and Syracuse Roadrunners.

The Back Mountain Run has earned the Eastern United States reputation for being a "runners race" due to the challenging and unique course with a fair amount of hills. The 10-mile course is in the process of being sanctioned by the A.A.U., and will have three first aid stations, radio-linked ambulance and medical coverage.

Thirty two Back Mountain Jaycees will cover intersections and manage traffic. The Jay-C-ettes will operate the first aid stations.

Special spectator points of interest include the start and finish at College Misericordia in front of North Hall, intersection of Center Hill Road and Church Street by Back Mountain Little League Field, center of Dallas Intersection, Pioneer Avenue from Main Street intersection to Overbrook Avenue, Overbrook Avenue to just past the Overbrook Inn (half way point), Reservoir Road, and Lake Street from intersection in Dallas to the entrance to College Misericordia.

There will be a post-race sports medicine clinic sponsored by the Back Mountain Run. Dr. Guido A. LaPorte, nationally known surgical podiatrist and sports medicine expert, will conduct a running oriented participation clinic.



RUN START—Runners get off to a fast start in the 1976 Bicentennial Run which was initiated as a salute to the Bicentennial Celebration at the Folk Arts Festival, College Misericordia. (Photo by Cheryl Casner Gula)

Knights upset Grenadiers, 5-2

Lake-Lehman Knights upset the GAR Grenadiers, leaders of their division, in the final game of the season last week.

The Knights took the titlists 5-2 behind the strong pitching of Jim Michaels who gave up only four hits while striking out 13 at the

plate. The Knight gave up only three walks before he was relieved by J. Maciejczak who struck out two in the final inning.

Ron Swingle hit a double for the only extra base hit for the Knights. Jones hit a double for the Grenadiers for their only extra base hit.

Mounts sweep two from Tech

Dallas Mountaineers took a doubleheader against West Side Tech by identical scores of 2-0. Brian Muldoon and Bob Besecker did the pitching for the Mountaineers in the games.

The Titans outit the Mountaineers 6-3 in both games but doubles by the Dallas men gave them their scores.

Mike Ramirez doubled in the third inning of the first game to send Jim

gemberling scored on a fielders choice. In the brace hit a double and scored on a single by Clarke Lewis.

In the second game Dave Burnaford led off with a double and scored on a Titan error.

In the sixth inning Clarke Lewis took base on an error, advanced to second and scored on Bob Besecker's single.

In the first game Muldoon struck out six

and walked nine. Ben Furmanek took the loss for the Titans.

Besecker struck out three while picking up the

win for Dallas in the second game of the doubleheader. Same June was credited with the loss.

Bowling openings

Sandy Miller, secretary, reports that there are still some openings for men and women bowlers in the Wednesday Night Mixed League for the summer.

The league bowling will begin June 4, 8 p.m., at Bonomo's Lanes. An organization meeting will be held at 7 p.m., prior to bowling.

For additional information call Sandy Miller, 675-2681, after 6 p.m.

Back Mt. Hawks beat Orangeville

Back Mountain Hawks opened their 1980- Tri-County League season last weekend with wins over Orangeville and North Berwick.

The Hawks shut out Orangeville 2-0 on Saturday behind the five-hit pitching of Vince Stryjewski and Steve Skammer.

Stryjewski struck out two and gave up only four hits in six and two-thirds innings before he gave way to Skammer. Skammer iced a bases-loaded rally and gave up only one hit in the remaining two and one third innings.

The Hawks scored their first run in the second inning when Jim Mahon walked and went to second on a fielder's choice. Mahon stole third and scored on an error by the catcher.

Their second run came in the eighth when third

baseman Dave Lipo singled then went to second on a sacrifice. Chris Yanchick singled to left field to score Lipo.

Craig Yanchick led the Hawks at the plate with a double and a single.

The Hawks hammered North Berwick 12-2 on Saturday for their second win behind four-hit pitching by Jim Mahon.

Mahon also hit a double and two singles while

Chris Yanchick homered and doubled. Chip Sorber hit three singles for the Hawks.

The game ended in the eighth inning when the Hawks had 10 runs. The Hawks scored one run in the first inning, one in the fourth, two in fifth, four in the sixth and their final four in the bottom of the eighth.

They were scheduled to meet Twin Cities Monday at Mocanaqua.

Phils win, 48-32, in T-ball

Centermoreland Philies kept their record clean and chalked up their third win of the season in the Tee Ball Division of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League by scoring a 48-32 win over Kunkle in one of two division games played on Saturday.

In other Tee Ball games on Saturday, Orange Orioles went into a tie for the runnerup spot with Noxen by beating the latter team, 45-39.

Standings of the teams: Centermoreland, 3-0, 1,000; Noxen and Orange Kunkle, Orange and Centermoreland-4-2, .667 each; Beaumont-Jensk, 0-6, .000.

decision to Orange. Art Coolbaugh hurled for the winners. Bob Morgan led the Orange attack with five runs batted in. Roy Wall, Ernie Barber and Mark Roberts hit homers for the winners. Roberts also hit three doubles. Brian Oeller homered for Kunkle.

In Saturday's lone contest in the Teeners Division, Centermoreland scored a 17-14 decision over Beaumont-Jensk on the B-J's diamond. Becky Faux was the winning pitcher and had a four-for-five at the plate. Bill Skoronski banded out two triples for the winners.

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3 tied in Teeners

A three way tie for first place exists in the Teeners Division of the Bob Horlacher Memorial League after the fourth week of play with Kunkle, Orange and Centermoreland sporting records of four wins and two losses each.

Kunkle lost its second game of the season, dropping to 20 to 7

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