

UNICO game is a huge success in every way

by Lee L. Richards
It Was a Beautiful Time: All of the hoopla connected with the UNICO football game is over. The game was dedicated to my Dad, Coach Luke Richards, and his players put together a cocktail party the night before the game which was simply marvelous.
My family is deeply grateful to an awful lot of people that took the time and expense to travel back to Wilkes-Barre to honor their former mentor.

Wednesday afternoon we had a luncheon at Irem Temple Country Club so Coach Luke's friends could relax and tell some stories. Then it was on to the game that night and the folks from UNICO sure did themselves proud with the whole affair.
"It's one of the finest run All-Star games I've seen," said Coach Barry Fetterman of Lehigh.
"I've been to several UNICO games, but I thought the organization and pageantry for this game was outstanding,"

said Coach Ted Kempiski of University of Delaware.
"This was quite a show. The UNICO people really do a nice job for the kids and get a lot of folks involved," said Coach Bob Dipipi of Temple.
I kinda felt, going in, the East had a wide edge in offensive guns. The West was further curtailed because of the no-blitz rule and each team could use only the 5-2 defense. The West had some excellent defensive folks, but they were stretched by the weapons on the East.

Getting back to the awards for my Dad, former Pitt coach and a teammate of his at Pitt, Steve Petro, presented him with a beauty of a plaque. Then Steve brought along a Panther coaching shirt for him and gave him that at the luncheon. He's been with the Pitt athletic department for 31 years.
Former Army Coach Tom Cahill enjoyed his two-day stay. He and I hit the Irem links early Wednesday morning and he managed to record a couple of pars and even birdied the tough ninth hole. That's amazing considering he hadn't played in a year.



ATTENDING the luncheon in honor of the former GAR coach was Luzerne County Commissioner Ed Brominski, left, Coach Richards, and former Army Coach Tom Cahill, right. The County Commissioners declared last Wednesday 'Coach Luke Richards Day.' (Photo by Connie Jones)

Meyers QB Barry Waseleski impressed Maryland coaches Gib Romaine and Terry Strook. He's one of the Terps premier recruits.
"Barry showed me a lot," Strook told me. "He can roll away from pressure and puts a lot of velocity on his throws. The TD pass was a heckuva toss. It had to be right on the money."
Meanwhile, Lake-Lehman's Tony Langston hauled in one of the few West passes for a 14-yard gain early. Rocky Bonomo made some nifty cuts for 19 yards on four carries. LB Mike Leskowsky nailed Waseleski for 14 yard loss and was in on a bunch of hits. Mike is PSU bound.
Dallas QB Dave ripped off a 33-yard run late in the contest. It was the West's inability to pass which proved their downfall as they managed to complete only one pass while four were picked off by an alert East secondary.

Jack Jones, whom I'll always consider one of the finest coaches ever in the Valley made both affairs. The man who turned out one of the best teams in Dallas High history as always been a close friend of ours and Coach Luke.
Luzerne County Commissioner Ed Brominski was also on hand. He's still an avid grid bug and made some very kind remarks at the luncheon.
It was great to see Dr. Bob Williams. He quarterbacked the 1954 GAR championship team and later played at Notre Dame. Bob ranks as one of the best QBs I've ever seen play locally. He's a successful doctor in Pittsburgh.
While at the luncheon on

Wednesday former Dallas grid and mat standout John Brominski stopped by to extend his best. It was great to see him.
Sort of a damper was put on the festivities when we learned of the passing of Frank Sorochak. He was regarded in my book as one of the best grid officials ever to blow a whistle locally. He was involved in several of the championship games. My

condolences to Bunky and Bobby.
Being around the UNICO game in a capacity where I could see the immense amount of work and preparation involved I've got to tip my hat to Game Coordinator Nick Esposito. He's a tireless worker and through his various contacts gets the job done. It was obvious by the many compliments that

Chic Petitto put together the finest program ever for the game.
Overall, I'd have to say the parties and game itself was just a super time.

At the cocktail party, Wyoming Area Coach Paul Marranca showed up with SMU assistant Tony Marciano, a former Dunmore star who's destined for big things in college coaching.

Downs will play tennis for King's

Bill Downs, former member of the Lake-Lehman High School tennis team, will enroll at King's College and be a candidate for the varsity tennis team.

Announcement was made by Bill Eydler tennis coach at King's. The newcomer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Downs of Huntsville, RD 4, Dallas. He plans to study accounting and business administration.
A June graduate of Lake-Lehman, he played four years of tennis. In his junior and senior years, he played in the Number 1 position, compiling a 19-6 record. He teamed with his brother, Jim, to go unbeaten as a senior in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

He won the 1980 CYC junior tournament in the 16-year-old division; and won second place in this year's CYC high school invitational tournament; won the 1980 Doublet Junior Tournament in the 16-year-old division; and represented Lake-Lehman in recent years in district competition, reaching the semi-finals in singles and doubles in May.

Downs said he is enrolling at King's because of its fine academic reputation in the business and accounting field, and its fine tennis program.

Coach Eydler said that adding Downs to the team will bring a quality tennis player for four years. The coach feels that Downs will help King's in its climb to respectability in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

NEWSBRIEFS

The Dallas Gridiron Club will hold their monthly meeting, July 8, 8 p.m. at Franklin's Family Restaurant, Dallas.

Parents of the Dallas Senior High football players are asked to attend.

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Astros and Yankees tied for first

The Astros of the Back Mountain Minor League survived a final inning rally by the Dodgers to remain tied for first place with the Yankees. The Astros' 7-6 victory was secured by the pitching of Erik Zimmerman who also had several timely hits.

The Dodgers had to play catch-up ball after the Astros exploded for five runs in the first inning. Nine-year-old Chris Andrews knocked in the fourth and fifth runs with his second hit of the season giving the Astros their five-run limit for that inning.

The Dodgers battled back, but they fell short partly due to the sparkling defensive plays of Astros' shortstop, Phillip Novala, and their two second basemen, J.J. Phillips and Chris Blazes. Hitting stars for the Astros included Dave Blazes, Danny Phillips and Zimmerman.

The Yankees defeated the Reds 4-2 and had all they could handle with the Reds. The Reds could have tied the game on a home-run that was called an out after the batter missed second base on an appeal play.

No games will be played

over the July 4 weekend. July 11 games will find the first place Astros in a tough game with the Red Sox at 12:30. The first place Yankees should be able to get past the upset-minded Cardinals at 5:45. Other games will see the Dodgers against the Pirates, the improved Phillies against the Pirates, the Indians play the Reds and the Orioles play the Tigers.

Standings:

| | W | L | T |
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| Yankees | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Astros | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Dodgers | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Orioles | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Red Sox | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Reds | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Indians | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Tigers | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Phillies | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Giants | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Cards | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Pirates | 1 | 8 | 0 |

Franklin's Swim Carnival set July 25-26

Plans are now being finalized for the 5th annual Franklin's Swim Carnival Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 at the Dr. David W. Kistler School Pool, Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre. The event is sponsored by Franklin's Family Restaurant, Dallas, and 11 other Franklin's in Eastern Pennsylvania.

This year the carnival has added two new events; the family relay, and a family medley relay in which the swimmers' parents, even grandparents, are able to compete. Each team must consist of one or two parents or grandparents, and include only one child

over 12 years of age. 80 additional events are scheduled for both boys and girls six years and under through 15 years and over.

Competition for ages six and under through 12 and under will take place on Saturday, July 25. All 13 and 14-year-old swimmers along with 15-years and older will compete on Sunday, July 26. Warm-ups are to begin at 9 a.m., with the meet to start at 10 a.m. both days.

Each day's program will include individual medleys, free styles, backstroke, butterfly and breast stroke events.

Proceeds from the Franklin's Swim Carnival

will be given to the Greater Wilkes-Barre YMCA boy's and girls' swim teams.

The Kistler School Swim Complex features a six lane, 25-yard, indoor-outdoor swimming pool. The meet will feature automatic timing for each event. A spectator area is available, as is a playground and wading pool for the toddlers. Custom patches, T-shirts, and refreshments will be available.

Entry forms can be obtained at the Greater Wilkes-Barre YMCA or at any Franklin's Family Restaurant, sponsors of the event.

Players and parents see Reading game

About 235 Little Leaguers and parents of the Orange-Centermoreland Areas enjoyed a bus trip to Reading on Sunday where they saw the Reading Phillies meet the Buffalo team in an Eastern League contest. Reading, a minor league team of the National and World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies, is leading the Eastern League.

The group left the Orange firehouse Sunday morning at 9:30 and returned Sunday evening in five Martz Trailways buses. The trip was arranged by the Orange-Centermoreland Little League organization, which sponsors Little League, Pony Tail and Teeners Baseball for youngsters in the Franklin and Northmoreland Townships areas. Richard 'Dick' Hislop is president of the Orange-Centermoreland Little League organization.

TERRENCE CUMMINGS, WATER GEFERT and CHARLES HAYES, recent Back Mountain graduates of West Side Area Vocational-Technical School, were also among those students who earned the title of "Highest Honors Graduates."

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