

Shorts about Back Mountain Sports

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Tigers

Dwight Barbacci of Noxen began duties as instructor of elementary physical ed at the Lake-Noxen grade school last week. He is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and received his bachelor's degree in physical ed in June from Lock Haven State College. At Lock Haven, Barbacci was a member of the varsity baseball team for four years at the second base spot. Dwight also is active in sports in the Back Mountain. He played with the Back Mountain Hawks in baseball and cavorted at the second base spot for the Noxen Rebels in the Back Mountain Slo-Pitch Softball League. Dwight also is one of the 'Big Three' arranging the fifth annual Noxen Rebels softball tournament, which will be played this week end at Noxen.

When the Tunkhannock Tigers opened their 1981 high school football season Friday evening at Tunkhannock against Mid-Valley, Mike Ondish of Centermoreland and Bob Gillespie of Vernon had varsity spots on the Tigers' squad. Ondish is one of four co-captains of the Tiger '11' and is in his fourth year of varsity football at Tunkhannock Area. He tips the scales around 165 and is just shy of six feet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ondish. Gillespie's return as a varsity man at Tunkhannock is a personal success story in determination. Injured early during the 1980 grid season, Gillespie was told by three doctors that he would never be able to play football again. But through personal effort and some of that 'never

say die' spirit, he's back on the varsity this year at a linebacker spot. Gillespie scales at 192 and is 5'9" in height. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gillespie of Vernon.

Kiwanians lose

For those area fans who follow the Back Mountain Kiwanis softball squad - the team was eliminated from further competition in the Kopko tourney on Saturday, losing to the Adams Family by a 5 to 3 score on the Coal Street no.4 diamond. It was Kiwanis' second loss in the double eliminations tourney.

Galka bats 500

Sally Galka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Galka of Noxen, had a 600 batting average with Finn's Rebels in softball. Sally, who starred on the softball and basketball

teams at Lake-Lehman High during her high school days, left on Sunday to begin her junior year at Lock Haven State where she is pursuing studies for a bachelor's degree in physical ed.

Softball popular in Back Mt.

Many of the Back Mountain Area's softball players just can't seem to get enough of the sport. A quartet of Back Mountain players are members of Leo's A. C., which is entered in the Businessmen's Fall Softball League in Wilkes-Barre. The league plays its games on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Coal Street and Morgan B. Williams Parks in Wilkes-Barre. Area players on the squad include Carl Derhammer, who is a pitcher; Mike Sutton at shortstop; John Doziak at second base and Bob

Widener at the right center field spot. The team won its opener last week, 7 to 3, beating the Pittston Local-Yokels. Leo View is the team sponsor. The league plays a 10-game schedule on Wednesday evenings.

Church League

Back Mountain Church Bowling League opened its 1981-82 season Thursday evening at Bonomo's Lanes with 12 teams rolling the pins. The league is one of the oldest bowling loops in the Back Mountain. Some bowlers are needed to fill in for two additional teams and anyone interested in making up the 13 and 14th teams are asked to contact either Ron Witkowski of Centermoreland or Matt Evans, secretary, at 675-2050.

Widener at PSU

Bob Widener of Lehman left Thursday to enter his final year of study for a degree in architectural engineering at Penn State's main campus at University Park. Bob is a 1977 graduate of Lake-Lehman and starred on the basketball and tennis squads. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. don Widener, R.D.2, (Lehman) Dallas.

McCafferty optimistic

Soccer Coach John McCafferty has high hopes for his Dallas Area High soccer team, which opens its 1981 season Friday afternoon at 4 at home against Benton High. The soccer team is a new sport at Dallas Area. The team meets Bishop Hafey at home on Friday, September 18, in the second of an 11-game schedule. The booters

have been practicing since August 11 and according to McCafferty 'have come along way' in learning the finer points of the sport.

Carbon Sales wins

Bob Eggleston, whose family owns the Eggleston Orchards and cider-making plant at Vernon, has his Carbon Sales team entered in the Wilkes-Barre Recreation Board's fast pitch league, which plays its games on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the Kirby Park and Coal Street diamonds. Carbon Sales, a coal dispensing outfit, opened its season with an 11-1 win over O'Neil's of Hazleton. Randy Berry was the winning hurler and Dwight Barbacci's home run with Gary Naugle of Shavertown aboard proved to be the winning

margin. The league plays a 10-game Fall schedule. Carbon Sales will play Star Tomorrow evening.

Picks top '10'

For the record: Here is our pick for 'Top Ten' honors in collegiate football for the 1981 season. Bo Schembecker's Michigan University rates the No. 1 spot with Notre Dame coming in at No. 2. The rest of our 'Top Ten' collegiates fall in this order: Alabama in No. 3; University of Southern California (USC) No. 4; Oklahoma Sooners in No. 5; Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions at Penn State No. 6; Nebraska's Cornhuskers No. 7; Georgia's Bull-dogs No. 8; Ohio State in No. 9; and the Pitt Panthers in No. 10. Pitt has a big rebuilding job, having lost a bunch of varsitymen

Back Mt. soccer completes 3rd week

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer league's Division I (7 to 9 year olds) completed its third week of play Saturday with shut out victories being posted by the Roughnecks, the Surf, and the Kicks; while the Timbers and Whitecaps scored one goal victories in tight contests.

In Division II (10 and 11 year olds) play Saturday, the Tornados, the Sounders, and the Timbers blanked their opponents; while the Whitecaps squeaked by

the Chiefs 3-2 and the Surfs and Cosmos battled to a 2-2 tie. In week-night play, the Sounders, Surfs, Tornados, Timbers, and Roughnecks all scored victories.

DIVISION I-7 to 9 YEAR OLDS

Mike DePolo's goal mid-way through the fourth quarter put the Timbers on top for the first time in a tight game with the Chiefs. The Chiefs' Mike Tomaine

opened the scoring on a pass from Pat Morris and Bill Gauntlett tied the score late in the half. Tomaine scored again in the third quarter, but the Timbers' Stephen Gregor answered with a penalty kick to knot the score 2-2 and set up DePolo's goal.

The Roughnecks rolled over the Aztecs 5-0 with all the goals being provided by Aaron Tillman's three goals and Rob Miroslaw's two.

Goals by Eric Paczewski and Maggi Manzoni gave the Surf a 2-

0 victory over the Strikers. The Kicks downed the Sounders 3-0 with Frank Shray scoring twice and Mike Farris once.

In the day's other close match, the Whitecaps edged the Cosmos 2-1 as Brian Hampel scored the decisive goal. Jason Popeck scored the Cosmos goal and Mike Fino provided the other tally for the Whitecaps.

DIVISION II-10 and 11 YEAR OLDS

The Surfs and the Cosmos kicked off Saturday's action with a 2-2 tie. Tyler Wilson and Brian Zupko scored for the Surfs and Scott Schaffer and Paul Malone scored for the Cosmos.

The Tornados downed the Roughnecks 2-0 on goals by Tom Shane and Judy Wilson. Hugh Mundy's hat trick and Jim Lister's single propelled the Sounders to a 4-0 whitewash of the Strikers.

The Timbers defeated the Kicks 5-0 as Dale Root

scored three goals and Steve Niewinski and Jeff Paczewski added single tallies.

The day's final game saw Ron Post score all three of his team's goals as the Whitecaps were victorious over the Chiefs, 3-2. David Morris and John Aston provided the Chiefs scoring.

Earlier in the wee, the Sounders downed the Cosmos, 4-2. Ken Kozel and Hugh Mundy scored single goals and Jim Lister added two for the Sounders. Scott Schaffer scored both Cosmos' goals.

The Surf roll to an 8-2 win over the Kicks. Tyler Wilson and Lauri Warneka both scored three Surf goals. Brad Wall also scored for the Surf. B.J. Mannix and Scott Randolph scored the Kick goals.

The Tornados edged the Strikers 2-1 as Tommy Shone and Brian Freeman found the nets. Robert Mainwaring had one score for the Strikers.

Dale Root scored five times to lead the Timbers to a 5-1 win over the

Whitecaps. Ron Post scored the Whitecaps goal.

Amy Rosentel provided the only goal in a tough defensive match between the Roughnecks and Chiefs that was won by the Roughnecks.

Action continues in both divisions this week with a full schedule of games on Saturday. Division I games are played at Dallas Intermediate School and Division II plays at College Misericordia. Division III games begin on Saturday at Lake-Lehman.

The league, only in its fourth year, has over 450 Back Mountain boys and girls participating.

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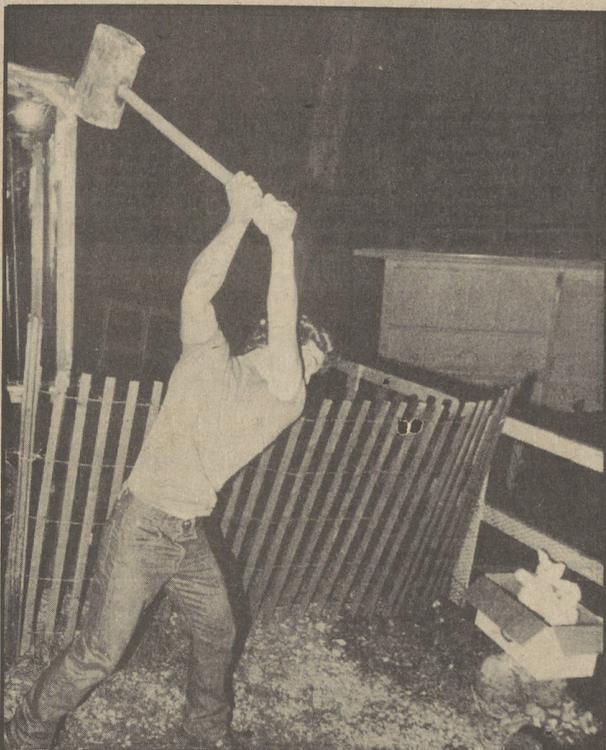
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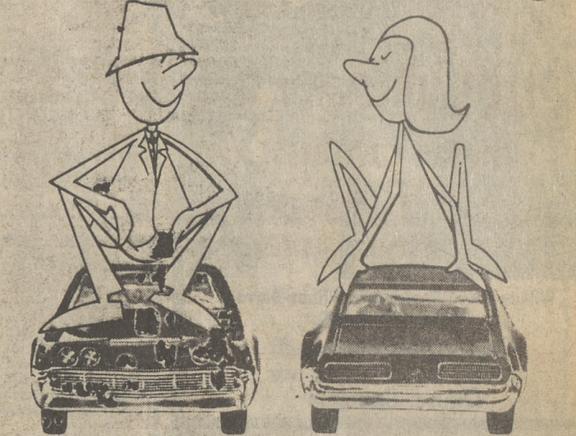
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