

The Sports Post

Season opener

Dallas tests mettle against Pittston

Wyoming Valley high school baseball opened its league season this week with the AAA Division well-balanced but in the A Division the teams favored are Meyers and Hanover Area.

In the AAA Division Dallas, under Coach Jack Wolensky, should be in the thick of the battle for the title with Nanticoke,

Coughlin, Wyoming Valley West, Pittston and Bishop Hoban.

The Mountaineers have been working out the winter months and recently spent a weekend out-of-state, playing in warmer climate.

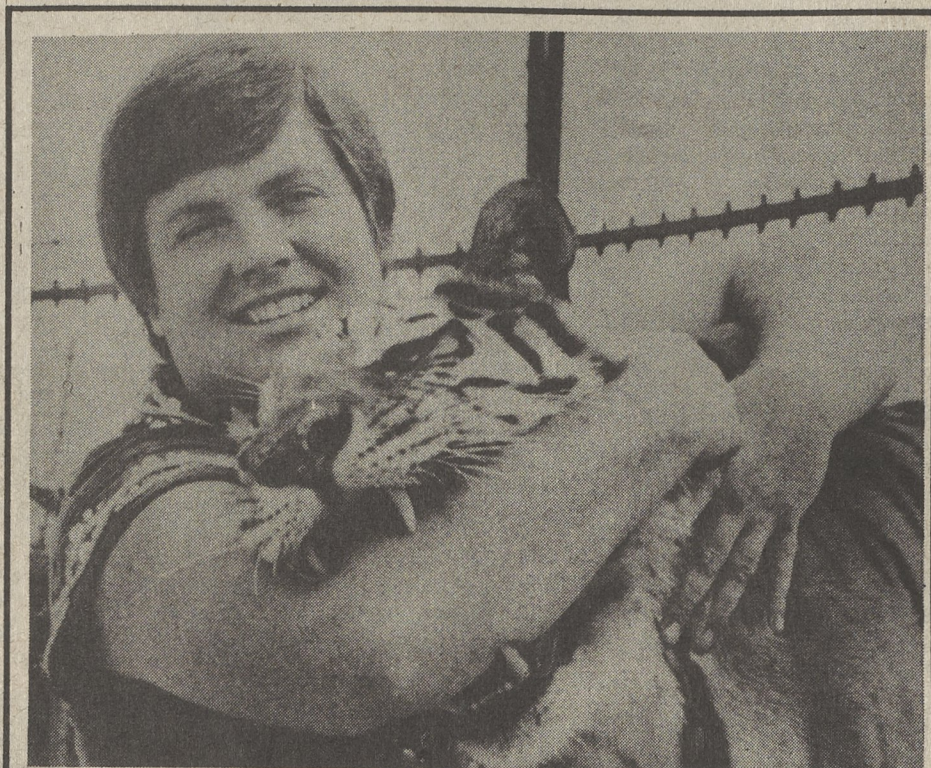
The Dallas nine is scheduled to play three games this week beginning Monday at home with Pittston

Area, Wednesday at West Side Tech, and Saturday, at home, with Hanover Area.

The Mountaineers are strong at the plate, producing good hitting by Dave Burnaford, Paul Brace, Steve Bestwick, Mike Ramirez, Clarke Lewis, Steve Federici, and Jerry Rollman. They also have a strong defense. Wolensky is concerned about Federici's pitching since the senior has been having problems with his shoulder. The Dallas coach will not put Federici on the mound until he is certain the

pitcher's arm is better. He does have Lewis, who turned in a fine performance last season as well as Walt Grabenstetter, starting as first baseman. Junior Steve Thomas and Jim Lord have been doing some good mound work in pre-season competition and will fill the void until Federici is ready to start. Lake-Lehman will play

two games this week over in Division AA beginning with Meyers at home on Monday, then hosting Wyoming Area on Wednesday. Little is known about the Black Knights to date but they can't be counted out of the race. The Knights are known for coming on strong and playing the dark horse roll in all interscholastic competition.



Harry Thomas and one of the Tigers which make up one of the newest major Wild Animal Acts to appear in this area in recent years who will be thrilling audiences at the annual Irem Shrine Circus at the 109th Artillery Armory, Kingston, April 12 through April 17 with performances at 1:45 and 7:45 p.m. and a special Sat. morning show at 9:45 a.m. A 10-speed bike will be awarded free at every performance to the lucky holder of the Circus Program book. The brand new Big 3-Ring Circus is sponsored by the Uniformed Units of Irem Temple.

Sports Shorts

Saturday is the last day for Little Leaguers, ages nine to twelve, to register

for play during the 1982 season in the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League, Harry Zacharias III, league president, announced yesterday. Little Leaguers, who desire to play with any of the following teams in the league, are reminded they must register by Saturday: Noxen Athletics, Kunkle Indians, Beaumont, Centermoreland and Orange.

Another planning meeting for officers, managers, assistants and umpires will be held Wednesday evening, April 14, at 7:30 at the former Beaumont School. All teams are requested to have representatives in attendance.

An important meeting of team managers and representatives of the new Sunday softball league for the Back Mountain will be held this evening at 6:30 at the Waterfront, Harveys Lake. It is requested that all teams have their \$65 entry fees; good faith deposits of \$50, and initial team rosters at tonight's meeting.

Teams of the Back Mountain Slo-Pitch Softball League's two divisions are asked to have representatives in attendance at the league

meeting to be held Friday evening, April 15, at 7:30 at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School.

Teams are reminded that the remainder of the entry fees and rosters must be in at the April 15 session.

The league will operate this year with two divisions. Only change being that the divisions will sport the strong teams in one division and the supposedly weaker teams in another division to give more balance.

Jim Barbacci, league president, announced that play will begin the early part of next month. As in the past, league games will be scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with makeup games slated for other evenings.

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