

Sports

Black Knights Hold Conference Lead

Coach John Baranowski's Black Knights ran their record to 8-0 to hold their lead in the Wyoming Valley Volleyball Conference. The Knights took the Tunkhannock Tigers 15-1, 15-2, then defeated Dallas Mountaineers 15-2, 15-2, Wednesday, April 6.

In the Tunkhannock match Kevin Straka and

Tony Javier did some excellent spiking with Bob Miller outstanding on blocking and serving. Chuck James also did more than his share on the spiking while Larry Stash turned in a good defensive game.

It was Miller and Javier doing superb spiking against the Mountaineers and Brett Raspen good on

the serve. Straka did the setting very well for the Black Knights with Bob Garinger turning in a fine defensive game.

The weekend of March 26, the Knights competed against 12 teams in a tournament at Bethlehem Liberty High School and took fourth place. There was a six player All-Star Tournament team

selected at the end of the tournament and the Black Knights placed two men on the All-Star team, Chuck James and Tony Javier.

This past weekend, the Black Knights placed second in a tournament at Northeast High School, York Township.

This week the Knights were set to play West Side

Tech at the Titans court on Monday, then travel to Meyers on Thursday to finish up the league season. To-date the Knights are 60-2 in league play.

Districts will be held next weekend and the State Competition will be at PSU Main Campus, April 29 and 30.

Wrestlers Advance to Championships

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club advanced 10 wrestlers to the Middle Atlantic States Championships to be held April 15 and 16 at Newark, Del.

Over 800 wrestlers competed at the Millington Regional Tournament held March 31, April 1 and 2. Many champions fell during the three days of tough competition.

Members of the Back Mt. Wrestling Club team surviving the onslaught and advancing to the championship competition were:

First place winners: 40 lbs. Rick Finnegan, 98 lbs. Mark Amato, 140 lbs. Jerry Ogurkis; second place winners: 65 lbs. Allen Baird, 65 lbs. Jason Naugle, 77 lbs. Carey

Falcone; third place winners: 50 lbs. Eric Williams, 55 lbs. Charley Roper, 85 lbs. Ron Post, 112 lbs. Dylan LaPorte.

This was Ogurkis' fifth consecutive regional title and he will be a two time returning state champion. He will be taking a perfect 41 and 0 record to the states tournament with 41 pins to his credit.

Mark Amato is a former state finalist and will be looking for his first championship title this year.

Carey Falcone is a returning three time state champion. Although he dropped a close 3-4 decision in the regional finals, Carey will be looking for his fourth state

title this year.

The Back Mountain team will be working hard over the next two weeks in preparation for the final tournament. "This is what we work for the whole year," says Coach Jerry Ogurkis. He feels that the boys have a good chance to bring home three or four championships.



ON HER KNEES: The Lady Mountaineers won the game but not without a fight from the Lady Knights as the two Back Mountain rivals met head to head on the volleyball courts last Friday. The action was fast paced at the Lake-Lehman gym. Shown in the photo are Amy Fermier, on her knees after connecting with the ball, No. 13, Becky Strykowski, looks on in helpless but ready to jump in at any time. Line judge, Ashley Ryan makes sure everyone is doing her part without foul. (Mark Moran Photo)

Bowling

Imperialette League Race for First Place Is Running Close

Hambos shut out the G.H. Harris men in the Friday Night Major League led by T. Shalata who knocked down pins for 32. S. Bonomo rolled 539 and T. Zekas added 534. A. Wendel hit 594 for the losing five and teammate H. Bennett posted 535. Jerry Roan walloped the pins for 223 (548) and F. Adams topped them for 535 to lead Big Bens in taking all from the Beach Combers. Bermudas picked up three points from Charlie's All Stars despite the All Stars K. Orkwis' 535. Back Mountain Sporting Goods earned three from the CMP's paced by H. Garris' 220-237 (659), D. Wickard's 541 and R. Harned's 522. L. Coolbaugh spilled pins for 224. Glen Mazer slammed the pins for 224 (610) and his brother Gary Mazer rolled 212 (571) for the sundae team.

In the Bowlerette League D. Long's 170

topped all girls as her Franklin's five took three from Tom Reese. Hoagie Bar copped three from Mr. Donut.

Two nights of bowling over the weekend by the Imperialettes the race for first place became closer as the league leading American Building Maintenance girls dropped three points to Mahaffey Oil and three to Lamoreaux Auto. Second place Jean Shop drew closer by taking three from Humphreys Apparel and dividing 2-2 with Lombardo Bakery. The third place bakery team divided with Jean Shop and Mahaffey Oil. In addition to losing three to the Jean Shop, Humphreys Apparel lost all four to Lamoreaux Auto.

High scores were posted by Humphreys' J. Mekeel 180 (470); Jean Shop's M. Ritts 171; Lamoreaux' N. Ide 172, J. Wertman's 178, and M. Neifert's 192; American Building's J.

Zimmerman's 181, and C. Smith's 183; Mahaffey's W. Harrington 184 (483) and S. Johnson 177-192 (537).

W. Gansel's 519 led Numero Uno to shutting out the Jokers in Our Gang League and Rita Busch's 173 aided Harveys Wallbangers in banking the Cheap Shots. Melon Balls copped three from Alabama Slammers and Spanky's made it three over The Blitz led by Kathy Mintzer's 181 and Lynn Busch's 201 (478). K. Spencer tumbled pins for

219 (546) and J. Sandstrom scattered wood for 559 for the losing five.

In the Back Mountain Church League Orange A took all from the Lutherans paced by J. Mitchell's 571 and J. Zamo's 523. Shavertown B shut out Dallas A sparked by C. Kazokas' 551. K. Spencer hit 551 for the Dallas team. Orange B took three from East Dallas with J. Sponseller rolling 210-220 (588) and H. Shupp hitting pins for 528. R. Witkowski rolled 537 and W. Moore posted

525 for the East Dallas men. Trucksville B picked up three from Carverton B with G. Kohli topping pins for 559. The losing team had J. Curtis' 542. Maple Grove earned three from Carverton A with J. Remington spilling pins for 215 (538). Trucksville C copped three from Shavertown A with no one able to post high scores.

Firebirds shut out the Camaros in the Idetown Compact League and Mustangs took three from the Capris paced by L.

Stallard's 555. C. Williams 531 was high for the Capris. Cimarrons made it three over the Lynx and La Barons picked up three from Omegas aided by D. Doty's 547 and Connie Doty's 171-191 (488). J. Roan's 525 led Aries to three points from the Citations.

In the Ladies Country League D. Vrhel's 216-197 (575) led Fashion Vending in taking all from A.F. Roan Inc., whose T. Langdon rolled 214 (496). Daring's Market picked up three from Grotto

Pizza, whose A. Hospodar hit 172 and teammate M. Hirner posted 188 (490). M. Culver's 181-185 (532), P. Williams 177 and K. Kalafsky's 170 aided the Castleties in copping three from G.W. Harris Associates. Eileen Feher knocked down pins for 190 for the Harris girls.

In the George Shupp League Disque Funeral Home added four by forfeit from Roberts Oil and Harris Associates took four from Stanton TV. Fino's Pharmacy picked up three from

Dallas Nursery and Endless Mountain took three from Gino's Shoe Store.

Hitting high scores were K. Youngblood 234 (635), B. Downs 225 (595), J. Strazdus 560, Fino's; F. Adams 565, Dallas Nursery; L. Lavelle 230 (564), Stanton's; A. Wendel 593, G. Harris 550 and H. Bennett 535, Harris men; M. Rudick 567, R. Klimek 520, Endless Mountains; J. Curtis 529 and T. Doughton 525, Gino's.

Solinski Pitches Wins

Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights continued undefeated in exhibition softball last week defeating Wyoming Valley West 8-2 and turning back Abington Heights 5-1. Jill Solinski picked up the win in both games.

Solinski held the Lady Spartans hitless for the first six innings but going into the final frame gave up hits to Spartans Kim Menkavitch and Jan Koviak. The Lady

Spartans scored their only two runs in the final inning.

Solinski struck out 13 and gave up only four walks in a game where Kim Fey, Rebecca Clifford and Kelly Wandell backed her up with power at the plate.

Ten walks and numerous errors aided in the Spartans loss. The Lady Knights scored four runs in the

first inning to ice the game with the Lady Comettes of Abington Heights on Wednesday afternoon.

Cindy Slocum gave Solinski a two-run triple and Lori Lopasky and Kelly Wandell accounted for one run each with singles.

Softball contests scheduled for Lake-Lehman High School, Saturday afternoon, were cancelled due to weather.

Rotate Childrens' Toys

Some time your child will have more toys than she can use, or for more than there is room. When this happens, she may drift from one toy to another for only brief and superficial play, according to Growing Child, the monthly child development newsletter.

This is a sign that it is time to put some of the toys away for a while, leaving only current favorites. With a more limited selection of toys, a child will learn to be more inventive and resourceful

in looking for new ways to play with each toy, and her attention span will get longer.

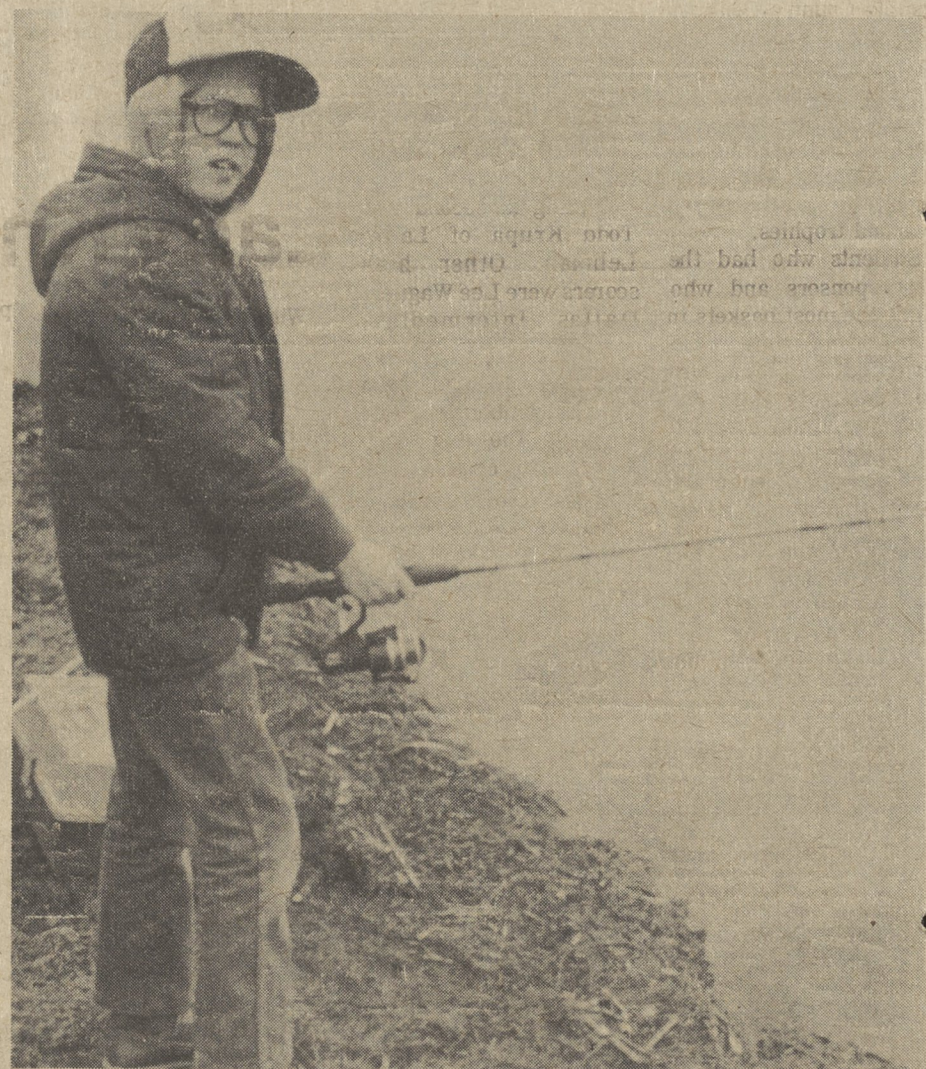
From time to time, switch toys from storage to playroom for an ever-changing variety. A rainy day is a good time for this activity: exchanging "old" toys for "new" toys can help overcome boredom.

These periodic switches offer a good opportunity to examine the toys. If any parts are missing, write to the manufacturer for replacements. If any repairs are needed, do them. If the toy is damaged beyond repair, discard it or salvage whatever may be reusable. A "junk" box of old toy parts can be a treasure chest to an older child who likes to tinker

with construction projects.

Never throw away a useable toy, even though you think a child has surely outgrown it. Children play with toys in different ways at different ages. A feature that might not have been evident originally may offer pleasure a year or two later.

A child who is sick in bed recovering from an illness often prefers a less challenging toy, one she has played with earlier. Besides, it's always good to have a selection of toys for younger children, whether visitors or your own. Toy quality will never be better than it is today. Save the good ones; they may turn out to be another generation's treasures!



GOT A BITE? Neil Bevan of Larksville was bundled up against a chilly breeze at Frances Slocum Park. Doing a little fishing but not having much luck was how he summed up the day. Neil was using worms for bait, maybe that just wasn't on the fish's menu that day! (Jayne Bradbury Photo)



COMMUNITY LIFE WORKSHOP: Members of the faculty and administrative staff at Luzerne County Community College recently attended a workshop entitled, "Community Life: A Framework for Instructional Development and Computer Literacy." The workshop, which was held at the LCCC Educational Conference Center, was designed to acquaint the staff with the various components of a "Community Life Program" at the community college. Among those in attendance for the workshop are, from left, seated, Sam Joseph, Kingston, assistant professor, Social Science Department; Robert Janosov, Sheatown, associate professor, Social Science-History Department, and coordinator of the workshop; and W. Theodore Durr, Ph.D., consultant for the workshop. Standing, Sheldon Spear, Shavertown, professor of history; Ann M. Williams, Nanticoke, director of the LCCC Educational Conference Center and David Whitney, Trucksville, adjunct instructor.

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