

Sports

Jones Laments Poor Practice Field

"It is disheartening," said Dallas Senior High girls track coach, Robyn Jones, following her team's 71-70 loss to Meyers last week. "We have the talent and should have won but lack of proper home track facilities to practice beats us every time.

"For the past three years we have been promised something would be done so we could use the track but every year it's been the same thing. Promises, promises but no action. My concern is the kids. We lost the meet because they're out of shape. The kids gave their all but can't do anything about it. They can't accomplish the impossible without proper facilities. We have no

hurdles, no zones, no lanes.

"We have five district medalists but they are given nothing while other schools in the conference have Cadillac facilities. We have nothing, our home meets are away. And I'm supposed to sit back and keep my mouth shut."

Coach Jones has brought the Dallas girls track team from an exhibition group of five or six years three or four years ago to a full squad with depth and talent but she lacks what is needed most—a decent track at home. Efforts on the part of several directors during the past three years have been to no avail. Despite promises, mandates and pleas,

there is still no decent track at Dallas.

In the Monday meet with Meyers District Champion Cathy Newhart won three events, the 200 meter dash in :28.3, 100 meter dash in :12.9 and the 400 meter relay with team members Judy Krispin, Denae Schoner and Robin Pawling.

In Wednesday's meet, there were no complaints from coach or girls as the Lady Mountaineers were soundly trounced by Turkhanock 82-59.

Cathy Newhart and Amy Aston were triple winners to lead Dallas but it wasn't enough against the strong Lady Tigers. Newhart took the 100-meter and 200 meter dashes and was a member

of the winning 400 meter relay team with Krispin, Pawling and Schoner. Aston took the 800 and 1600 meter runs and was a member of the winning 1600 meter relay team with Pawling, Krispin and Schoner.

Felicia Tucker, who won the shot put and javelin in the Meyers meet and placed second in the discus, failed to come in first against the Lady Tigers. She took third in the discus, second in the shot put and javelin, losing out to Brenda Traver, who swept all three and also copped first in the triple jump. Schoner took first in the 400 meter dash for Dallas and Harvey copped the long jump for the Lady Mounts.

Stocking Scheduled

In an effort to avoid traffic congestion, eliminate problems for landowners, and provide a quality fishing experience for sportsmen, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission will again, this year, announce only the week of in-season trout stocking.

This schedule for northern Luzerne County, as announced by Claude M. Neifert, district

waterways patrolman, is as follows:

April 16 - April 22, Harveys Creek; April 30, Mt. Springs Lake; April 30 - May 6, Pine Creek - Bowmans Creek and Mt. Springs Lake.

Also, May 7 - May 13, Bowmans Creek and Harveys Creek; May 14 - May 20, Mt. Springs Lake; May 21 - May 27, Bowmans Creek - Mt. Springs Lake and Harveys Creek.

Lord Leads Mounts

Jim Lord led the Dallas Mountaineers to an 8-2 win over the Pittston Patriots last Wednesday, using his fastball to perfection. Lord fanned six and gave up only six hits while his teammates pounded Pittston's Rich Kashuba for 11 hits, four of them doubles.

Walt Grabenstetter doubled to left field in the first inning to score Matt Medura and Rollman drove in the second run. Steve Federici hit a double as leadoff in the third inning and Rollman hit another single to knock in a run.

Catcher Jerry Rollman and designated hitter Darren Breining led with two hits each while a strong Dallas defense held down the Patriots.

The Mountaineers took a 2-0 lead in the first inning and went to 3-0 in the top half of the third. They scored a run in the fifth and another in the sixth and finished off with three runs in the final inning to clinch the win.

Pittston scored their first run in the fourth inning and their second and final run in the sixth. Sophomore A.J. Bitner hit two doubles during the game and in the sixth inning moved Dave Thomas and Art Coolbaugh on the bases with a nicely-executed sacrifice. Coolbaugh made a stellar backhand out of Bubba Phillips' hard grounder in the fifth inning to cool off the Patriots.

Dallas Splits Week

Dallas girls softball team opened the season with a 9-6 win over Pittston Area at the Lady Mounts field on Tuesday of last week then trounced 11-1 by a strong Coughlin girls team.

The Lady Mounts took an early 4-0 lead over the Patriotettes in the bottom half of the first inning on two runs hit by Kathy Walsh and Julie Adams. In the third inning they added four additional runs on single base hits by Karen Dombek, Karen Banks and Theresa Baseski. Baseski also drove in a run with a double.

Sandy Shone, on the mound for the Lady

Mountaineers, fanned two while giving up only six hits in the game.

The Lady Crusaders had not trouble as they romped over the Lady Mountaineers Wednesday afternoon with an 11-1 win.

Marie Vozdiak gave up 10 hits for the Coughlin nine but she drove in four runs for her Crusaders as they opened their season with a win.

Dallas girls scored their lone run in the first inning on a run batted in by Sandy Shone. Chris Dombek did the mound work for the Mountaineers giving up 11 hits, walking six and striking out two at the plate.

Run Promotes Physical Fitness

Plans have been finalized for the first annual Nesbitt Memorial Hospital five-mile run.

The event will be held Sunday, May 8, beginning at 10 a.m. at the hospital's Medical Arts Building.

Sponsored by the hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic, the spring event was developed to promote good physical fitness and encourage participation

in athletic events.

The race will start and conclude at the Medical Arts building. Starting on Division Street, runners will travel to Ruter Avenue where they will merge onto River Street, Forty-Fort. Runners will start the return trip at the Wyoming Seminary Lower School and continue south on Wyoming Avenue, concluding at the Medical Arts Building. An

awards ceremony will follow.

Medals will be awarded to the three top finishers in each age group as well as a trophy to the male and female runner with the best overall time. There are six categories for men: 15 and under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 and over. For women the categories are: 15 and under, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, and 40 and over.

The cost per entrant prior to the run is \$3. Pre-registration deadline is April 29. Registration on race day is \$4. The fee includes a specially designed t-shirt commemorating the race and a complimentary beverage.

For information or to obtain an entry form, contact the Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic, 288-1411 ext. 4773 or 4774.

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Get Well Soon, Coach Red Jones

BY LEE L. RICHARDS

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Coach Red Jones suffering from back problems could be headed for some surgery. The Misericordia roundball boss will be heading for a checkup this week.

The fact that GAR's Larry Koretz didn't make the All-State roundball squad is ludicrous in my book. He's a superb talent and deserved to be on the team. I've never put a lot of credence in the selection process of any All-State team for any sport.

Bill LaVigna told me he attended the recent Philly-New Jersey USFL game and liked the caliber of play. He says he'd go back again. The new loop isn't even half way through its initial season, yet all of the cynics have predicted doom. What they haven't taken into consideration is the fact most of the teams have some stable folks in the helm and another year of TV contracts. I like the loop and believe it will make given time.

Things are starting to surface with the Philadelphia Eagles which leads me to believe Dick Vermeil knew what he was doing when he bailed out. Owner Len Tose, who always seemed shaky to me, recently turned over the operation to his daughter, Sue Fletcher. She's hooked several front office people and has put the once stable organization in jeopardy. Vermeil must have seen the handwriting on the wall and decided it was better to move on down the road.

I'm delighted to see Penn State's elected Barry Parkhill as its new roundball mentor. From all the reports I've heard he's top-shelf and will bring some much needed stability to the program. Former Coach Dick Harter simply turned too many people off. His days were numbered two years ago. The Nittany Lions put a heap of bucks into its roundball program and all they wanted in return was a competitive team. Harter flunked terribly, despite the efforts of St. Joe to assist him in luring top-notch talent to Happy Valley. Parkhill has the much needed temperament to bring the team and fans together.

Irem Pro Barry Fies is attempting to compete with the W-B Fats Invitational Golf Classic by having a Captain and Mate tournament on Sunday. Barry claims he'd like an opportunity to be considered for an invite. He's under consideration!

Sean O'Shea of The Golf Shop has the Mitsubishi Golf Trainer and gave me a few cuts at the ball last week. It's a microcomputer swing analyzer which projects shot direction, calculates accuracy, locates the club hitting area, indicates club head path and speed and estimates carry. It's quite an invention.

Lady Knights Fall

Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights were set back 94-35 last Wednesday by the Meyers Mohawks, whose Maureen Murray, Colleen Driscoll and Mary Waseleski copped three firsts each. Michelle Rothenbecker and Mary Williams took two first each.

Lake-Lehman's Marion Mills took a first in the 100-meter hurdles with 19.4.

Coach Jack Wolensky's Dallas baseball team is pounding the ball. Mounts lost a high scoring encounter to GAR last week, but if they continue to hit with the consistency they are this early, look out! Steve Federici, Matt Medura and Tim Grove have the hot bats.

Wyoming Sem's Mark Ambrose has attracted a lot of big league baseball scouts this spring. Mark has a very lively fastball and is headed for a full-ride to some big time program. Georgia Tech, South Carolina and Alabama took a look last week, along with the scouts from the Yanks, Phils, Mets and Pirates.

I can't recall watching a major golf tournament like the Masters last week where so many of the contenders simply dropped off the pace. I wonder what the odds are for Ray Floyd, Tom Watson and Craig Stadler all to shoot poorly in the last round at the same time? However, Seve Ballesteros did play well on Sunday from tee to green, but couldn't get any of his putts to drop.

Rain, rain go away, all of the golfers would like to play! This weather has been sorry for all of us golfers. Heck, it has been so wet you can't even hit practice balls.

My pal Bobby Roper called from Texas A&M recently. Head Coach Jackie Sherrill has stirred up a heap of interest around Aggieland with his "twelfth-man kickoff team" which will be made up from the student body. More than 250 students turned out for a meeting last month. A 15-man unit will be selected from the group during spring drills and will cover kickoffs for the Aggies this fall. That should be exciting.

Volleyball Results

Coach John Baranowski's Lake-Lehman spikers continued undefeated last Monday by downing West Side Tech 15-5 and 15-7.

Chuck James, Bob Miller and Kevin Straka led the Knights offense with numerous spikes set up by Tony Javier.

In the girls match, they ran their record to 6-5 by taking 15-1 and 15-10 games from the West Side Titans.

record to 6-9 for the season, as they downed Bishop O'Reilly 2-0.

The Lady Mountaineers of Dallas High School took consecutive sets of 15-6 and 15-9 to run their

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