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Wilkes-Barre Fats

Andy North Visits Irem

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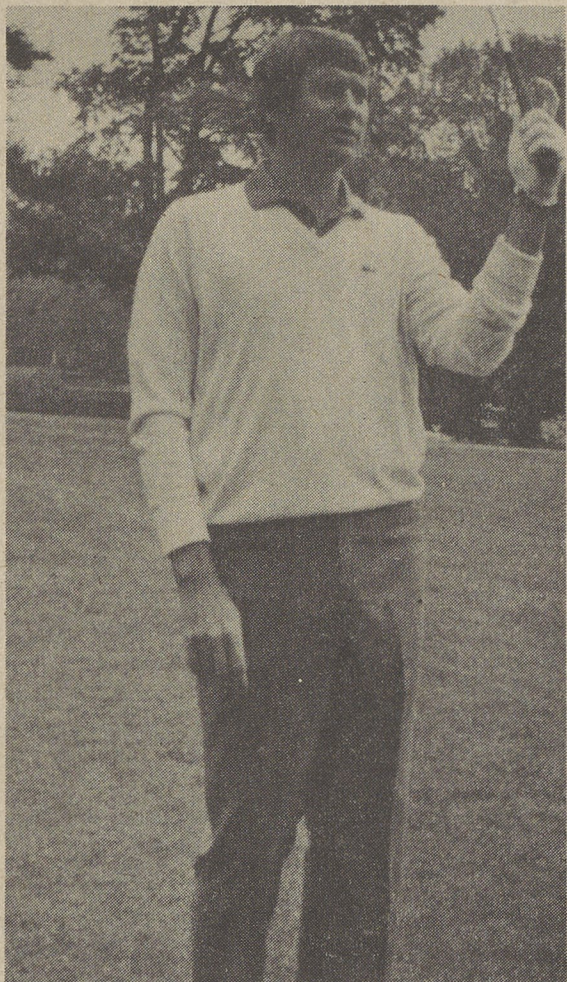
Former U.S. Open champ Andy North visited Irem Temple Country Club last Monday. I had the opportunity to visit with the former Florida All-American and the topic of conversation turned directly to football. Andy was sporting a nifty ring from the University of Wisconsin football team. It seems that, despite being a Florida grad, Andy is very involved in the Badger grid program.

"I'm elated to be a part in the Badger football program. The ring I have is from their recent bowl trip (Independence Bowl). I've always been a football fan and living in Wisconsin, I just got involved," said North.

I pointed out that I was impressed with the strides the Badger program has made in the past couple of years and that I saw them play in the 1981 Garden State Bowl against Tennessee.

Andy laughed when I mentioned that I was pulling for the Vols and had several good reasons.

North was a freshman at Florida when my pal, Rick Spears, was a senior. He relayed some funny stories about Spears and the 1968 NCAA championship team. Andy admitted his game has not been at the level he's capable of playing, but he believes he's peaking at just the right time



ANDY NORTH

for the upcoming Open at Oakmont.

He says, "I believe I'm striking the ball better in recent weeks and I'm really trying to peak for the Open. I like the golf course (Oakmont), but there's some real difficult holes which I don't play

particularly well. I've just got to tee it up and see what happens."

North participated in an outing of golf and business with United Penn Bank. He played one hole with each group of UP customers and conducted on a little clinic on the first tee.

Irem pro Barry Fies played along with North. Barry has played with Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and now Andy North. All three have captured the U.S. Open.

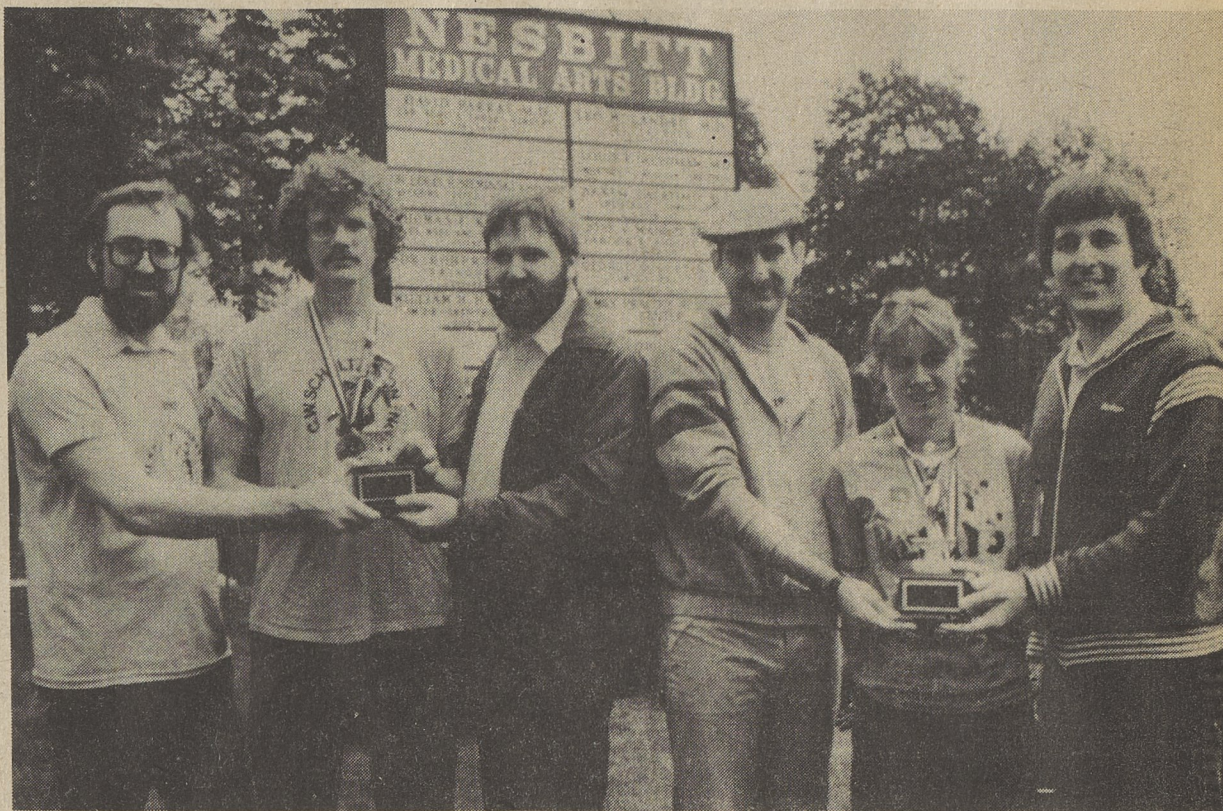
Bob Mason of United Penn was in charge of the business confab and played the first hole with Andy and Barry. Now Mason isn't one of your polished golfers. He missed the 17th, a par 4 hole, to the left, knocked up a pretty fair pitch to within three feet, then calmly sank a curling putt for his three. North two-putted for his three, but Mason's par was more of the fantasy variety.

Former Dallas golfer, Jim Smith, got a chance to meet North. Jim claims he picked up a tip or two.

CLIPBOARD NOTES

King's Coach Tom Davis has been selected to the NCAA Division Three Golf Committee. He is ticketed to assist in evaluating teams for the annual NCAA Tournament and play an active role in running the event. Tom will do a very thorough job and he's always been so organized.

I was somewhat surprised to learn last week that our local schoolboy golfers are still playing match play. That's peculiar since the district and state events are medal play? Maybe the local schoolboy coaches should reconsider their format?



NESBITT SPONSORS RUN - Nesbitt Memorial Hospital conducted its inaugural 5 mile run recently with 189 participants. Bill Kvashay, of the Back Mountain area, was the overall winner with a time of 24:20. The top woman finisher was 16-year-old Amy Aston of Dallas. Aston is a sophomore at Dallas High School and competes with the school's track team. The run was sponsored by the hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic to promote physical fitness. Race coordinators were Michael Aed, Carl Seitz, Bruce Brokaw and Ray Thompson. Shown here are the race coordinators and the overall winners. From left, Ray Thompson, Bill Kvashay, men's division winner; Bruce Brokaw, Michael Aed, Amy Aston, women's division winner; and Carl Seitz.

American Legion Baseball

'Bragging Rights' On Line

'Bragging rights' for 1983 in Noxen Township will be at stake tomorrow evening on the Penn State diamond at Lehman when the two Noxen slo-pitch softball teams - the Noxen Rebels and the Noxen Texaco squad - tangle in some friendly hometown rivalry.

The meeting tomorrow evening will be the only league confrontation this season between those teams and both will be doing their best to capture town honors. Noxen Rebels are current holders of slo-pitch supremacy in Noxen.

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Here is the schedule for the Back Mountain American Legion Post 672 baseball team for the balance of the 1983 season. Clip it and post it in a handy spot.

Wednesday, June 1, Back Mountain at Swyersville; Saturday, June 4, Back Mountain at Jenkins Township; Monday, June 6, Nanticoke at Back Mountain; Wednesday, June 8, Back Mountain at Plains; Saturday, July 9, Back Mountain at Plymouth; Monday, July 11, Hanover at Back Mountain; Wednesday, July 13,

Back Mountain at Pittston; Monday, June 13, Plains at Back Mountain; Wednesday, June 15, Plymouth at Back Mountain; Saturday, June 18, Back Mountain at Hanover; Monday, June 20, Back Mountain at North End; Wednesday, June 22, Swyersville at Back Mountain.

Saturday, June 25, Jenkins Township at Back Mountain; Monday, June 27, Back Mountain at Nanticoke; Wednesday, June 29, South Wilkes-Barre at Back Mountain; Saturday, July 2, Pittston at Back Mountain; Wednesday, July 6, Back Mountain at Plains; Saturday, July 9, Back Mountain at Plymouth; Monday, July 11, Hanover at Back Mountain; Wednesday, July 13,

Back Mountain at Pittston; Saturday, July 16, Swyersville at Back Mountain; Monday, July 18, Jenkins Township at Back Mountain; Saturday, June 23, Back Mountain at Plains.

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American Legion baseball will be a treat again this season for sports lovers of the Back Mountain area with announcement by John O'Toole, commander of Daddow-Isaacs Memorial Post, 672, American Legion Post, Dallas, that the local post has a team entered in the Wyoming Valley American Legion Baseball League. The league is composed of 10 teams from communities in the Wyoming Valley

and the Back Mountain. Tomorrow evening and Saturday, the Back Mountain team will be playing away - meeting Swyersville on the latter's diamond tomorrow, and traveling to Jenkins township for the Saturday encounter.

The next home game for the area Legion team, known officially as 'Back Mountain,' will be Monday evening on the Dallas High School playing field when the locals meet the Nanticoke representatives. On Wednesday evening, June 8, Back Mountain will travel to South Wilkes-Barre.

Commander O'Toole has extended an invitation to all Back Mountain Legion team boosters to turn out.

High School

Baseball, Softball Roundup

DALLAS BASEBALL
Hanover took an early 1-0 lead over the Dallas Mountaineers last Tuesday then went in front, 4-0, in the top of the sixth inning but Dallas came on strong in their half of the sixth scoring seven runs to win the game, 7-4.

Jerry Rollman started the rally with a single. Walt Grabenstetter and Art Coolbaugh hit infield singles to load the bases. Hanover's hurler Joe Sukaloski walked Dave Thomas and Brad Dewey to send home two runs then A.J. Bittner knocked out a single to score two more.

Tim Grove continued the Mountaineers' rally by tapping off a single to score a runner and Steve Federici sent home a runner with a double. On his second time up in the seventh, Rollman batted in the final run with his second single of the inning. Steve Thomas, credited with the win, struck out two and walked three. Hanover's losing pitcher Sukaloski fanned six and walked three.

The Mounts were scheduled to play a double-header with West Side Tech and Seton Catholic last Wednesday.

LEHMAN BASEBALL
Knights pitcher Al Michaels held the Wyoming Valley West Spartans to two hits but got himself in trouble by giving up eight walks. Tom Davis scored the lone Lake-Lehman run when he went to first when hit by a pitched ball and scored on Tom Yoniski's double to right field.

Spartan hurler Eric Huntsinger also pitched a two-hit ballgame but walked only four while striking out five. The Spartans scored their two runs in the bottom of the fourth while Matt Zlotek started the rally with a single. Wally Zolner walked with two men out and he and Zolner crossed home plate on Len Barlik's double to left field.

The Knights scored their lone run in the top half of the first inning.

Lake-Lehman added a game to the win side of their league record last Wednesday when they defeated Nanticoke, 7-3, on the Back Mountain field.

T. Willy Cadwalader drove out a two-run homer in the third inning to lead the Knights in their six-run

frame which proved the downfall of the Trojans.

Len Zielen started the rally with a two run single and was followed by Chris Wargo's one-run double to spark the big inning. The six runs were enough to give the Knights P.J. Malak his second win of the league season.

Chris Boyle came in as relief in the fifth inning and pitched the final innings for the Knights.

The Trojans scored two runs in the fourth and their final run in the top of the seventh. Koslowski was the losing hurler for Nanticoke.

LEHMAN SOFTBALL
Lady Knights hurler Jill Solinski continued her stellar pitching, striking out 12 and giving up only three hits to lead Lake-Lehman to a 3-2 win over previously undefeated Valley West. The win ran the Lady Knights record to 13-0 in league play. The Spartans went to 14-1.

Solinski helped win her own ballgame by driving home three runs. She sent one run home in the fourth inning on a single and hit a two-run double in the fifth inning. Kim Fey aided the Knights with three singles.

Erica Oswald was on the mound for the Spartan girls striking out five but giving up 11 hits.

Jill Solinski continued to lead Lake-Lehman girls to an undefeated season by hurling a one-hitter against the Nanticoke Trojans in last Wednesday's game on the Trojans field.

Solinski fanned 11 to pace the Lady Knights to their 1-0 shutout. The only hit she gave up was Domzalski's infield single in the fourth inning.

Bonsavage paced the Back Mountain girls with two hits while Rebecca Clifford and Cindy Slocum drove out long doubles. The Lady Knights' lone run came when an error by Trojan pitcher Tracey Womeldorf allowed Rhonda Hudzik to score. Womeldorf threw Bonsavage's fourth inning bunt over her first baseman's head into the outfield.

The Lady Knights collected seven hits.

DALLAS SOFTBALL
Dallas girls lost a 5-4 contest to the Crestwood Comettes last Tuesday when the Mountaintop girls staged a four-run rally in the fifth to take the win.

The Lady Mounts took a

3-1 lead in the top half of the fourth and looked like winners until Diane Madl and Glenda Rinehimer sparked the Comettes rally.

Crestwood took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the first inning but Dallas girls came right back in the top of the second to tie it up at 1-1. Dallas broke the tie in the fourth with the aid of Kathy Walsh's double but Crestwood's explosion in the fifth proved too much for the Lady Mounts.

Dallas pushed one final run across in the sixth but Comette Tracey Sherksnas cooled them off. She gave up only five hits in the game. The win gave Crestwood a 12-2 record.

Dallas girls softball team used 13 hits, six of them doubles, off Seton

Catholic hurler Maria Roman to overcome the Lady Eaglettes, 10-3. Sheri Ciccarelli set the pace for the Lady Mounts driving out three hits and knocking in two runs.

The local girls jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and added four more in the second before the Eaglettes were able to get their one and only hit off pitcher Chris Dombek in the fourth inning. The Eaglettes three runs were unearned.

Dombek fanned seven and walked five in picking up the win.

Joining Ciccarelli in the hitting attack at the plate were D. Shone, Sandi Shone, Kathy Walsh, D. Adams and Theresa Baseski, all hitting doubles.

Coach Is Proud of Cindermen

Coach Ed Narkiewicz is proud of the performance his Lake-Lehman Knights turned in during last week's Boys District 2 Track Meet held Friday night at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium.

The District 2 Division AA events proved to be the thrilling part of the competition when with just two events remaining five points separated the first four teams, Bishop Hoban, Meyers, Lake-Lehman and GAR.

It was Meyers who came through with this season's title when they won the 1600 meter relay in 3:29.8 to the Black Knights 3:29.9. The Mohawks were first in the competition, Bishop Hoban second, the Knights third and GAR came in fourth.

It was Lake-Lehman's 17-year old Giro Hall, however, who turned in the sparkling performance for Division AA. Hall won the 1600 meter and 800 meter runs setting a new district record in the 800 meter with a time of 1:54.1. Knight sophomore Chris VanGorder won the 110 meter hurdles in 15.3 tying Mohawk Lance Hamilton's 1981 record.

The Knights 3200 meter relay team came in first with 8:05.5 and Mike Bernick finished first in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:03.9.

John Hodle placed second in the javelin with 163'8" and Dave Janick came in second behind Hall in the 800 meter run with 1:59.2. Tom Kukosky placed third in the 300 meter hurdles and the Lake-Lehman relay team finished second in the 1600 meter relay.

Attesting to the narrow margin between the top four teams was Meyers first place score of 57, Bishop Hoban with 52, Lake-Lehman with 51 and GAR with 44.

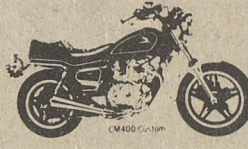
In Division AAA competition, the Dallas boys were unable to pick up any points.

Only the first place winners will advance to the state competition in Division AA.

Knights Lose

Crestwood Comets defeated the Lake-Lehman Knights, 82-68, in a makeup meet last Tuesday. Winning for the Knights were the two-mile relay team of Janiczek, Knorr, Kukosky and Walczak; 120-yd. high hurdles, Chris Van Gorder; 1-mile run, Giro Hall; 330-yd. IM hurdles, Kukosky; 880-yd. run, Knorr; long jump, T. Jones; high jump, Kukosky; and 1-mile relay team of Williams, Kukosky, Duffy and Hillman.

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