

Sports

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Pollack Has Visited Garden Quite Often

By LEE L. RICHARDS

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Crossed paths on Saturday morning with roundball ref Dave Pollack of Berwick. He has been quite visible on the tube in recent years working many of the top collegiate games around the East and in the ACC. I always used to kid Dave that someday he would be working in the Big Apple's Madison Square Garden and he has been there on a regular basis for Big East games. He remains one of the best refs ever to toot a whistle around these parts.

- Ed Ladamus is Lake-Lehman's new wrestling coach. He has been around the sport in one capacity or another for many years. He knows the ins and outs of the sport and is very good handling young folks. Ed was involved in the Junior Olympic program and the AAU in this area for years. I have a hunch he will keep the program on a winning level.

- Speaking of the Lake-Lehman mat program, I understand Ted Jackson, Coughlin assistant, had a fine interview and impressed a lot of the selection committee. Several Coughlin coaches believe Jackson will make a superb head coach when he receives the call.

- Red Jones is now Lake-Lehman School Board's athletic coordinator. Red's vast experience in athletics is an asset to the school district. I understand over the weekend the Jones' received several calls concerning Red. It seems a rumor was around the valley he had taken ill.

Not the case!

- Lake-Lehman School Board is reevaluating its original proposal concerning cutbacks in the athletic program. That's more of a realistic approach. However, there will be some coaching positions lost, but it won't be as serious as originally reported. I get a mite perturbed when I read where the first thing any school district wants to do when faced with budget problems is chop monies from the athletic programs. To me, the athletes are the ones getting cheated!

- Several roundball fans have informed me former Lake-Lehman standout Billy Jones is doing an outstanding job coaching the junior high Knights. He always impressed me as having the proper dedication to be quite successful.

- Mark Kirk, Lake-Lehman grid boss, is putting his charges through conditioning workouts a couple of times a week. Kirk is recovering nicely from his recent illness.

- Golfing pal Ted Ringsdorf, a former standout griddle for Luzerne, recently visited the West Coast for a little R & R and hit the little white ball around LaCosta Country Club, which is regarded as one of the top-notch layouts in the country.

- Our Touring Golfers Group has been on tour the last couple of weeks and, much to our surprise, Briar Heights is in tip-top condition. In fact, the greens were excellent putting.

- The annual Anheuser Busch Golf Classic is on tap this week and I am looking forward to watching

the pros execute the shots which puts them in a world all their own. The Kingsmill Course near Williamsburg, VA, is so well manicured. Calvin Peete is the defending champ and, from all indications, a very classy field will participate as usual.

- Speaking of golf tournaments, the Potentates Tournament at Irem Temple Country Club is filled. This is slated for next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I'm quite concerned over the condition of the golf course, especially the greens which simply lack consistency when putting.

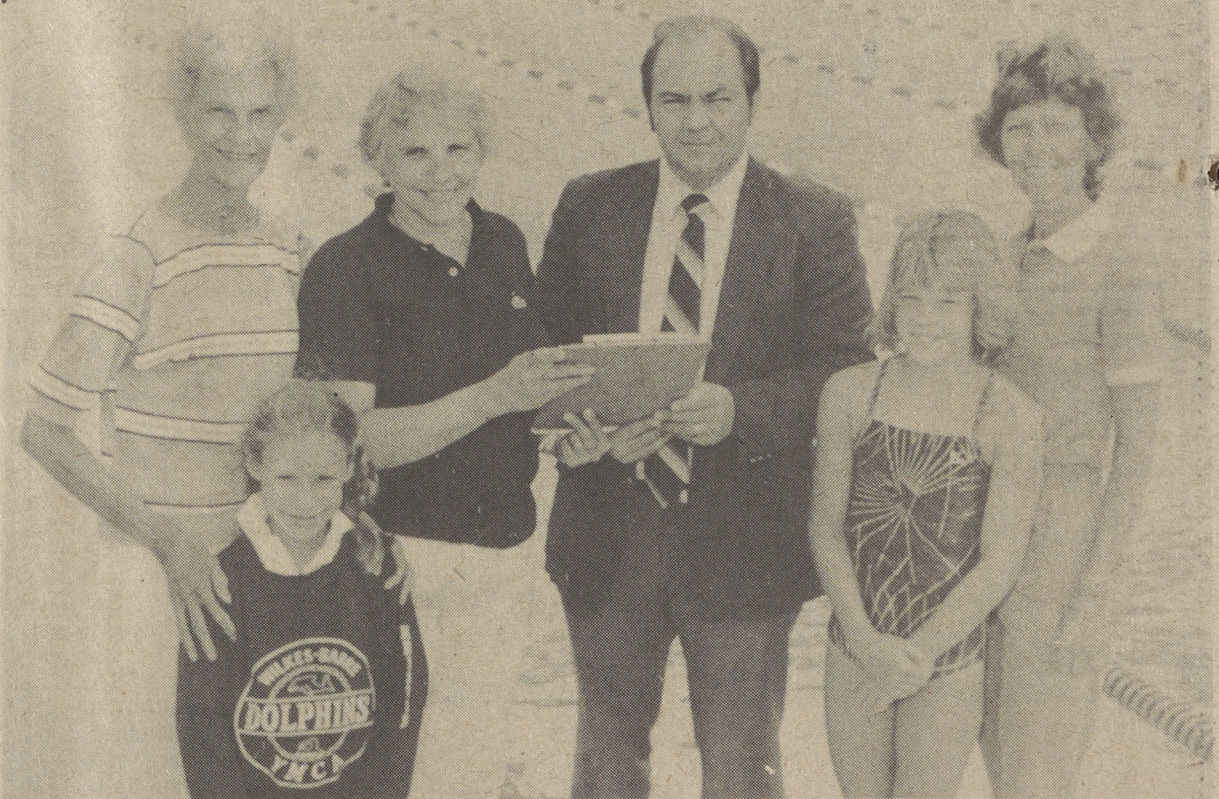
- Had a nice chat with Harold Dymond, pro at Mount Airy Lodge, recently. Anytime you tee it up on that course it's a challenge. You have got to be able to hit every club in your bag if you intend to score. Playing partner Ed Rome posted a four-over par 76. It was his initial visit to the stylish layout.

- GAR grid Coach Charlie Fick will be coaching in Saturday's Annual Big 33 Game for the first time.

"We've had several meetings and met with some of our players in recent weeks," said Fick. "I feel it's going to be a good experience for me and the local players that will participate."

Locals who will participate in the All-Star Classic are Jim Ostrowski, Bishop Hoban; Matt LaVigna, Crestwood; Chris Pate, Coughlin; Tony Tolbert, GAR.

Based on the personnel for both teams, I have got to lean to the West only because of the people they have at the quarterback slot.



Swim Meet Planned

Shown at the Kistler Pool in Wilkes-Barre planning for the Franklin's Family Restaurant Swim Meet are, from left, foreground, Kristen Stretanski, Nicole Voige. Back row, Marion Atchisson, Joan Stretanski, Meet Director, Paul Kutney, Franklin's Restaurants, Brenda Watkins, President YMCA Dolphin Swim Parents. The meet is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31 at the Kistler Pool. Applications are available at all Franklin's Restaurants.

Boating Program Offered

Barbara M. Umbrell, Boating Specialist of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, will present a free Boating Van Safety Program at the boat rental area of Frances Slocum State Park, RD 3, Wyoming, on Saturday, July 23 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Through demonstrations, talks, slide shows and films, the program teaches children and adults the best ways to make boating a safe and enjoyable summertime recreation.

The Boating Van Safety Program will take place at the Fish Commission's Boating Education Van, which is equipped with displays, safety equipment, slides and films, and free pamphlets on water safety.

A special multimedia presentation on boating safety will be given by Ms. Umbrell at 2 p.m.

'Skaterbowl' Planned

"Skaterbowl," an all-night skating and bowling event will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Bonomo's Sport Center, Dallas. The event is sponsored by the Word of Life Clubs.

The cost, which includes the cost of bowling shoes and skate rental, is \$6 per person. There will also be tennis courts open for adults.

Tournament Scheduled

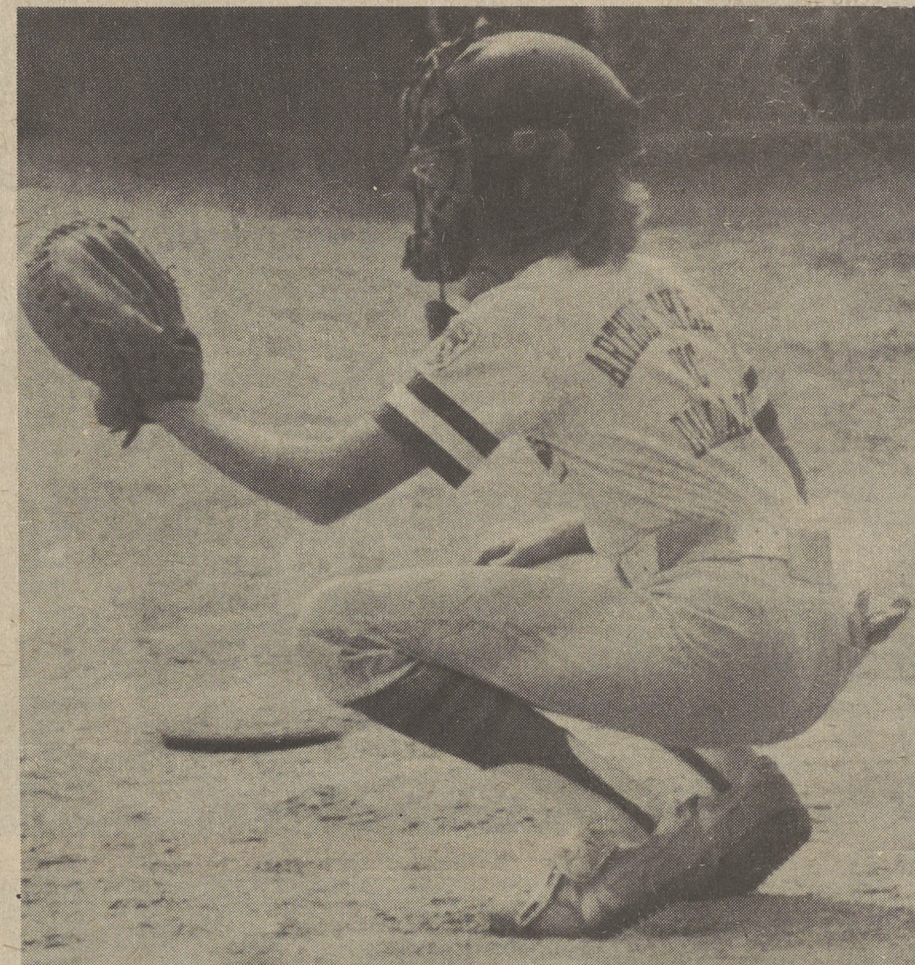
The South Valley League Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 22-Sunday, July 24 at the Dallas Little League Field.

The games will begin with Northwest facing Back Mountain Americans at 6 p.m. Friday, Back Mountain Nationals meet Hanover Green at 9 a.m. Saturday and winner of the first game will play Nanticoke at 11:30 Saturday.



No Hard Feelings

Charlotte and Joe Kelley "kiss and make up" following a recent game at the Dallas Little League Field during which Charlotte's Reds defeated Joe's Phillies, 5-4, in Major League competition. The Kelley's son, Chris, who served as scorekeeper for his mom's team, watches. This is Charlotte's first year as a major league coach, having coached a minor league for two years, while Joe has been coaching for eight years. Charlotte's brother, Lenny Dorrance, serves as assistant coach for the Phillies while the Kelley's son, Lenny, is a member of the Phillies team. The Kelleys reside on Demunds Road in Dallas.



Lady Catcher

Jean Stahovec, the only female to play on a team in the Dallas Little League Majors this year, displays her form as catcher for the Reds. Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stahovec of 32 Machell Ave., Dallas.

Commission Trains Rescuers

According to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, the number of water-related accidents in Pennsylvania is low when compared to other tragedies such as accidents in the home, car and others. But, accidents on Pennsylvania's waterways do, and will continue to happen.

When tragedy or near tragedy does strike, rescuers are often untrained for the situation at hand. And in some cases, unprepared would-be rescuers become victims themselves.

The proper preparation of rescue personnel is being addressed by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. In cooperation with the State Fire Academy, the Commission is initiating a statewide rescue program that will be offered through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Fire Academy.

The new program will help train volunteer fishermen and others that are

often called upon in rescue situations.

"The initial step is to develop specialized instructors to deliver the much-needed training," said Robert Grening, the Fire Academy's Director.

Training will address personnel safety (including self-rescue), water safety and rescue equipment use, recognition of moving water hazards, accident scene pre-planning, and shore and boat based rescue tactics and techniques.

"We are always striving for safer use of our waterways," said Gene Spurl, Assistant Executive Director for the Commission's Bureau of Waterways. "And we feel that a statewide rescue program will certainly help us to achieve that end."

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Office of Boating Safety, P.O. Box 1673, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-1673 or call (717) 787-7684.

Sports Roundup

Boys All-Stars Defeated

Back Mountain Boys American and National All Stars went down to defeat in the opening round of the District 16 Little League Tournament on July 11.

Nanticoke's Jim McDermott hurled a three-hit eighth inning 6-1 win over the American All Stars and Dave Sindracki of Duryea struck out five and drove out a home, and a double in defeating the Nationals, 12-3.

McDermott struck out 17 in advancing Nanticoke to the second round. The score was tied at 1-1 going into the eighth inning. Mark Vnuok started Nanticoke's rally with a single. Back Mountain pitcher Mike Richards walked McDermott who scored on Nick Pokrinchak's single, the first of six Nanticoke runs before the side was retired.

Richards struck out eight for the Americans while Back Mountain's Bob Ashworth drove out a pair of singles.

In the Duryea game, Rob Michaels took the loss for the Back Mountain despite knocking out two hits. His teammate Dave DePolo drove out a two-run homer but the team was unable to catch up with the powerful Duryea nine.

Both teams now drop into the B Division.

Legion Evens Record

Coach Bob Mon's Back Mountain Legion team ran its record to 9-9 last week by posting a 10-7 win over North End.

Hurler Jim Lord went the distance for the winners striking out 10 and giving up only nine single base hits. The lone extra base hit in the game was a long triple driven out by Steve Federici.

Frank Butry picked up the loss for North End which

dropped to 1-16 in the South Division standings.

In last Monday's game, the Back Mountain team lost, 7-5, to Hanover. The Hanover boys took a 5-0 lead in the fifth inning and never looked back. Brian Temprine drove in four runs to lead the Hanover team in RBIs. Pitcher John Kashmer, winning pitcher, fanned seven at the plate.

Back Mountain scored three runs in the bottom half of the sixth when Scott Montross led off with a single. Tim Grove flied out but Steve Federici knocked out a three base RBI, followed by Clarke Lewis' triple. Lewis scored on Chris Wargo's grounder in the infield.

Plymouth defeated the Back Mountain Legion team, 12-6, on July 9, scoring six runs in the sixth inning to break a 6-6 tie.

The Back Mountain boys scored three runs in the fourth and the fifth innings receiving two hits each from Dave Thomas and Scott Montross.

Female Stars Victorious

Back Mountain American All Stars and Back Mountain National All Stars won their opening rounds in Division II of the District 16 Little League Softball quarterfinals.

American hurler Tracey Cave led her team to a 16-2 win over Bob Horlacher girls striking out six at the plate and knocking out five hits, one of them a double.

Larisa Bergevin paced the Americans with two doubles and four RBIs to aid in advancing the team to the semi-finals.

The National All Stars pounded Harveys Lake 261 giving up the Lake team; 's lone run in the first inning.

The Back Mountain Nationals scored in every inning but the first, ending with seven runs in the seventh inning. Pitcher Michelle Sweitzer fanned nine and gave up only three hits in picking up the win.

Cindy Slocum set the pace at the plate with four hits, including a double and triple. The Nationals collected a total of 17 hits in earning the win.

Lori Cave Leads Victory

Lori Cave struck out seven batters at the plate and hurled a two-hitter in leading the Division I Back Mountain American softball team to a 7-1 over Bob Horlacher in the Division 16 softball tournament quarterfinal.

Cave also hit two-for-three, one of them a triple, at the plate and drove in five of the team's seven runs. She sent in two runs with a single in the first inning, drove in two with a triple in the fifth inning and scored one run herself on a poorly fielded ball.

The win advanced the younger girls to the semi-finals Thursday night when they were to meet Wyoming.

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