

# Sports

## Wilkes-Barre Fats

### Anheuser-Busch Classic was most impressive

By LEE L. RICHARDS

The 1983 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic at Kingsmill Golf Club, Williamsburg, VA, was a huge success and, as appears by the different comments from the PGA players, is becoming one of the more popular stops on the tour.

The folks connected with the tournament seem to be working harder and with more awareness to make this event one of the very best.

Rona Mirmelstein, press chairman, and her staff did a superb job in handling the press. They're improving because of the experience they've gained in recent years.

Meanwhile, the players didn't shoot lights out over the par 71, 6,746 layout. On Thursday, Scott Simpson carded a record tying 64, but really wasn't in the hunt after Friday's round when he had a 75.

What amazes me is how the pros are so adaptive to the conditions and to the type of shot they must execute.

I saw one prominent player four-putt the 18th in the opening round. I saw another player cork a tree with his tee shot, which he pulled badly, but recovered for a bogey. I saw Jim Dent hammer one of the longest tee shots of the day on the tough 16th, but failed to hit the green with an ordinary wedge shot.

Friday, some of the top players complained that the greens were too 'crusty'. Heck, if they had to play the greens our local golfers have to play they'd walk off the course. What perturbed me were the ones causing the commotion had about as much chance of winning as I did and I wasn't playing!

Even the usually unflappable Calvin Peete made some noise. I saw him take a double bogey on the 18th, which he three-putted. Peete is a class player. He rallied from Friday's miserable round to post a five under on Saturday and come from six back on Sunday to defend his title.

Calvin admitted during a brief encounter before Saturday's round his execution was not up to his standards.

He stated after Saturday's round that being six-shots behind Hal Sutton wasn't all that bad. After all, Peete had rallied from seven back to win the Atlanta Classic earlier this season.

Lanny Wadkins carved out a course record 63 Saturday. We saw his record breaking birdie putt on the 18th. He's really a gamer in my book. He started the day five over and went to three under and was in the chase.

Lanny is a tough competitor but when he took the time after the round to sign autographs for his large group of fans, he showed me some style.

However, the PGA has too many rules and regulations which protect the players from the press. It soured my opinion a bit. Granted, some of the scribes are overbearing, but I wasn't about to beg to interview some golfer, no matter who he was.

The PGA is over protective. Heck, if some golfer wants to talk to me, what am I going to say, "You better check with your PGA PR guy?"

In college football some of the ques-

tions directed to the youngsters would bring tears to the PGA eyes. Down the road it could hurt their image.

On the positive side, the folks at Kingsmill were most hospitable and I could venture back that way again.

**CLIPBOARD NOTES:** Pro grid camps are open and I've got a few ideas on the upcoming season:

The Redskins, like the Eagles and 49ers before them will not repeat as the NFL champs.

Speaking of the Philly Birds, they'll be a cut above ordinary.

Dan Fauts and his huge salary won't make it to the Super Bowl.

I haven't read or heard any of the NFL experts calling 49er Coach Bill Walsh 'genius' lately. They sure did belabor that point.

How will the Dallas Cowboys find a way this year to lose in the big game, if they make it that far. Like I've said before, it's quite possible their personnel is simply overrated!

Which NFL coach will be out of a job first? I've got a hunch it will be one of the head honchos from Houston, Cleveland or Detroit.

Look for the Saints to be more competitive as Coach Bum Phillips obviously has that team headed in the right direction.

Tennessee's highly regarded trainer, Tim Kerin, called last week to inform me Coach John Majors has assured Big Orange followers that he's not interested in coaching in the USFL even if it is Pittsburgh. Kerin told me being a trainer in any phase of pro sports isn't his bag. He just didn't want to deal with the problems prevalent today. Coach Majors was spending his vacation catching some sun in Hawaii. The Vols are getting cranked up for their opener with Pitts, Sept. 3. I'm looking forward to being there for that helmet buster.

If someone would have told me last year at this time that in 1983 some grid publications would rank West Virginia ahead of Pitt, I'd have rolled over laughing. Some pre-season prognosticators are going with the Mountaineers instead of Pitt. I wonder if they know WVU's offense hasn't put across a TD in 12 quarters of football? WVU got its lone TD last season via a blocked punt.

I'm sure most sports fans feel as I do that it's about time to put the clamps on the athletes convicted for using drugs. It seems there are different standards for the athletes and the regular guy on the street. Heck, if I was running a professional team of any sort and one of my top performers was nailed by the law he'd be gone.

I always thought Coach Vince Lombardi had the best cliché when it came to a player's conduct: "Either be good or be gone." The great mentor said in the 1960s that our society was becoming far too permissive. How right he was.

Money and greed are putting a damper on pro sports. I have taken the approach that it's strictly entertainment. There's little loyalty around today in any sport.



### PSU mixer

The Penn State Club of Wyoming Valley will host Fran Fisher, assistant athletic director at Penn State University, and Bruce Parkhill, head basketball coach of the Nittany Lions, at a mixer on Friday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman. A gourmet buffet will be served at 7:15 p.m., following by a program in Bierly Auditorium. Reservations are requested and may be made

with Jack Kolesar, Penn State Campus, P.O. Box 1830, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 19808, or by calling the local campus at 675-2171. Shown here are members of the Arrangement Committee. From left, seated, Clement Maslow, treasurer; Atty. Edward Hoseny, president; Irwin Sagenkahn, secretary; Leonard Frank, vice-president. Standing, Dr. Carl Nitsche, Mrs. Tille Nitsche, Mrs. Dorothy Carroll, Mrs. Marge Hall and James Hall.



### Bowling champs

Shown here are members of the bowling team sponsored by Franklin's Restaurant of Dallas. The team won the championship of the Bowlerette League in the Wyoming Valley Women's Bowling Association. From left, first row, Ellen Tomchak, Shirley Baguolo. Second row, Donna Long, Lorraine Jolley, Gloria Grant, Barbara Lumley.

### Hitchcock leads Hawks to victory

The Back Mountain Hawks defeated Mifflinville, 8-5, in the Tri-County League behind the hurling and batting power of Shorty Hitchcock.

Mifflinville's John Carathers went five-for-five at the plate but Hitchcock's stellar performance proved too much for the home team.

Hitchcock struck out seven men and drove out two singles, knocking in two runs for the Hawks. He was aided by Craig Yancheck, Chip Sorber and Dave Burnaford who collected two hits each at the plate.

Yancheck, Federici and Spencer had doubles for the Hawks to aid in the Hawks win.

### Legion team loses bid for playoff berth

The Pittston American Legion team downed the Back Mountain team, 8-3, on July 23, dropping the local Legion team from earning a playoff spot.

Pittston's hurler Ken Hoats gave up only nine hits while Back Mountain's Jim Lord allowed Pittston 14 hits, fanned only three and walked four.

Tim Grove led the Back Mountain team at the plate hitting two-for-three, one of them a hard hit double. Tom Davis hit two-for-four, with one a double and T. Montross hit two-for-four.

For Pittston, Spurlin and Mark Ambrose collected three hits each.

### Hockey team will practice

Dallas Senior High Coach Robyn Jones announces the opening day of field hockey practice for the season will be Monday, Aug. 8, 8 a.m. at the Dallas Senior High hockey field.

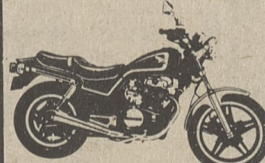
### Lake-Lehman plans clinic

The Lake-Lehman School District will sponsor a free wrestling clinic for elementary and junior high boys within the school district. Boys who will be in grades four through nine during the upcoming school year are eligible. The coaching staff will serve as instructors and senior high school boys will assist.

The clinic will run from Aug. 8-12. Registration will take place Monday, Aug. 8 at 8:30 a.m. Parents are asked to bring proof of accident insurance at this time. The program will run from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Lake-Lehman Senior High School.

More information may be obtained by calling Mr. Ladamus at 675-5691 or Mr. Barbacci at 298-2616.

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## Local residents coach at King's

With classes resuming at King's College in Wilkes-Barre during the next month, a number of Back Mountain residents will be active on the sports scene.

Paul Reinert of Shavertown is head coach of cross country at the college and last year guided the harriers to a great 14-4 record. He teaches science in the Lake-Lehman School District.

Wilma Schierer of Lehman returns as coach of the women's tennis team, which plays matches on the Coal Street complex in Wilkes-Barre.

Robin Fry Cummins of Kunkle is head coach of women's basketball and softball and is assistant to John Dorish, director of athletics.

Her basketball aides are Ariene Kozich and Michelle Kravitsky, Back Mountain residents. Kravitsky is statistician in basketball and softball.

When the King's rifle team of Coach George Brenzovich, Exeter, sponsored its first summer camp in Scandon Gym, some local youngsters were involved. Assisting the coach was Trucksville

resident Paul Youngblood, biology professor.

Andrew Paoletti of Hunklock Creek was one of the young shooters in the clinic. He is the son of Dr. Robert Paoletti, King's

### Noxen honors ball players

The Noxen Ball Association honored its ball players at the Annual Family Fun Day held recently.

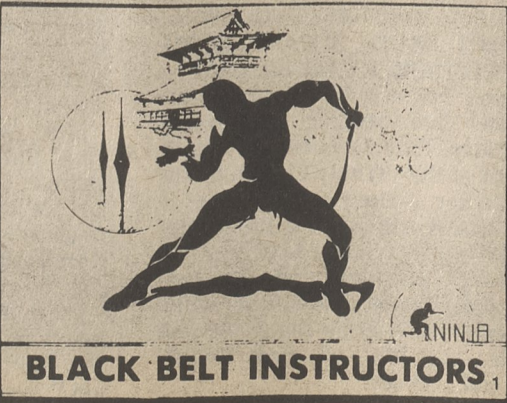
Boys honored were Jimmy Newell and Mike Traver, All-Stars; Brian

Murphy, Elmer Lyons, Bobby Zacharias and Ned Hoseny, final year.

Girls honored were Kelly Siglin, Peggy Siglin, Judy Hopfer and Dara Crispell, teener all-star selection; Julie Kovalick and Lisa Newell, teener final year; M. Zipay and Cindy Hopfer, Pony Tail All-Star selection; Kathy Race and Stacey Newell, Pony Tail final year.

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