

# Sports

## Rebels plan tournaments

With more and more women and girls playing softball these days, the Noxen Rebels, the men's group that has kept Noxen Township in sports headlines for a number of years with its better than average softball teams, tournaments and prowess, is moving into a new area this month - a women's softball tourney.

For years, the Rebels have sponsored softball tournaments on the Noxen diamond with as many as 20 Back Mountain, Wyoming County and Wyoming Valley teams participating. This year, in addition to sponsoring their annual softball tourney for men, the Rebels will sponsor the First Annual Women's Slo-Pitch tournament on the Noxen diamond on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20-21.

The Women's tourney will precede the Noxen Rebels third annual One-Pitch tourney, which will be held for men the following weekend Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28, on the Noxen diamond.

The women's tourney will be limited this year to the first eight area women's softball teams entering. Entry fee is \$60 for women's teams and prizes will include a team trophy and individual trophies for members of the team finishing in first place. Second and third place teams will each get a team trophy.

Refreshments will be available both days and interested teams should call any of the following: Carl Siglin 298-2326; Dwight Barbacci 298-2616 or Jim Barbacci at 298-9390.

The men's tourney to be played Aug. 27-28 is open to all C and D teams, plus two pickups. Entry fee for the men's teams, also a double loss elimination affair, is \$80 per team and prizes will include, based on entries of 16 or more teams, \$400 to the first place team; \$200 for second place; \$125 for third place and \$80 to the fourth place squad.

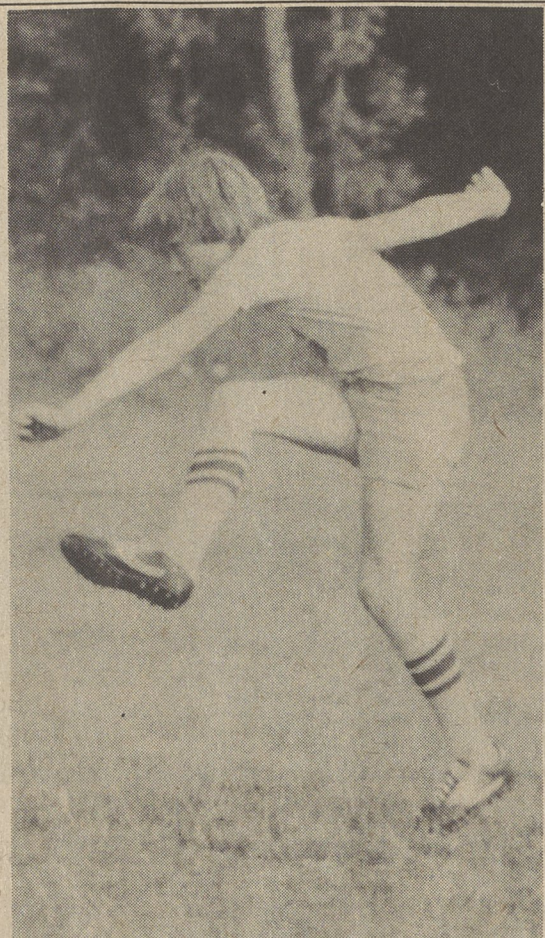
In addition to the cash prizes, trophies will be awarded to the player judged the best defensive man and the player garnering the most hits in tourney play. Entry deadline for the men's tourney is Aug. 23.



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### Save that goal!

Sue Wells shows what a soccer goalkeeper is supposed to do. Well, maybe she isn't supposed to close her eyes, but she did catch the ball. Sue plays for the Roughnecks in the Back Mountain Soccer Association.



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### Soccer style

Alistair Hodges displays the style of kicking he learned while playing soccer for four years in the Back Mountain Soccer Association. Alistair is a member of the Roughnecks team in Division II this year.

## Back Mountain Soccer Club opens sixth season Aug. 20

By SHEILA HODGES  
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The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association will open its sixth season Aug. 20 with a record number of players. The Association has grown from 75 boys and girls in 1978 to 740 in 1983.

The players are between seven and 14 years of age and, although there are almost twice as many boys and girls now, it is most certainly a co-ed sport.

This year the league consists of four divisions: Division I (13 and 14 years old); Division II (11 and 12 years old); Division III (nine and 10 years old); and Division IV (seven and eight years old).

The original move to introduce soccer into the Dallas schools began in 1978.

Following rejection of a proposal, Clyde "Skip" Davis, Larry Griffin, John Isaac and Bruce Kern started a clinic-type soccer organization to teach the game's basics to youngsters of the area. The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association was formed the following year - with 210 players and Clyde Davis as its president.

George Lister assumed the role of president of the association in 1980. Lister had been instrumental in helping to start the organization the previous year.

During Lister's tenure, even more growth was seen as parents, coaches and referees became involved.

In 1981, the association became the first league in this area to join the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association. This regional organization is affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association and holds clinics for training coaches and referees. Thirteen adults of the Back Mountain Soccer Association became certified as trainers and in 1982 and now train others.

This year, Ken Kozel takes over the presidency. Other officers are George Lister, treasurer; Rod Sennett, secretary; Frank Chadwick, registrar; Richard Snowdon, head coach; Arno Miller, head referee; Paul Sanholtz, equipment chairman; Herb Wiedlick, field chairman; and Ray Dennis, publicity chairman.

The Association was formed with the philosophy that all players should play for at least half the game and that children of all skill levels would mix together. The game is played equally by boys and girls.

The "mushrooming effect" has taken hold of soccer, also, as leagues have been formed in Plains, Mountaintop, Forty Fort and Wyoming Valley.

The Back Mountain Soccer Association feels that it was instrumental in having soccer accepted in the Dallas School District and hopes to be able to extend the age limit to 15 next year.

The youngsters practice once a week and play two games every week from mid August to late October. At the end of the 1983 season, there will be a double elimination championship to determine the championship teams in each division.

For the first time this year, there will be a special team. The Traveling Team, which consists of 17 players chosen after last year's season, will play in the Lehigh Valley League U-14s. This will give the local youngsters an opportunity to meet teams from all over the area and a chance to compete at a higher standard of play.

What counts is that the youngsters involved in the Back Mountain Soccer Association are having fun.

As one young player said, "It's a game in which I can run around all the time, have fun and not get bored."

## Junior gridders practicing now for 1983 season

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The Suburban Junior Football League, or mini football as it has become popularly known, is currently preparing for the 1983-84 season.

With regular season games scheduled to begin on Aug. 28, the teams are hard at work. The Super Bowl game, scheduled for late October, will pit the winner of the Suburban League against the championship team of the Pittston League. The Suburban League consists of the Dallas Cowboys, the Kingston Township Raiders, the Lake-Lehman Lins, the Northwest Eagles, the Nanticoke Rams, the Newport Nutcrackers, the Hanover Hawkeyes and the Northwest Crusaders.

The Dallas Cowboys and the Kingston Township Raiders, who both practice at the Dallas Senior High School, have A teams (12 and 13 year olds) and B teams (9, 10 and 11 year olds) and require a weight limit of 133 pounds.

Bob Shotwell, president of the Back Mountain Club, finds satisfaction in working with the young gridders.

"There is a great deal for them to learn," Shotwell said. "But they seem to pick up the rules rather quickly. It is satisfying to teach these youngsters the rules and ground-work of the game."

Like every other organization in the area, Junior Football has found its numbers have leveled off and may possibly be dropping. At present, there are approximately 20-35 members on each team.

Shotwell would like to see the number of participants remain close to that figure so that combination of some teams will not be necessary as a considerable amount of money has already been spent on uniforms and equipment.

The cheerleaders, a very important aspect of every Junior Football team, are also hard at work practicing their routines. The girls are organized by Pat Karuza and Donna Cave in Kingston Township while Diane Olsen and Ruth Holthaus handle the Dallas cheerleaders.

Shotwell added he would like to see more people support the Junior Football games. "We have a number of parents but there is always room for more support," he said.

The Junior Football games are played locally every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Dallas Senior High School.

## Teeners team loses

Nanticoke defeated the Back Mountain National, 9-5, to move ahead in the winners division of the annual Teeners Baseball Tournament.

With the score tied at 5-5, Steve Distasio started the inning with a walk. He scored on a double by Ron Jezewski. Staring hurler Krupinski walked catcher, Pierson grounded out then

Jezewski and Krupinski scored on Wayne Oplinger's double. Mark Sadowski hit a run scoring single to bring in Oplinger.

In the loser's division, Fort-Swoyer edged the Back Mountain American, 2-1, when Bill Martin knocked in Ken Kachmer with a single to leftfield in the third inning.

## Sports shorts

### Flock wins car

Bill Flock of Dallas was the winner of a 1984 Grand Prix, courtesy of Bronsburg and Hughes Pontiac Sales in Kingston for scoring a hole-in-one July 31 during the 18th annual Potentate Golf Tournament at the Irem Temple Country Club.

Flock, 55, hit a 7-iron to score his first hole-in-one in 25 years of playing golf.

The automobile was offered to the first person who scored a hole-in-one on the 152-yard, par-3 17th hole during the three-day tournament.

### Bass event held

The Walsh Brothers, Greg and Kevin, of Scranton, won first prize in the

Eastern Bass Fishing Association's team tournament held July 30 at Harveys lake. The Walshes pulled in eight bass for a total of 14 pounds, 1 ounce.

The tournament, sponsored by Merrill Lynch and Stroh's Beer, featured prizes worth \$6,000 in cash and merchandise.

Fifty two-man teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York weighed in 101 large and smallmouth bass for a total of 198 pounds.

The Walshes, as first place finishers, won over \$1,000 in cash and merchandise.

### Scores ace

Jim McCann of Trucksville scored his first hole-in-one in his 20 years of golfing, last week at the No. 4 hole at Emanon Country Club.

McCann used a seven iron to hit his hole-in-one on the 165 yard hole. He was playing with Elmo

Begliomini, Don Clarke and Mike Fedor.

McCann is a production manager at Renold Transmission, West Pittston.

### Harris gets third

Gerard and Viola Harris of Harveys Lake competed in the 1983 World Horse-shoe Tournament held July 28 through Aug. 6 in Statesville, North Carolina.

Viola received a trophy for third place in her class in the ladies division.

Other local people attending the tournament were Alvin "Peanuts" and Jean Long of Dallas and Frank Smigiel of Old Forge, who also received a trophy for third place in the men's division.

### Hockey physicals

Robert Cicon, assistant athletic director at Dallas High School, announces that physicals for new field hockey candidates

will be held today, Aug. 17, at 8:45 p.m.

### Guide available

With the opening of the 1983-84 hunting season fast approaching, more than 100 pages of current hunting information are available in the National Rifle Association's new Hunter's Planning Guide and Directory.

The National Rifle Association, a leader in hunter safety and education for more than 100 years, produces this publication as one of its many services to hunters and sportsmen nationwide.

The publication costs \$4.00.

Further information on the new guide is available from the NRA's Hunter Services Division, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or phone (202) 828-6240.

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