Sports

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Irem pro thrilled with outstanding turnout

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CLIPBOARD NOTES: Irem Temple Country Club's Barry Fies was delighted with his recent pro-am golf event as an outstanding field from around the east participated. Low pro honors went to John Markel of the Berkshire C.C. of Reading with a threeunder 69. George Skomsky from Bocawest C.C. of Miami, Fla., was second with even par, followed by Fernwood's Joe Dahl and Tamiment's Vince Yanovitch with 74s.

Low amateur laurels went to Barry Brackenbury of Allentown Muni with a two-under 70, while Irem's Ed Rome was second with a nifty one-under 71.

Low team gross honors went to Mike Zambelli's foursome from Allentown Muni with a 65.

Fred Purdy of Berkshire C.C. paced his team to the low net title with a 14under par 58. Rich Faison of Wyoming Valley C.C. and his group tied with Fernwood and Irem Temple for the runner-up slot with 59s.

"I believe everyone who participated had an enjoyable time," said Fies. "We had the course in pretty good shape and the greens held the shot despite most of the course being dried out.'

Hail to Hal Sutton on winning the recent PGA title. He's the same young man who ran into some erratic play at the Busch Golf Classic, which I attended, and bowed to steady Calvin Peete on the final day. It disturbed me when some people mentioned to me that Sutton took the pipe! If you have ever attempted to play golf you can understand that you will have those days when nothing seems to go right no matter what you do. Now that Sutton has won a major, his potential is unlimited. My wife, Kate, spotted Sutton last year at the Busch. She is a big fan of his.

GAR grid Coach Charlie Fick told me he had a super time coaching the East team in the recent Big 33 contest.

'It was a very enlightening experience. It was especially rewarding in preparing for the game and getting to meet and work with the various youngsters. There sure was some outstanding players. The youngsters from this area performed with the best of them," Fick

After discussing the upcoming schoolgrid campaign with various coaches here is how I would rate the top five teams entering the season:

1-Coughlin: Defending champs and will be contenders again. 2-Wyoming Area: Warriors are always one of the best prepared teams and have some solid offensive players. 3-Valley West: Will the Spartans finally realize preseason hype? 4-GAR: Don't shed a bunch of tears for the Grenadiers. They've got some tough honchos returning. 5-Pittston Area: Despite not winning the title last year, the Pats will be formidable as always.

Don't be too surprised if the Dallas Mountaineers pose a serious challenge to join the Fabulous Five. Hanover is expected to win its share of games, too. The biggest question mark comes from down river at Nanticoke. The Trojans can't be as horrendous as last year when they posted their worst record in

After evaluating several pre-season predictions and gathering the opinions of several of my contacts from around the country, here is my tentative Super

1-Penn State: King of the hill until beaten. 2-Nebraska: We'll find out about the Huskers early. 3-Auburn: Exceptional overall quickness and depth. 4-Oklahoma: Sonners had sorry pass defense in '82. 5-USC: Wasn't your best coached team, but still the best talent in America. 6-North Carolina: Heels have a rinky-dink schedule, but so many fine weapons to go unbeaten. 7-Florida State: Watch this contingent. Coach Bowden has a heap of quality athletes returning.

Giant fans are optimistic again this season. After watching them beat the Jets, I have a hunch that my favorite player, Scott Brunner, will get the nod as the starter. He seems to always manage a way to find a way to pull off the big play. His bootleg for a score was a beauty

Early indications from the Penn State pre-season drills is Ray Leskowsky who will again be a big contributor for the Nittany Lions on special teams. Brother Mike is still battling for some playing

Former Irem Golf Association prexy Jack Crossin was honored with a oneday tourney in his honor Saturday. I don't know if Coach Crossin's contribution was fully appreciated by the members, though.



Opens school

Black Belt Instructor Sensei Bruce Baker above right, has recently opened a Martial Arts School - Baker's House of Bushido in the Dallas area. Sensei Baker, a member of the Zen Budo Kai Chung Lung Gwo Shuh Goan under Master Steve Newman, above left, has been studying the Martial Arts for over five years and will be offering instruction in Karate-do, Karate-Jutsu, Aiki-Do, Aiki-Jutsu and Kobujutsu.





Basketball clinic

Shown here are those boys who participated in a Summer Basketball League held at Lake-Lehman Junior High School. From left, first row, Bill Jones, coach; Lenny Annetta, Anthony Monaco, Bill Boyle, Donny Thompson, Bob Moosic, Chris Engle. Second row, Rooster Cadwalader, Frank Coslett, Andrew Sabaluski, Dan Hudzik, Mike Paraschak, Brian James and

PIAA wins football playoff battle

The United States District Court in Philadelphia has upheld the decision of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) not to sponsor a football playoff to determine a state champion. The ruling came on a motion for summary of judgment filed by PIAA.

The suit, instituted as a class action on behalf of high school football players, their parents, and their coaches, was an attempt by the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches' Association to force the establishment of a state football-

playoff. PIAA football playoffs presently exist only in District 3 and District 7, which is also known as the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League. The Eastern Football Conference also sponsors a football playoff in which PIAA member schools participate. PIAA itself sponsors state championship playoffs in 13 sports.

The Pennsylvania Football Coaches' Association attempted for several years to convince the PIAA Board of Control to sponsor a state championship football playoff

After a continued lack of success, the coaches filed suit in September of 1981, seeking a court order compelling PIAA to sponsor a state football playoff.

Following a 1980 survey of its members, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association reported that 83 percent of those responding were opposed to a state football playoff. Opposition was also expressed by the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals.

The coaches asserted that PIAA was illegally discriminating against football participants

Athletic transfers disallowed

The Commonwealth Court has upheld the authority of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to prohibit a student from participating in interscholastic athletics where PIAA determines that his or her transfer from one school to another was athletically-motivated.

Relying upon its decision two years ago in a case involving Penn Hills High School, the Commonwealth Court reiterated that a student has no property right to participate in interscholastic sports, and that without a property right, a student is not entitled to procedural due process from PIAA.

The Commonwealth Court stated that the PIAA rule concerning athletically-motivated transfers was "rationally and logically related to PIAA's valid and legitimate interest in preventing transfer and recruiting for athletic

Referring generally to the issue of challenges to PIAA rulings, the Commonwealth Court stated that "the remedy lies not with the courts but within the internal operating procedures of PIAA.'

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