

# Sports



## Youth league begins

Participants in the Back Mountain Youth Basketball Organization Instructional League are shown here as the league opened its 1983-84 season last week at the Dallas Senior High School gym. More than 70 boys and girls from grades four through seven are participating in the program. Tom

Gauntlett and Joe O'Donnell are clinic instructors with Mike Williams and Jim Kaiser serving as league officers. Serving as coaches are Cindy Cave, Jack Mokychic, Richie Klick, Glen Ellman, Kevin Gilbert, Fred Gosart, Lee Wagner Sr., Bob Letts, Jerry Honderd, Rich Gorgone and Bill Dick. The program is conducted on Wednesday evenings with two sessions each night.

## Wilkes-Barre Fats

# Grid enthusiasm aroused this week

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The coaches won't need anything to engage their players' attention and arouse their enthusiasm this week during practice. This game is for the bragging rights in the Back Mountain when Dallas and Lake-Lehman clash.

Both coaches believe the game

will be a grind-it-out low scoring affair, with the team executing the best coming out the victor.

Dallas Coach Ron Rybak says, "I



think both teams are about even. I've got a lot of respect for the coaching job Coach (Mark) Kirk has done with the Lake-Lehman team. They're a gutsy group that plays hard every game we've seen. Our players are going to have to meet that challenge."

While Rybak is a veteran of the Old Shoe game, this will be Kirk's second Pier 10 Brawl.

"I was somewhat surprised at all of the enthusiasm generated around the school and in the Back Mountain last year," said Kirk. "I feel I've got a better perspective of the impact this game has this time around. Dallas is similar to our football team. We don't have high-powered offenses, but we'll get after you defensively."

Both teams rely on running the football, controlling the clock and the game. Both teams have aggressive defensive units. While neither team has passed the football consistently, putting the ball up in this game could determine the winner.

Kirk has deployed his people very smartly on defense. Because of their lack of size, the Knights couldn't take folks on head-to-head.

Rybak likes to disguise his defense with a bunch of looks, stunts and firing his linebackers in hopes of disrupting the opponents' offensive scheme.

One thing which was evident about both teams over the course of the seasons is that they are competitive and don't easily accept defeat.

Carrying the Lake-Lehman banner will be Stu Thomas, John Williams, Marty Onzik, Ed Gavlick, Chris VanGorder, Chris Wargo, Willy Cadwalader and Jeff Martin.

Thomas rushed for 208 yards

recently and that takes a heap of heart.

Dallas' hopes of keeping the Old Shoe will rest with Greg Manusky, who is capable of dominating things defensively. He is a player on both sides of the football and will have to be neutralized by the Knights. Others expected to play prominent roles are Joe Walsh, Bernie Walsh, Mike Borton, Sam Noone and Paul Lewis to name a few.

**CLIPBOARD NOTES:** Had nice visit with Boston College QB Coach Tom Coughlin before Army game recently. He was elated over the Eagles triumph over Penn State. Tom told me the BC squad knew it was going to win from outset and the three-week layoff didn't hamper the Eagles execution at all...Doug Flutie is the best QB in the East. Former Army Coach, Tom Cahill, Army SID Bob Kinney and I did some partying Friday prior to the game. We also reminisced about some of the good times we had together...West Point is still one of the best places I've ever been for a football game. It's simply magnificent in the fall.

Boston College can be the best team in the East if it defeats Alabama.

I understand Maryland and Tennessee will be going to the Citrus Bowl.

Crestwood's Matt LaVigna was red-shirted recently by the Pitt grid staff. Matt suffered severe ankle injury which put him out of action for several weeks. He's got a chance to be a fine player in the future.

Alabama Coach Ray Perkins complained to the ECAC office a week in advance when he saw Don Guman, father of former PSU star Mike, was going to work PSU-Alabama clash.

While Jack O'Rourke blew the Tide's winning TD, he's been ripped so bad it was learned from a reliable source he's contemplating calling it quits after season. He should! As I stated here after the sorry call, O'Rourke was out of position. Also, the film Channel 16's Joe "Twilight" Zone forwarded to the ECAC showed nothing. The catch was good in the eyes of everyone.

Penn State visits Pittsburgh this Saturday where the Nittany Lions haven't tasted defeat since 1965. Pitt's most recent win in the Steel City was 1976 at Three Rivers Stadium. Both teams have the ability to win, it's that close. Pitt will have to play on the level it did against Notre Dame; otherwise, the Nittany Lions will prevail.



## New cage coaches

Albert Clocker, above left, recently appointed head basketball coach of the College Misericordia women's basketball team is shown here with Evelyn Behanna, MSN, assistant coach.

## Lady Highlanders open with two new coaches

College Misericordia announces the appointment of Albert C. Clocker as head of the women's basketball team, and Evelyn Behanna, MSN, as assistant coach. Clocker, 32, is a former scout for the Harlem Globetrotters and has coached and played basketball for 17 years. Locally, Clocker coached junior varsity basketball at E.L. Meyers High School.

In 1980, Clocker coached the New Jersey Women's All Stars in The Big Apple All American Classic and scouted for the Philadelphia Fox Womens Pro-basketball League. Clocker received his associate degree in business administration from Lackawanna Junior College.

Behanna, associate professor of nursing at College Misericordia, received her masters of science degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Behanna played three years of varsity basketball while attending the Presbyterian Hospital Nursing School in 1951. While employed at Villanova University School of Nursing as assistant dean and instructor, she coached the women's basketball team. She was the first woman to hold that position at the University.

The Lady Highlanders will host their first game on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. when they face Gwynedd-Mercy College.

## Soccer Parents Club is seeking donations

The Dallas Soccer Parents Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas Senior High School. Films of previous games will be shown. Club members will be calling on Back Mountain businesses seeking donations to help defray the cost of

jackets for team members.

The club is glad to see Brian Moore, a member of the Dallas Senior High School soccer team, up and around these days. Brian was injured in the District 2 title game on Nov. 4.

## Special Olympics planned

Ellen Campbell, president of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Luzerne County, has announced that physical examinations for all participants in the Special Olympics will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Medical Arts Building, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

efforts of the Association for Retarded Citizens and the Family Practice Residency Program. A medical form is necessary which may be obtained from the attending school or Day Program and will also be available in the office of the examining physician.

There will be no charge for the examination which has been made possible through the combined

Carol Smith is serving as coordinator of the program. Further information may be had by calling the ARC office at 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

## Giro Hall has stopped running

Giro Hall, a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and the 1983-state cross country and 1600-meter champion, has stopped running competitively and has given up a four-year partial scholarship to

Penn State University. Hall, who has been plagued with recurring injuries, is no longer running track or cross country for the Nittany Lions and claims he has not run in almost a month.

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