

Sports



Planning tournament

Shown here is Joseph Killeen, right, president of the Dallas Branch of United Penn Bank, presenting a certificate to James Tupper of the Dallas Borough Police Department, chairman of the Sno-Ball Tournament.

Sno-Ball Softball Tournament set

A Sno-Ball Softball Tournament and Balloon Derby will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. at Kirby Park.

Tickets for the Balloon Derby are being sold by members of the Back Mountain Police Association and Back Mountain Jaycees.

The price of the ticket is \$1.00 and

the prize for the balloon being returned from the furthest place will receive a \$75.00 savings bond which is being donated by the United Penn Bank. The finder of the balloon returned from the furthest place will receive \$25.00.

Information on entering a team in the Sno-Ball Softball Tournament

may be obtained by contacting Patrolman Jim Tupper of the Dallas Borough Police Department or Clark Van Orden of the Dallas Township Police Department.

Joseph Killen is president of the Dallas Branch of United Penn Bank and Jim Tupper of the Back Mountain Police Association is chairman.



Strikes & Spares

Buckwheats grab first-half title

In the end of the first half roll-off, the Buckwheats took the half title by defeating Half O'Nickels by 28 pins. Barn Owls came in third, Lucky Strikes fourth, Suds Suckers fifth and Mold N'Oldies last in the Our Gang League. Taking first half high score honors were Dave Jenkins 238 high game and Dave Eddy 572 high series for the men; Nancy Daney 213 high game and 523 high series for the women.

American Building Maintenance girls copped the first half title in the Imperialette League shutting out the Jean Shop. I. Katyl set the pace with 171 and S. Johnson tumbled pins for 174. K. Mintzer hit 180 for the Jean Shop. Humphrey's Apparel dropped three points to Scavone Motors despite M. Neifert's 178 (508). L. Johnson led the Scavone girls with 197 (484). D. Zurinski's 180 (472) set the pace for Lombardo Bakery's four point win over Mahafey Oil whose C. Smith rolled 178 (487) and J. Stacy 175.

In the Ladies Country League Castlettes took the first half championship without any roll-off necessary. In last week's bowling they picked up three points from G.H. Harris Associates sparked by K. Kalafsky's 181 and L. Cyphers 175. Fashion Vending team blanked Grotto Pizza with N. Crane's 180-171

(495) showing the way. E. Fehrer added 175 and E. Shuleski gave 178. B. Rinus rolled 203 (486) and J. Haeefe topped pins for 193 for Grotto Pizza. Gordon Insurance shut out Daring's Market aided by K. Scavone's 181, F. Allabaugh's 193 and P. Gordon's 178 (475). High for the grocer was M. Hirner's 178.

C. Cyphers' 519 paced Orange A to taking four points from Carverton B in the Back Mt. Church League. The Lutherans blanked Maple Grove sparked by T. Wilson's 514 and East Dallas took all from Carverton A. H. Shupp's 551 and T. Sponseller's 553 led Orange B to three and one half points from Trucksville B. Shavertown B picked up three from Dallas A paced by S. Fielding's 553. Shavertown A lost three to Trucksville C who had F. Hughes 531.

In the Bowlerette League Kim Reese rolled 181 to lead the Hoagie Bar to three points over Tom Reese who had C. Badman's 188. Brent Long girls copped two and one half points from Franklin's Restaurant.

Bermudas eeked out three points from the Hambos in the Major League with none of the men hitting high scores. G.H. Harris took three from Back Mt. Sporting Goods abetted by T. Doughton's 527. S. Wickard gave the losing five 532. B. Varner walloped pins for 244 (598)

and R. Bonomo rolled 541 to lead Sweet Valley Outfitters to two and one half points from Brown's Oil. The oil company's J. Roan hit pins for 235 (603) in vain. Beach Combers and Charlies All Stars split 2-2. F. Cornell scattered pins for 562 for the All Stars.

Cummins seeks fourth straight winning season

In her fourth year as coach of the King's College women's basketball team, Robin Cummins of Kunkle also serves as assistant to John Doris, director of athletics at the college.

Coach Cummins faces her biggest challenge in seeking her fourth straight winning season. Her teams are 41-29 as the new season begins. King's won five straight games at the conclusion of last year's 13-11 campaign.

Cummins is the former Robin Fry, who starred in sports at Dallas High School and at the University of Pittsburgh, where she captained the cage teams as a junior and as a senior. She majored in communications and psychology.

Arlene "Pooch" Kozick of Dallas is assistant coach of the King's College women's basketball team. She is a former basketball player of Dallas High School and College Misericordia.

Soccer registration

Registration for the Wilkes-Barre Family Y's Saturday afternoon indoor Soccer League will be held through Saturday, Jan. 21. The league is open to all children six years of age to 11 years of age.

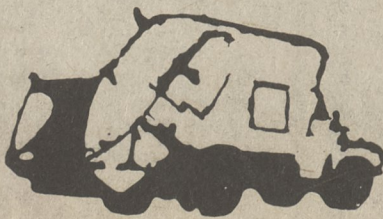
Divisions will be formed following registration. The rules and facility will be adopted to fit the needs and skill level of each division.

The season will last eight weeks and conclude with an All Star Game.

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Chamber supports cyclist

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce will take the lead role in raising the funds needed to send a young Plymouth athlete to international competition.

Rich Meeker, son of George and Mary Meeker, is a 21-year old World Class Cyclist. He recently learned that he is one of 40 contenders for the U.S. Olympic team and will leave for the official Olympic Training Site in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"The business community is vitally concerned that Rich Meeker has the opportunity to compete in the 1984 Olympics," said John F. Sheehan, of Dallas, executive director of the Chamber.

"The Board of Directors of the Chamber agreed wholeheartedly to support Rich in his efforts to take part in Olympic competition," he added.

The Chamber plans to ask members of the business community to make tax-deductible contributions to the Rich Meeker Cycling Fund.

"The Wyoming Valley is proud to be represented by as fine an athlete as Rich is," Sheehan said, "and we're sure that the public and especially the business community will rally to provide Rich with the funds needed to continue in competition."

Contributions may be sent to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce at 92 South Franklin Street. Please make checks payable to the Rich Meeker Cycling Fund.

Walsh plays at Kent State



KATHY WALSH

Kathy Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walsh, 18 Westminster, Dallas, is a member of this year's Kent State University women's basketball team.

A two-time team and conference Most Valuable Player while at Dallas High School, Walsh was selected to the prestigious Penn High School Athletic Yearbook as one of the top 48 players in the state.

Having started her athletic career at Bishop Hoban High School, she transferred to Dallas as a sophomore and averaged 21.1 points and seven rebounds per game in helping the Lady Mountaineers to a 26-6 record last year.

Kathy, who averaged 25.7 points per game and shot 55.4 percent from the floor as a junior, received three varsity letters in basketball and three in softball.

The 5-foot-9 freshman is expected to play the guard position for the Lady Flashes during their 1983-84 basketball season.

Bonomo named week's wrestler

Rick Bonomo, a freshman at Bloomsburg University, has been named Pennsylvania Conference wrestler of the week.

The former PIAA Class AA state champion for Lake-Lehman High School, Bonomo earned the award by pinning five of six opponents during the week. Three of the falls were recorded as the 118-pounder was on his way to an individual title at the West Chester Invitational Tournament last weekend.

Bonomo is a resident of Hunlock Creek.

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Bonomo shows his stuff on mat

By LEE L. RICHARDS
Sports Columnist

Former Lake-Lehman wrestling champ, Rick Bonomo has served notice to other collegiate matmen around the East he's for

real. He's competing at 118 pounds for the Bloomsburg Huskies.

Rick went on a pinning tear recently racking up five in a week to earn 'Wrestler of the Week' laurels for the Pennsylvania Conference. He started off his dual meet career against Indiana State of Indiana with a 17 second pin. The next opponent was Michigan and he showed his foe the Bloom gym lights in 53 seconds.

Recently, Bloom participated in the West Chester Invitational. Rick clamped three opponents and chalked up a superior decision. He was a big choice as the Outstanding Wrestler for the tourney.

Rocky is off to a fast start, too. Both will be factors by the end of the season in the Eastern Wrestling League championships. The first two wrestlers in each weight class, along with three wild cards, go on to the NCAA championships.

CLIPBOARD NOTES:

Lake-Lehman and Dallas matmen sure put on show for their fans last week. The Knights prevailed, 34-25, but Coach Larry Schuler's Big D lads extended the winners. Fans from both teams enjoyed the competition. Both teams really went after each other. There was six falls, two superiors, one major, two decisions and one draw. Knights won six of the 12 bouts with one ending in a tie. It was close. Coach Ed Ladamus' wrestlers recorded four pins with the clincher being Chris VanGorder at heavy.

My vote for the Football Writers Asso. of America for Coach of the Year went to Miami's Howard Schnellenberger, even though I didn't agree with Miami being named the No. 1 team in the polls. I also believe Coach of the Year honors should be re-named 'Staffs of the Year,' simply because it's the football staffs that gather all of the detail work and formulate the game plans. It's the staffs that do the leg work recruiting, too.

Speaking of football, some of the Rutgers faithful I know weren't doing back flips last week over the hiring of Penn State offensive coordinator, Dick Anderson. He's not the answer in making RU into a national power. What really irked my friends was the fact once the committee decided on Anderson and notified him he was the choice, he asked for 24 hours before giving them a decision! The RU folks really didn't handle things in a very big-time way which is typical of their philosophy in recent years. It always gripes me to see an incoming coach receive all types of improvements for the good of the program, when the outgoing staff pleaded for the same things but was refused.

It's Super Bowl week and the hype will be unbearable. It will all come down to which offensive line can establish control in the trenches and which team can fully execute its offensive scheme. Both teams have longer to prepare which is a big factor. I predicted before the playoffs I felt the Redskins and Raiders would square off, with the Raiders prevailing. I feel the Raiders' secondary must disrupt the Redskins' pass routs, allowing their pass rush to apply pressure on QB Joe Theisman. If they can accomplish that, then Pete will be presenting Amiable Al with the Lombardi Trophy. Raiders, 27-24.

Penn State and Clarion scored significant victories in wrestling last week. Penn State, ranked No. 1 in the East, handed unbeaten Wisconsin its first defeat of the season, 20-16. The following night Clarion emerged with a 19-18 triumph over the Badgers, ranked fourth nationally. The Eastern Wrestling

League ran its season mat against the Big 10 to 10-3.

I can't believe the big bucks the USFL is tossing around. I said last season and I'll say it again, I gotta believe the league is going to make it and I like the brand of football. Once they upgrade the caliber of quarterbacking the rest will take care of itself. One particular facet I enjoyed was how most of the games I watched both teams got after each other. They didn't dog it. I sure hope the Pittsburgh Maulers can make it in the Steel City. I like their style so far.

The Philly Stars are only several players away from being a better all around team than the Eagles. Stars have a pretty solid organization.

Weren't the calls in the winning drive by the Redskins game a mite on the sorry side? I couldn't get over the holding call. Scribes from Philly and New York really took the officiating to task. I only view pro football as entertainment! It's a completely different gamethan it was originally designed to be with all of the rule changes.

I'm curious as to how much pressure will be on the refs not to make any blunders or blatant calls against the Raiders. I doubt if the NFL would want Al to have any grounds to cry foul over Pete's men in the stripe shirts cost him winning a Soup Bowl for the good of the league? It's something us cynical folks would conjure up!

Joe Hartman, Pocono Downs' Publicity Director, tells me the local track has some big promotional dates on tap this season. Negotiations are underway to lure former Yankee star Mickey Mantle here in early April.

One of the top grid prospects in the New England States is a young man by the name of Darrin Flutie. Yep, he's Boston College QB Doug's brother. Darrin is a superb runningback and is being courted by a bunch of schools. He's not locked into going to BC as many think.

Speaking of Doug Flutie, while he'll be considered a top candidate for the Heisman Trophy this season, he'll have an opportunity early to solidify his position or fall back into the pack. The Eagles first three games are gems. They travel to Alabama for their opener, return home for North Carolina, then trek down to Miami for a head-knocker with the Hurricanes and QB Bernie Koser. Tell me that one won't be a biggie for the tube. BC also has to make trips to West Virginia and Penn State. That's five toughies.

My coaching pal John Brunner wasn't out of work long after getting the hook in Green Bay with head man Bart Starr. John was hired last week as offensive moderator by the Tampa Bucs. I learned from Detroit assistant Joe Madden that Brunner was meeting with John McKay. Evidently John made solid impression. John does have a solid knowledge of the game.

PSU team defeated

The Penn State University-Wilkes-Barre campus men's basketball team found itself on the short end of a 75-67 score in a Commonwealth Campus Athletic Conference game Jan. 13 against the Penn State-Delaware campus.

Delaware took a 62-40 lead, but the Lions comeback with a 25-4 streak, bringing the score to within one, 66-65, with just three minutes remaining. Delaware grabbed the victory on foul shooting in the final minutes.

Wilkes-Barre was led by Tony Daugherty with 23 points and Pat Boyle with 22.

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Hartman, 7-9-23; Zang, 6-3-15; McRee, 6-0-12; Thomas, 2-4-8; Darlington, 3-0-6; Dirks, 1-0-2; Hassiepen, 1-0-2; Shea, 2-0-4; Savage, 1-1-3. Totals, 29-17-75.

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Dougherty, 8-7-23; Boyle, 10-2-22; Glusheski, 3-2-8; Auten, 3-0-6; Wichic, 2-2-6; Toney, 1-0-2. Totals 27-13-67.

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