

# Sports



## Planning caravan

Members of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre baseball team helping to plan the "Meet the Phillies" night are, from left, seated, Jim Madl, Tony Dougherty and Joe Polombo. Standing, Rick Ropetski, Tom Dougherty, Joe Masi and teacher coach Jack Monick.

## Penn State brings Phillies to town

Local sports fans will be able to meet some of their favorite ball-players when the Phillies Caravan comes to Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Accompanying the caravan will be Phillies pitcher Al Holland, outfielder Greg Gross, 1st baseman Len Matuszek and the Phillie Phanatic.

In addition to the players, coach Claude Osteen, manager Paul Owens and owner Bill Giles will be featured at the dinner. The Phillies will show film highlights of the 1983 season. Entertainment will be provided by the Phillie Phanatic and the Phillies organist.

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus will sponsor a "Meet the Phillies" dinner at Genetti's Best Western on Feb. 1 at 6:15 p.m. All proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Penn State Wilkes-Barre baseball program and the construc-

tion of a baseball field on campus, according to Caravan chairman Frank Orloski.

Tickets for the "Meet the Phillies" dinner may be obtained from the Penn State Wilkes-Barre baseball team or coach Monick at 287-6015, or by calling the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus at 675-2171.

Tickets are also available at the following local outlets: Boscov's in Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton; Lewis & Duncan Sporting Goods in Kingston; Caddie LaBar's in Dallas; Zambor, Inc. in Dureay; Sports-Jes in Plymouth and Orloski's Service Stations Main Office in Wilkes-Barre.

## Vehicles on ice cause problems

According to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, vehicles traveling across lake ice may be in greater potential danger than previously thought. The United States Army recently discovered that vehicles traveling across ice leave wakes, like boats. The resulting waves are small and unseen, but, in some cases, people standing on the ice nearby can feel movement as the waves pass through the frozen surface.

Some experts feel there are critical speeds for vehicles moving across ice of various thicknesses. When right (or wrong) conditions are met, the experts believe, ice can fracture and dump a vehicle into the frigid waters below.

One vehicle following another may be an even greater danger. When following at unspecified distances at critical velocities over certain bottom structures at specified depths, the trailing vehicle will interrupt the first vehicle's wake and fracture the ice under the second vehicle. If this all sounds vague, you're right. Much of this theory is as yet unproven. But it should be enough to signal your sense of self-preservation when considering a trip across a frozen lake in a vehicle.

Are you a member of a conservation club or fishing group, and do

you and your fishing friends have a favorite stream that may need "help"? That "help" could be a fish habitat improvement project, and you can get the lowdown on these kinds of projects from a new Fish Commission publication called "Fish Habitat Improvement for Streams." This brand new publication was three years in the making. It focuses on trout streams, and in its 22 pages you will find a wealth of information on the variety of fish habitat improvement devices and how to obtain assistance from the Fish Commission to initiate a project.

The publications is generously illustrated with photographs and drawings, and it's available for \$1.50 postpaid.

Orders with checks or money orders should be sent to: Publications Section, Pennsylvania Fish Commission, P.O. Box 1673, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1673. Be sure your name and address appear both on your check and on your order.

Spoons often are good lures in fishing through the ice, but they do not have to be worked the same as in summer. Instead, let the spoon sink to the bottom and then work it slowly up and down, only an inch or two at a time. The lure will produce enough flash to attract fish.

## Wilkes-Barre Fats

# Ozgo steers Mountaineers onto right basketball track

By Lee L. RICHARDS  
Sports Columnist

The Dallas basketball team is right in the hunt for the first half title and fans are excited. It's not surprise to this corner, simply because when Clarence Ozgo took over the reins I knew it would only be a matter of time before the Mountaineers were on the winning track.

Ozgo was a "gamer" when he played at Coughlin. He's dive for loose balls, stand in the lane and take the charge, play hard either with or without the ball. He was a team player.

Then when he played for Coach Rodger Bearde at Wilkes he became even a more complete player at both ends of the floor.

"Clarence was the hardest working player I coached at Wilkes," says Bearde. "He did all of the little things to make himself into a very competitive player. What he lacked in talent he made up for in intensity and heady play. I can see a lot of things similar to his style in his Dallas team this year."

Ozgo has given this Dallas team one ingredient. Dallas has learned that once they've paid the price, the investment of hard work and preparation to be good, they don't want to give up easily.

Ozgo has given the Mountaineers an enthusiastic and organized program.

Says the second year coach, "We're playing very well as a team. We don't have a lot of stars. I feel we've played with a positive style. The players believe more in what we're doing and they believe they can win every time they step on the court."

The Mountaineers defeated Lake-Lehman for the third straight time recently and Coach Bearde doesn't like getting beat by his former player and assistant.

"He's not showing his old coach too much respect," says Bearde kiddingly.

Bearde also had praise for Dave Thomas. "I can see a lot of similarities in Thomas' style of play and the way Clarence played. Thomas has gained a lot of respect around the league. He's team-oriented and works hard for everything he gets. He sets a lot of things up, too. Clarence was the same way."

Dallas' team concept is producing victories. In Ed Gorey, Thomas, Steve Wilson, Mark Farrell, Tim Gove and Greg manuskus, Ozgo appears to have the winning formula.

The offensive scheme is a little different compared to last year. The Big D lads are moving the ball up court quicker and looking to hit the open shot. Last season they played amore deliberate style by walking the ball up. Still, Ozgo seeks to control the tempo and force teams into playing his

type of game. The secret to winning on any level in any sport is solid coaching, organization and preparation. It's obvious Ozgo learned well from Coach Bearde.

**CLIPBOARD NOTES:** Lake-Lehman's roundball fortunes took a dip last week when Tom Kukosky had his knee operated on and is gone for the season. He made a lot of things happen for the Knights.

"We'll really miss Tom," says Bearde. "He provided us with a lot of rebounding and scoring potential under the boards."

Several observers have called my attention to the outstanding intensity which Dallas' Dave Thomas plays with during the game. It's a trait all winners possess.

Despite poor start, I don't know of anyone that prepares his team better for a game than Coach Bearde of Lake-Lehman. He attempted to slow things down against Dallas and had Mountaineers concerned early.

Mountaineers victory over GAR was surprising to Blue and Gray buffs. Big D lads seem to play harder down the stretch.

Several coaches still believe GAR will be the team to beat for the overall title. Coach Hopkins has a very quick team that's capable of scoring big numbers. Crestwood is the surprise team thus far.

I've gotta believe roundball on any level is a game of continuous adjustments. It's really a coach's game. If you've got a person that functions well under pressure and routinely handles the necessary strategy, then you've got a winner.

One thing about basketball and wrestling, athletes with only mediocre ability can work and improve on their capabilities.

I understand Lake-Lehman wrestling team didn't get a lot of calls in recent meet with Hazleton?

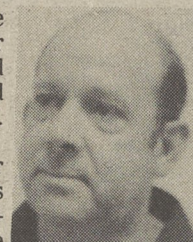
Coach Ed Ladamus isn't one to complain and simply went about preparing for the next opponent. Ed's pushing hard to develop and upgrade the junior high program which is essential to a competitive and winning program for any sport.

Speaking of solid junior high programs, I wish the local school boards would recognize it's a fact of life if you don't have boys and girls learning the fundamentals early, then you'll only have ordinary programs on the varsity levels.

This has to rank with one of the quietest recruiting seasons I've seen in college football in many years. I've gotta believe that things will get hectic as the February signing date nears.

Penn State's wrestling team was still ranked number one in my recent Eastern Mat Poll. Bloomsburg was second, followed by Clarion third. PSU topped Clarion, 24-22, needing a fall at heavy from Steve Seftor.

Ricky Bonomo has tacked up a heap of falls so far for Bloom. He's got 11 in 14 bouts which is remarkable.



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**Strikes & Spares**

**Orkwis misses 600 by just 16 pins**

Ken Orkwis missed a 600 by 16 pins when he scattered wood for a

pair of 200's (584) to lead Fino's Pharmacy to three points from Katyl TV in the George Shupp League. T. Shalata added 524 to aid in the win. F. Adams topped pins for 543 leading Dallas Nursery in shutting out Gino's Shoe Store and Endless Mountain boys blanked Roberts Oil with no one able to break the 500 mark. S. Bonomo rolled 547 to lead Harris Associates to an even split with Disque Funeral Home.

In the Back Mt. Church League high scores were few with C. Cyphers 566 series high for all teams as he paced Orange A to only one point from Trucksville C. S. Williams hit 529 for the C team. J. Baur tumbled pins for 544 and W. Moore gave 216 (518) to aid Carverton B in picking up three from Dallas A. B. Williams posted 522 for Dallas A. R. Monk's 530 and T. Wilson's 510 helped the Lutherans cop one point from Trucksville B, who had S. Hoover's 521 and D. Wright 520. E. Higgins managed 515 to lead Maple Grove to three points from East Dallas while Carverton A took three from Orange B.

The Buckwheats shut out the Lucky Strikes in Our Gang League when the Strikes had to forfeit because of absentee members. L. Isaacs rolled 538 but it was wasted when the Suds Suckers dropped three points to the Mold 'N Oldies. Barn Owls took three from the Half O'Nickels with no high games.

Nita Moser hit pins for 176-171 (486) to lead Brent Long in blanking Tom Reese in the Bowlerette League. Franklin's copped three from the Hoagie Bar.

Sweet Valley Outfitters rolled one pin more in total pins than the Beach Combers to divide 2-2 in Bonomo's Major League. Glen Mazer led the way with 568, his twin G. Mazer hit 225 (565) and B. Varner hit 545. R. Bonomo, Jr. added 537. B. Harris hit the pins for 214 (539) for the beach men. A. Wendel walloped the pins for 254 (603) to pace G.H. Harris to taking four from the Bermudas. B. Herron slammed the woods for 236 (602) and H. Garris added 217 (532) to lead Back Mt. Sporting Goods in taking all from the Hambos. Charles All Stars shut out Brown's Oil aided by K. Orkwis' 533 and F. Stevens 228 (521). K. Spencer's 517 was high for the oil men.

In the Imperialette League Mahaffey Oil took three points from Humphrey's Apparel while first half title winners American Building girls split 2-2 with Lombardo Bakery. D. Zurinski spilled pins for 188 and J. Clark hit them for 181 (472) for the bakery team. Jean Shop and Scavone Motors divided evenly with no one able to find the strike zone.

Carol Exarhopoulis rolled 191 (499) to help the A team take three from Kenny's Maniacs in the Bonomo Mixed League. K. Spencer rolled 529 and Sue Tereska posted 181 for the Maniacs. Dale Wright slammed the pins for 544 to lead the Halfwits to three points from the Halfbreeds.