

# Sports

## Girls all stars

### Enthusiasm reigns during all-star days

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Back Mountain softball leagues for girls are drawing to a close but excitement fills the air as members of Division I and Division II girls All Star teams are cheered on by their teammates during practice sessions this week.

There are four Back Mountain All Star teams, two from Division I and two from Division II preparing for the playoff competition which is scheduled to open July 10.

Charlotte Slocum is coaching the Division II National All Stars for the second consecutive year. Slocum's girls are comprised of the older girls and she has a good nucleus of girls returning as last year's All Stars.

Cindy Slocum, Sandy Diction, Michelle Sweitzer, Kelly Wandel, Deanna Knorr and Joyce Tinner were members of the All Star team last year. Last year, Slocum's All-Star team placed third in the states, the first time a team has gone that far since Bob Shotwell coached the All Stars in 1979. That Back Mountain All Star team was disqualified because of a pitching rule violation of which they were unaware until after two games were played.

The 1983 All Stars took the District 16 title, then won the Section 3 title at Shippensburg before advancing to the States. There, the girls played an outstanding game but lost to a very physical team.

Members of this season's team include Lisa Sherksnas, Tracy Hunter, Sara Rothschild, Dallas Phillis; Debbie Levi, Lehman Dodgers; Joyce Tinner, Lori Hillard, Heather Bachman, Dallas Cardinals; Susie Slocum, Lori Cannon, Beth Finn, Marcia McCarroll, Noel Kuznicki, Pam Coolbaugh and Paula Sweitzer, Lehman Braves.

Cindy Slocum will assist in the coaching and Joyce Coolbaugh will act as scorekeeper.

The team's first game will be with Harveys Lake scheduled for July 10.

Division II's American All Stars will be coached by William Gabel, who is coaching the senior All Stars for the third year. The first year his All Stars were defeated in the second round; last season the team defeated Bob Horlacher All Stars then lost to Mountaintop.

This year, Gabel believes they

have an opportunity to go farther since the team has two very good starting pitchers and three or four good relief pitchers. He also said that the girls, in general, have higher batting averages.

Members of the team are Lori Bartleson, Amy Wesley, Dina Pomrinke, Donna Piatt, Laris Bergevin, Indians; Jennifer Long, Michele Farris, Maureen Wisneski, Shari Oney, Orioles; Tracy Cave, Lori Cave, Liane Kersey, Lisa Gabel and Tammy Baseski, Yankees.

Eight of these girls were on the All Star team last year so they are experienced and know what to expect when they go into playoff competition.

Mary Meighan is manager of the American All Stars who drew a bye for the first game, and will meet the winners of the Northwest and Mountaintop game in the second round.

In Division I, 11 and 12-year-old girls, Mary Lou Buttons is coaching the Back Mountain National All Stars. Their first game will be played July 10 as scheduled unless it rains.

Last season, the young All Stars lost their opening game under manager Debbie Kanarr, when they played a strong Mountaintop team.

"It makes it difficult," explained Buttons. "Because with the younger girls you have many new ones each season and it takes time for them to gain experience."

The 14 members of this season's team include Tracy Michaels, Marcy Yench, Joanna Garbush, Jennifer Hoover, Tracy Wargo, Renee Strausser, Joy Snyder, Heather Davey, Nancy Piatt, Jennifer Cook, Colleen McGovern, Teri Bartleson, Allison Dombek and Holly Bachman.

Four of these are strong pitchers and Buttons believes the team will be stronger than last year. Working with Buttons will be Beth Morgan and Michelle Buttons.

The team's first game will be with Newport at home. If they win, they will meet the Back Mountain American All Stars.

Most of the girls on the team are from the Dallas-Lehman area with each team in the National represented. In the past, the young National All Stars have taken the District Championship twice although not recently.

Bob Shotwell, who coached eight years of girls softball and two Division II All Star teams, 1979 and 1980, is not foreign to girls softball. He is, however, coaching the younger girls for the first time. Working with him is Kit Karuza, who coached the Division I All Stars last season. He and Shotwell are coaching this year's boys Orioles team in Back Mountain Little League.

Members of the American All Stars include Jean Novitsky, Tiffany Owens, Melanie Langdon, Trina Stesney, Becky Gingo, Pirates; Cynthia Kaschmar, Tina Hite, Holly Barkac, Kim Kaleta, Stephanie Andrasko, White Sox; Jennifer Prebola, Mollie Conway, Christine Yenalevitch and Brenda Misson, A's.

The team drew a bye in the first round and will meet the winner of the Newport-Back Mountain Nationals game.



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### Learning the basics

Bill Tooley, center, an instructor at last week's soccer clinic sponsored by the Pennsylvania State University/Wilkes-Barre Campus spends some time teaching the tricks of the trade to Mickey Orkwis, left, and Stephen Rosenthal.

## Mail Runner Shop sponsors 10K race

The Mail Runner Shop of Scranton located on Rt. 6 is sponsoring a 10K on July 21. The Bermuda 10K Challenge is a prestigious event offering 15 free trips to Bermuda as Grand Prizes, \$5,000 in merchandise as second prizes and a free Hind Wells singlet for each entrant.

The first 100 individuals to register will receive a free pair of running shoes. The second 100 will receive a free pair of name brand 100 percent nylon shorts. The next 300 registrants will receive their choice of a jogging poster by Gary Patterson, free t-shirt or a pair of running socks. In all, \$10,000 in merchandise and prizes will be awarded to those participating in the race.

The Grant Prizes, 15 free trips to Bermuda, will be awarded to the

winners of the individual age groups. The men's divisions break down as follows: 18 and under, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-49, and 50 and over. The women's groupings consist of 18 and under, 19-24, 25-29, 30-39, and 40 and over.

The race course is a measured 10,000 meters with 3 tough hills. There will be splits at 1 mile, 5K and 5 mile marks. Aid stations will be at 2 and 4 miles.

Starting time for the race is 10 a.m., Saturday morning. Post-registration will begin the day of the race from 8-9:30. The entry fee is \$8.50 up to July 14th and \$9.50 from July 15 to race day. The race will be run on the same course as the Asmatha Run for 1983 starting and finishing at Abington Heights High School North Campus, Clarks Summit.

## YMCA sets first biathlon

More than 300 persons are expected to enter the first Wilkes-Barre YMCA Biathlon on Saturday, July 28 at 9 a.m. at Harveys Lake.

The event, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. and Olin's Jewelry, Inc. will feature a one-mile swim from Hanson's to Sandy Beach, where the swimmers will change to their running togs and begin a 7.25 mile run around the lake ending back at Hanson's.

Pre-registration forms and a \$15 fee must be returned by July 14 to Sybil Nudo, 240 Scott St., Wilkes-

Barre, 18702. Registration forms may be obtained from Mrs. Nudo or from the Wilkes-Barre, YMCA, 40 W. Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711. Checks may be made payable to the Wilkes-Barre YMCA. No entries will be accepted the day of the race.

Entrants must be 16 and over. Age groups for men and women are 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 and 50 and over.

Plaques and watches will be awarded to the overall male and female winners. First, second and third place winners in the eight age categories will be awarded trophies. All finishers will receive certificates and all entrants will receive T-shirts and bathing caps.

Susan Cavanaugh, vice president of the YMCA Master Swim Club, and Maureen Judge, aquatic director of the YMCA, are heading the Biathlon Committee.

Further information may be obtained by calling Miss Judge at the YMCA, 717 823-2191 or Mrs. Nudo, 717 829-3091.

The YMCA is a United Fund Agency.

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### Back Mountain hasn't gone to States since 1962

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The last time a Back Mountain boys All Star team went to states was in 1962 when the team was coached by Jack Bestwick and Bill Sponseller took District, Regionals and State titles before losing to the Pitman, N.J. All Stars, in the Eastern Regionals in Massachusetts.

In 1979, the Back Mountain National All Stars got off to a good start by defeating Athens, 15-1, to take the Northern Tier title but then lost by a close 2-1 score to York. Earl Janosik and Joe Boyle coached the 1979 District 16 champs with Chris Wargo taking on most of the pitching duties.

This year, both the Back Mountain American All Stars and the Back Mountain National All Stars will be aiming to achieve one of the above. The coaches and managers of both teams have confidence in their teams and feel certain either one has the ability if the boys play to their potential.

John Tinner and Joseph Kelley are coaches of the National All Stars and both men have been involved in Little League for some time. This is the second consecutive year Tinner has coached the All Stars and the year prior to those he served as scorekeeper.

This year, in addition to being vice president of the Back Mountain Baseball Organization, Tinner is manager of the L.A.D. Dodgers.

"We have four boys returning who played on last season's All Star team," said Tinner. "And this gives us a good nucleus with which to work. They should be able to lead the other members. We expect the boys to go a lot farther this season."

Last season's All Stars lost their first game which shifted the team to the B Division where they played through to the finals.

Members of the team include Eric Paczewski, Pirates; Keith Schultz, Rich James, Astros; Todd Sallo, J.J. Konigus, Brian Hampe,

Giants; B.J. Mannix, J.J. Straigis, Phillies; Bob Barbacci, Reds; Eric May, Jeff Tinner, Darren Michael, Ed Reabuck and Dave Catrambone, L.A.D. Dodgers. Tinner, Sallo and Schultz are returning All Stars.

Supporting these teams are Rita Busch Beauty Salon, Pirates; Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, Giants; Surburban Propane, Phillies; Arthur Shelley Inc., Reds; and Gino Shoe Store, Astros.

The Nationals will meet Newport Township in the first round on July 9.

David Morris of Trucksville, coach of this year's Major League Tigers, has been involved with Back Mountain Little League since 1969. He has coached six Back Mountain All Star teams, in 1972, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979 and 1983. This year he is coaching the American All Stars.

Morris said the closest any of his All Star teams came to a District title was the semi-finals.

"We lost to Nanticoke last season then went to B Division where we advanced to the semi-finals before we were out," he said.

Morris saw all the members of the All Star team play during league season and he believes if they play like they did in All Star competition they have the potential to take the district title.

Members of the American All Stars team are Dale John Morris, Clark Van Orden, Kenny Klimovitz, Tigers; John Mafley, Sam Jayne, Jack Jones, Indians; Matt Balberchak, Chris Kersey, Red Sox; Eric Zimmerman, Scott Brody, Tony Welgosh, Orioles; Ray Russin, Mike Dailey and Alex Case, Yankees.

Tom Oliver of Shavertown is assisting Morris with the All Star team this year. Oliver also coaches the Indians in the Major League and is treasurer of the league.

It's a busy and an exciting time for the players, their parents and the hundreds of other volunteers and Back Mountain fans who are wishing the All Star teams success in achieving championships in 1984.

## Amateur wrestlers will appear at Pittston Area

The World Wrestling Federation will be at the Pittston Area High School Gym in Pittston on Tuesday evening, July 17.

In the main event of the evening Ivan "Polish Power" Putski will take on crazy George "The Animal" Steele. Putski is from Poland and he tips the scales at 240 pounds of solid muscle. The Animal weighs in at 275 pounds and he is from the motor city of Detroit.

Inter-Continental Champion Tito Santana will team up with Jose Luis Rivera in a Tag Team match against the unpredictable and feared team of the Moondogs. Anything can happen when the Moondogs come to town and get into the ring.

New Zealand's popular battler Tony Garea will square off in a

singles match against rugged Ron Shaw.

In another exciting singles match S.D. Jones of Philadelphia will go against the colorful and zany Frenchman Rene Goulet.

In addition, another All-Star bout will be added to this card.

This action-packed card is being sponsored by the North Pittston Neighborhood Association. All the action will get under way at 8 p.m.

Tickets for this event are \$6 for General Admission and \$8 for Ring-side-reserved and are on sale at the following locations: Dan's Barber Shop, N. Main St., Pittston; Bernie's Ice Cream Shoppe & Luncheonette, Pittston Plaza; Rastagno's Grocery Store, S. Main St., Pittston and Kalmanowicz's Markets in Dupont.

## Landis goes to Bloomsburg

Bloomsburg University head football coach George Landis has announced that former Dallas High School performer Steve Thomas has enrolled at the university for the fall semester.

The 6-3, 195 lb. receiver will help strengthen the Huskies' pass catch-

ing corps this season after taking a year off following graduation from Dallas.

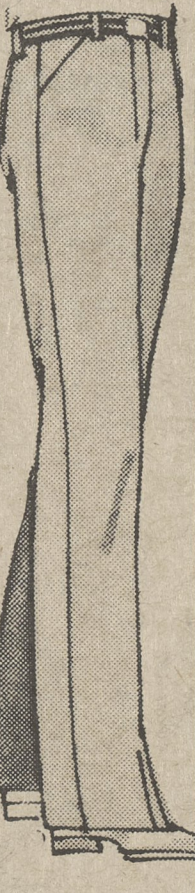
Under coach Ron Rybak, Thomas played both split end and corner-back and was a two-year starter. He caught 25 passes in his senior year for over 500 yards and seven touchdowns. On the defensive side, Thomas intercepted four opponent aeriels.

BU posted a 5-5 record a year ago under second year head coach Landis, the school's first non-losing season since 1978.

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