

Sports

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Strictly an opinion

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It's strictly my opinion:
— After consulting with several college coaches from various sections of the country, they agreed there isn't a true No. 1 grid team at the present time. That's one of the reasons I haven't listed a Super Seven.

— Shame, shame on Notre Dame. Coach Gerry (Farce) Faust did it again. He had the Irish so pumped up in the pre-season that most ND backers believed all of his hype. Purdue busted that bubble pronto.

— While Dallas is having its problems moving the football into the endzone, Coach Ron Rybak is still optimistic about his team becoming a winning football team. After visiting the Mountaineers recently, I found their confidence level very high. When they get that initial win under their belts they'll win some games.

— Dallas' two most consistent performers to date have been defensive stalwarts Tom Trosko and Richie Long. They get after folks.

— Boston College Coach Barry Gallup sent along a bunch of material on the Eagles and Doug Flutie. BC is going about pushing Flutie for the Heisman in a highly professional manner. His performance against Alabama put him in the lead in my book. I hope the voters go strictly on his collegiate performance and not on his potential as a pro.

— When is the last time Alabama blew a 17-point lead? That's what the Tide did against BC.

— Showdown in WVC this week matches Valley West against Wyoming Area. Spartans will have the edge in muscle up front, while the Warrior's speed could determine the outcome. The winner will challenge Hanover for the right to wear the overall crown locally. Don't sell Nanticoke and GAR short either.

— Does anyone miss Howard Cosell from the Monday Night Games? I haven't met anyone who does.

— I'd like nothing more than to

have the Chicago Cubs win the National League title and play some Series game in the afternoon. That's when baseball was baseball.

— While there's been so much said and written about Franco Harris and Walter Payton breaking Jim Brown's rushing records they need only to look at the number of carries and games it took each one to move ahead of Brown. To me Brown was a remarkable performer and his achievements speak for themselves no matter how many people break his record. I know it will take more than more games and more rushing attempts.

— Lake-Lehman has Hanover this week, while Dallas clashes with GAR. Both teams will have to generate some offense to emerge with victories. They can't allow their defensive units to remain on the field for long periods of time. The Knights will have to focus on stopping the Hawkeyes' ground attack and force them to throw. GAR is another grinder type offense. Dallas will get its defense to halting the run first.

Both teams will need to play to their fullest and get some key turnovers to post a victory.

— QB Joe Theisman of the Redskins is becoming one of the biggest crybabies in the NFL. Have you noticed when he scrambles and gets tackled how he mouths off to the ref and opposing player? His actions are rinky-dink.

— My sources tell me UCLA Coach Terry Donahue is they guy Notre Dame will turn to should they decide to dump Faust. Ray Perkins of Alabama is trouble, along with Ohio State's Earl Bruce.

— Eddie Rome and I won the Irem Temple Country Club Member-Guest Tournament this weekend. What a start we had! We were six under par about five holes. We birdied one, he eagled two and then the impossible happened. On a par four, 280 yards from the green, Eddie hit his ee shot about two feet from the cup and sank it for an eagle - we wound up five under for a 67.

Howard Whitesell, proprietor of Whitesell Brothers Lumber Co., and Joe Maniskas of Dallas shot a 70 on Saturday in the rain for medalist honors.



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League's best

The Offset Paperback Softball team earned championship laurels in the Industrial Softball League this year. The local ballplayers, who played on Friday evenings at Kirby Park, stripped the Leslie Fay team of the crown, after the Wilkes-Barre team had dominated the league for years. Shown here are members of the championship Offset team. From left, first row, Dave Bynon, Dave Eddy, Ken Remensnyder, John Brown, Jody Brown, Ed Martin, coach. Second row, Rich Long, manager; Thomas Corlin, Ben Maskalis, Walt Parsons, Mike Barbini, Mike Evans, Joe Mangold, Jim Jemberling, Jerry Williams, Bill Pace, Walt Terpak and Joe Maskalis. Absent at the time of the photo were John Throop and Tom Horn.

Dallas kickers defeat Sem

Coach John McCafferty's Dallas soccer team defeated Benton 4-2 in the opening game of the 1984 Wyoming Valley Soccer Conference. It was the first time in four years of play that the Mountaineers downed Benton.

John Tinner was the leading scorer for the Mountaineers in the game which was played at Benton. Tinner had three of the four goals scored in the win. He scored one in the first period, one in the third period and one in the fourth period. Tim Cotter scored the other goal for Dallas, chalking it up in the first period.

Hittle scored both goals for Benton, getting the first one two minutes into the second period and scoring the other in the third.

Coach McCafferty was elated with his team's performance and said he was very pleased with the efforts of his young players.

"My returning players did a great job," said McCafferty. Brian Moore and Matt Conologue played a tremendous game as did Mark Richardson. Freshman Steve Finn also played a good game. He has great potential.

The JV team also won 2-0 with Ray Besecker scoring one goal and Enrico Nardone scoring with a penalty.

The win gives the team a 2-1 record for the season but 1-0 in the league.

— CHARLOT M. DENMON

Here's how our local triathletes fared

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Driving around the Back Mountain the past several weeks, I realized I was not seeing as many runners nor cyclists as I had seen over the summer. True, school was in session, college students were off to their classes, and summer vacations were over, but they weren't the majority of the age groups I had seen during the summer.

Suddenly came the realization that the Annual Triathlon had come and gone and perhaps this is the reason for less cyclists and runners. I wondered — how did some of these entrants finish or did they, especially those I had talked with prior to the Triathlon?

Did they finish? In what place did they finish? What was their time, would they enter again? Was it worth all the training? I decided to find out.

Gerald Kavanagh of Haddonfield Hills, Dallas, who took swimming lessons to prepare for the event, said it was definitely worth every bit of the training and he would probably enter several of these events next year.

"I finished in 2:58, 220th overall," said Kavanagh. "I was third in my age group and received a medal for third place. I did the swimming event very well."

Kavanagh's 13-year-old daughter, Kelly, also took third place in her age group and received a medal. She did the Triathlon in 3:25 but bested her dad by 10 minutes in the swimming class. Kelly was a member of the YWCA swim team at

one time. Kelly is definitely going to enter next year and is working on getting one of her friends to train and enter with her.

Charles Eckman of Dallas and his brother, Peter, of Kingston, both finished. Peter was 97th and Charles, 107th. Speaking for both of them, Charles said it was worth the training and they enjoyed the competition, but were undecided about entering next year because it takes a lot of their time which makes it inconvenient because of their work schedules.

Charles' best event was the running while Peters was the bike riding.

Dr. William Burak of Shavertown finished in 2:52, third in his age group. He did the best in the bicycle category although he feels swim-

ming is his strongest of the three events.

"My navigation wasn't at its best that day," said Burak. "I kept making 'S' turns in the water. The boats had to keep putting me back on course. I'm very happy with the results and will enter again."

Burak said he found the training more enjoyable than the actual event. He complimented those who organized the event and stated that a great deal of thanks should go to the many volunteers who assisted in so many ways.

"I think that both the spectators and the contestants enjoyed it," said Burak.

Robyn Jones said she achieved the goal she had set for this year's event. She finished in 3:11 and said it is a great event, much better than

she thought it would be and will enter again next year.

"I will train more for it now that I know what it's like," said Jones. "It is so well organized, everyone is so cooperative. It is the most superior event in which I have ever participated. Everything ran so smooth it made it easy for the entrants."

Running was the easiest for Jones. The biking was the most difficult because she didn't train for it.

Attempts to contact Raelene Daring, who also entered the Triathlon, were unsuccessful. Whether or not she finished the event we don't know.

But if she feels like the others we talked with, the Triathlon was worth the time and effort spent in training.

Motovidlk leads Dallas golfers

Dallas golfers posted a league record of 5-2 after losing to Pittston, 11-1, Thursday, Sept. 13, and taking Coughlin, 12½-8½, Monday, Sept. 10.

In Monday's match, Crusader Tom Motovidlk took first medalist with 54 over the 12-hole match despite Dallas taking the win.

In Thursday's match at Emanon Golf Course, Mountaineers Darrin Spivey and Derek Tamburro took first and third medalist points but were edged by the Patriots 11-10 over the par-45, 12 hole course.

Rich Holthaus defeated Patrick Jason Romanowski 3-0 but Pittston's Mike Branley defeated Jim Aikman 2½-½ and Phil Amico shut out Mount A.J. Bittner 3-0.

Coach Mike Sharok's golfer of Lake-Lehman High School defeated Bishop Hoban 15-6, Tuesday, Sept. 10 in a match at the Kights par-47,

12-hole course. Knights Mark Lopasky shot 52 and Chris Landmesser shot 54 to claim first and second medalists. Argent Gene Chabak took third medalist with a 55 over the course.

Among the matches in individual play Lopasky defeated Chabak 3-0; Landmesser blanked John Callahan 3-0; and Knight Don buzinkai took Chris Snyder 3-0.

Don Spencer downed Hoban's Mike McKeown 2½-½ but the Knights Todd Krupa and Allen Frederick lost their matches. Krupa went down 2-1 to Argent Joe Ducasi and Frederick lost 2½-½ to Argent Diane Hamilton.

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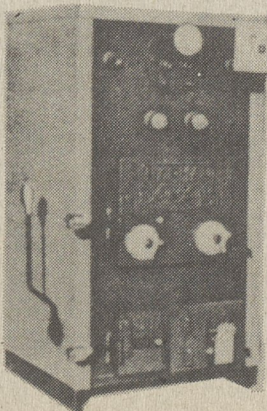
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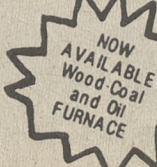
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