

Sports



Run scheduled

Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. is the date set for the 5-Mile "Run for the Family" at the Forty Fort Park, Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. The run is organized to honor Family Service Assoc. of Wyoming Valley on its 90th Anniversary. Coordinated by the Wyoming Valley Striders, the largest local running club, the run starts at the Forty Fort Park, with a well-marked, accurate course through traffic-controlled streets in Forty Fort and finishes at Forty Fort Park. Splits will be given at the 1 and 2.5 mile marks, and a digital display clock will provide finishing times. A 1-Mile Fun Run for children is scheduled at 2:15 p.m. The registration fee is \$5.00 for the 5-mile run, and \$6.00 on race day. The Fun Run fee is \$1.00. All proceeds will benefit Family Service. T-shirts, baseball caps, donated by Sport-Jes, will be given to early entrants. Trophies and medals will be awarded to winners in eight age groups for both sexes. There also will be random drawings for gift certificates and prizes. To register, or for more information, call Beth Ann Delaney, Family Service Association, 823-5144. Shown reviewing plans for Family Service's "Run For the Family" are, from left, Anne Vernon, of Trucksville, Executive Director FSA, Beth Ann Delaney, Chariman and Jim Jackiewicz, Pres., Wyoming Valley Striders.

Knights were patient in handing WA defeat

By JOHN RODGERS
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Lake-Lehman used two big innings and patience at the plate to hand Wyoming Area its first loss of the season.

The Black Knights, trailing 4-1 after five innings, scored seven runs in the last two innings and turned in a 8-5 victory. The decisive runs came in the seventh when Lehman used two walks and three singles to score three runs.

Malak was the winning pitcher, going six innings, striking out eight and walking two. Fedor led the offense with three RBI's. Earl Weidner added three hits and T. Willy Cadwalader two.

MEYERS 14, LEHMAN 6
In Lehman's outing against Meyers, the ball bounced the wrong way. Hampered by seven errors, they came up on the losing end of a 14-6 score.

The Knights started off on a good note, getting to Mohawks' pitcher Coolbaugh for three runs in the first two innings. They used three walks, a hit batsman for one in the first. In the second, Walt Konopki and T. Willy Cadwalader both had RBI singles to make it 3-0 Lehman.

In the bottom of the third, however, vengeance was had as the Mohawks scored eight runs on nine hits to take an 8-3 lead it never lost.

The Knights came back to close the gap, 8-6, in the fourth, however, Meyers scored every inning after to stretch its lead.

The game was played in 30 degree weather with snow squalls so bad, play was halted in excess of 10 minutes on occasion.

LEHMAN 6, HOBAN 4
P.J. Malak of Lehman struck out nine Argents and the Knights scored three times in the fifth to gain the victory.

After giving up two runs in the first inning on a two run hit by Hoban's Iskra, Malak took control.

Trailing 2-0, Lehman scored three runs in the fifth and added three more in the sixth to gain the victory. Stapinski scored twice for the Black Knights.

DALLAS 12, CRESTWOOD 12
Dallas and Crestwood played to a 12-12 deadlock in a game called due to darkness.

The game, originally scheduled to be played at Crestwood, was moved to Dallas because of playing conditions. It will be made up at a later date.

Being blanked for four innings and trailing 4-0, Dallas erupted for seven runs in the top of the fifth for a 7-4 lead. Ford had the big hit in the inning. Crestwood came right back with three runs to knot the score.

Dallas took a 10-7 lead in the sixth, however, the Comets came right back with four tallies to go up, 11-10.

The Mountaineers, behind Jubis' hit, tallied twice in the seventh to

grab a 12-11 lead, just to see the Comets come back again just to tie it again.

Dallas used two hurlers, Moyer and Moyer while Crestwood went with McGovern and Feisel.

DALLAS 16, TECH 10
The Mountaineers, behind winning

pitcher Dombek's 10 strikeouts and three base hits, defeated the West Side Tech Titans, 16-10. The Mountaineers pounded out 12 hits, including doubles by Janosky and triples by Medura and Ford. Moyer came in to relieve Dombek and struck out

4.

Seminary netters defeat Lehman, 5-0

The unseasonable weather cut short the Lake-Lehman/Wyoming Seminary tennis match last Tuesday, but not before the Blue Knights swept the singles and won, 5-0.

In the singles, Gunster of Wyoming Seminary defeated Lake-Lehman's Stair 6-2, 6-3; Heydt (WS) took Buzinkai 6-2, 6-0; Wilson defeated Knight Moosic 7-5, 6-1; Baiman (WS) blanked the Knights Kozloski 6-0, 6-0; and Seminary's Kelly defeated Kelly 6-1, 6-0.

Snow, heavy at times, forced the doubles to be discontinued, but the match was already won by Seminary.

On Friday, the Lake-Lehman Knights met the Dallas netmen at

the Newberry Courts but were unable to down their Back Mountain rivals as the Mountaineers shut them out 7-0.

C. Lawley defeated Knight Stare in consecutive sets of 6-0, 6-3 and Dave Dillon shut out Buzinkai 6-0, 6-0. Mount Kistler defeated Lake-Lehman's Moosic 6-0, 6-2; B. Moore of Dallas took Lieb 6-0, 6-1 and Jack Albert took Knight Kozloski 6-0, 6-1.

In the doubles, Lawley and Kistler defeated Stare and Buzinkai 8-3. Mounts Dillon and Albert took Keefer and Moosic 8-0.

The Knights record dropped to 0-2 while th Mountaineers upped their record to 2-0.

— CHARLOT M. DENMON

Rodgers on sports

In defense of softball

By JOHN RODGERS
Sports Columnist

For the records: This article is being written due to an overwhelming request. I usually don't do so, but for some reason I feel obligated.

With the start of spring comes a desire for the outdoors. It comes in all forms, jogging, fishing, baseball and softball. The latter is the subject at hand.



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Softball is shared by an immeasurable amount of people, men, women and children of all ages. In the Back Mountain Area alone, there is in excess of 100 teams, on the amateur level. It's also played at outings, picnics, even school yards.

The game itself has an arguable and misty background. Some condemn it, saying it's for beer-bellied

has-beens. The one's who play it claim different. Who cares! I don't mean that sarcastically, what I'm trying to say is, if it's fun and enjoyable, and it's not harmful — go for it.

I play softball and I love it. Admittedly, I'm no star, but I'm no has-been in this sport. There are stars and there are some less fortunate. However, the games nucleus is "competition," whether you're 45 or 17, it's enjoyable. There is no generation gap, hatred or deceit, just good hard competition.

It's a way of being a kid again, a hero of sort. Some say it's a way of shaking frustration. I see it as a way of relaxing. We compete with life every day, meeting the bills, at work, beating traffic. In softball, you compete against each other and after about an hour there is a winner. Your system is relieved and, win or lose, you feel good.

Another plea I was asked to make was by a number of softball husbands. I really can't do it and have a clear conscience. I kind of feel for what I call a "softball widow."

All of a sudden, their hubbies are gone for five nights a week, and sometimes even weekends. Family schedules are disturbed, the grass isn't cut, etc. What I will ask however, is, try and work it out, but wives and girlfriends or boyfriends (There are also a lot of women playing softball), please, don't take the little bit of child in them away. Like I mentioned earlier, it's a sport everyone can enjoy. Maybe you can join in, be a fan, root for your friends, make it an enjoyable evening for everyone.

The argument on this however will always have its pros and cons. It's like rowing a boat full of holes — it's a never-ending struggle.

Hope to see you on the field, but please give me a break, don't hit the ball too hard.

One more thing, how about the vote on the proposal to move girls' basketball games in the W.V.C. to evenings. Currently, the girls play at 4 p.m. The proposal was to move the games to the evening. The vote was 11-6 in favor, but because it has to pass by a two-thirds majority, they will remain at 4 p.m.

In my opinion "change", there are many working families who don't get the opportunity to see their daughters play, especially at away games. Then, the schools complain about attendance at women's sports.

I wonder if the people who voted against this proposal thought of their own personal schedule versus that of the overall picture.

STRIKES AND SPARES

Scavone Motors shut out Mahafey Oil in the Imperialette League led by K. Scavone who walloped pins for 206 (506) and L. Maciejczak who hit them for 180. D. Garnett knocked them down for 191 (490) to pace the Jean Shop to three points from Humphreys Apparel whose I. Katyl rolled 206 (497). Lombardo Bakery divided evenly with Hoof N Paw with J. Mekeel's 464 high series for both teams.

In the Bowlerette League Franklins picked up three points from Brent Long who had N. Moser's 170 (486). Hoagie Bar girls copped three from Tom Reese five whose C. Bafman scattered pins for 181.

Porkly blanked Spanky in Our Gang League paced by B. Grieves' 510 and B. Searfoss' 220. Buckwheat took all from Stymie and Wheezer earned three from Darla with none of the members able to hit high scores. Waldo picked up three from Alfalfa despite Nancy Daney's 181.

G.H. Harris Associates managed to take three points from Fashion Vending taking total pins by 34 pins in the Ladies Country League. Bonomo's Sports Center made it three over Gordon Insurance sparked by N. Ide's 191, L. Maciejczak's 173-171 (480) and M.E. Neely's 188. The insurance team were led by P. Gordon's 192 (470). Grotto Pizza took three from the Castlettes paced by R. Radzinski's 188-178 (489).

In the George Shupp League Fino's Pharmacy took three points from Harris Associates led by R. Bonomo who slammed the pins for 269-215 (653) and F. Adams 212 (581). T. Shalata added 209 (568) and K. Youngblood gave 545. J. Guido rolled 574 and A. Wendel posted 231 (571) for the Harris team and D. Purvin set the pace with 206-204 (602). Conner's 514 was TV for both teams as he paced Katyl TV to taking three points from SCID.

Gino's Shoe Store men copped three points from Steele's Restaurant led by T. Doughton's 552. The restaurant five were aided in taking one game by J. Schultz's 214 (534).

In the George Shupp League Sweet Valley Outfitters shut out Bermudas with Glen Mazer's 210 (577) showing the way. F. Ranalle hit 520 and R. Bonomo, Jr. rolled 513. G.H. Harris picked up three points from Brown's Oil with T. Doughton giving 580, H. Bennett rolling 562 and M. Whiting posting 210 (543). A Lanynaitta hit pins for 559 and J. Roan scattered them for 217 (543) for the oil men. Beach Combers took three from Charlies All Stars with help from a big handicap. The All-Stars had F. Cornell's 545, K. Spencer's 526 and B. Cyphers 519. J. Shultz scattered pins for 531 to lead Back Mountain Sporting Goods in taking three from the Hambos.

Irene Katyl knocked down pins for 174 to lead the A Team to three points from Nobody's in Bonomo's Mixed League. Sue Tereska hit a 134 triplicate and Ray Kurtz rolled 203 for the Nobody's Five. Rich Jenkins 515 and Joy Alexander's 179 paced Ghost Busters to three point from the Halfbreeds, who had Kathy Mintzer's 173.

Shavertown B blanked Maple Grove aided by B. Walko's 207-241 (619) and D. Wright's 221 (553) in the Back Mountain Church League. Trucksville B picked up three from Trucksville C led by C. Hoover's 563 and F. Castrignano's 211. J. Cobleigh rolled 533 to lead East Dallas to three points from Dallas A whose B. Williams hit the pins for 545 while Carverton B took three from Shavertown A aided by M. Rudick's 535. H. Shupp knocked down pins for 518 but it wasn't enough as the Orange team dropped three points to Carverton A men who were led by J. Haines 211.

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