

Sports



FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

Lady Knights see title hopes washed away by Lakeland



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Perfect bunt

Susie Slocum of the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team prepares to bunt her way to base as an unidentified teammate and a few fans watch in the background. Action was in last week's playoff game at Kirby Park where the Lady Knights were defeated, 2-0, by Lakeland, thus ending their hopes of a state title.

Kuznicki was trapped going to third by Toth. Sandy Diction hit a ground ball to second with the bases loaded

to end the inning.

Cindy Slocum started a Knight rally in the sixth when she led off with a single, Kuznicki hit a fly ball to centerfield then Levi tapped a single up the middle sending Slocum to second. Toth helped her own cause by grabbing Finn's bunt bared-handed and throwing out Slocum, who was sliding into third. She struck out Pantle to retire the side.

The Chiefs scored the only two runs they needed in the top of the third when Sandy Clauss hit a homerun to send in Toth and score herself. Toth went to first on a walk after Gretchen Hill went to second on a two base error by the Knights leftfielder Pantle. Hill and Toth attempted a double steal but the Knights catcher Kuznicki threw Hill out on third. Clauss' long hit to right field kept going away from rightfielder Chris Wasculis. The ball brushed off Wasculis' glove and rolled foul. Wasculis fell and Clauss picked up her speed and circled the bases for a homerun sending in Toth ahead of her.

The only other threats by Lakeland were in the second and fifth innings when Finn gave up two walks in each of the frames.

Lakeland advances to play District 12's title winner, Lackawanna Trail, this week.

Harris men win title

Harris Associates men took the league title for the 1984-85 season last week by defeating Fino's Pharmacy men 2838-2745 in the George Shupp League roll-off.

Hitting high scores for the Harris team were G. Harris 546, A. Guido 203 (538), S. Bonomo 534 and D. Purvin 533.

R. Bonomo rolled 201-202 (589) and T. Shalata hit 524 for the pharmacy five.

In the Idetown Compact League the Pintos took the league title by defeating the Firebirds 3135 to 3097. R. Cross hit 533 for the Pintos. B. Ishley rolled 509 for the Firebirds.

Teeners slate June 10 date

Back Mt. Baseball's Teener Division will conduct a meeting on Monday, June 10 starting at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. All managers, coaches an volunteers are asked to attend.

Teeners hold fund raiser

Teener League Baseball players of the Back Mt. Area will be at local stores and shopping centers on Saturday morning June 8, 1985 collecting much needed funds necessary for the many teams future existence.

Stickers will be given to those people giving \$1.00 or more. Your generosity will help keep our Back Mountain youth involved in this organized sports program.

Kerdesky gets college letter

Dave Kerdesky, a sophomore from Shavertown received his second varsity letter as a member of the Wilkes College baseball team this spring.

Kerdesky, a graduate of Dallas High School, is the son of Peter and Joyce Kerdesky, 61 N. Main Street. Kerdesky was second on the team batting .362. He registered 18 RBIs, 3 doubles and scored 17 runs.

Wilkes finished 12-15 overall this season.

CYC pool announces schedule

The Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center is announcing its summer pool schedule. A Happy Hour swim will be held Monday through Friday, from 5-6:30 p.m. The pool will also be open Monday through Friday, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Beginner swim lessons will be given Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. The class will begin on Monday, July 8 and end on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

For more information call the CYC at 823-6121 or stop by at 36 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Rev. John S. Terry is director of the CYC, a member agency of the Wyoming Valley United Way.

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

The hopes of the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team for the District 2 Division AA softball title were dashed last Wednesday at Kirby Park when they were blanked, 2-0, by the Lakeland Chiefs.

The Knights outit the chiefs, 4-1, but Lakeland's sophomore pitcher had brilliant fielding behind her to pull her out of threatening situations in the first, second and sixth innings. Pitcher Debbie Toth fanned four and walked five while giving up four hits, but her experience gained from her action as a freshman kept her cool when she needed to be.

The Knights' pitcher Beth Finn gave up only one hit, a costly two-run homer in the third inning, struck out eight and walked five.

The Knights first opportunity came in the first inning when Susie Slocum beat out a bunt between first and second base with one out. A passed ball and a wild pitch sent her to third but the next two Knights, Kelly Wandel and Cindy Slocum were out to end the scoring threat.

In the second inning, Lake-Lehman's Noel Kuznicki led off with a single over the second baseman's head and went to second on a walk to D. Levi. Finn struck out and



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Pheasants released

Shown here with a few of the 320 Roughneck Pheasants which will be released on the west side of the Susquehanna River in Luzerne County are, from left, Wooden Kishbaugh, sportsman; Charlie Kishbaugh, sportsman; Ed Gdosky, Pennsylvania Game Commissioner; and Clifford Kishbaugh, Deputy Game Protector.

320 Roughneck Pheasants released

Approximately 320 Roughneck Pheasants were received at the Dallas office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission recently. The pheasants, which came from the Eastern Game Farm in Schwenksville, will be released on the west side of the Susquehanna River in Luzerne County.

After enough eggs were laid for use by the Game

Commission to hatch and raise pheasants for fall release, the breeders are released to cut the expense of feeding the full-grown birds all summer.

Some of the hens may nest in areas released and product a late breed of young this fall for the sportsmen's pleasure.



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Off and running!

They're off - and running in the 10th Annual Back Mountain Lite Beer Run this past Sunday. Sponsored by The Times Leader and Premium Brands, the uphill race attracted approximately 350 runners. Bill Bull, 31, of Berwick won the race with a time of 54:24.

By ED GDOSKY
Special to The Dallas Post

Before adopting any wild baby animal, make sure it is really an orphan. More than 90 percent of the so-called orphans rescued every Spring by well-meaning people aren't orphans at all, and would have been much better off left alone.

For example, a doe will leave her fawn for several hours while she feeds thinking it safe, but if you are walking in the woods and happen upon the animal, all you see is a helpless little animal that you think



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needs your help. Don't "rescue" it. The mother will return.

It's the same with other animals, including cottontail rabbits. Baby rabbits, born almost naked, remain in their nest until their eyes open. Their nest is usually a small cavity in the ground lined with hair and covered with weeds. The mother feeds them once in the morning, and once in the evening, but during the day she is out foraging, returning occasionally to watch her young. If you come across them, think them abandoned and take them home, you are doing them more harm than good.

While some wild baby animals do make nice pets, remember: It is against regulations to possess babies taken out of season. Also, it is very important to keep in mind that if bitten by one of these "orphans," you can come in contact with rabies. It is better to avoid making yourself a candidate for this disease.

Many of us have heard the tale that once a human touches a wild baby animal (including birds), the parent will not keep it. This is not true, but unfortunately has been responsible for many people trying to raise wild animals. If you should touch a baby, return it to where it was and the mother will come for it.

If, after long observation, you determine that you actually have come upon an orphaned animal because the parent has been trapped or killed, you should contact the Game Commission. They

will advise you whether or not you can try to raise the animal, or they may come and get it.

Lately, in my area, many people have tried to be helpful by rescuing animals. They have called me and asked how and what to feed the babies. I try to discourage them because this requires a great deal of time and work. Currently, my wife is feeding three fawns and two litters of baby rabbits that have been "rescued."

Once young babies have been artificially fed, they have a hard time surviving in the wild because they can not find food and cover for themselves.

FIELD NOTES

Spring Gobbler season closed on May 25, and once again there was a good harvest in this district. I am happy to report we had no accidents or infractions of the rules.

Pennsylvania trappers set a new beaver record this year, more than doubling the 1984 harvest with a catch of 7,232. The recorded bear mortality for the state was 206, and deer mortality was 32,325. Luzerne County ranked 7th in the state for bear and deer killed on the highway.

One Sunday morning I received a call from a prominent physician stating, "A buck is trapped in my yard which is enclosed by a high cyclone fence. There is a patio enclosed with glass where the deer is roaming."

When I arrived at the scene, I could see that the deer was too excited to leave through the open gate without guidance. I chased the deer into a corner and pushed him out under the fence. I later thought to myself, "I should have told the doctor to give him two aspirins and if it didn't go away, call me in the morning..."

The other day two sportsmen, Art Gensel and Herb Brader, called me to report they had seen a deer having a problem giving birth. After meeting them at the location, we saw that she was having a difficult breech birth. We assisted her in the delivery. Although we were unable to save the fawn, the mother did survive and is sure to be healthy and pregnant again next year. It is nice to know that there are good sportsmen who are concerned about our wildlife.

(Ed Gdosky is a commissioner for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Dallas office.)

Soccer Camp begins June 17 at Penn State

Soccer Camp at Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Campus will begin in the Back Mountain at the Lehman Campus on June 17 and run through June 21. The camp is planned for boys and girls, ages 6 through 14. Camp participants must have reached their 6th birthday by December 31, 1984.

The Penn State-Wilkes-Barre Youth Soccer Day Camps were developed in 1983 to improve the soccer skills and knowledge of area youth. Because of the remarkable response to soccer camps last summer, Penn State Wilkes-Barre will be offering (3) camps this summer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre at Lehman, Mountaintop and Wyoming Valley.

Fridays are game days when

campers will compete for numerous prizes in various games and drills.

Each camp will feature an outstanding staff of experienced local soccer personnel to help enable camp participants to reach their full soccer potential. To stress the importance of teamwork and fair play, each camper is placed on a team for the week and will be assured of an equal amount of play in game situations.

The director for this year's series of camps is Jay Harvey. The staff includes Ken Farshtey, Steve Klingman, Mike Luna, Tom Rokita, and Phil Wingert.

For further information and registration call: Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Continuing Education 675-2171.

Wrestling clinic planned

An elementary wrestling clinic will be held June 20 through June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon daily at the Lake-Lehman High School.

The clinic, which will be held for boys within the Lake-Lehman School District who have been ingrades three, four, five or six during the 1984-85 school year, is part of the Lake-Lehman summer recreation program which is funded by the district. There will be no charge for the clinic.

All boys attending the clinic are

asked to bring sneakers, socks, shorts and a T-shirt.

The program will be staffed by Lake-Lehman coaches. Registration will be held at the high school on Monday, June 14, between 9:30 and 10 a.m.

Anyone having any questions concerning this program is asked to call any of the coaches listed at school at 675-2165 or at home as follows: Mr. Ladamus, 675-5691; Mr. Barbacci, 298-2616; Mr. Williams, 477-5674; or Mr. Lipski, 675-3533.

Wilkes College schedules summer basketball camp

Wilkes College will be the site of the Wilkes Basketball camp this summer for boys and girls ages 11-17.

The camp will run from Monday, July 1 to Friday, July 5, under the direction of Bart Bellairs, Wilkes head basketball coach, who led the Colonels to a MAC playoff spot in his second year.

A day camp, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., will be held at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, costing \$50. An evening clinic will be run on the Edwardsville Recreation Board outdoor courts from 6:30 p.m. for a \$20 fee. Campers can attend both camps for \$60.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt and July 4 will be Basketball Give-Away Day as 20 balls will be awarded to campers.

Guest speakers will include Penn State University head coach Bruce Parkhill, University of Massachusetts assistant Mark Shea and St. John's University assistant Al LoBalbo.

Brochures and applications may be picked up at Chuck Robbins Sporting Goods, Wilkes-Barre YMCA, Lewis-Duncan Sporting Goods or at the Edwardsville Municipal Building.

Interested persons can contact coach Bellairs at 824-4651.

Identification is corrected

In a recent edition of The Dallas Post, a photo taken during a Back Mountain Little League game last

weekend was incorrectly identified. The Little Leaguer shown batting in the photo is Mark Stallard.