



Sports



All-Star Game set

The Sixth Annual Dallas Kiwanis Girls All Star Softball game will be played Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Dallas Little League field on Church Street, Dallas. The chairman of this year's game is William Paculavich, Dallas Kiwanis member. Other Kiwanis members of the planning committee are Robert Dolbear, Walter Kozemchak, George McCutcheon, Bruce Renard and Larry Schuler. Thirty senior girls and six coaches from area high schools will participate in this year's game. The East Squad is represented by the following All-Stars: Lisa Blaum, GAR; Meg Charles, Meyers; Tracy Walton, Lisa Imbriaco and Candy McGarry, Hazleton; Renee Pawlusch and Denise Bralczyk, Nanticoke; Monica Hayes, Hanover; Karen Zweibel, Bishop Hoban; Kim Sovan and Chris Yencha, Coughlin; Chris McNulty, Pittston Area; Diane Madl, Pam McGrath and Pauline Polny, Crestwood. The West Squad will be coached by Frank Danna, Crestwood, Nino Campagna, Hazleton and Jule Moore, Nanticoke. The West Squad is represented by the following All-Stars: Jodi Petrucelli, Donna Zavada, and Laura Maturi, Wyoming Seminary; Sandy Dicton, Lake-Lehman; Kim Menkavitch, Pam Jayne and Debbie Pearn, Wyoming Valley West; Colleen Reese, Northwest; Terri Miller, Tunkhannock; Jill Radzinski and Joan Hilstolsky, Dallas; Wendy La Porte and Sandy Severnak, Wyoming Area; Donna Nicholson, West Side Tech; Tracey Rokosz, Bishop O'Reilly. The West Squad will be coached by Flossie Finn, Lake-Lehman and the assistant coaches are Jay Pope, Dallas and Ray McNulty, West Side Tech. Pictured are members of the Planning Committee. From left, seated, Flossie Finn, Cheryl Travis, Marge Kelly and Jule Moore. Second row, Frank Danna, Nino Campagna, Walter Kozemchak, George McCutcheon, William Paculavich, chairman; Robert Dolbear and Jay Pope.

Locals coach Keystone Games

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Correspondent

Not one, not two, but three Back Mountain coaches will be working with the Keystone Games this summer.

Lake-Lehman softball coach Flossie Finn, Dallas hockey coach Robyn Jones and Dallas girls' basketball coach Kit Karuza have been selected by Keystone officials to assist in their respective fields.

Mrs. Finn, Lake-Lehman guidance counselor and girls' varsity softball coach, was requested by Keystone Games officials to coordinate and select a team of girls representing five counties in Region 2 to go to Bloomsburg just as David Adomiak, Riverside's softball coach, was requested to select a team of 15 from five counties to go to Bloomsburg.

The plan is that these two teams will play two other teams in a Round Robin competition and from the 60 girls on these four teams, 15 will be chosen to go to Penn State to play in the finals. Finn and Adomiak will accompany the final team.

Coach Finn held tryouts in Berwick, Saturday, June 1, at Coal Street, Wilkes-Barre, Sunday morning, June 2, and in Tunkhannock, Sunday afternoon, June 2. Following each of these tryouts, she made some cuts and following tryouts on Saturday, June 8, Coach Finn made the final cuts, thus selecting the team of 15 that will go to Bloomsburg for the Regional Round-Robin.

Assisting Finn are Marge Kelly, Cheryl Travis and Sally Galka.

Coach Finn has a wide background of experience in softball having coached at Lake-Lehman for 11 years and in a summer softball league for eight years. She has always had a winning season never having a team that ended with .500 or below.

Her summer team, the Rebels, has never finished lower than second place and last year, they were fifth in National Playoffs and finished first in the local league.

Coach Robyn Jones, Dallas varsity field hockey coach for the past four years, is coordinator for the



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Keystone coaches

Dallas Senior High School Hockey Coach Robyn Jones (standing) and Lake-Lehman Senior High Softball Coach Flossie Finn have been selected as two of Region 2's coaching coordinators for the Keystone State Games. They are presently holding tryouts for the teams who will go into the regionals at Bloomsburg. Following regionals they will go with their respective teams of 15 members each to the final games at Penn State University.

Rodgers on sports

Going back in time

By JOHN RODGERS
Sports Columnist

What ever did happen to old-time sports? Old time in the way games are played and the attitude among players. There is and always will be the typical gripes like which athletes are better, modern day or yester-years. That I won't get into, there is no real way of proving anything there.

Let's start with the approach of sports. Talking to some elderly men, I was told, there were no Little Leagues when they were young.

Instead, the kids in the neighborhood (after a day of school and then chores) would get together in the field and challenge a neighboring team. The one lucky enough to have a ball was the pitcher and the one fortunate enough to have a glove

played first base. Anyone with a bat got to hit anywhere they felt like in the line-up and so forth. As one gentleman put it, some of their folks didn't allow them to play for fear of their getting hurt and if they got caught, they would get the caddy nine tail, and get it good!

When they got a little older, things were a little more organized. They had neighborhood teams with coaches even. Some represented different coal breakers, some churches, some just the street they lived on. There were some big crowds at those games and some darn good players. Some went on to the pros.

I think what they were trying to tell me, was they played for the love of sports, no matter what the circumstances were.

To advance a few years now, I recall my early days. Things were a lot more organized and everyone had a glove. I'll never forget my first year in the Little League. I was given my first uniform. It was about six years old and four sizes to big, but I felt like Babe Ruth. I would get dressed three hours early and just wait for the game. We had some fine coaches who taught us

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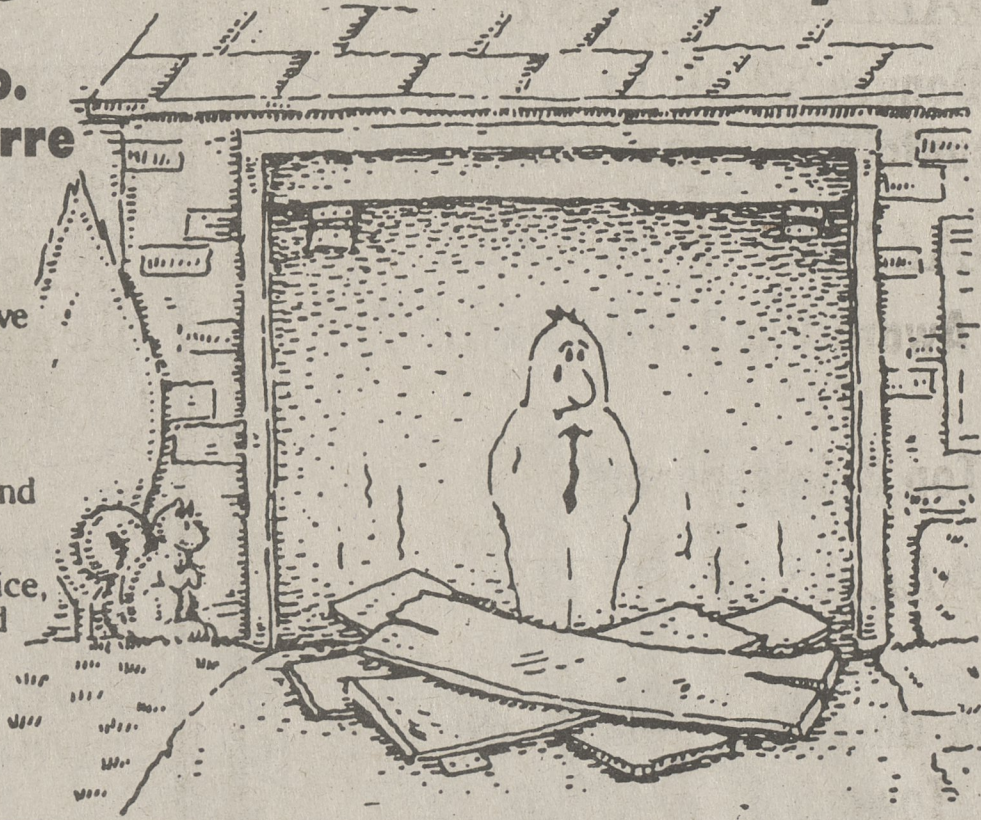
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