

SPORTS

Coach's instructions didn't work

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Before Friday's baseball game between Dallas and Bishop O'Reilly, Dallas Coach Jack Wolensky gave simple instructions to his batters: put the ball in play.

"Bishop O'Reilly is not a good defensive team. I felt that if we just hit the ball," Wolensky continued, "That we would win. We didn't do that."

The problem was that O'Reilly didn't need much defense; they had pitcher Mark Mullery instead. He was enough.

The rangy right-hander, who has been plagued early this season by shaky fielding by his teammates, struck out 16 Mountaineers in a complete game, 9-0, victory that knocked Dallas from the ranks of the unbeaten and into second place in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

QUEENSMEN SCORE

O'Reilly scored quickly off Dallas starter Rob Dombek by taking a 2-0

lead in the first inning.

After Dombek opened the game with a walk to Jon Kopka, Kopka took second on an infield out and scored one out later on a Jim Heffers single. Steve Bogdon then hit a two-out single up the middle to score Heffers for the 2-0 lead.

With Mullery keeping the host Mountaineers bats mum, O'Reilly increased its lead to 5-0 by scoring a one run in the second and two more in the third.

"I felt good today," an elated Mullery said after the game. "We worked our humps off this week because we wanted to beat Dallas."

OUT OF REACH

O'Reilly put the game out of reach in the fourth when they scored three more runs for an 8-0 lead. Queensmen Bogdon had the big hit in the inning, a two-run single for his second and third RBI on the day.

O'Reilly scored once more in the seventh to take the game 9-0.

"He (Mullery) was very impressive, overpowering. It was as simple as that," Wolensky said. "We just couldn't hit the ball."

O'Reilly Coach Bill Smedley said this was just the kind of game that could turn things around for his team and his ace pitcher.

"In the early games that Mark pitched in, we were giving up a lot

of unearned runs because of errors. Mark was losing and getting frustrated because there wasn't any defense behind him," the burly coach said. "But this win will give him and the entire team confidence. I see this as a turning point in the season."

the three RBI performance by designated hitter Rick Jurosky.

In the second inning, Dallas came up with all the runs it needed, when it scored three times.

MOYER DOUBLES

Tim Moyer started the inning by doubling. Jurosky sent Moyer home with a single to right. Northwest then allowed two more runs to score when it committed an error and botched a relay throw from the outfield for a 3-0 Dallas lead.

Dallas added lone runs in the fourth and fifth. The first run was the result of Juroski RBI and the latter when Northwest pitcher Gary Boberick walked home Ed Kwak, who had singled earlier in the inning.

Northwest nicked Konopki for two runs in the bottom of the fifth when it connected on three hits. The big hit in the inning was an RBI triple by Boberick.

Dallas goes to 5-1 with the win; Northwest falls to 2-4.

Comets defeat Lehman

Saturday's Wyoming Valley Conference baseball game between Crestwood and Lake-Lehman could have been called 'Duel in the Sun.'

For seven innings, Black Knight pitcher Brian Evans and Comet hurler Matt Yeager threw scoreless baseball.

Going into the eighth, Evans had given up five hits while Yeager allowed but two. Neither pitcher had given up an extra-base hit on the day.

Something had to break. It did.

In the bottom of the eighth, Crestwood's Joe Brozowski, who had been hitless in three previous at bats against Evans, ripped a double to left center to score Jeff Rinehimer, who had singled earlier in the inning, and to win the duel for Crestwood 1-0.

The win advances Crestwood, last year's WVC champion, to 3-4. The loss drops Lehman to 2-4.

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Cave, Finn pace Dallas and Lehman softball

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Despite last week's inclement weather, both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman girls' softball teams managed to get in two games each with hurler Tracy Cave winning two for Dallas, and Beth Finn taking two for Lake-Lehman.

The Lady Mountaineers shut out Bishop O'Reilly 13-0, Friday, at Edwardsville Recreational field behind the five-hit pitching of Cave and defeated Seton Catholic, 8-0, Monday, at the Eagles field with Cave giving up only two hits.

THREE-HITTER

Lady Knight Beth Finn tossed a three-hitter, Friday, to lead Lake-Lehman to a 6-1 win over Pittston Area at the Patriotettes field and, Monday, she gave up only three hits in the Knights 13-4 win over Wyoming Seminary.

In Friday's game with the Queenswomen, the Lady Mounts were not exceptional at bat but the fine pitching by Cave and an outstanding defense were the key factors in the Dallas win. Three of the hits given up by Cave never got out of the infield and three superb plays by the Dallas defense closed down any rally threatened by O'Reilly.

TINNER IS EXCEPTIONAL

Third baseman Joyce Tinner made a leaping back-handed catch of what looked like a sure single between third and short, then threw it to second baseman Kim Rinehimer for a double play. Later Chris Legenz stopped a hard hit ball down the third base line and threw out Queenswoman Kerri Hlavec and left fielder Tracy Hunter made a running catch in foul territory to put out a runner. Second baseman Rinehimer ended the sixth inning threat by the Queenswomen by stopping a fast grounder to her left.

The Dallas girls scored a run in the first inning on a walk by Lisa Sharkness, who stole second and scored on a single by Tammy Daveski. In the second inning, the Mountaineers scored a second run when Heidi Scholz went to first on a walk, advanced to second and third on wild pitches, then stole home.

SCORE 11 RUNS

In the seventh inning, the Mountaineers scored 11 runs, starting when O'Reilly's hurler Lisa Bergevin walked five consecutive batters to push home two runs. Cave knocked in runs with a single, then Legenz

walked and Sis Oakshunas came in to relieve Bergevin.

Lisa Gabel hit Oakshunas' first pitch with a two-run single then she scored when O'Reilly's left fielder misplayed the ball. Kristen Dougherty drove out a long triple to score two runs and scored the 11th run of the inning when she came across home plate on a fielder's choice.

Cave went all the way, striking out five and walking only three. Bergevin pitched six innings striking out three and walking 17, Oakshunas walked only one but gave up three hits and four runs in the final inning.

BIG INNINGS

In Monday's game with Seton Catholic, the Mountaineers scored in six of the seven innings as Cave gave up only two hits. The Mountaineers scored a run in the first and third, two runs each in the fourth and fifth and one each in the sixth and seventh. They had only four hits, all of them singles but knocked in three runs on six sacrifices. They also took advantage of seven walks by Seton's losing pitcher.

Cave struck out six and walked two while giving up only two hits.

Kim Rinehimer had two hits for Dallas, Lori Cave and Heather Bachman hit the other two singles.

PITCHERS GO DISTANCE

Both Cave and the Eagles hurler, Annette Gorazcka, went all the way. In the second inning, Heidi Scholz threw out Dorothy Roche at home plate with a strong throw. Roche had knocked out a bunt single, stole second and attempted to score on a single by Gorazcka.

Beth Finn hurled a three-hitter against Pittston Area, Friday, and Noel Kuznicki assisted her in the win by driving out two hits and knocking in three runs.

Finn went the seven innings, striking out six and walking six, while picking up her fourth win of the season.

SCORE THREE

The Lady Knights scored three runs in the top of the first inning on a single by Sue Slocum and a two-run triple by Kuznicki and an infield error by the Patriots.

Pittston scored their lone run in the bottom of the first on an infield error putting Lisa Mullen on first. Mullen advanced on a catcher's interference and scored on a grounder.

In the third inning, the Lady Knights scored a run when Cindy Slocum and Kelly Wandel hit singles.



Planning dance

The Mountainions Booster Club of Penn State Wilkes-Barre is holding a 50's dance at the campus Commons Friday, April 25 from 8 to midnight. Everyone is invited and urged to come dressed for 50's fun. Music will be provided by Diamond Jim. Refreshments will be served. The dance kicks-off a week of events coordinated by the Student Activities Department to help celebrate the end of the school year. Also planned are a mud slide, an evening barbecue, and a student softball game. Cover charge for the dance is \$3.00, general admission, or \$2.00 for those dressed in a 50's look. Tickets can be obtained from any Booster Club member or by calling Jack Monick or Nancy Narcum at the Lehman campus at 675-9284. Shown are Booster Club members. From left, seated, Jerry Rollman, Charlie Mantione and Carrie Hughes. Second row, Jody Millard, Student Program Coordinator; students Peter Sobchak, Ken Matulewski, Carrie Hughes, Karen Cox, and Jackie Helman; Margie Esopi, Admissions Counselor and Jack Monick, Athletic Director.

ROGERS ON SPORTS

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Some things I think I think: Professional boxing should be banned from the face of the earth. There is simply no good reason why people should get their entertainment watching men trying to pound each other into submission.

Boxing is a brutal and a senseless practice that has as its goal the physical beating of one man by another. Violence is not a by-product of this thing, as in football where violence is the product.

People go to boxing matches not so much to see skill and deftness as they do to see some one knock someone else down. If there is blood, all the better. People get a vicarious thrill from boxing that is, no doubt, part of their darker natures.



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looked like they were just going through the motions. The fielding dropped off. Dallas was beat in the third inning, even though there were four more innings to be played.

If Dallas doesn't pick up the idea that you are not out just because you're down, then, sure, they'll still beat most of the teams in the Wyoming Valley Conference on sheer talent alone, but they won't beat the best teams, the teams that don't quit until the final out, and they won't beat the teams that happen to play over their heads against them, like O'Reilly.

Bits & Pieces: If it is true that offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships, then the St. Louis Cardinals should start having their finger sizes checked now for World Series rings. They field as well as any team, ever.

Michael Jordan's 63-point performance against the Celtics was one of the most amazing feats I've ever seen. One wonders how well the Chicago Bulls would have done if they had a full year of Air Jordan.

It is admittedly early in the base-

ball season, but Reggie Jackson has four home runs and is swinging a 412 bat. The California Angels are tied for first place.

We may all get a chance to see if Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda really does bleed Dodger blue. Without superstar Pedro Guerrero, the Dodgers have the third worst record in baseball. I'm sure Tommy is glad that they have 150 more games to play.

Mistake Department: In a column I said that Steve Carlton had won three Cy Young awards. I am told by fervent Phillie fans that 'Lefty' has four such awards. This is the last time that I listen to anymore Pizza Bar barflies for any column information.

Surprising enough, I've heard people ask what Howard Cosell would say about the decision afforded Michael Spinks over Larry Holmes Saturday night in Las Vegas. It just goes to show, out of sight doesn't always mean out of mind.

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Lady Mountaineers Christie Fairchild and Anne Balonis turned in outstanding performances last week to lead the Dallas track team to 6-0, taking meets from Coughlin, Northwest and Bishop Hoban.

In a tri-meet with Northwest and Bishop Hoban, Dallas girls took Northwest 74-69 and defeated Bishop Hoban, by a convincing 96-45 score. Balonis placed first in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and Fairchild continued her strong performances in the field events by winning the discus and the shotput. Northwest defeated Bishop Hoban 79½-60½ with Jennifer and Lisa Bomboy and Marcy Davis posting three wins each.

Results of the meet were 3200 meter relay-Dallas 11:40; 100-meter dash-Bomboy (NW) 13.6, M. Wisneski (D), Powell (NW); Harrison (NW), Daches (BH); 100 high hurdles-Davis (NW), C. Lawley (D), Harrison (NW), Ducali (BH), Ogurkis (D); 1600 meter run-Balonis (D) 5.54, Psczenicz (NW), Pawling (D), Lamoreaux (BH), Duclos (BH); 400 meter relay-Northwest 56.4; 400 meter run-Bomboy (NW) 1:06, Daches (BH),

Nattress (D) Stout (BH), Coulver (NW); 300 IM hurdles-Greleski (NW) 53.2, Moore (BH), Friar (D), Eckman (NW), Schultz (BH); 200 meter run-Bomboy (NW) 29.1, Wisneski (D), Starolis (D), Stout (BH); 3200 meter run-Balonis (D) 12.50, Psczenicz (NW), Pawling (D), Lamoreaux (BH); 1600 meter relay-Dallas 4:38; shotput-Fairchild (D) 32-3, Kelley (BH), Schwer (BH), Hough (NW), Mithelavage (NW); javeline-Mithelavage (NW) 86.9, Jenkins (NW), Davies (D), Hough (NW); high jump-Kirchner (D) 4-10, Bomboy (NW), Starolis (D), Duclos (BH), Comiskey (BH), tied; long jump-Wisneski (D) 14-2, Davis (NW), Kirchner (D), Volanski (NW), Scocozzo (BH); triple jump-Scocozzo (BH) 30-7½, Masters (NW), Karuza (D), Volanski (NW) and Dougherty (NW).

DEFEAT CRUSADERS

In the meet earlier in the week with Coughlin, the Dallas girls easily defeated the Crusaders 99-41 as Fairchild set a school record at the Dallas field with a discus toss of 110-1. Fairchild, a junior, also placed first in the shotput with 30½ and second in the javelin. Stefanie Michael was a triple winner in the meet, coming in first in the 800 meter run and on the winning 1600

and 3200 meter relay teams. Balonis placed first in the 1600 meter run and was on the 1600 meter relay team.

Coach Bill Straitiff has no seniors on the girls track team but is pleased with the progress the underclassmen are making with each meet.

Results of the meet were 3200 meter relay-Dallas (Pawling, Friar, Dent, Michael) 12:09.6; 100 hurdles-Linski (C) 17.5, Lawley (D), Ogurkis (D); 100 Dachs-Shimshock (C) 13.8, Wisneski (D), Starolis (D); 1600 run-Balonis (D) 5:58, Pawling (D), Culp (D); shotput-Fairchild (D) 30½, Davies (D), Luchetti (C); 400-relay-Coughlin (Healy, Quinn, Liaski, Shimshock) 57.3, Dallas; 400 dash-Fitzgerald (C) 69.1, Nattress (D), Boyer (D); discus-Fairchild (D) 100-1, Davies (D), Piatkowski (D); triple jump-Karuza (D) 26-5½, J. Albert (C), Spellman (D); 300 IM hurdles-Linski (C) 53.9, Ogurkis (D), Dent (D); javelin-Davies (D) 86-11, Fairchild (D), Piatkowski (D); 800 run-Michael (D) 2:51, Balonis (D), McInaw (D); 200-dash-Shimshock (C), Karuza (D); 3200 run-Friar (D) 14:03, Culp (D); 1600 relay-Dallas (Ogurkis, Michael, Balonis, Nattress) 4:47.2; high jump-Kirchner (D) 5', J. Albert (C), Starolis (D).

Fairchild, Balonis lead Knights

Three teams take lead in county recreation soccer league

No one expected that Dallas' baseball team would go undefeated throughout the season, but the way they lost to Bishop O'Reilly was disturbing at best.

By the third inning, Dallas was down 5-0; O'Reilly pitcher Mark Mullery was mowing down Mountaineers like the Grim Reaper himself, he would finish the game with 16 whiffs.

For all intent and purposes they should have called the game then and there. Dallas, which had been so tough in earlier games when it had the lead, had decided they could not win the game. You could see the fire go right out of them. The bench was as silent as a funeral parlor.

There was very little chatter coming from the field. The batters

The Luzerne County Recreation Spring Soccer League second weekend of play saw three teams come out of the pack to take leads in their respective conferences.

In the Western Conference, the Back Mountain Bandits downed the Abington Royals 4-1 and the Back Mountain Braves shutout the Abington Nomads 6-0 to share first place in the West.

GET TWO GOALS

The Bandits got two goals from Hugh Mundy and one goal each from Reese Finn and Mike Dzanko.

Mark Richardson had two assists and Eric Rosentel and Dale Morris each had one. The Royals score came from Todd Chapin off a Chris White assist. Brad Wall and goalie Mike McDermott led the defense for the Bandits. For the Braves, John Sheehan got his second shutout with defensive help from Chris Fetterman. Braves scoring was Paul Clemm 2 goals, Brett Weyman, a goal and assist, Jason Maniskas, Shane Fegly, Brent Snowdon one goal each and Scott Marshall an assist.

Kevin Vincent had 15 saves in goal for the Nomads.

EVENS RECORD

The Back Mountain Gold evened their record with a 2-0 shutout of the Wyoming Valley Raiders.

Aaron Dennis, Jim Edwards, and Brian Kmetz led the Gold defense with Mark Rogowski and Sean Strak combined in goal for the shutout.

Scores for the Gold came on a Jeff Tinner header off a cross from Rick Parry, and a Chris Scharff breakaway.

The Raiders stayed in the game

on the efforts of Tom Imperiale, Steve Sours, and goalie Christian Hampel.

BLITZ LOSES

The Mountaintop Vigilantes blanked the Back Mountain Blitz 3-0.

Chris Dolfi had 2 goals, one on an assist by Joe Garrison, the other on a penalty kick. Chuck Attardo added the other goal.

Goalkeeper Howard Naugle had 10 saves to earn the shutout.

Adam and Aaron Tillman led the Blitz.

CRUSH LOSES

The Mountaintop Catajammers came from behind to tie the Mountaintop Orange Crush 3-3.

Jose DeBosque had the hat trick for the Crush with an assist from Pete Rodda.

Dennis Jumper had 2 goals, David Myers one with Karen Dock and Drew Myers getting assists for the Cats. Goalie Rob Eckhart had a good game for the Cats.

ROWDIES WIN

The Pittston Rowdies beat the Wyoming Valley Blast 5-0.