

Defense lifts Dallas girls to District 2 softball title

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A strong defense and their refusal to give up kept the Dallas girls softball team in the crucial game with Valley View Thursday afternoon at Kirby Park and they came away with a 5-4 victory and the District 2 title.

The game went down to the final inning and an outstanding play at home plate to give the Mountaineers the 5-4 win.

Dallas went into the top of the seventh inning leading 5-4 behind pitcher Tracy Cave. Valley View's catcher, Ann McGowan led off with a single but was thrown out at second when designated hitter Lynn Tomko's hit fell in front of Heidi Scholz who threw to

second to get McGowan. A single by rightfielder Donna Davis put runners on first and third.

It was then the Mountaineers pulled off the winning play of the game when Jenny Kosakevitch's bunt was picked up by Tracy Cave. Cave kept Tina Prokaryn, pinch runner, on third and threw to first. When she did, Prokaryn started for home plate but Dallas' first baseman Tammy Daveski fired to catcher Lori Bartleson in time to get Prokaryn sliding into home.

The play by the Mountaineers was one they have practiced all season and after the game, Coach Jay Pope said they expected Valley View to pull their play if they had a runner in position to score. Pope said his girls practice crucial plays like the 1-3-2 out every day.

Valley View went on the scoreboard in the top of the

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Finn's 1-hitter lifts Knights to District 2 championship

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Lake-Lehman's girls softball defense and pitcher Beth Finn's one-hitter led Coach Flossie Finn's Lady Knights to a 10-0 win over the Mid-Valley Spartans last Wednesday and the Class AA District 2 title.

The Spartans came into the game expecting to run the bases as they had done all season but Beth Finn's work on the mound and defensive plays by shortstop Kelly Wandel and catcher Noel Kuznicki shut that down in the first two innings.

Mid-Valley's Pat Boyko went to first on an error with one out in the first inning but was thrown out by Kuznicki when she (Boyko) tried to steal second. Centerfielder Lisa Condello was up next and went to

first on a walk but Kuznicki retired the side by tagging Condello trying to steal second. Wandel started two double plays for the Knights, their first this season, to cut down Mid-Valley threats in the final two innings of the game.

The Knights' offense also played a key role in the win collecting 12 hits of losing pitcher Maria Candella. As they have done in most of their games during the season, the Knights went scoreless in the early innings but exploded for four runs in the third inning and three in the fourth to take a 7-0 lead. Wandel drove in a run with one of her two doubles and also hit an RBI single.

The Knights had five doubles that would have been homeruns in most fields but because any ball hit deep from centerfield to left field could roll down a bank which made it a ground rule double. Wandel hit two

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Sports

Back Mountain Little League news

The Dodgers picked up two wins in the week by first downing the Indians 6-2 and then beat out the Phillies 6-1. Tony Finarelli picked up his third win of the year as he struck out seven Indian batters. The Dodger hitting attack was led by Hugo Selenski's two singles and a homer, Joe Kelley's three hits and two base hits off the bat of Keith McDonald.

The Dodgers remained undefeated in the second half by then beating the Phillies. That game had Selenski going three for three at the plate while mowing down six Phillie batters. Bobby Casterline and Eric Songalia banged out hits for the Phillies.

The Giants, down 6-0 with two outs in the last inning, scored six runs to tie the game and one more in extra innings to win the ball game 7-6. Pitcher Don James registered 15 strikeouts and went four for five at the plate. Also for the Giants, Ken Miroslaw was a perfect five for five, Paul Klemunes three for three and Shawn Kelly two for three. The Phillies were paced by Jon Pomrinke, Fred Rosencrans and Bob Casterline.

The Astros downed the Yankees 3-0 behind undefeated Stan Gulbish who recorded his fifth straight win registering 12 strikeouts. The shut-out was a first for Gulbish while he allowed just two hits. Jeff Malak tripled in the first inning driving in Dave Fosko with the first and only run the Astros would need.

MAJORS

Rita Busch Salon Pirates 9-0
Mahaffey Oil Yankees 8-3
R.N. Fitch & Sons Orioles 7-4
Isaacs CYR-GMC Tigers 6-5
Dryden Oil Co. Astros 5-4
L-A-D Dodgers 5-6
Arthur Shelley Inc. Red's 4-7
Franklin's Family Rest. Indians 3-8
Surburban Propane Phillies 3-8
Daddow-Isaacs 672 Giants 2-8
SCORES: Orioles 19, Astros 3; Dodgers 6, Indians 2; Yankees 9, Reds 7; Giants 7, Phillies 6; Tigers 4, Reds 3; Orioles 9, Indians 5;

Pirates 12, Giants 0; Dodgers 6, Phillies 1; Astros 3, Yankees 0.

MINORS

D.A.G. Rentals Dodgers 5-0
Custom Management Pirates 4-1
MacGeorge Auto-Truck Yankees 4-1
Back Mt. Police Assn. Reds 2-2
Cardinals 2-3
Jack's Collision Serv. Indians 2-3
John M. Randolph Sr. Giants 1-3
Dr. Watkins & Medura Orioles 1-3
Fay Brooky Studio Phillies 1-3
Kingston Twp. Lions Tigers 1-4
SCORES: Phillies 15, Indians 14; Indians 16, Tigers 12; Dodgers 13, Giants 1; Yankees 12, Cardinals 11; Pirates 7, Phillies 5; Reds 19, Orioles 10.

The White Sox came away with two victories this week. In their 15-8 victory over the Phillies the big hitters were Krysten Moyer with a triple and Kelly Janosky a double. Helping their team with key hits were Nina Mathers, Katie and Kris Kaleta. The team was aided by fine relief pitching of Karen Wisnieski. Phillies were led by M. Pomrinke, A. Cave and C. Gernik.

In the Red Sox game Moyer and Janosky teamed up with fine pitching, Sally Friar and Amy Brinola got key hits with fine defense by the whole team. Highlight of the game was Lee Anne Rodgers of the Red Sox third home run of the week. Tracy Krupa and Bridget Hozempa with a double apiece were able to keep the game close for their team.

SOFTBALL DIVISION I

Pittston Sewing Center Pirates 6-0
BJS A's 4-2
Gunn Bros. Garage Cardinals 3-2
College Misericordia White Sox 3-4
Phillies 2-5
Bk. Mt. Sporting Goods Dodgers 1-4

SCORES: Red Sox 10, A's 8; 7 innings; White Sox 15, Phillies 8; White Sox 9, Red Sox 8.

SOFTBALL DIVISION II

American Party Favor Yankees 3-1
Dallas Lions Indians 3-2
Wyo-West Wyo. Eagles 3-3
Bonner Chevrole Phillies 2-3
Jim Jon Tomatoes Cardinals 2-4.

SCORES: Eagles 10, Cards 7; Yankees 20, Indians 6.



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Congratulations, champ!

Dallas shortstop Joyce Tinner congratulates teammate Kim Rinehimer after Kim scored for the Mountaineers in last week's win over the Nanticoke girls softball team. The win advanced the Dallas girls to the District II finals with Mid-Valley won by the Mountaineers.

Rogers on sports

The USFL-NFL antitrust case is about to enter its fifth week, which is four and a half weeks longer than the attention span of anyone who doesn't have a job hanging in the balance of a billion dollars to win or lose on the outcome.

For those not up to date on this epic battle that has all the drama of grass growing, it goes something like this: The USFL is suing the NFL because it claims that the older league has engaged in shenanigans that have hurt the younger league's chances of surviving, namely by pressuring the networks and possible host cities to

steer clear of the USFL or else. As compensation for this alleged naughty behavior, the USFL is asking for more than a billion dollars in damages. The NFL denies everything, of course.

The outcome of the case is to do or die for the USFL, which lost more money the last two seasons than Leonard Tose on a cold night at the roulette table.

A win by the USFL might just keep the failing league in jockstraps long enough to ensure that when it goes kaput, not if it goes, a few of its teams might be absorbed by the NFL. At least that is the thinking of the owners who are still aboard the sinking USFL ship.

A loss by the USFL will put it right up there with the World Football League and the Edsel as great ideas that it didn't work.

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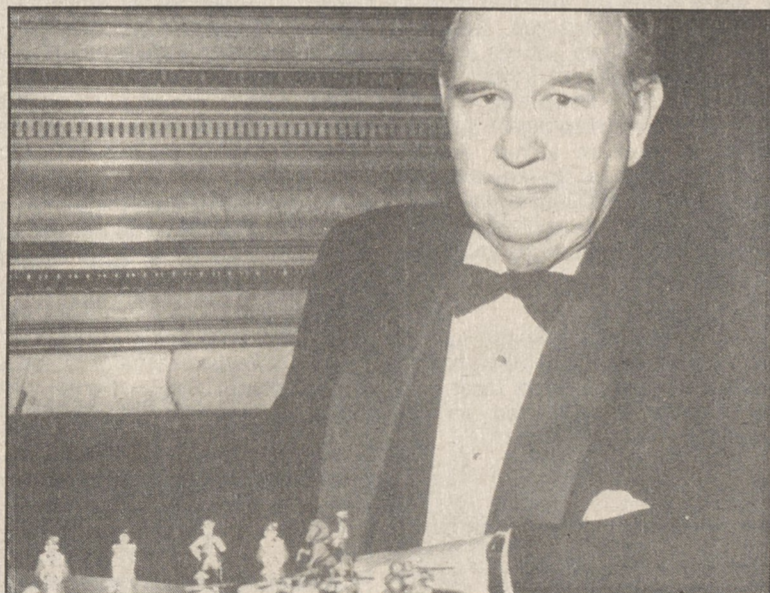
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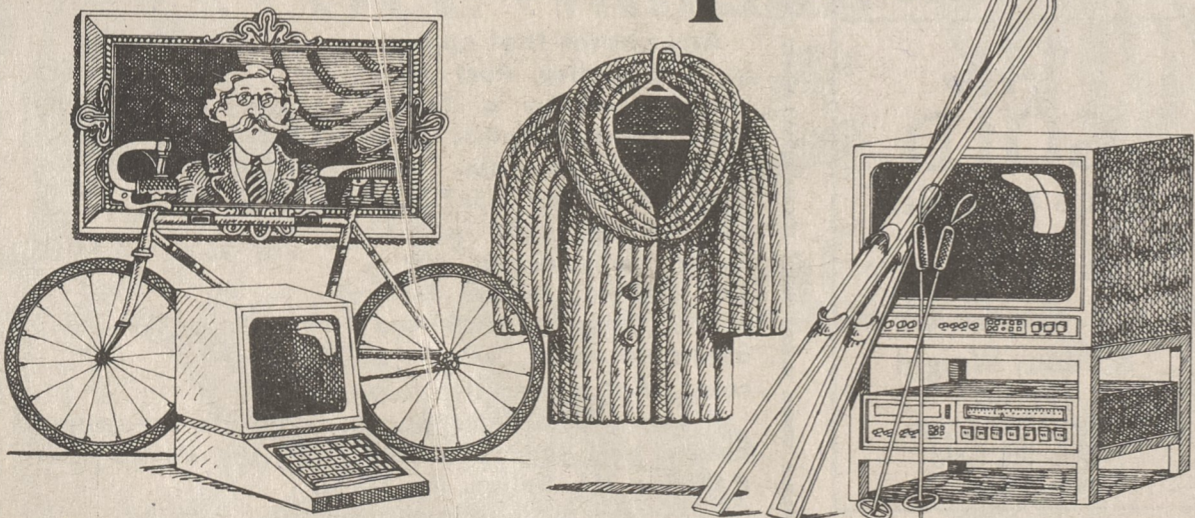
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