

Sports

Braves lose to Abington in semi-final soccer round

The semi-final round of the Luzerne County Recreation Spring Soccer League was played this past weekend with the final four teams meeting at the Forty Fort Airport field.

In the Western Conference final, the Abington Nomads downed the previously unbeaten Back Mountain Braves in an exciting contest, 4-2. Hakan Ojert scored a three-goal hat trick to lead the Nomads. The Nomads scored two first quarter goals by Ojert and Matt Gallagher to take the early lead.

In the second period, the Braves came back on a score from Scott Marshall of a corner kick by Paul Clemm to close the gap to 2-1 at the half. After a scoreless third period, the Braves pulled out all the stops and halfway through the fourth period, it payed off with Brent Snowdon making a pass across the goal mouth to Dan Holdredge who caught Nomad goalie Josh MacArthur leaning the wrong way and redirected the ball into the opposite corner of the net to tie the score, 2-2.

The game seemed destined for overtime, but Ojert picked up a loose ball that the Brave defenders failed to clear and blasted a 20-yard rocket into the upper left corner of the goal to put the Nomads back on top, 3-2. The final goals came on a drew Micco through pass that sprung Ojert on a breakaway and the score. Dan Belin and Eric Johnson were outstanding on defense for the Nomads and MacArthur had 22 saves.

The playoff final will pit the Wings against the Nomads next Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m. at the Forty Fort Airport.

In last Wednesday's action, the Back Mountain Braves edged the Abington Royals, 1-0. The Braves scored early on a first period goal by Brent Snowdon off a corner kick that ricocheted round in front of the goal and the Royals failed to clear. The remainder of

the first half and most of the third period saw Brave domination and only stellar play by goalie Trey Ott, sweeper Tim Brown and the Royals defense kept them in the game.

The Royals seemed to come alive in the last period, pressing in on the Braves' goalie, but the steady defensive play of Jason Maniskas, Chris Fetterman, and Matt Lip plus three great saves by Brave goalie John Sheehan on what appeared to be sure goals preserved the shutout for the Braves.

In other first round action, the Abington Nomads survived a shot barrage by the Back Mountain Bandits to win, 3-1. For three quarters, the game was scoreless with the Bandits spending much of the time in the Nomad half of the field, but unable to score.

In the fourth quarter, Hakan Ojert scored three goals to turn the tide. The first goal came when Ojert was sprung by a Jody Rosencrance pass. The second was a conversion of a penalty kick.

With seven minutes remaining in the contest, Eric Rosentel retaliated for the Bandits to make it 2-1, but Ojert finished the hat trick in the waning moments of the game by duplicating the first goal with the assist to Rosencrance. Josh MacArthur recorded 21 saves in goal for the Nomads. Mike McDermott also had a fine game in goal for the Bandits.

Also in first round action, the Wyoming Valley Wings downed the Back Mountain Blitz, 4-1. Paul Melone scored two goals and Geoffrey Mahalk and Christoff Nickish added one goal each for the Wings. Kartik Patel picked up an assist.

For the Blitz, Jonathon Urstak scored on a fourth period penalty kick to avoid the shutout. Jerome Matthey, Chris Chapple and Kim Chapple keyed the defense for the Blitz.



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Softball champs

The Martz Trailways Phillies girls' softball team is the 1986 first-half champions of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League. The girls have won nine games in a row with three shut-outs. The team is managed by Mel Cooper and coached by Mrs. Joannie Halowich. Shown here are members of the team. From left, first row, Becky Walter, Tracey Hummel, Missy Kopko, Jenny Parise, Karen Sickler. Second row, Tammy Kopko, Shannon Mack, Jill Smigielski, Karen Jo Halowich. Third row, Tanya Martin, Shannon Avery, Karen Zier, Karen Stefanowicz, Jenny Smith, Mel Cooper, manager; and Joanne Halowich, coach. Absent at the time of the photo was Lizann Kelly.



Funds raised

The Northeast Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association, as part of a state-wide effort to raise funds for the 1986 Special Olympics, has donated \$1,000 to the 1986 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (LETRSO). In 1985, more than 60 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officers participated in the total run from Pittsburgh to Seven Springs, raising more than \$10,000 in the states first LETRSO. This year, three coordinated runs covering 520 miles throughout the state will converge at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, the site of the 1986 State Special Olympics Summer Games. State Attorney General LeRoy S. Zimmerman is serving as this year's honorary chairman of the 1986 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. So far, over 500 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officers have registered to participate in the 1986 run. Shown presenting a \$1,000 check to the 1986 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Torch Run are, seated, Roland Biscotini, Chief, Plains Township Police Department and Secretary of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police, presenting the check to Chief Robert W. Neifert. Standing are Retired Edwardsville Borough Police Chief Michael Kravitsky, retired Girardsville Police Chief Joseph Simononis, John Reese, Chief of Police, Kingston Township Police Department; and Paul M. Sabol, Chief of Police, Kingston Township Police Department.

Rogers on sports

On the afternoon of June 4, Kathy Love Ormsby was one of the runners in the 10,000 meter race at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis.

A fine runner and student, Kathy, a pre-med Dean's list student, was in fourth place with a third of the race to go, when she inexplicably ran off the track.

The thought of not winning must have been too great for the 21-year-old. Something snapped. She hopped a fence and ran a few blocks. When she reached a steel bridge spanning the White River, she pulled herself



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over the 4-foot guard rail and plunged 40 feet, landing next to the river. The fall broke Kathy's spine, a rib and punctured a lung.

Kathy is paralyzed from the waist down. She is not expected to ever walk, let alone run, again.

Coaches and friends theorize that the pressure to perform was the culprit in this tragedy. When Kathy, who was favored to win the race after setting the NCAA record in the event six weeks ago, felt that she couldn't win, she decided that she didn't want to live.

Like any tragedy, there are lessons to be learned, questions to be asked, attitudes to be questioned. Kathy Love Ormsby is just the most visible victim in the win-at-any-cost fanaticism that infests American sports.

It's draft time in the NBA, and the way the teams around the league are holding their draft choices close to the vests, you'd think the security of the United States were at stake. People close to

the draft have never seen such guarded behavior.

The reason for the silent treatment is there are no real super-stars in this year's draft, although there are many solid players. With so many players of almost equal ability, drafting becomes very tricky. No general manager with, say, a fifth round pick wants to be scooped by general manager with a ninth pick who, because he did his homework a little better, gets the diamond-in-the-rough the other guy passed by thinking it was just another rock.

This draft will separate the teams that have an eye for potential talent from those who just have eyes. Two, three years from now, this draft will be a measurement of basketball smarts. The bright boys will survive to pick again, the rest will have to content themselves with watching the game from the stands.

The Sixers and the Celtics have the first two picks and are expected

to take Brad Daugherty and Len Bias respectively. The Sixers will take Daugherty because he is the safest pick in the draft. The master of the draft Red Auerbach is, on Larry Bird's advice, is going with Bias because he sees greatness just dripping off this guy. If Red makes a mistake on this guy by picking him second in the draft, it will be his first.

Time capsule piece: The players from this draft that are going to be superstars four years from now: 1. Len Bias; 2. Dell Curry; 3. John Williams; 4. Ron Harper; 5. Chris Washburn.

The players that either won't be around in four years or will be considered disappointments: 1. Brad Daugherty; 2. Chuck Person; 3. Johnny Dawkins; 4. Mark Alarie; 5. Walter Berry.

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Sleightholm leads Mob

The Mob used five goals from Matt Sleightholm and one each from Greg Choi and Sumner Bachman to defeat the Kicks, 7-3 in the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Youth Soccer League.

The Kicks had three goals, all scored by Mark Parrish. Two of Parrish's goals came on penalty kicks.

The Cosmos squeaked by the Jammers, 2-1, on goals from Eric McDonough and Sue Richardson with an assist by Robbie Jarvis.

The Jammers' score was put in by Frankie Jones.

The Jammes outplayed The Mob and picked up a 4-0 defeat earlier in the week while the Kicks squashed the Cosmos, 9-4. The Kicks were led by two goals each from Parrish, Sennett, Hayes, Sabatini and one goal from Rogers to pick up the victory.

Standings are as follows: Cosmos, 3-1; The Mob, 2-2; Kicks, 1-2-1; and Jammers, 1-2-1.

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Back Mountain Baseball news

The Yankees came away with two wins on the week in the Back Mountain Little League by first squeaking by the Indians, 7-5, and then pouncing the Giants, 7-0. Brian Miller upped his record to 4-1, scattering eight Indian hits and came through with a double in the sixth, driving in the winning run. Robbie Jakoboski went three for three while Ned Palka helped out, going two for three.

Dave Fisher struck out five Giant batters to pick up the win on the mound while going three for four at the plate, Palka and Jakoboski also went three for four with Miller going two for four. Tom Adams played a fine defensive game at third for the winning Yankees.

The Phillies blanked the Pirates, 10-0, behind Eric Songalia's three hitter, giving the Pirates their first loss on the year. Songalia struck out six while teammates Bobby Casterline cracked two base hits, Fred Rosencrance rapped a double and Jon Pomerinke nailed a hit and turned in a super job behind the plate. For the Pirates, John Morris had a single and a double and Chuck Finn chipped in with a single.

The Phillies also came from behind in the sixth to down the Tigers, 11-10. Brenden McGovern smashed the game-winning hit, scoring mate Eric Songalia from third. Pomerinke, Casterline and Songalia banged out two hits apiece while Pat Morris and Chris Boraski had two each for the Tigers.

The Astros evened their record at 6-6 when Stan Gulbush struck out 16 Reds to win, 8-1. Gulbush, giving up only three hits, raised his record to 6-0. Jeff Malak led the Astro hitting attack with three hits and four RBIs.

MAJORS STANDINGS

Rita Busch Salon Pirates, 11-1
R.N. Fitch and Sons Orioles, 10-5
Mahaffey Oil Yankees 10-5
Isaacs Chrysler-GMC Tiger, 9-5
LAD Dodgers, 8-7
Dryden Oil Co. Astros, 6-6
Suburban Propane Phillies, 6-8
Arthur Shelley Inc. Reds, 4-11
Daddow-Isaacs 672 Giants, 3-11
Franklin's Family Restaurant Indians, 3-11
SCORES FOR WEEK: Yankees 7, Indians 5; Dodg-

ers 8, Astros 1; Giants 3, Reds 1; Phillies 11, Tigers 10; Pirates 1, Orioles 0; Yankees 7, giants 0; Astros 1, Reds 0; Tigers 4, Indians 3; Phillies 10, Pirates 0; Orioles 11, Dodgers 6.

MINORS STANDINGS

DAG Rentals Dodgers, 7-0
MacGeorge Auto Truck Yankees, 6-1
Cardinals, 4-3
Custom Management Pirates, 4-3
Jack's Collision Service Indians, 3-4
John M. Randolph Sr. Giants, 2-4
Dr. Watkins and Medura Orioles, 2-4
Fay Broody Studio Phillies, 2-1
Back Mt. Police Association Reds, 2-4
Kingston Twp. Lions Tigers, 1-6
SCORES FOR WEEK: Dodgers 17, Phillies, 3; Indians 19, Reds 16; Yankees 23, Orioles 8; Giants 13, Tigers 6; Cardinals 9, Pirates 8.

Wendy Cave highlighted action this week in pitching a no-hitter in girls' softball action.

In the victory over the Dodgers, Cave had six strikeouts and walked only three batters. She also helped her own game with two doubles. Andrea Shone with a double and Stephanie Kriner, Jenifer Coon and Allison Labbate each had key hits in the game.

DIVISION I SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Pittston Sewing Center Pirates, 8-1
BJ's A's, 6-2
Gunn Bros. Garage Cardinals, 5-3
College Misericordia White Sox, 3-5
Red Sox, 3-5
Back Mountain Sporting Goods Dodgers, 2-6
Phillies, 2-6
SCORES FOR WEEK: A's 18, Dodgers 1; Pirates 13, White Sox 7; Cardinals 7, Red Sox 4; Pirates 13, Dodgers 0; Red Sox 12, White Sox 6.

DIVISION II SOFTBALL STANDINGS

American Party Favor Yankees, 6-2
Wyoming-West Wyoming Eagles, 5-4
Bonner Chevrolet Phillies, 5-5
Dallas Lions Indians, 3-4
Jim Jon Tomatoes Cardinals, 3-8
SCORES FOR WEEK: Phillies 1, Indians 0; Yankees 9, Cardinals 5; Phillies 1, Cardinals 0.



Tourney slated

The First Annual Penn State Open Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 30 at the Wyoming Valley Country Club in Hanover Township. A 1:30 p.m. shot-gun start is planned. A \$20,000 customized Penn State Van provided by Celebrity Coach will be awarded for the first hole-in-one on No. 13. More than \$2000 in Penn State prizes will be available, plus numerous Penn State favors. The field will consist of 8 flights, with prizes for first, second and third place. The entry fee is \$75, which includes a buffet dinner. All proceeds from the event will go to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Booster Club. Holes are being sponsored for a minimum of \$50. Chairman for the event is Tippi Kozick. To sign-up contact Jack Monick at Penn State Wilkes-Barre at 675-9284. Deadline for reservations is June 20. The field is limited to the first 80 players. A check must accompany reservations. Shown with the van are tournament committee members, Jack Monick, Dennis Puhalla and Joe Burnett.

Wilkes College sponsors Soccer Day Camp

The Third annual Colonel Soccer Day Camp will be held July 28 - August 1 at the Wilkes College Ralston Field Complex next to Kirby Park.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 15. Each camper will receive a certificate, personal eval-

uation and a T-shirt. Featured camp highlights include technique and tactics training, positional instruction, soccer-tennis-golf and league competition on two full-sized fields.

Wilkes head coach Phil Wingert will direct the camp. He will be assisted by Scranton University coach Steve Klingman and Virginia

Tech's Division I coach Jerry Cheynet.

Further information and registration forms are available by contacting Phil Wingert, Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766 or by calling the athletic department, 824-4651, ext. 343.