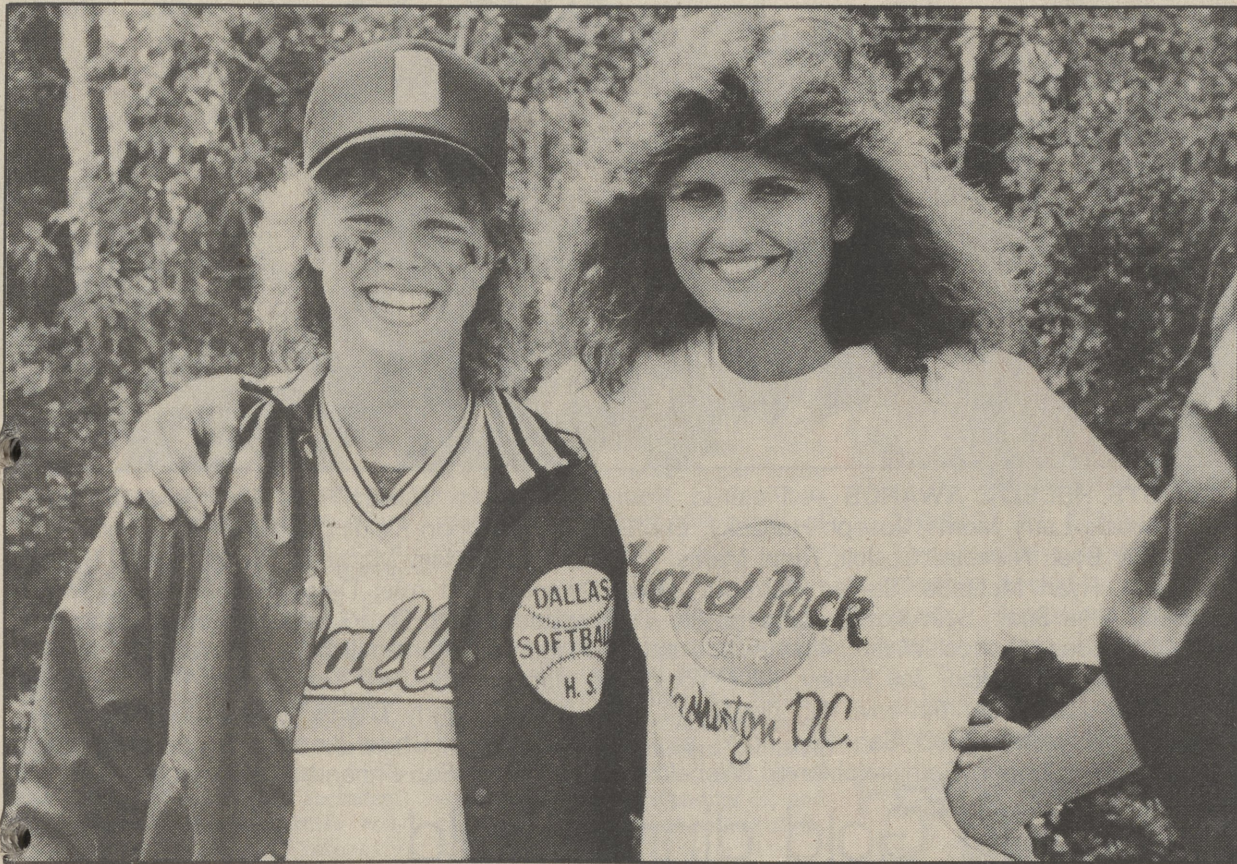


Post sports arena

Coolbaugh tops Poynton in shutout



STILL BEST FRIENDS — Laura Poynton, left, Lady Mounts pitcher and Pam Coolbaugh, Lady Knights star arm are true friends through thick and thin. Coolbaugh outpitched Poynton for a 2-0 shut-out in a rival game between the two Back Mountain teams. (George Poynton photo)



CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR — A Lady Knight's player safely reaches home after a close throw from the Dallas outfield. Pam Coolbaugh pitched a shutout game against the Lady Mounts. (George Poynton photo)



DALLAS JR. HIGH TRACK TEAMS — Members of the Dallas Junior High track teams turned in excellent records this season, according to coaches Bob Mitkus and Sam Jayne. The girls ended the season with a 9-0 record to take the league title and the boys placed third in the league with a 7-2 record. Team members, above, from left are kneeling, Tony Baldo, Steve Oliver, Jeff Dover, Willard Whitesell, Brian Fett; standing, Mary Lou Baines, Nina Mathers, Ann Smaka, Sue Richardson, Lynn Baluh, Patrice Shovlin, Megan Moran, and Theresa Mathers. Absent, Kelly Cleary. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Dallas J.H. Girls Unbeaten

Boys end season with 7-2 record

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The young Mountaineers of Dallas Junior High turned in some outstanding performances this season making their track coaches proud of both the boys and girls track teams.

Coach Bob Mitkus reported that the girls team took the Wyoming Valley Junior High Girls Track League with an 9-0 record. They also took first honors in the Tunkhannock Rotary relays and placed second in the District 2 championship track meet.

The girls team record for the season was Dallas 102-Hanover 21; Dallas 115-Wyoming Valley West 115-23; Dallas 84-G.A.R. 53; Dallas 118-Meyers 23; Dallas 68-Tunkhannock 63; Dallas 88-Crestwood 31; Dallas 98-Lake-Lehman 24; Dallas 76-Pittston 52; and Dallas 104-Wyoming Area 33.

Although finishing second in the District 2 competition, Kelly Cleary set a new District 2 record in the 800m run and also won the 400m run. Lynn Baluh won the triple jump in the District 2 event.

The boys team finished the season with a 7-2 record placing third in the league. They also took

third in the District 2 competition.

Steve Oliver came in first in the 800m and 1600m runs and the 1600m relay team with members Tony Baldo, Jeff Dover, Steve Oliver and Brian Fett came in first in the districts.

The boys won 79-69 over Hanover, 97-52 over Wyoming Valley West; 113-29 over G.A.R.; 122-23 over Meyers; 94-56 over Tunkhannock; 90-59 over Crestwood, 98-52 over Lake-Lehman but lost 119-31 to Pittston Area and 77-72 to Wyoming Area.

Coach Mitkus is assisted by coach Sam Jayne.



Misericordia boys qualify

Mike Brown (extreme right) of College Misericordia's Golf Team captured the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) District 19 Championship for individual play and qualified for the national NAIA tournament recently when he participated in district play at the Flying Hills Country Club in Reading. Brown, who took up the sport in high school, scored an 84 on the par 72 course.

At the same course, the Misericordia team captured first place in the Keystone Athletic Conference Tournament. The four-man team had a total score of 384, which set them ahead of six other colleges in the conference. In the NAIA tournament, the team placed third overall. Shown is the winning team, from left: Jim Talluto, Rob Campana, Tony Foy (back) and Mike Brown.

Dallas wins close race

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Dallas High School track coach Bill Straitiff knew going into the Class AAA division of the District 2 competition last Friday that it should be a close race between the Valley West Spartan and his Mountaineers for the title. He realized that his athletes would have to take first in many of the events to outdo the Spartans.

Straitiff did some moving of his

athletes in the various events and it worked. The Mountaineers took the Class AAA District 2 title edging out the Spartans 93½ to 91.

The Dallas win was a 'Strange' win and don't forget 'Mundy', Hugh Mundy, that is—the two runners who led the pack for Dallas.

Jon Strange, Dallas senior, will tell you that he is a distance runner, but Friday, he was a sprinter as well and a successful one. Strange won the 100m dash in 10.9, the 200m dash in 22.3 and the 400m dash in 49.5.

Hugh Mundy ran a leg of the Mountaineers winning 3200m relay event which they did in 8:01.9, did the 1600m run in 4:17.8 to come in first, won the 800m run in 1:57.5 to join Strange in leading the Mountaineers to the championship.

Coach Straitiff was overwhelmed by the boys performance and gave them the credit he said they should have had throughout the season.

Jim Farrell and Eric Olsen placed in the pole vault and Eric Moore placed in the triple jump.

Sidelines

Are all sports real competitions?

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For years bowling has been "something to do in the winter", a form of inside recreation for men or women. Few people including sports writers considered bowling a sport.

"Bowlers aren't athletes," was heard often and everywhere. Not many people recognized that it took ability, practice, and most of all, physical fitness to become the male or female bowler who hit the high scores or achieved the 200 or better averages.

That is until last year when bowling reached the destination it had been trying to attain for several years. Millions of bowlers across the United States will have an opportunity to see their sport, or bits of it, in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, S. Korea.

Six female members of TEAM USA and six male members of TEAM USA have been training in the Olympic Center during January and February and more recently traveled to Europe where they ere in friendship tournaments.

Two male and two female members of TEAM USA will compete in Miami, Fla. and in August, the 12 member team will bowl the count-down games to determine the U.S. Olympic representatives. In Melbourne, Fla., the final one man and one woman from the United States will emerge. They will participate in the Olympics exhibition with the qualifiers from the European zone, Asian zone, and American zone-12 men and 12 women in the event, Sept. 18, 1988, in Seoul, Korea.

Finally, bowling has been recognized for the sport that it is—a sport where what you roll is what you get and the 12 members of the

TEAM USA are 12 great athletes, working hard, looking straight ahead trying to achieve their goal. Mark Lewis of Wichita, Kansas, and Helen Nelson, West Brattleboro, VT., head the team of bowlers vying for the coveted spot on the Olympic team in September.

Ice skating has long been recognized as an Olympic sport but its younger sister, roller-skating has been ignored—not for long, however, if followers of the sport have their way.

Competitive roller-skating has been on the upswing as rinks spring up around the country. Boys and girls, men and women, are performing on roller skates the same spins, turns and jumps as those done on ice skates. The difference is that the roller-skaters perform on a hardwood floor which has no give while the ice skaters perform on a rink of ice.



Pennies for baseball

Members of Dallas Kiwanis and other Back Mountain volunteers covered about one fourth of the Dallas Junior High gym floor Saturday morning with pennies turned in by residents of the Back Mountain for the Back Mountain Baseball Inc. project. Kiwanis members, who assisted in the project were front row, from left, Bill Kalinowski, Tex Wilson, George McCutcheon, Joe Grimes, Jamey Smith; back row, Bob Bossart, Joe Schwartz, honorary chairman William Kubis, John Navich and Robert Dolbear. More than 330,000 pennies were turned in Saturday with many donations still to be collected, according to co-chairmen George McCutcheon and Tex Wilson. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Strikes & spares

Ladies Country League held their end of the 1987-1988 season dinner at Faux Inn Tuesday, May 17. Recipients of 200 game awards were E. Shuleski 211, A. Tregan 208, F. Allabaugh 209, K. Scavone 210, J. Lamoreaux 220, 225 game awards were B. Strazius 248, E. Roberts 244 and M. Faux 238. Recipients of 500-524 game awards were N. Kozemchak 510, R. Gula 509, F. Allabaugh 501, and J. Haefele 506; 525-549 game awards were L. Cyphers 535, K. Scavone 536, J. Lamoreaux 544, A. Tregan 548; and 550-599 game series awards E.

Roberts 559, B. Strazius 573 and M. Faux 576. Perfect attendance pins will be presented to M. Harris, E. Nulton, L. Evans, K. Scavone, N. Sredny and E. Shuleski, all of whom bowled 1105 games during the season.

Michelle Faux was most improved bowler with an increase of 21 pins from a beginning of the season average of 139 to an ending average of 160.

League champions Castletles will receive white jackets and runnersup team Fashion Vending will receive navy blue shirts.

In the **Lakers League** the Hollywooders took the championship by defeating the Terminators 2272 to 2215. R. Cernow rolled 266-246 (669) and J. Brady hit 522 for the Hollywooders. D. Williams knocked down pins for 530 and R. Andrasco posted 224 (550) for the Terminators.

Daisies took three points from the Morning Glories in the **Bowlerettes League** and the Violets made it three over the Mums. R. Gula rolled 176 for the Morning Glories and L. Jolley hit 179 for the Daisies. M. Perry's 204 was high for the Violets.