

## Troy Strauser plays in state East-West game

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Troy Strauser of Harveys Lake is the first Back Mountain athlete to play on the East-West All-Star baseball team where he played second base.

A graduate of Lake-Lehman High School in June, Strauser was one of four members of the Back Mountain Legion team who were candidates for the East-West game. Ray Russin, Sam Gorgone, and Neal Kaiser were the other three athletes selected.

After being chosen by the Legion coaches, the four went through a series of four cuts with Russin and Strauser making it to the team level and Troy advancing the final step to play with the East team that won the game which was played at Hershey.

"It was a great experience," said Strauser. "It's something I'll never forget. I received a plaque and a shirt for playing in the East-West game."

After the game, he returned to the area to resume play with the Legion team which won the district playoffs and advanced to the regionals where the team lost after the third game.

"We finished as co-champions with Hanover Area in the local league because we were tied and there was no time remaining to schedule a game

to break the tie. The coaches decided the teams should be co-champs," said Strauser.

Strauser played shortstop in high school and the team advanced to state competition where it was defeated by Hanover.

"I transferred to Lake-Lehman from Mississippi where I played baseball and I played for three years on the Knights varsity team for Coach Dwight Barbacci," Strauser stated.

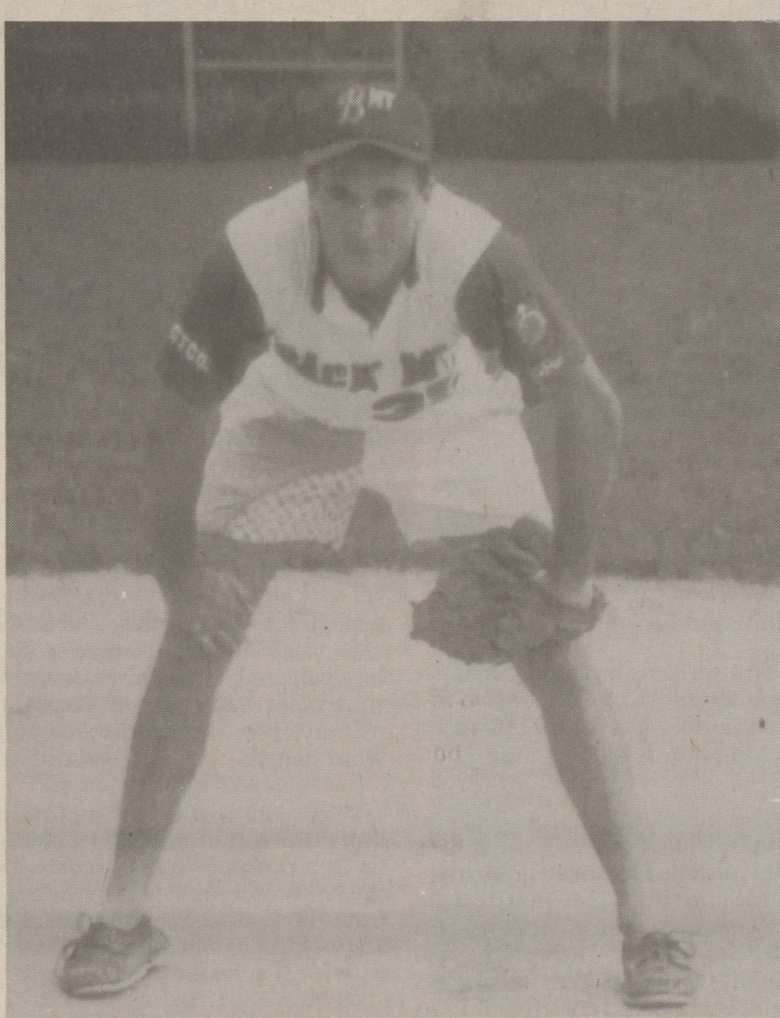
Troy ended the season with a .517 batting average, three homeruns, six doubles and 15 RBI's. He stole 20-for-20 bases and had a solid glove for the infield. He then posted a .394 average for the American Legion team, with 10 RBI's and five stolen bases.

"On the high school team in my junior year I had a .333 average, 14 RBI's and led in stolen bases on the team," said Strauser.

Strauser also played basketball, first in Biloxi High School in Mississippi then in his sophomore year at Lake-Lehman he played as small forward for the team. In his junior year, the varsity team advanced to the first round in district play.

He also played on the varsity football team in his senior year as wide receiver and defensive back under Coach Rich Gorgone.

Troy is planning to attend Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus then transfer to the Main Campus or to Old Dominion in



INFIELD PRACTICE - Lake-Lehman graduate Troy Strauser, who played in the East-West All-Star game this summer spends some time doing some infield practice. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)

Virginia. He plans to play baseball in college. He said he likes football and basketball but believes he can go further in baseball. His goal is to someday play in the major leagues.

In his junior year at Lake-Lehman, Troy played in the Key-

stone Games which he said helped him in competition and become a stronger player. He likes to ski but does not do much of it since he suffered a knee injury in football last season. Strauser stays in condition by running, weightlifting and playing racquet ball.

## Runnin' Bulls take rec title with 76-75 win over Fieldhouse

The Runnin' Bulls led by a combined 30 point second half effort by Bob Jones and Joe Flaherty defeated the Fieldhouse 76-75 to win the Adult League championship in the Dallas Rec/Fieldhouse Basketball League.

The Bulls, who trailed by 11 points at halftime, switched to a tight man-to-man defense and slowly chipped away at the lead. The Fieldhouse had jumped out to an early lead largely because of the fine first half effort of Paul Jobson with 12 points.

The game saw many lead changes and the Fieldhouse actually had a chance to win with only one second on the clock but were unable to convert from the free throw line. Jones led the winners with 27 points while Flaherty had 22. Jobson led the losers with 20 points while Lou Woychick added 14.

The Fieldhouse and Dallas Boro Rec Center combined to bring some outstanding summer basketball to the Back Mountain over the past eight weeks.

Between the 12-16 year old

League and the Adult League over 120 young men participated at the Rec Center. Because of the overwhelming success of the leagues they will return next summer with some talk of expansion.

### CHAMPIONSHIP BAME BOX SCORE

RUNNING BULLS			
	G	F	Total
Jones	11	6	27
Flaherty	8	6	22
Wilson	2	0	4
Tinner	2	0	4
Gauntlett	9	0	18
Downs	0	0	0
<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>76</b>	
FIELDHOUSE			
Wilson	4	0	8
Debona	4	0	8
Farrell	4	2	10
Jobson	10	0	20
Sutliff	6	0	13
Woychick	7	0	14
Valentine	0	0	0
<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>	

## Harveys Lake Yacht Club posts weekly race results

The Harveys Lake Yacht Club held its weekly sailboat race on Sunday, Aug. 18. Potentially stormy weather necessitated a late start and a shortened course. The wind was 8 to 10 knots, steady, originating from the NW by W area.

Race Chairman Frank Wadas posted the following results: first place, Jack C. Barnes with crew

Charles V. Wasserott V; second place, Joan Williams and crew Viet Cuong Huynh; third place, Dr. Lane Giddings and Stuart Josberger, crew.

A visitor to the lake, Andy Cecere, sailed his west wight potter, "Chores Undone" in the race. Andy is from Long Island and is vacationing at Harveys Lake.

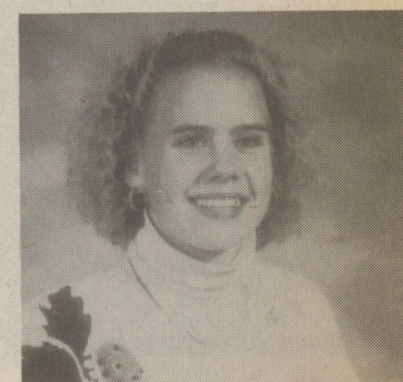
## Becky Yurko plays field hockey at Keystone Games

Becky A. Yurko, of Kingston Twp., participated in the 1991 Keystone State Summer Games, held recently in the Greater Lehigh Valley area.

Yurko competed in the Scholastic Division of the Field Hockey competition for the Pocono Region.

Yurko won a gold medal for placing first in team competition.

Yurko will be a junior at Dallas High School and is the daughter of Emery and Maryann Yurko of Kingston Twp.



Becky Yurko

## Valenti leads 2nd round of trem tourney

A three day Club Championship Tournament is being held by the Irem Temple Ladies Golf Association at the Country Club.

After completion of two rounds of play on August 13 and August 15, Sandy Valenti is leading the first flight with Marge Bryant as runner-up. Other results are: second flight, Esther Saba, first; Arlene Rothstein, second; third flight, Sun Hee Koo, first; Jane Boltz, second; fourth flight, Reva Smulowitz, first; Edith Jones, second.

The weekly winner in Flight A was Marge Bryant. Putting prizes were won by Marge Bryant in Flight A, Joann Freeman, Flight B and Estelle Laux in Flight C.

## Dershimer played soccer in Keystones

Gretchen Ann Dershimer of Harveys Lake was among more than 6,000 Pennsylvania amateur athletes to compete in the 10th annual Keystone State Summer Games finals scheduled for Aug. 6-11, in the Greater Lehigh Valley. Dershimer was entered in the soccer competition, Junior Female Division in the Pocono Region.

Dershimer is a 9th grade student at Lake-Lehman High School. She is the daughter of Gordon and Margaret Dershimer.

## NASCAR driver Jim Spencer will appear at fair

Jim Spencer, NASCAR Driver will attend Luzerne County Fair on September 4. Jim's appearance will begin at 6 p.m. and he will spend a few hours signing autographs and meeting the general public. Jim Spencer is coming to our area by the efforts of Banquet Frozen Foods and supported by Shur Save Markets, a Northeastern Pennsylvania Food Retailer.



### Area youth at King's camp

Coach Ken Atkins conducted the initial week of his summer basketball day camp at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. A capacity enrollment was on hand and a second week of camp is under way in Scandlon Gym for boys and girls from 9 to 17. Among key speakers in the first week were Ron Anderson of the 76ers and Bob Salmi, assistant coach of the New York Knickerbockers.

King's cage aides helping to direct the facility are Tony Konieski, Skip Milford and Noll Klank. Among Back Mountain youngsters in attendance were Brian Berlew, Carlo Santarelli, Rich Klick, Adam Pelak, Bruce Kunkle, John Matson, Dan Podel, Connor Ennis, Bill Jenkins, Matt Pelak, Mark Kaschenbach and Dave Rogers.



### LCCC holds Red Barons baseball camp

The Luzerne County Community College Continuing Education Division and the Red Barons recently teamed up to offer a baseball camp for area children at the college's main campus in Nanticoke. Shown at the LCCC baseball field are, from left, first row, Missy Sulima, Jenkins Township; Adam Kowalczyk, Harding; Matt Herbert, West Wyoming; Stephen Swatkoski, Bear Creek; Jerry Honis, Conyngham; Chris Malonis, Dallas, Steve Federspiel, Dallas. Second row, Amber Summers, Wilkes-Barre; Patrick Genetti, Conyngham. Third row, Julio Peguero, Mark Sims, Gary Alexander, Cliff Brantley, Charile Aten, Sean O'Brien, all from the Red Barons; and Karen Dessoie, Wilkes-Barre, director of non-credit programming at LCCC.



LEARNING TO SHOOT LIKE PROS - Shown from left are, first row, Tripp Graham, Dan Breyemeier; second row, Brian Blase, Josh Butler, Tony Luizza, all of the Back Mountain.

## ProShot holds basketball camp for grade schoolers

ProShot Basketball Camp held a weekend mini-camp for boys grades 4 to 6 August 9-11. ProShot specializes in teaching shooting and offensive skills. There were numerous shooting games and drills as well as competitive games such as 1-on-1 to 4-on-4. The following were local win-

ners: Knockout, Brian Blase, Dallas; Night B-ball, Tony Luizza, Dallas; Cat n Rat, Josh Butler, Dallas; 3-on-3, Brian Blase and Tony Luizza.

ProShot is located at 142 River Road, Thornhurst, PA 18425. Camp director is John Szela and assistant is Paul Jobson.