

# SPORTS

## Seniors lead Mounts in field hockey playoffs

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Sports Correspondent

Rivals of Dallas field hockey team have dreaded the day when the dynamic freshmen Sue Richardson, Kelly Cleary, Megan Moran, and Amy Shelley became senior, seasoned veterans. But Coach Robyn Jones is delighted in the maturity of her team while her team revels on the positive reinforcement she gives them.

"Coach Jones has been very supportive of us all year," Richardson said when asked about the key to Dallas's success this year. "The older players have helped the younger ones to develop their skills and confidence."

Dallas always fields a tough, competitive hockey team which sends many stars to top college programs. Lori Warneka, playing for Temple, and Sue Wells of Bucknell are the most recent standouts. This year, however, the team is more well-rounded and loaded with standouts. "We can't be shut down by another team keying on any one player. The whole team is synchronized; we just click together," added Richardson.

Jones is not changing a winner. She plans to prepare the team as she has all year and will rely on her

forward line that has been together for three years. Juniors Nina Mathers and Karen Wisnieski will continue to aid the Dallas attack on offense and goalie Ann Smaka will lead the defense of Theresa Mathers, Kelly Janosky, Kelly Cleary, Becky Yurko and Jill Kowalsky.

The Mountaineers will prepare to compete against either Emmaus or Pocono Mountain. Whichever team loses in District II playoffs Saturday will play Dallas in the first AAA state playoff game Wednesday, Nov. 6. The match is tentatively set for Artillery Park at 2:30. It will be a double header with Dallas playing in the second game.

While there is confidence on the team, Jones remains cautious with her predictions. "I know who's going to win," she claimed. "The team who scores the most points. We have several on the injured list and Janosky's ankle is not good." Injured or not, however, one can surmise that Dallas will be there playing skilled, aggressive hockey while having fun.

In the words of Sue Richardson, "This has been my most enjoyable year. It has been a memorable one in my life because we have fun as a team. But, then isn't winning always fun?" The Mounts, obviously think so!



TV HOST - Chris Michael of Dallas will co-host a new hunting and fishing series on television next year. Michael will also produce much of the photography for the show.

## Dallas resident will host TV series on the outdoors

After working for several years in the great outdoors as a fishing charter captain and a photographer, College Misericordia graduate Chris Michael is now enjoying the best of both worlds.

Michael, a Dallas resident and a 1990 graduate of Misericordia with a B.A. in English, is currently traveling the world as the co-host of a new hunting and fishing television series.

An avid outdoorsman, Michael will host the half-hour fishing segment of "God's County," a one-hour nationally syndicated outdoors program. Michael will also do all of the still photography for the show as well as some underwater photography.

"This is like a dream come true," said Michael, who has held a captain's license for seven years and has operated a fishing charter business in Rochester, N.Y., with his father, Frank. "I love to fish and take pictures and now I'm going to get paid to do both."

So far, Michael's travels have taken him to Africa and New Zealand and he recently departed for a

six-day trip to Alaska.

"I've never been to most of the places before," he said. "I'm really enjoying myself."

While in Africa, Michael fished for shark-toothed catfish before moving on to the Taupo Region of New Zealand, the fly fishing capital of the world where they fished for rainbow trout.

"The fishing was great, especially in New Zealand," said Michael, who regularly pulled in eight-pound rainbow trout.

Michael was looking forward to the Alaska trip which will include hunting for grizzly bear and fishing for salmon and halibut. "I've never been to Alaska before, so it should be a real learning experience," he said.

After their stay in Alaska, Michael and co-host Ray Davies of Stroudsburg will make their way through Canada, the western United States and Mexico before ending up in Costa Rica in mid-December.

The first of 13 segments of "God's Country" will air Sunday, Jan. 5, on 120 stations nationwide.

## Wendy Skibitsky named Atlantic 10 player of week

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Wendy Skibitsky, a former Lake-Lehman hockey standout, was named Atlantic 10 player of the week during October 21 through 27. Wendy has played for two years on Temple University's team as a forward.

A physical education/therapeutic recreation major, she scored four goals in the past week making a total of six for the season. Her efforts have helped Temple to be ranked second in the Atlantic 10 Conference and 10th nationally.

The award is given weekly to an outstanding player in the Atlantic 10 Conference. It is chosen by a committee based on weekly statistics.

As a Lake-Lehman inner, Wendy was one of the leading scorers of the Wyoming Valley Conference and obtained a full tuition and book scholarship to play hockey at Temple.

Wendy is the daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Skibitsky who reside in Hunlock Creek.

Two other Back Mountain players are on Temple's starting team: Lori Warneka of Dallas and Carolyn James of Lake-Lehman.

## CYC slates basketball tourney

The Wyoming Valley CYC is announcing its annual seventh and eighth grade junior boys and girls Diocesan Basketball Tournament scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Nov. 6. The championship game will be announced.

Teams throughout the Scranton Diocese are invited to participate.

In order to avoid any scheduling conflicts with teams respective leagues, coaches are asked to indicate on the registration forms the dates which their team cannot participate.

Deadline for entries is Friday, Nov. 1. For more information contact Bo Krawczeniuk, Athletic Director at 823-6121.

## Bench press championship set for Nov. 17

The American Drug Free Powerlifting Association (A.D.F.P.A.) will hold its 7th annual All-American Bench Press Championship and its Regional Keystone Classic Deadlift Championship, November 17 at Hanover Area High School. The competition will feature

women, men, teenage and masters (over 40) divisions. The competition is open to any eligible athletes.

For further information stop at Kuc's Fitness, 548 East Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre or 542 Blvd. Ave., Dickson City or call 823-6994.



## Engler was Phillies batboy

Seven-year-old Daniel Engler of Dallas won a special sweepstakes that entitled him to be the Milk Duds Celebrity Bat Boy of the Philadelphia Phillies on August 31, versus the Atlanta Braves. As the Milk Duds Celebrity Bat Boy, Daniel went on field prior to the game for an up close and personal look at batting practice. This VIP Phillies experience included a photo with the Phillies Manager, Jim Fregosi and recognition through Phanavision and public address announcements. Daniel also received a host of Phillies souvenirs including a jersey, bat, ball, certificate and autographs from some of the players. He then rejoined his friends and family in the complimentary box seats for the game. His favorite player is Pat Combs.

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