

Mountaineers take second consecutive track title

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The first time the Dallas High School track team faced Crestwood High School, they made one fatal mistake.

After defeating pre-season favorite Tunkhannock, the Mountaineers strode into Crestwood two days later thinking the Comets would roll over and die. The Mounts left with a 86 1/2-63 1/2 defeat.

With both teams finishing the regular season with identical 15-1 records, they faced a runoff for the WVC Class AA championship. The Mounts didn't make the same mistake again.

The Mountaineers, dominating the sprint events, jumped out to a huge early lead and held on to win their second consecutive WVC Class AA title, beating the Comets, 81-69, last Friday afternoon at Wyoming Area High School.

"They (Crestwood) taught us a lesson last time," said Dallas head

coach Bill Kvashay. "After beating Tunkhannock, we thought we would beat Crestwood. We thought we were better than they were. This time, we were really pumped up. Looking back on it, that (losing to Crestwood) was one of the better things that happened to us."

The Dallas coach made some crucial coaching maneuvers, pulling standouts Matt Samuel and Brian Crispell out of the 3,200-meter relay so that they would be

fresh for their individual events. The strategy paid off.

"The kids did a great job," said Kvashay. "Pat O'Neil did a great job. He went out and won the 110 hurdles, beating the same guy who demolished him in the first meet. We finished 1-2 in the 100-meter dash (Joe Ankenbrand and Bob Lora) and 1-2 in the mile (Samuel and Crispell). The kids definitely wanted to win."

Although the team is dominated by underclassmen, the fourth-

year head coached praised his senior leadership.

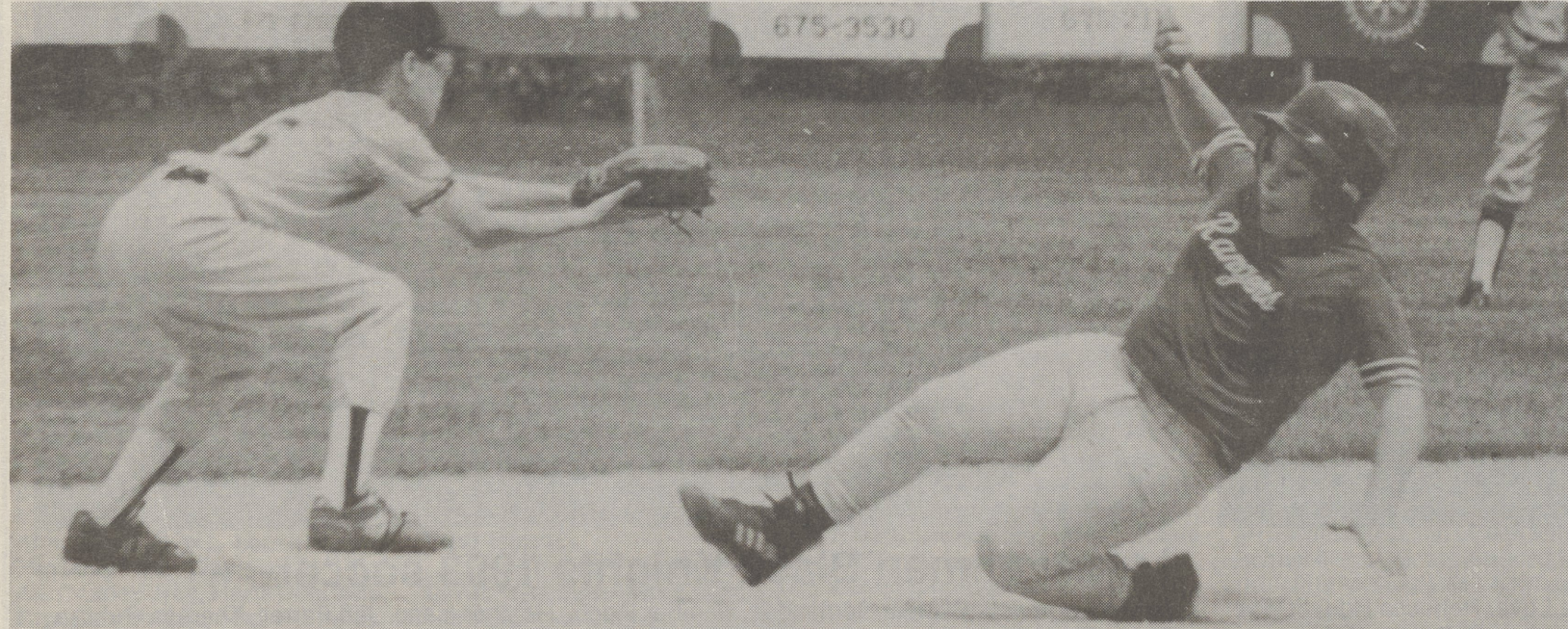
"We've gotten some great leadership from the seniors," said Kvashay. "Especially Matt Samuel, Ryan Klem and Jim Moran. They take a lot of pride in what they do. The guys who ran indoor track faced some excellent competition. I think that paid off for us."

The Mountaineers now move on to District 2 competition on Thursday afternoon at North Pocono High School where, ac-

ording to their head coach, they will have their hands full.

"The guys know they can't let down," said the Dallas coach, who led his team to the District 2 Class AA title last season. "It will be very difficult for us to win districts."

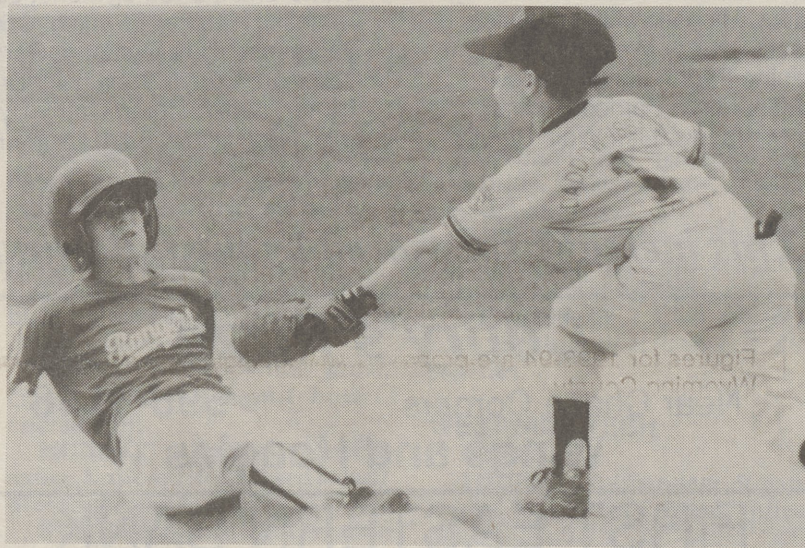
"The seeds are not as good as you would think," he added. "Third and fourth places will be very important. We have to get as many points as we can. We'll have to be balanced to be competitive. But we'll give it our best shot."



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Safe!

The Rangers maintained their unbeaten streak by topping the Giants 11-5 Saturday in Back Mountain Baseball Little League action. In top photo, Matt Wycallis slides into second before the throw reaches Giants second baseman Russ Eyt. At right, Kevin Pisano sneaks under the tag by Giants third sacker J.B. Bucha.



3-way tie for National League lead

The Rangers remained undefeated in the American League while the Astros, Cardinals and Reds are deadlocked for first place in the National League, as Back Mountain Baseball teams concluded their fourth week of major league action.

The Indians remained on the heels of the Rangers, posting a 7-1 record, while the A's remained two games back with a mark of 6-2. In the National League, the Astros, Cardinals and Reds each ended the week with identical 6-2 records while the Phillies won their first game of the season.

All major league home team managers are reminded to call 283-5532 within 24 hours of the game's completion in order for the results to be published. All Saturday contests must be called in by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Dodgers, Orioles, Pirates, Cardinals and Indians did not call in their home game results.

had the lone hits for the Dodgers, with Collin collecting a double.

PHILLIES 8 - TIGERS 4

Charles Whitehead and Josh Katyl combined on a four-hitter, striking out 13 as the Phillies won their first game of the year. Whitehead allowed just two hits while striking out seven in four innings while Katyl struck out six in the final two innings.

Mike Brown and Matt Hoover paced the Phillies with a pair of hits apiece with Brown hitting a double. Dan Breymer belted a triple for the Phillies. Jason Baker, Knappman, Jonathan Samanas and Bill Duda had lone hits for the Tigers.

INDIANS 14 - TIGERS 5

Chuck Fehlinger belted four hits, including three doubles, and four Indian pitchers combined on a three-hitter to lead the Indians. Sean Hoskins added three hits, including a pair of doubles, while Chris Tucker also had three hits for the Indians. Fehlinger, Hoskins, Jeff Parrish and John Nackley combined to strike out 12 batters.

Sarah Rogers and C.J. Tyrell each smacked doubles for the Tigers while Jonathan Samanas had the other hit, a single.

Earlier, the Indians beat the A's, 9-3, behind the pitching and hitting of Chuck Fehlinger. Fehlinger struck out 10 and belted a grand slam.

ASTROS 5 - PIRATES 0

Matt Morris was brilliant on the mound, striking out 16 batters without surrendering a walk, as the Astros blanked the Pirates. Russell Wenrich led the Astros attack with two hits while Greg Stanislav added a double.

Jason Lezinski and Mike Kashiwicki had the lone hits for the Pirates.

A'S 14 - RED SOX 4

Neil Dymond and Kyle Droppers combined to strike out 13 batters and John Zaminski led six A's with at least six hits to lead the winners. Zaminski had three hits while Justin Hoover, Matt Jackson, Chris Banks, Droppers and Dymond each had a pair. Ron

Selinski had two hits for the Red Sox and scored three of their four runs.

ASTROS 8 - RED SOX 6

The Astros built an 8-0 lead and then held off a furious Red Sox rally en route to the win. Rich Samanas picked up the win, striking out 10 in five-plus innings. Samanas led the Astros with two hits, including a triple. Greg Stanislav also had a pair of hits while Damian Temperine and Russell Wenrich added doubles.

Marcus Sowcik had two hits for the Red Sox, who scored six runs in the sixth inning. Selinski added a triple for the Sox.

RANGERS 11 - GIANTS 5

Matt Gingo had a day at the plate most players dream of, belting a grand slam home run and two run single, to lead the Rangers over the Giants. The home run was the first grand slam in Ranger history. Kevin Pizzano picked up the win, striking out eight and walking none, and had two doubles at the plate.

J.J. Smith and J.B. Bucha led the Giants' offense with a pair of hits apiece, with Smith belting a triple. Jason Pope had a triple for the Giants.

REDS 17 - ORIOLES 5

Jonathan Habrack struck out 13 batters and gave up just three hits over five innings to pace the Reds. Josh Dukas and Brad Jumper (double) each added two hits for the Reds while teammate Justin Bicking belted a double.

Matt Barnard led the Orioles with two hits, including a double and Chris Wilt added a triple for the O's.

RANGERS 22 - ORIOLES 12

Mike Faneck had five hits to lead a powerful Ranger attack. Kevin Pizzano, Matt Gingo, Mike Ferko, Billy Evans, and Tim Flanagan each had a pair of hits for the Rangers, who built up a 19-0 lead.

Matt Kertesz led the Orioles with four hits while teammate Matt Barnard added a double.

STANDINGS

Red Sox	4-0
Dodgers	2-1
White Sox	2-1
Phillies	1-2
A's	1-4
Cardinals	0-2

RED SOX 17 - HARVEYS LAKE CARDINALS 5

Jennifer Noon and Courtney Bouthot each had three hits to lead the Red Sox over the Cardinals. Amanda Stolarick had two hits, including a double, while teammate Amy Kapral added a pair of singles. Maria Wright picked up the win, striking six in going the distance.

J.J. Johnson and Tricia Pilosi each had doubles for Harveys Lake.

PHILLIES 16 - BOB HORLACHER A'S 2

Tara Slocum picked up the mound win, striking out nine and walking one, and had four hits at the plate to lead the Phillies. Gwen Langdon had three hits for the Phillies while Caitlin Lucchino and Stacy Wagner each had two hits apiece. Harris and Ely scored the lone runs for the A's.

PHILLIES 24 - CARDINALS 16

Lauren Wasser struck out 12 batters in going the distance and had three hits, including a pair of doubles, to lead the Phillies. Scooter Perlis had a double for the Phillies while Rebecca Miller had the lone hit for the Cardinals, a single.

WHITE SOX 22 - A'S 10

Robyn Considine tossed a three hitter and had two hits herself to lead the White Sox over the A's. Christina Chmarney and Theresa Guntli had doubles for the White Sox.

Shelly Alters led the A's with a triple while Sara Benedetti had the other lone hit for the Athletics.

RED SOX 17 - A'S 16

Nicole Brown had four hits, including a triple and double, to lead the Red Sox. April Adelson and Stacey Amann had a pair of hits for the Sox while winning pitcher Kourtney Koslosky helped her own cause with a double. Shelly Alters had a triple for the A's.

Showin' Blue barrel show May 30-31 at fairgrounds

The Showin' Blue 4-H club running horse stampede barrel show will be held Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

The show, which is sanctioned by the National Barrel Horse Assoc., will begin at 11 a.m. both days.

Horses will be competing in events such as calcutta barrels, poles, bleeding heart, and the 50-yard dash. During both days a

refreshment stand will be open sponsored by the club.

A portion of the proceeds from the two-day show will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, America's largest childhood cancer research center. St. Jude patients have come from all over America and 43 foreign countries.

All donations welcome during the course of the event.



DAWN RISMONDO

Rismondo honored by Misericordia

Dawn Rismondo of Dallas was among the honored guests at College Misericordia's most recent Winter/Spring Athletic Awards Banquet.

Rismondo, a senior on the Cougars cheerleading squad, was honored with three other four-year performers who were presented with Varsity M watches.



LAURA POYNTON

Poynton gets special award

Former Dallas High School athletic standout Laura Poynton was among the honored guests at College Misericordia's recent Winter/Spring Athletics Awards Banquet.

Poynton, a junior on the Lady Cougars softball team, was presented with the Coach's Award for her outstanding dedication and leadership.

Poynton helped the Lady Cougars to a 16-11 record.

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Raider cheerleader parents meeting

Kingston Township Raiders Cheerleaders Parents will have their reorganization meeting on Tuesday, May 25 starting at 6 p.m. Raindate is Thursday, May 27. All parents and cheerleaders are urged to attend.

Golf tourney aids Little League

The Back Mountain Little League Golf Tournament will be held May 23 at the Mill Race Golf Resort, Route 487, Benton, Pa., with a 7 a.m. (Shotgun Start). \$55 per person includes green fees, golf cart, food, beverages and prizes. Format: Captain & Crew. For more information call Blake Saba, 675-3799 or Tom Dougherty, 696-4223. All hole sponsors are welcome. Proceeds benefit Back Mountain Little League.

Lake-Lehman Football Club meeting

The Lake-Lehman Football Club monthly meeting will be held Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grotto, Harveys Lake.

O'Reilly athletic committee to meet

The Athletic Committee of the Blue and Gold Club of Bishop O'Reilly High School will meet on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Reilly High School gym. Alumni, parents of students and parents of prospective students are invited to attend. A shopping certificate program will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

'Y' offers lifeguard, CPR course

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA will conduct a concentrated Lifeguarding Course after Memorial weekend, a 30 hour course in five days. The days and times are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 1 to 4, 4 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prerequisites are: Participants must be at least 15 years old with strong swimming ability and able

to perform front crawl, side stroke, breaststroke and elementary back stroke. A swimming test will be given on the first day; and have a current C.P.R. and First Aid certificate.

The "Y" will offer a C.P.R. and First Aid course on May 24 and 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. For registration or more information call the Wilkes-Barre YMCA at 823-2191.

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