

Dallas Jr. Football's kickoff set for Saturday

The Dallas Jr. Football Association, a non-profit organization is sponsoring the 1st Annual "Let's Kick Off the Football Season" on Saturday, Aug. 28 with a parade followed by a carnival.

The Dallas Jr. Football Association are hoping that they will have the local fire companies, ambulance companies, other football teams within the Greater Pittston League Football, cheerleaders, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Irem Temple Shriner Clowns, local personalities and costumed characters for a parade at 10 a.m. followed by a carnival at the Dallas Area Sr. High School at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome as there will be food and games for all ages. Some of the specialty booths will be helium balloons, face painting and metal necklace/bracelet engraving.

Dallas Jr. Football Association also has Superbowl Football Raffle Tickets, blue & white 60" golf umbrellas and mugs for sale. They are available through any person in the Football Association or at any home game at the concession stand.

Softball tourney aids Boy Scouts

The home of the Red Barons will play host to an Invitational Softball Tournament Friday, Aug. 27 through Sunday, Aug. 29, sponsored by First Fidelity Bank, N.A., Pennsylvania. The Tournament features a 32 Team, Slow Pitch, Single Elimination Format. Teams from all of Northeastern Pennsylvania have been invited to participate.

Expense monies will be awarded to the top four finishers: with first place earning \$1,000 expense, second place \$750 and third and fourth place \$500 each. Tickets, available at the stadium, are priced at \$3 each and will allow the holder to watch all games played on the day the ticket is used.

Proceeds from the Tournament will benefit the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, a United Way Member Agency.



THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON - Members of the District 16 champion Bob Horlacher 11-12-year-old softball team are, kneeling from left, Sheila Ely, Segan Millington, Rebecca Weis, Lindsay Faux, Aleigh Kvashay. Second row, from left, Carey Ann Newberry, Daisy Boice, Roxanne Mahley, Sherri Kuderka, Desiree Dymond, Krysten Race, Stephanie Case. Back row, Bernie Kovaliski, Mark Millington.

A season to remember for Bob Horlacher girls team

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Most of the kids go to the same schools. Their parents shop in the same markets. They worship in the same churches.

But for years Bob Horlacher Little League has lived in the shadows of Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. Both literally and figuratively.

After sitting quietly nearby for years as the bigger Back Mountain piled up District 16 baseball and softball titles, the players on the Bob Horlacher Little League girls' softball team decided to take matters into their own hands this season.

They succeeded.

Bob Horlacher won their first-ever District 16 championship this season. The 11 and 12-year-old girls' team finished the double-elimination tournament unbeaten and advanced to within one game of playing in the state championship tournament. They finished as one of the top eight teams in the state of Pennsylvania.

"Everyone always asks who Bob Horlacher is," said Bernie Kovaliski, manager of the district cham-

pions. "These kids go to the Dallas schools. It just happens that they live in the rural areas of the Back Mountain. To be honest, when we played Back Mountain, our team was a little intimidated. They were intimidated by the lights, the PA (public address) system and the players. Most of our kids had never heard their name on a loudspeaker before. But we just went out there and played hard."

Horlacher posted some impressive wins during the District 16 tourney, scoring 76 runs in just five games. Although he had praise for his entire team, Kovaliski noted that Sherri Kuderka, Sheila Ely, Krysten Race, Stephanie Case and Segan Millington led the offensive attack.

"All 13 girls played in every game," said Kovaliski. "The rules state that a player doesn't have to play in an all-star game. But I felt that if a player came to practice and played hard, she deserved a chance to play."

Horlacher defeated Back Mountain twice in the district tournament, including an extra-inning 11-9 win in the championship

game. Horlacher then posted a come-from-behind 11-10 win over Roosevelt Trail, advancing to the Section 3 championship game in Shippensburg, where they were soundly defeated, 28-2.

But that loss did nothing to dampen the spirits of the players and coaches.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," added Kovaliski, who was assisted by Mark Millington and Bill Race. "Their pitching was phenomenal. I told the girls to hold their heads up. We were just beaten by a better team."

Kovaliski also advised the team to savor the moment.

"It was a great experience for all of us," concluded Kovaliski. "The kids made some good friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. We had all the girls sign the district championship flag. We felt like it was history being recorded."

Members of the team were: Segan Millington, Sherri Kuderka, Krysten Race, Aileah Kvashay, Desiree Dymond, Rebecca Weis, Roxanne Mahle, Stephanie Case, Laura Daniels, Cari Ann Newberry, Sheila Ely, Daisy Boice and Lindsay Faux.

Dugan's takes rec ball title with spotless record

Dugan's Pub completed an undefeated season with a 74-60 playoff championship win over the Fieldhouse in the Dallas Borough Basketball League.

Dugan's used Frank Debona's 15 first half points to race to a 42-28 lead and never looked back. Debona and Nafty Hage each finished with 18 and teammate Rick Pincofski chipped in 14.

Paul Jobson, 18; Joe Darling 17 and Mark Farrell 13 paced the Fieldhouse.

Earlier in the week the semifinals saw Dugan's whip Jim-Jon 78-54 behind Jim Jaster's 21 points. John Thomas paced Jim-Jon with 21.

The Fieldhouse reached the finals by beating Stegmaier 1857, 90-87. George Marut had a big night for the Fieldhouse pouring in 33 points. Bill Cuff had 20 for Steg.

The championship game brought the close to an outstanding season of basketball at the Dallas Borough Rec Center. All told, over 40 games of fast-paced action took place on one of the top outdoor courts in the area. The

league is growing each summer and league officials are looking forward to the 1994 summer season.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOX SCORE

Dugan's Pub	FG	F	Total
Debona ***	5	5	18
Hage	8	2	18
Pincofski	5	4	14
Hosey	2	3	7
Carey	0	0	0
Jaster	5	0	10
Messinger	3	1	7
	28	15	74

The Fieldhouse

Jobson	8	2	18
Marut	2	2	6
Darling *	7	1	17
Wilson	0	0	0
Sutliff	0	0	0
Millington	0	1	1
Cutter	2	1	5
Farrell ***	4	2	13
	23	9	60

* Denotes 3 pt. goal
Officials - Skammer, Wolensky

Valenti wins Irem Club crown

Sandy Valenti won the Irem Temple Women's club championship on Tuesday with Ellie McKeage the runner up, 1st low net was Angela Kimm, 2nd low was Sis Ertley.

First flight winners were 1st low gross Corrine Sgarlat, 2nd low gross was Kay Goodman; 1st low net was Arlene Rothstein; 2nd low net was Esther Saba.

Second flight, 1st low gross was Joyce Shaw; 2nd low gross, was Shirley Evans; 1st low net was Estelle Laux; 2nd low net was Myrna Hudock.

Third flight, was 1st low gross was Jane Kopp, 2nd, low gross was Dale Davis; 1st low net was Evelyn Eck; 2nd low net was Theresa Balliet.

Weekly prize in "B" was Nancy McAndrew. Putting prize was "B" Nancy McAndrew; "C" Myrna Hudock, "D" Dale Davis.



Ladies' tennis day at Valley

Women of the Valley Tennis and Swim Club and their guests recently enjoyed a Ladies' Day Tennis Invitational. Following a morning of singles and doubles play, the women gathered on the lawn of the club to enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch served in individual picnic baskets. Louise Moore and Barbara Robins were charimen of the event. Shown above with their picnic baskets are some of the attendees from the Back Mountain. From left, Claudette Banks, Shirley Regan, Rosemary Volinsky, Nancy Slocum, Jan Gunster, Millie Hogoboom, Joanne Runner and Beth Gager.

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Three from area in tennis playoffs

Three Back Mountain residents will be participating in the USTA Adult Tennis Sectional Playoffs in Princeton, NJ, August 27-29. Bill Downs III of Huntsville, along with Doug Foster and Joe McKeown, both of Shavertown are members of the undefeated Kirby Park mens' 4.5 Tennis Team. They will be competing with other teams from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey for the right to represent the Middle States Tennis Association at the National Tournament in October in Tucson, Arizona.

Lake-Lehman Booster Club meets Aug. 26

The Lake Lehman Football Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. All interested parents of football players and football cheerleaders are invited to attend.

O'Reilly football kickoff night Aug. 28

Bishop O'Reilly High School is holding a 1993 season Kick-off Night on Saturday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m. in the Bishop O'Reilly Faculty Dining Room. Special guests include Coach Jim McGovern and staff. Films will be shown, refreshments will be served. Cost \$7 per person. For information and reservations, contact John McGlynn at 288-8512 or Gary Welles at 779-2338.



Potentate tournament winners

Pictured above are winners and runners-up and committee persons of the recent Potentate Golf Tournament at the Irem Temple Golf Course in Dallas in one of the largest crowds seen at a local golf tournament. This is one of the top golf events of the year.

The big surprise of the tourney was the dethroning of the past two year's champs, Ron Pieczynski and Wally Kuharchick. They were beaten by Bob Kopec and Ray Ceconi in an extra hole playoff

and Ceconi and Kopec were defeated by Brian Corbett and Jim Blinn in an exciting championship game. Paul Roman, veteran Pro at the Irem Temple Golf Course along with the Potentate Golf Committee were congratulated on another fine tourney. Pictured above, from left, Gary Ide, Committee; Carl Jolly, Committee presenting runner-up Potentate Clocks to Bob Kopec and Ray Ceconi, Paul Roman, Golf Pro, Jim Blinn, Brian Corbett receiving winning Potentate Clocks from Bruce Muchler, Al Learned, President of the Irem Golf Association.