

Klick picked for Legion all-star team

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Rick Klick, a junior baseball player for Dallas High School and the Back Mountain American Legion team, has been selected to play in the annual American Legion East-West All Star game. Klick qualified for the team as an outfielder with an impressive showing at last week's fourth and final round of the American Legion all-star competition in Philadelphia. This year's contest will be held in Harrisburg, this Sunday, July 30th at Riverside Stadium.

Each squad is made up of 21 players. Ryan Feretti of the Wilkes-Barre American Legion team and a recent graduate of Meyers High School team joins Klick as the only representatives from the Wyoming Valley.

The son of Richard H. and Marilyn Klick of Dallas Township also has the good fortune to be the first player from Dallas High School to be selected as a Legion all-star.

"I'm pretty excited," said Klick of his achievement.

"He's the first one we've ever had make the East-West game,"

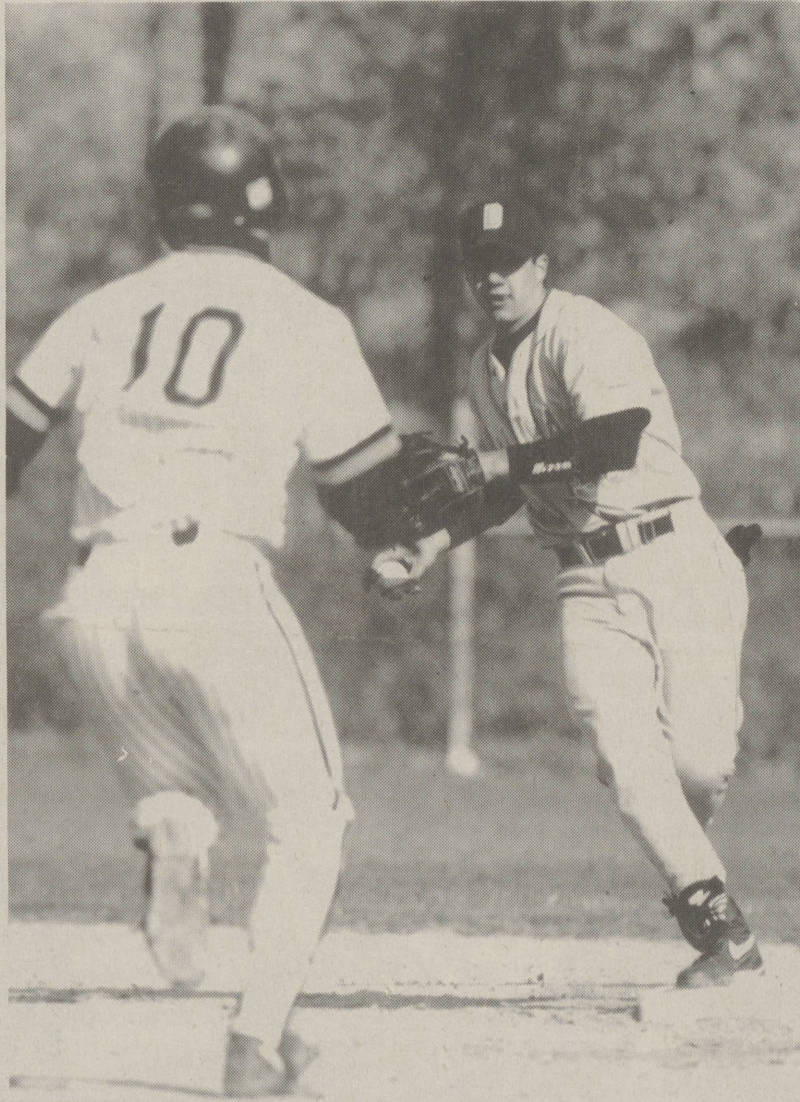
"Baseball is my first choice. The other sports help keep me in shape."

Rich Klick
State Legion all-star

said Dallas baseball coach Jack Woensky. "This is great for him because last summer he had some health problems. It's going to be nice for him to get some exposure."

After being named to the all-conference high school team as a sophomore, Klick missed most of the Legion season last summer due to health problems. He rebounded on the diamond with a vengeance this past spring. Rich finished the '95 high school campaign with a .450 batting average, 18 hits, 11 runs scored, three home runs and 16 runs batted in. The home run and rbi totals both ranked second in the Wyoming Valley Conference among class AAA schools. His efforts earned him first team recognition on two all-scholastic teams following the season.

Klick's torrid hitting continued



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Rich Klick has spent a lot of innings at shortstop, but switching to outfield gave him an edge in the Legion all-star tryouts.

into the summer for the Back Mountain Legion team. His combination of power and ability to get the bat on the ball made him the ideal third place batter in the lineup for manager Scott Francis.

Making the all-Legion team also took a tremendous amount of

character and devotion to the game on his part. Once again, Klick was forced to bounce back.

Rich and three other Back Mountain players, John Oliver, Jeff Kunkle and Mike Viglone, were

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Dozens of area athletes will compete in Keystone Games

The following Back Mountain athletes will compete in the Keystone State Games, August 2-6 in Harrisburg.

DALLAS: Mark Andrusis, 18, golf; Richard Bombick, 17, soccer; Ronald Brooks, 17, volleyball; Thomas Brown, 17, golf; Kevin Burkhardt, 16, volleyball; Christy Callahan, 15, soccer; Adrienne Camp, 15, soccer; Jeffrey Castellano, 17, volleyball; Brandon Cook, 14, soccer; Lorena Decker, 8, gymnastics; Carrie Fetterman, 17, field hockey; Lisa Glatz, 14, track & field; Joan Greulich-Byron, 45, masters swimming; Robin Holeman, 16, soccer; Jennifer Johnstone, Dallas, 14, softball.

Also, Sean Killeen, 15, soccer; Richard Klick, 17, baseball; Aileah Kwashay, 14, track & field; Jeff Kunkle, 18, baseball; Alfred Lawrence, 45, bowling; Lee Lawrence, 44, bowling; Matthew Lloyd, 17, ice hockey; Daniel Lukasavage, 19, 7 on 7 soccer; Tara Mintzer, 14, soccer; Adrienne Miroslaw, 15, soccer; Russell Mosier, II, 13, soccer; Faith O'Dell, 14, soccer; John Oliver, 17, baseball; David Rogers, 16, volleyball; Sarah Rupert, 8, gymnastics; Holly Shiber, 14, soccer; Emily Slaff, 16, softball; Chad Sorber, 14, baseball; Scott Townsend, 16, track & field; Matt Trosan, 16, golf; Lori Warneka, 24, field hockey; Joel Withers, 15, track & field.

HARVEYS LAKE: George Frank, 16, volleyball; Lou Cortes, 20, ice hockey; Cristy Shamus, 19, field hockey; Edmund Sichter, 15, baseball; Charles Snyder, 18, volleyball; Michael Woronko, 16, baseball; William Woronko, 18, 7 on 7 soccer.

HUNLOCK CREEK: Jeanna Bau, 13, track & field;

Jennifer Bau, 17, track & field; Justin Brojakowski, 14, karate; Amy Hasinus, 15, golf; Jill Marchakitus, 14, track & field; Joseph Moss, 8, karate; Timothy Norconk, 20, 7 on 7 soccer; Arielle Phillips, 9, gymnastics; Talcott Phillips, 35, individual; Talcott Phillips, 13, track & field; Christian Specht, 9, karate; Shane Swicklik, 13, karate; Darby Wolfe, 15, softball; Mark Kinder, 35, karate.

KINGSTON TWP.: Melanie Getz, 15, softball; Amy Pizzano, 12, soccer.

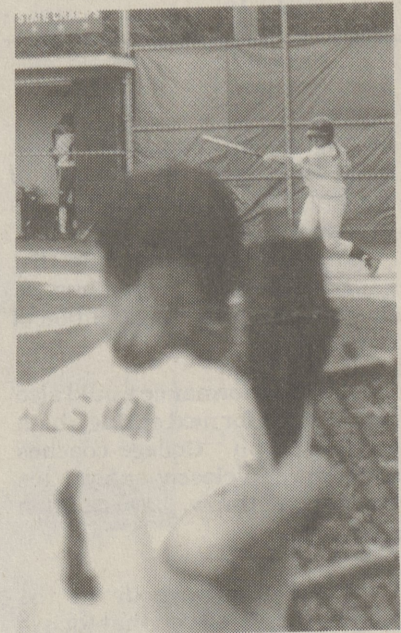
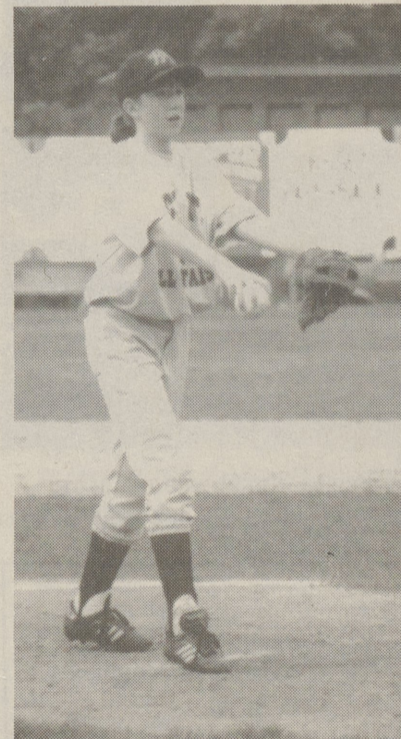
NOXEN: Jonelle Elgaway, 17, field hockey.

SHAVERTOWN: Stephen Bailey, 20, 7 on 7 soccer; Jarrod Baranowski, 19, volleyball; Anne Blaum, 16, swimming; Kenneth Chapple, 18, 7 on 7 soccer; Brad Dieffenbacher, 16, track & field; Catherine Dymond, 17, field hockey; Michael Faneck, 13, soccer; Leigh Isaac, 14, track & field; Richard Jakub, 19, ice hockey; Lynn Kilduff, 17, golf; Thomas Klimek, 16, golf; Jeanette Minorek, 17, soccer; David Milunic, 16, volleyball.

Also, Laurel Moore, 20, 7 on 7 soccer; Jordan Moseman, 13, soccer; Emma Putney, 7, gymnastics; Kristin Roberts, 14, soccer; Kevin Shah, 14, tennis; Neil Shah, 11, tennis; Lindsay Silverstein, 11, gymnastics; Kelly Spencer, 15, soccer; Robert Spencer, 20, volleyball; Tony VanScoy, 13, soccer; Jesse Williams, 13, soccer; Kristy Woolbert, 17, field hockey; Nicole Yoblonski, 15, track & field.

SWEET VALLEY: Jessica Elston, 14, soccer; Stacy Marie, Pagoda, 14, track & field.

TRUCKSVILLE: Nina Mathers, 20, 7 on 7 soccer; Therese Mathers, 20, 7 on 7 soccer; Erin Stair, 16, soccer.



The winning touch

The Back Mountain Senior Girls softball all-star team escaped elimination against Nanticoke last week. The 13-12 victory kept them in the playoffs. After Beating City Line 10-3 Monday, the team will be home Wednesday night. In last week's action, clockwise from left, Rick Guntli and Laurie Naugle kept an eye on their daughters; Jessie Tarity took a throw at third; Katie Guntli took the mound in relief; Laurie Naugle taped April at the plate.

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