Little League playoffs begin Saturday

Little League baseball's first official date for district tournaments is July 1.

Unless of course your team happens to be from District 16. League officials in Williamsport voted to give District 16 — the second largest Little League territory in the world — two extra days to narrow down the 33-team field.

First round games in the double elimination tourney will get underway this Saturday. Win or lose, all teams are slated to play again on Monday.

Local first round games: Saturday, June 29

West Pittston at Back Mountain National

Back Mountain American at Parsons Bob Horlacher at Bear Creek/ Buck Township

Pittston at Harveys Lake Games start at 6 p.m.

Senior League Softball: Sunday, June 30

Back Mountain at Bob Horlacher Both teams advance to the second round, Tuesday, July 2

Little League Softball: Sunday, June 30

Back Mountain at Plains Northwest at Bob Horlacher Harveys Lake, bye This is also a double-elimination tourney; second round play is scheduled for Tuesday July 2

No umps means no Legion game

By LEN KRYESKI Sports Writer

DALLAS TOWNSHIP - The players showed up ready to perform Monday night, but the curtain failed to rise.

The Back Mountain American Legion baseball team was ready to battle their counterparts from Hazleton on the Dallas High School baseball field, but the teams did little more than warm up as both of the scheduled umpires failed to show up for the contest.

Back Mountain manager, Scott Francis was able to telephone league officials from the field, but calls to the men in blue went unanswered. A couple of late afternoon thunderstorms that swept through the area probably deterred the umpires from making an appearance.

SWINGING FOR BMT BASEBALL

Back Mountain Baseball held its annual golf tournament June 23 at Stone Hedge in Tunkhannock. More than 100 golfers turned out for the event. In photo at right, Angelo Bertinelli struck an iron shot to the green on #11. Below left, Brett Slocum, left, accepted his prize for the "Pot of Gold" hole, which he shared with one other golfer who was able to get his tee shot within six feet on #14. Aaron Katyl, below right, carried his team most of the day. Here, he drives on #1. POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK



Bob Horlacher League All Stars

Little League 1-12 year old all-stars Matt Bellef Ryan Bolton Mike Burnside Ryan Love Mike Mully Ryan Mully Girls Major League All-Stars Crystal Boice Amanda Daubert Rachelle Farber Angela Harris Tiffany Hettes Rebekah Hubbell Reñe Lavin Muranda Malkemes Nicole Matthews Jennifer McKeon



Sowcik will attend Wilkes

Dallas High School soccer star Matt Sowcik has announced that he will continue his academic and athletic careers at Wilkes University.

Sowcik a three year starter for the Mountainers, was named an honorable mention Wyoming Valley Conference All-Star this past year for his play as sweeper. He was also selected to play in the Geisinger Hospital All-Star Classic. Sowick is a member of the Keystone State Games and the Remax Games Clubs teams.

Sowcik earned two letters in volleyball and is a member of the Who's Who Among American High School Students, the Art Club, the Peer Helper Group and the Student Government.

Swocik was also recruited by Susquehanna, Elizabethtown,

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MATT SOWCIK

Dallas rec basketball

Box scores for June 19 * Denotes 3 point goal + Denotes 4 point goal

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Mark Scott Mike Smith Shawn Strohl Manager: Jim Smith Coach: Larry Strohl

Mike Neiman

Kyle Reeves

Troy Price

Angela Shilanski Julie Wetherbee Manager: Bill Johnson Coaches: Brenda Pugh and Wendy Hettes

Dragons

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the thought occurred to go the distance and take on even tougher competition and treat the girls at the same time. This paved the way to schedule a trip to Europe.

It appears likely that Ireland and England will be on next summer's itinerary. The Dragons hope to get involved in more than one foreign tournament which will enable them to take on teams from various countries in Europe.

Just in case you were wondering — yes — female European soccer players take the sport just as seriously as their male counterparts.

"From what I've been told it's pretty physical over there," Callahan said. "We'll find out next year."

This traveling club truly lives up to their name. The girls are preparing for a tournament in New Jersey this weekend. The month of July will basically be used for practice. They'll be involved in more tournaments come August and league play will arrive with the coming of autumn. The team will participate in the Philadelphia league again this year.

Plenty of things will need to be taken care of during the next year, but it's a day-by-day process on the soccer field. The team is taking each tournament, each game, each league as they come one at a time. Plenty of skills need to be sharpened and lots of games need to be played without worrying about the overseas trip.

Concern about cash is an entirely different matter, however. The Dragons recently used a clinic as a fund raiser and more - both indoor and outdoor - are on the way. The parents group is constantly seeking new campaigns to raise money. Car washes and bake sales will also be held. "We bake and sell a lot of those

Welsh cookies," joked Callahan. At present it appears that anywhere from \$12,000 to \$17,000 will be needed for next July. One variable is the number of tournaments the girls will play in. The agenda should be clearer after a meeting with travel agents this coming October.

Team members hail from Dallas and Lake-Lehman as well as Bishop O'Reilly, Wyoming Seminary and Coughlin. Every member is an accomplished, successful player in the Wyoming Valley Conference for their respective school.

"This is a great bunch of kids that have stuck together for a long time," Callahan said, "and they're sticking together through this project."



Back Mountain Dragons team members and coach are, from left: kneeling, Kiki Miller, Holly Shiber, Kelly Spencer, Gussie Malpass, Bianca Brdaric, Christy Callahan; standing, Emily Trievel, Coach Paul Callahan, Liz Keating, Mary Brislin, Erin Stair, Nicole Bouthot, Jen Marchakitus, Adrienne Camp, Adrienne Miroslaw. Absent: Carissa Stauffer.

Akram A. Zalatimo, M.D., announces the opening of a satellite office for the practice of Obstetrics, Gynecology.and Infertility at the Mercy Family Health Center, 199 Lake Street, Dallas.

Board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Zalatimo is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians/Gynecologists. He received his training at the OB/GYN Department of Upstate Medical Center, State Univeristy of New York at Syracuse.

Dr. Zalatimo has been practicing Obstetrics, Gynecology, Infertility with laser and laparascopic surgery in the Wyoming Valley for the past 15 years. He resides with his family in Dallas.



Appointments can be made by calling his Kingston Office at 283-0657.

