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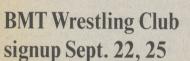
you some incentive." A two-year starter at Dallas, Douglas is in another new role this year as team captain. "I look at my job as captain as being a coach on the field," he said. "I try to be a presence on the field and I try to motivate my teammates. Off the field, I try to help people when they are down or have a problem.

"He is our leader," said Dallas head coach John McCafferty, who takes the selection of his team's captain very seriously. "There is only one captain on a ship and I try to make this a very prestigious position. I want someone who can take charge.

According to McCafferty, Douglas had all the right qualities. "He is a senior and he is a very sensible kid," said McCafferty. "His teammates like and respect him and his playing ability makes him a leader on the field."

In addition, Douglas has made the transition to a new position. After starting in the midfield as a junior, he is playing sweeper this season. "I knew coming into the season that I was going to have to move someone to sweeper," explained McCafferty. "His skill level and knowledge of the game made him the best person for the position. He's adapted well and has done a nice job so far.

In fact, Douglas helped the Mountaineers to a 3-0 start before losses to Valley West and Wyoming Seminary left them at 3-2 in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division I heading into Wednesday's game with Abington



Back Mountain Wrestling Club will be holding registrations for the 1997-98 season on Tues., Sept. 22, at Lake-Lehman High School from 6-8:30 p.m. and on Thurs., Sept. 25, at the Dallas Middle School from 6-8:30 p.m. Please bring a copy of the birth certificate. All 6-12 (K-6th) year olds are welcome. Any questions about the program may call Jerry Schutz at 675-7377 or Jim Davis at 477-2110.

Four Seasons Open set for Oct. 19

The seventh annual "Four Season Open" will be held on Sun. Oct. 19, with tee times starting at 9 a.m. The format will be "Better Ball of Partners". The \$35 per person fee includes 18 holes, meal, beverages, and prizes for flight winners and contests held on the course. Call the Pro Shop at 655-8869 to register your twosome.



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Sean Killeen ended up with the ball in a scramble with Sem players Monday. Mike McHale steered the ball to Killeen from the ground.

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> John McCafferty Dallas coach

"We're a good team and we have confidence in ourselves," said Douglas. "We go into every game expecting to win. If we do lose, we get over it and look forward to the next game. We know how we can play and coach McCafferty has us believing in ourselves.'

With that confidence, Douglas is looking forward to the rest of the season. "We just want to get to the playoffs," said the 17-yearold son of John and Lesley Douglas of Dallas. "I don't have any personal goals. I just want the team to do well and hopefully win a district championship."

In order for Dallas to accomplish that goal, Douglas will have to continue his strong play on defense. "He understands the game very well," said McCafferty. "He is a strong tackler and is very good in the air. His ability to read the game allows him to always be in position.

Douglas believes the Mounts have what it takes to succeed in the post-season. "Once you make the playoffs, anything can happen," he explained. "We've got a good defense and our midfielders are always working. We have an excellent keeper and our forwards are very quick. We have a well balanced team.

National 8-9 All-Stars win championship

The Back Mountain National 8 and 9 year old All-Star team won the championship of the Diamond Manufacturing Tournament at the Wyoming/West Wyoming Little League in a thrilling 7-6 victory over a very strong Heights team.

Back Mountain entered the bottom half of the sixth and final inning with a 7-4 lead. However. Heights' powerful lineup staged a determined comeback, scoring two runs and loading the bases with one out. As Heights' shortstop and number three hitter Jared Lynch lined a shot that seemed headed down the right field line into the corner, both teams and many fans in attendance held their collective breath. But Back Mountain's first baseman, Alan Sheridan, reached up, snared Lynch's liner and quickly stepped on first base to double up the baserunner who had moved one step too far toward second. The unassisted double play set off a celebration during which Sheridan and his teammates carried the championship trophy around the field.

However, it was much more than one player or one play that won the championship game and kept the team winning through five tough contests. Manager Tom Dougherty, who was ably assisted by coaches John Giampietro and Rob Seeley, said that his players had really come together as a team only after experiencing moderate success in three earlier tournaments. "Each one of our 11 kids made significant contributions to winning this tournament," stated Dougherty.

In addition to his clutch defen-



BMT National 8-9 All-Stars, front row, Grant Roberts, Mike Dougherty, John Giampietro, Matt Fuhr, Ron Shiner; 2nd row, Nick Samanas, Alan Sheridan, Matt Kapitula, Brandon Wills, Dylan Seeley, Jake Stryjewski; back row, Coach Rob Seeley, Mgr., Tom Dougherty, Coach John Giampietro

sive play, Matt Kapitula was the squad's other excellent pitcher and led the team in both hits (11) and runs batted in (13). Mike Dougherty played a dependable second base and drove in nine runs with several clutch hits. Matt Fuhr did the bulk of the catching and excelled in handling the pitchers. He also scored several key runs. John Giampietro had four bits in the tournament and made two superb defensive plays at shortstop in the championship game. Grant Roberts almost always made contact at the plate, getting six hits and striking out only once in tournament play.

Nick Samanas spelled Fuhr behind the plate, made a fantastic catch in deep left field against Wyoming/West Wyoming and scored five runs. Dylan Seeley singled and doubled in the championship game and reached base safely in his final six plate appearances. Ron Shiner was the team's centerfielder and leadoff hitter. He was second in hits, third in walks and led the squad with 13 runs scored. Jake Strviewski played steady defense at third base and supplied flawless relief pitching. Brandon Wills played well at a variety of positions and had a double and triple in one game.

Golf tournament to aid library

The Par 4 Cafe Golf Classic, which benefits the Back Mountain Memorial Library, will be held Mon., Sept. 29 at Mill Race golf course in Benton. The event will be in a captain and crew format, with a shotgun start at 12 noon. Dinner will follow. Cost of \$70 includes cart, greens fees, refreshments on the course, prizes and dinner. To sign up, send payment and list of players to: Brian Freeman, Par 4 Cafe, 128 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18702. Make checkes payable to Par 4 Cafe. Hole sponsorships are also available at \$50

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Jancewicz in on Susquehanna cheering squad

Stephanie Jancewicz of Dallas is a member of the 1997 Susquehanna University football cheerleading squad.

With 10 returning letterwinners and four new freshment members, the squad is full of experience and depth.

A sophomore mathematics major, Jancewicz is a graduate of Dallas. High School and is the daughter of Thaddeus Jancewicz of Kingston and Linda Jancewicz of Dallas.

Strikers will begin 20th season

The Noxen Strikers will start their 20th wrestling season.

The first week will be Mon., Oct. 6 and Thurs., Oct. 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Old Noxen School. Thereafter it will be Tues. and Thurs.,

Anyone in fall sports will not have to attend practice until that sport is done. To pre-register, call Ron Swingle at 298-2212.

Rebekah Lodge meets at Strouds

The Lady Toby Rebekah Lodge of Lehman held their annual soup supper, Sept. 5 at the home of Dick and Marian Stroud. Osage Odd Fellow Lodge and friends were invited. Four different kinds of soup, homemade bread, cake and coffee were on the menu. Games were played.

Those who enjoyed the evening were: Jean Evans, Rebecca Grey, Ruth Johnson, May Gregory, Helen Wolverton, George Shaver, Mary Shaver, Blanche Rosencrans, Marguerite Dubil, Julia Crispell, Vernon Crispell, Evelyn Ide, Leonard Ide, Tillie Lamoreaux, Marion F. Disque, Marion Stroud, Dick Stroud, Glenn Johnson, Harry Howell, Jack Tribler, Ord Trumbower, Derloris Trumbower, Gerald L. Lightcap and Marjorie Mottern.

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