

# Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

## BMT BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

### BASEBALL- MAJORS

#### Kester, Darling lead Rangers to win

**Rangers 10, Astros 4**  
Chris Kester struck out eleven to get the win. Kester and Mike Darling each went three-for-four, with Darling picking up a double and three RBIs. Ken Chamberlain had two doubles and three RBIs while Phil Engler and Johnny McGeehan doubled for the Rangers. For the Astros, Phil Kurello and Dave Harrison each tripled while Jason Demnicki doubled. Eric Kurello went two-for-three.

#### Reds 8, Giants 5

Kevin Tanner and Mike English led the Reds attack with three hits each. Cory Shultz and John Paul Parulski contributed with two hits each. Ryan Bloom was the winning pitcher. Joel Mazer doubled for the Giants.

#### Reds 8, Astros 4

Kenny Regan powered the Reds' offense with two hits. John Paul Parulski picked up the victory.

#### Rangers 9, Orioles 4

Chris Kester and Phil Engler pitched the Rangers to victory. Morgan Anderson and Joey Bailey each went two-for-three and Ryan Marascio had a double to power the Ranger's come-from-behind win. For the Orioles, Tim Crossin went three-for-three and Jerry Taylor had a double.

#### Phillies 14, Yankees 0

Richard Eckman went four-for-four, including a double, to lead the undefeated Phillies to another win. Eric Feinstein and Mark Kapitula each went two-for-five and Mike Wills tripled to contribute to the victory. Matt Shiskowski was the winning pitcher with four strikeouts. Nate Yoh's double and Steven Fritz's single were the only hits for the Yankees. Yoh struck out nine in a losing cause.

#### Reds 16, Indians 5

The Reds' offense was led by several players. Bobby Phillips had four hits. Kenny Regan had three hits, including a double. Mike English had two hits, including a home run. Kevin Tanner, Cory Shultz, and Brandon Brown all doubled. Luke Marchakitus was the winning pitcher.

#### Giants 10, Cardinals 1

Ryan Ishley had two hits and was the winning pitcher. Erich Mahle had three hits, including a double while Josh Wysocki had three hits, including a double and a home run. Also for the Giants, Joel Mazer had two hits and Eric Samanas had a double. Chris Bertinelli smacked three hits for the Cardinals.

### SOFTBALL- MAJORS

#### Ritts, Lipski swat 3 hits each for Dodgers

**Dodgers 11, White Sox 10**  
Abigail Wasserott struck out four in earning the victory. Rikki Ritts had three hits, including a double, while Lauren Lipski had three hits and Sara Killian doubled to lead the Dodger attack. For the White Sox, Megan Williamson smacked two hits, including a double. Sheree Horvath had two hits and Nicky Malloy scored three runs.

#### Dodgers 7, Bob Horlacher Brewers 4

Winning pitcher Alana Allan combined with Sara Brown to strike out ten while walking only three. Nicole Allan, Rikki Ritts, Stephanie Latosick, and Lauren Lipski provided the offensive punch to keep the Dodgers undefeated.

#### Red Sox 8, Cardinals 7

Shannon Thomas struck out four to get the win. The Red Sox offense was led by Megan Savage, Jennifer Konopki, and Callie Carsman. The Cardinals were led by Karrie Horsfield, Meredith Lacey, and Whitney Pollack.

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## Mountaineers overcome slow start to fine season

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
Post Staff

**DALLAS** - The team's record was 10-6 and they missed competing for the district title, but that doesn't tell the whole story of the 1998 Dallas Mountaineers baseball season, because there were plenty of high points along a bumpy road.

"We set a foundation for the kids that are leaving the program and for next year's team," said John Bittner, the first-year head coach. "We just ran out of arms," at the end.

Bittner, who has been involved with baseball all his life, was excited about the team's performance, coming back from a 3-5 start and winning eight of the last nine games to finish tied for first place in Class AAA, Division 2 of the Wyoming Valley Conference. But he is most proud of how his players conducted themselves on the field.

"Not once all year did our kids argue with an umpire or with members of the other team," Bittner said.

While Bittner emphasizes playing as a team, he wanted to credit some outstanding performers, including from a pair of juniors he

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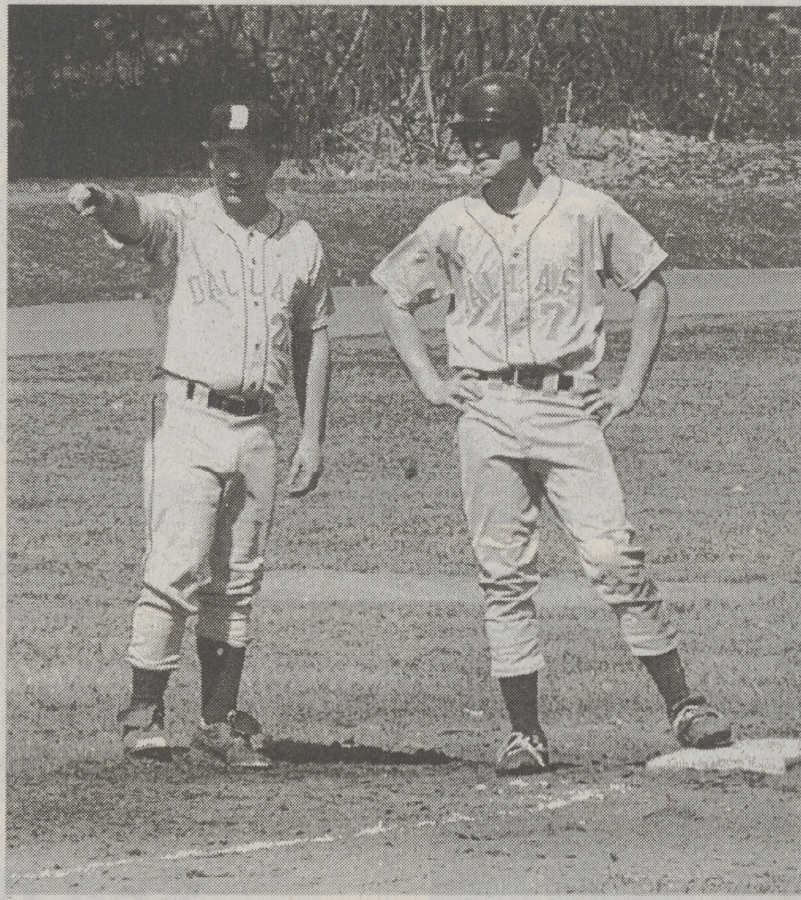
John Bittner  
Dallas baseball coach

believes have Major League prospects.

John Habrack, a left-handed pitcher, led the league with a 7-0 record, recording 79 strikeouts in 44 innings. "I told him in the gym the second week of practice, 'Listen to me and you'll be all-scholastic,'" Bittner said. "If he comes up another step next year, he may be a Major League prospect." Bittner, who was a Major League scout for five years, said Habrack has a good curve ball and "giddyup" on his fastball, which is in the mid-80's. Habrack also batted over .400.

J.J. Smith, another junior, was the Mounts' leading hitter at .465. "J.J. has a Major League prospect's bat," Bittner said, noting that he has talked to several Division 1 college coaches about Smith and Habrack.

Ed Piekara and Jayson Pope, senior co-captains, also turned in



POST FILE PHOTO

Dallas head baseball coach John Bittner gave some advice to Adam Buckler during a game earlier this year.

fine seasons. Piekara started slowly at the plate, but finished up with a .389 average and hit three home runs during Saturday's playoff games. He will attend College Misericordia in the fall. "Coach Edkins is getting a good bat," Bittner said.

Pope, who played solidly at third base, will be attending Ithaca College in the fall. "What a fine young man he is," said Bittner.

Chris Habrack, a senior, batted .412 while handling the catching duties, often calling signals for his brother. "He's just a scrapper," Bittner said. "We had four kids in the .400 range, which is remarkable."

Chuck Fehlinger, a junior shortstop, hit with power and played his position well, Bittner said.

Randy Evans, "105 lbs. soaking wet," kept Dallas in many games with his defense in center field. "He catches anything hit toward him," Bittner said. "He is our unsung hero." At the start of the season, a designated hitter took Evans's place at the plate, but he batted for himself later in the year, and had a high on-base percentage.

Bittner also mentioned Randy

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## Suppon recovers in style

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
Post Staff

**SHAVERTOWN** - Chuck Suppon's first football game in a Dallas uniform was nearly his last sporting event of any kind. The oversized quarterback's leg was broken on a tackle in the end zone after he scored a touchdown against Meyers last September.

The injury, which sidelined Chuck for four months, occurred in part because the game was played on the artificial turf of Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium, so his cleats stuck solidly in place rather than slipping slightly, as they would on grass. Two bones in his leg suffered compound fractures.

"I didn't think I would play any spring sports," said the 6'5", 210 lb. 14-year-old, but after a successful track season, he now thinks he'll be ready for football this fall.

Rehabilitation included having a large screw device in his leg for 3 1/2 months. Since that came out he has been working with Jim Dundon at One to One in Dallas, preparing for the fall. "I'm really sticking to football," Chuck said, although he thinks he'll probably run



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Chuck Suppon in his room, surrounded by trophies and wearing his two district track medals.

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Chuck Suppon  
Dallas 8th grader

track again next year, and the high school basketball coach is hoping he will come out for that sport.

How successful was Chuck's first attempt at track and field? Well, he won a gold medal in javelin at districts with a throw of 130' 9" and a bronze in shotput with 46' 10". Oh, and he also ran one leg of the 4x100 relay in which Dallas won its

first heat, after beginning to run only halfway through the season.

Chuck's track coaches were impressed with his practice ethic, as he progressed from 105' to 130' in the javelin, and from 40' to a season-high 48' 9" in the shot.

Chuck and his family moved to their new home in Shavertown last year, from Yardley in the Philadelphia area.

"I still can't jump as high or run as fast," as before the injury, Chuck said, which is a scary thought for the Mountaineers' opponents in the fall.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### SOCCER

##### Seminary 3, Dallas 1

Seminary keeper Ashley Feldman racked up 12 saves for the Knights and allowed Dallas just one goal as Wyoming Seminary qualified for a District 2 playoff spot May 13 with a 3-1 victory over Dallas. Seminary scored once in the first and again in the second before Dallas could put one through. Stacey Amann scored Dallas' only goal off a pass from Lisa Barrett. The loss puts Dallas (5-7-2) out of contention for a post-season playoff berth.

##### Lehman 5, Dallas 0

Kelly Spencer had a foot in all of Lehman's goals ending the day with four assists and an unassisted goal of her own as the Lady Knights handed Dallas a 5-0 loss to end the regular season for both teams. Janelle Perlis was on the receiving end of all of Spencer's assists as she scored four goals past Dallas keeper Melanie Sappe. Lehman (14-1) advances to the District 2 playoffs while Dallas closes out their season at (5-8-2).

#### SOFTBALL

##### Tunkhannock 7, Dallas 0

A six-run second inning and a two-hit performance from pitcher Tara Smith led Tunkhannock to a 7-0 shutout of Dallas April 13. Sarah Stolarick was tagged with the loss after seven innings, giving up seven hits, one walk and fanning two. The win gives the Tigers the WVC AAA North championship.

##### Pittston 8, Dallas 3

Dallas and Pittston were all tied up entering the bottom of the sixth inning when the Patriots exploded for six runs and hung on to topple Dallas 8-3 May 18. Sherry Kuderka and Stephanie Simonitis both had two hits for the Lady Mounts with Kuderka launching

a home run.

#### BASEBALL

##### Dallas 16, W.S. Tech 5

Dallas belted out 11 hits over five innings May 13 contributing to a 16-5 victory over Tech in a game halted early due to the 10-run rule. John Habrack had two hits, two runs and a pair of RBIs while J.J. Smith scored four runs, sliced two hits and drove in two. Randy Knappman picked up the win after 2 2/3 innings, allowing two hits and four runs.

##### Dallas 6, Wyoming Area 4

The Mounts kept their playoff hopes alive with a 6-4 victory over Wyoming Area May 14, creating a three-way tie for first place in the Class AAA Division II standings. Dallas shares the top spot in the standings with Nanticoke and Wyoming Area, all at 10-6. John Habrack picked up the win following 5 1/3 innings allowing no hits and striking out 12. Dallas now faces Nanticoke to determine post-season berths.

##### Dallas 12, Nanticoke 10

Dallas advanced to the championship game after securing a 12-10 victory over Nanticoke May 15. J.J. Smith provided the late game heroics with a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning facing two outs to give Dallas the two run advantage. Ed Piekara and Chuck Fehlinger added homers for Dallas. Piekara tossed the complete game victory.

##### Wyoming Area 14, Dallas 4

Wyoming Area clinched the AAA Division II championship May 16 with a 14-4 victory over Dallas. The loss sent the Mounts to face Nanticoke to vie for second place in their division and an opportunity to claim a the final remaining District 2 berth. Ed Piekara gave

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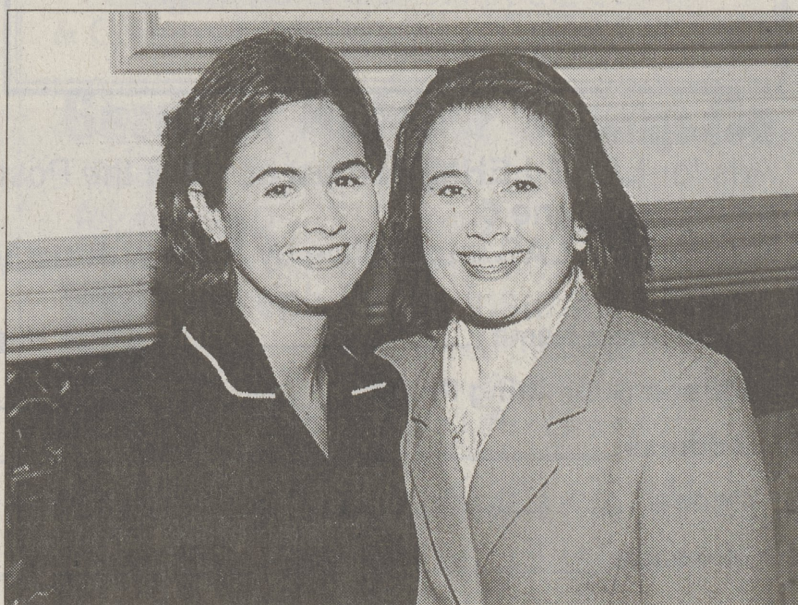
## HARVEYS LAKE LITTLE LEAGUE

### BH Royals 14 - HL Mets 13

Tim Dymond banged out three hits and picked up the victory in relief as the Royals came from behind to defeat the Mets. Starting pitcher Mike Race had two hits. Adam Schoonover added a single and double and Robbie Mitchell hit a double. For the Mets, Chad Derhammer and Bryan Lazur each had a single and double. Mets catcher Greg Kostrobala gunned down three Royal base runners.

### BH Angels 11 - HL Mets 5

Brian Ostrowsky overpowered the Mets fanning 17 while allowing four hits. Joe Colangelo had two hits and Gary White doubled. For the Mets Derek White ripped a double. Vince Carboni, Adam Julian and Greg Kostrobala had the other Mets hits.



### O'Donnell honored at St. Joseph

Katie O'Donnell of Shavertown, received a Scholar Athlete Award during a recent award ceremony held at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. The award is presented to a senior athlete who has shown outstanding athletic, academic and leadership qualities. Pictured, Coach Kieran Myers and Katie O'Donnell.

### TEENERS BASEBALL

## BMT Pirates crush Horlacher 26-2

Back Mountain Pirates played their first baseball game of the season against Bob Horlacher in the 13 year old teeners division. The score was 26-2. After five innings of play, Back Mt. Pirates maintained a 12-2 lead. The game was finally called, due to the lack of sunlight. Pirates winning pitcher was Adam Tkaczyk. Also contributing on the mound, were pitchers Ryan Cryskevich, Brian Cornia and J.J. Sidorek. The following players had multiple hits, Ryan McMillan 2 singles, Steve Salavantis, 2 singles, Adam

Tkaczyk, 3, singles, Mike Burns 1 double and Ryan Cryskevich, 3 singles. Bob Horlacher's two runs were scored by Mike Rackowski and Ryan Bolten.

A special thanks to Earl Harris and the Dallas School District for their contributions in preparing the Beaumont field for this game, many man hours were spent in preparation for this day and a special mention of appreciation to the managers and township personnel who helped in installing bleachers and cutting grass and spreading soil and raking.

### Flintlock, muzzle loader shoot

The Noxen-Monroe Twp. Sportsmen Association will host a Flintlock-Muzzle Loader Shoot Saturday, May 23 starting at 9 a.m. at El Rancho in Noxen. All black powder shooters are welcome. Cash prizes. Refreshments available for purchase.

For more information or directions call 298-2107.