

# Sports Week

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## Scovells meet, compete at triathlon

She usually wins, she says

**HARVEYS LAKE** - The Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is more than a race for Bob and Susan Scovell, it's the place, they met in 1991. Now, they are married and compete together, and she says she usually wins.

"I met him in our wet suits," she said. Sunday, they celebrated the seventh year since that moment by finishing the race in 2:32:25 (she) and 2:32:52 (he). That was good enough to garner second place in the age 50-54 female division for her, and fourth out of seven in age 55-59 male for him.

"He might have beaten me if there was a swim," she said graciously, before noting that in the past he has only come in ahead of her once.

Susan has been competing since 1988, while Bob started in 1991, the year they met. "Now that we're happily married I don't race as much," she said, whereas in the past she raced nearly every weekend.

Even so, their schedule has been filled, and both ran a Half Ironman race in Bath two weekends ago. "We train a lot, but we don't race," she said.

Triathlon racing must get in the blood. Susan's son, Mark Kuezek, of Rochester New York, came in fifth in the men's age 30-34 bracket in Sunday's Half Ironman.



BOB AND SUSAN SCOVELL

by Ronald Bartizek



Kristin Augustine gave her dad, Keith, a cool bath at the end of Sunday's race. More photos, pg 10.

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## Robbins a surprising 2nd in Half Ironman

Inspired, he may try for Hawaii

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**SHAVERTOWN** - Sean Robbins's first try at the Half Ironman distance proved to be a pleasant surprise. His second-place finish in Sunday's race was also inspiring; the 28-year-old is now considering a try at the famous Ironman event, held in Hawaii.

"I didn't think things would progress this fast," Robbins said Monday from his Kenilworth Road home. He gives a lot of credit to Mike Tomalis, who has helped him train this year, for preparing him for the race, which consisted of a 50 mile bicycle segment followed by a 13.1 mile run. "He's really helped me out this year," Robbins said.

Robbins is relatively new to the triathlon scene. He started riding road bicycles in the early 1990's, and decided to take a shot at the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon in 1994. "I didn't finish all that well," he said. "But I was hooked."

By 1996 he was the second local finisher, a feat he repeated in 1997. He now keeps up an active race schedule in the summer and fall, and runs in the Penn Jersey Triathlon Grand Prix, a

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five race series which includes Sunday's race.

Taking advice from Tomalis, Robbins scaled back his training for about 10 days prior to the race, which helped him be prepared for his first try at the longer distance. A traditional triathlon is a .9 mile swim, followed by a 25 mile bike ride and a 7 mile run.

Despite cancellation of the 1.2 mile swim segment due to water pollution, "It was a great race," Robbins said. Robbins had trained over the entire course for Sunday's race. "I've been swimming in that spot for three weeks," he said.

An attorney working in the office of Luzerne County judge Ann Lokuta, Robbins was back at his desk Monday morning. "I was a little sore, a little tight getting out of bed," he said, but otherwise none the worse for wear.

He'll compete next on Sept. 13 at Clinton, New Jersey in the next Grand Prix event.

## Local triathlon finishers

Overall Place/Name	Hometown	Time	Place/Age Group
<b>Amateurs</b>			
29. Kevin Augustine	Wyoming	2:00:47	4/28M4044
47. Jim Heintz	Shavertown	2:04:24	5/27 M3539
53. William Fisk	Sweet Valley	2:05:54	9/28 M4044
73. Kurt Moody	Dallas	2:09:44	12/28M4044
78. William Sprau	Trucksville	2:10:41	7/33 M3034
86. David Mariner	Shavertown	2:11:31	15/28 M4044
94. Charles Eckman	Dallas	2:13:04	17/28 M4044
106. Wayne Devine	Harveys Lake	2:15:40	19/28 M4044
107. Leonard Romanowski	Dallas	2:15:50	20/28 M4044
119. Edward Onzik	Trucksville	2:18:03	21/28 M4044
128. Keith Augustine	Trucksville	2:18:49	7/17 CLYDE
133. Gerard Mehalick	Dallas	2:20:19	18/33 M3034
143. Paul Van Hooydonk	Trucksville	2:21:43	21/33 M3034
155. David Callahan	Harveys Lake	2:22:59	22/26 M2529
163. Joe Persico	Shavertown	2:25:23	11/18 M4549
186. Susan Scovell	Harveys Lake	2:32:25	2/2 F4044
189. Bob Scovell	Harveys Lake	2:32:52	4/7 M5559
195. Patricia Scovell	Shavertown	2:33:58	4/4 F3539
212. Robert Murphy	Dallas	2:40:34	25/28 M4044
213. Nadalie Temperine	Dallas	2:41:15	4/5 F1419
226. Yorath Evans	Trucksville	2:46:50	15/15 M2024
228. David Lawler	Dallas	2:49:11	25/27 M3539
239. John Rothschild	Harveys Lake	3:02:57	16/17 CLYDE
244. Rebecca Rothschild	Harveys Lake	3:10:58	18/19 F2529
<b>Half Ironman</b>			
2. Sean Robbins	Shavertown	3:38:50	2/10M2529
7. Christopher Hackett	Trucksville	3:46:10	3/9 M3539
14. Mark Belenski	Dallas	4:00:24	4/9 M3539
40. Jarrod Baranowski	Trucksville	4:21:59	3/4 M2024
73. Tom Berezich	Trucksville	5:24:28	2/2 M5559

### Male Relay

1. Innocent Jesuits Tim Persico, Nick Andrusisian, Joe Fent 1:58:11

### Female Relay

1. Mak Attack Kristin Stretanski, Ann Balonis, Maria DeRojas 2:06:00



Patrice Persico set up for the bike segment. She was the second local female finisher.



Racing buddies before Sunday's triathlon, from left, kneeling, Wayne Devine, Joe Persico, Peter Eckman, Bill Sprau. Standing, Dwight Cummings, Len Romanowski.

## National advances, final game Thursday

Ryan Konopki pitched three shutout innings and Steven Cornia had two hits and scored two runs as Back Mt. National topped Mayflower 19-0 in the first Back Mt. Baseball 8-9 Year Old Tournament. Also scoring two runs for National were Mike Stolarick, Jeff Clemente, Chris DeRojas and Dylan Seeley. National will play Kingston in one semifinal. Kingston topped Hanover 10-9.

Plymouth defeated Back Mt. American 11-9 in seven innings. Kevin Little had two hits, while Brian Feleccia scored two runs. Also having hits were Eric Tucker, Kevin Engler, Devon Kornack, and Matt Hufford. Plymouth will next play Wyoming who topped North End 2-1.

The championship game is scheduled for Thurs., Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Back Mt. Major League Field.



Matt Shiskowski fired in a pitch during Wednesday's game against Avoca/Dupont. National lost that night, but came back to win the championship Thursday.

POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

## National beats Avoca/Dupont to claim Kubis title

Ryan Bloom pitched four strong innings of relief to lead Back Mountain National to an 11-8 win over Avoca/Dupont in the championship game of the 10th Annual W.W. Kubis 11-year-old All Star Tournament. Bloom scored three runs in the tournament and played outstanding defense in centerfield.

National used a potent hitting attack and outstanding defense to outscore their tournament opponents 74-26. They defeated Plymouth, Edwardsville-Larksville, Wyoming and Avoca in two of three meetings to claim the title.

Leading the way for National were Matt Straub, 14 runs scored, three extra base hits including a homerun; Brandon Burkhardt, 12 hits, 11 runs, two home runs; Luke Marchakitus, seven runs, seven hits, complete game pitched vs. Avoca; Jason Demnicki, three hits four runs; Matt Shiskowski, nine shutout innings pitched, five hits; Eric Kurello, four doubles, six runs;

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## Saba invited to Nike training camp

Jon Saba, who will be entering his senior year at Dallas High School this fall, participated in the National Nike Football Training Camp that was held Aug. 9 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

The 6-5, 250 pound Saba was one of only 250 players to be invited nationally. Eight camps are being held with the other locations being at the Universities of Stanford, U.S.C., Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Rice, and Miami.

## Pro Shot lists basketball camps

ProShot Basketball Camp has openings for the following August camps:

Aug. 9 - 11, Elementary boys, Aug. 26-28, High School girls ProShot specializes in "Shooting and Offensive Skills". Campers may attend individually or come with a group. There are both resident and commuter spots available and players can register at the door the first day of camp at 5:30 p.m.

Camps include instruction, games and competitions with a camp T-shirt and notebook given to each camper. ProShot is located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains. For information contact ProShot Basketball Camp, 142 River Road, Thornhurst, PA 18424. Call 717-842-7044 or email: proshot@epix.net. Visit their web site at www.proshotbasketball.com. John Szwela is the ProShot Director.

## Dallas Gridiron Team Night Aug. 19

The Dallas Gridiron Club will hold a "Meet the Team Night" Wed., Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Dallas High School stadium. All family and friends of the team are encouraged to come out and support the team.