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Chris Scharff's coaching odyssey leads to Mountaineers

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DALLAS - New Dallas soccer head coach Chris Scharff has been working his way up the local soccer ranks the past few years. Over a five-year span, he has held the titles of junior high head coach, assistant coach at a Division 2 high school, head coach at a Division 2 school, assistant at a Division 1 program, and now finally head coach of the Dallas Moun-

taineers, who compete in Division 1.

Scharff started out five years ago as Lake-Lehman Junior High head coach. He was then part of the Bishop O'Reilly boys' soccer program for three years, serving as an assistant coach in his first year at the Division 2 school, followed by two years as the head coach. After a year off Scharff went back into coaching locally, this time as an assistant coach at Wyoming Valley West. Then, ear-

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lier this year Dallas coach John McCafferty opted against coming back, the spot became available and Scharff jumped all over it. Scharff, along with many of his players and supporters of Dallas soccer, are very optimistic about

the Mountaineers' chances this season. The team, which took a tough 1-0 loss to Lehman last season in the district final, lost only two key seniors to graduation. Last year's Mountaineer squad was also the only team in

the entire state to defeat Coughlin, the team which won the AAA PIAA state soccer title.

"This team is really well-rounded," Scharff said. "With last year's returning starters, with the players who came in as reserves last year, we're expecting major accomplishments and a lot of dedication from everyone."

Scharff's optimism is so great that his players are responding very well to his coaching style and enthusiasm. He himself played

two years in Boca Raton, Florida so he knows what playing is like and the absolute necessity to have a complete player at each position.

"We think we have the defense, the attack, the goalkeeping, the complete package. I know that there are a lot of people who are going to be disappointed if Dallas doesn't finish the season on top of the division."

Scharff will be joined by longtime assistant Chris Chapple.

Practice to make it perfect

The Lake-Lehman football squad held a rainy practice Monday. Blocking was on the agenda, as head coach Rich Gorgone, below, showed how it should be done, demonstrating with Dave Kovalick. At right, assistant coach Scott Kerkowski took a close look at Matt Kehler (75) trying to hold off Carl Sgarlat, left and Palmer Edwards.

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Yaple wins Irem Women's Chairman's Prize

The Irem Women's Golf Association recently held one of their major tournaments competing for the Chairman's Prize. This was won by Sheila Yaple in an 18 hole playoff with Sun Hee Koo.

Other weekly winners were:
First Flight: Sun Hee Koo; putting, Sun Hee Koo
Second Flight: Cindy Dexter; putting, Cindy Dexter
Third Flight: Jane Kopp; putting, Connie Lizdas
Fourth Flight: Jean Edwards; putting, Jean Edwards
Winners of the regular weekly tournament held this week were:
First Flight: Joann Freeman; putting, Joann Freeman
Second Flight: Nancy McAndrew; putting, Nancy McAndrew
Third Flight: Lois DeGenarro; putting, Mary Ann Stelma
Fourth Flight: Evelyn Eck; putting, Evelyn Eck

Misericordia names new women's basketball coach

Jeanne Dupree of Gloversville, NY, has been named coordinator of athletic facilities and head coach of women's basketball at College Misericordia. Misericordia athletic director Dr. Michael Mould has announced.

"I'm please to welcome Jeanne to our staff," said Mould. "She has had success in everything she has undertaken. She was an outstanding player and student and enjoyed a fine experience as an assistant coach."

Dupree spent the last three years as an assistant coach at SUNY-Cortland where she also served as instructor in physical education.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to be a head coach and to be at Misericordia," said Dupree. "The situation here is ideal for me. I had a tremendous experience as a student-athlete and, as a coach, I hope to provide that same opportunity to student-athletes."

Dupree will apply the knowledge she has acquired throughout her basketball career which included four years as the starting point guard at Division II LeMoyne College. "I've learned a lot about the game as a player, an

assistant coach and through coaching experiences at various camps," she explained. "I'm anxious to put that knowledge to use."

She inherits a team that finished 13-12 and reached the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference semifinals a year ago. The Cougars have recorded six consecutive winning seasons and have made five straight playoff appearances.

"Jeanne's involvement here underscores the continued commitment to a strong women's basketball program at College Misericordia," said Mould.

In addition to her coaching duties, Dupree will be responsible for the coordination of events and maintenance of the Anderson Sports-Health Center and other athletic facilities.

Dupree earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from LeMoyne and added a bachelor of science in physical education from Cortland.

A dean's list student at LeMoyne and Cortland, she served as team captain as a junior and senior at LeMoyne. She holds the school records for assists in a season and career.



Back Mountain members of the Keystone State Games Baseball Junior Division (9th and 10th grade) Team. From left, Adam Harris, Jeremy Harris, Chris Navin, Stephen Moyer and Josh Katyl.

Pocono wins Silver at Keystones

Steve Moyer pitched a strong six innings against Great Lakes, giving up three earned runs. Chris Navin caught three runners stealing and played well behind the plate. Josh Katyl went 4-for-10 with a double and three walks. Jeremy Harris went 5-for-10 with three doubles and a triple. Adam Harris went 5-for-10 with a double.

Pocono lost the opening game to Great Lakes. The game was tied going into the seventh inning. After two quick outs Pocono gave up six unearned runs on two in-field errors losing the game 10-4. Against Blue Mountain, Pocono played solid baseball and won 10-6. This set up a game against the bracket favorite Capital team.

Pocono scored two runs early and added two in the fifth inning before Capital cut the margin to 4-2 in the bottom of the inning. Capital tied the game in the bottom of

the seventh with two outs to force extra innings. Capital had runners on base in every extra inning with less than two outs but Pocono played a tough defense and waited for their chance to win the game which came in the 10th. Pocono led off with a single and then Jeremy Harris hit a hard shot to right that took a hard hop and went by the right fielder for the game winning triple. Harris scored later in the inning. Capital did not give up and had runners on first and second when the final out was recorded on a low line drive caught by Adam Harris ranging to his left at third base.

J. Katyl, J. Harris and A. Harris combined for eight hits in 14 plate appearances against Capital leading the Pocono attack.

Pocono lost the Gold Metal Game to Allegheny 7-1. Jeremy Harris pitched well giving up two runs in three innings of work.

Youth basketball registers Sept. 1

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold registration for its 1998 Boys Fall Basketball League Tues., Sept. 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Dallas Middle School cafeteria. To be eligible, players must be entering grades 3 through 7 and reside in the Dallas School District. Sessions will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 2-Oct. 21. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will play from 6-7:30 p.m., while the 6th and 7th grades will play from 7:30-9 p.m. If you have questions, call George Gracely at 639-1467.

BMT National rolls to Plains Invitational championship

Less than two weeks after becoming the first Back Mountain team ever to win the Plains Invitational Tournament, Back Mountain National defeated Wyoming/West Wyoming 11-1 to capture the inaugural Back Mountain eight and nine year old tournament. The team utilized an explosive offense, nearly-flawless defense and dominating pitching to outscore their three tournament opponents by a combined total of 43-4.

In the champions game victory over Wyoming/West Wyoming, Ryan Konopki pitched a complete game (five innings) four hitter and struck out five. John Giampietro led the Back Mountain offense with three hits and three runs scored. Steve Cornia and Dylan Seeley each had two hits with Cornia lacing a triple to centerfield and Seeley smacking both a double and a triple to right. Jeff Clemente also picked up a double for National. Konopki and Chris DeRojas and Dylan Seeley each scored two runs apiece. Seeley had three RBIs and Cornia and Konopki each knocked home two runs.

Other members of the National team who made significant contributions to its two championships and over all nine win, one loss record were Mike Prater, Jordy Stern, Greg Harris, Alex Kish, Mike Stolarick and Mike Zaleskas.

National 13 - Kingston 3

Back Mountain National scored eight runs in the fourth inning to pave the way to a 13-3 victory over Kingston in a semifinal game stopped after five innings as a result of the 10 run rule. Steve Cornia and Ryan Konopki combined to hold Kingston to only two hits. Cornia struck out seven in three innings while Konopki struck out five in two innings. The Back Mountain offense was led by Cornia, Konopki, and Mike Prater who collected two hits apiece. Konopki and Prater each smacked a double and Jeff Clemente tripled into the right field corner. Konopki, Chris DeRojas and Dylan Seeley each scored two runs. Prater had three RBIs while Konopki, Clemente and Seeley each picked up two RBIs.

BMT National wins local 8-9 tournament

Ryan Konopki scattered four hits and struck out five and Dylan Seeley hit a double and a triple as Back Mountain National defeated Wyoming 11-1 in the championship game of the 8-9 year old All-Star Tournament. John Giampietro hit two singles and Chris DeRojas scored two runs, while Jeff Clemente and Greg Harris had hits.

In the semi-final, National defeated Kingston 13-3 behind the hitting of Steven Cornia and Mike Prater. Alex Kish led the defense, while Mike Zaleskas, Mike Stolarick and Jordy Stern scored runs. National outscored its three opponents in the tournament 43-4. The coaches were Rob Seeley and John Giampietro. The manager was Juan DeRojas.