

Molino

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Sean Whitelavich, who shot a 77. "I've always liked Bucknell," Molino said, and won a member/guest tournament there as an amateur. He played Bucknell occasionally while growing up in South Williamsport, although his home course was White Deer Park, where he first met Kulhamer. The Bucknell course played especially difficult last week in the wind. "A lot of swirling winds made it hard to pick a club," he said, not to mention the Open setup that included narrowed fairways and slick greens.

Matt Fornicola, a chiropractor from the Back Mountain, was Molino's caddie at Bucknell, and Molino gave the first-time caddie much of the credit for his success. "His excitement and my excitement played off each other," Molino said. The pair had to regroup after Molino was four strokes over par after the first six holes. "I just fought my way back," Molino said.

Molino will get a good tuneup for the Open Sectional when he plays in the Steamtown Classic on the Buy.com Tour, which will take place June 1-4 at Glenmaura National in Moosic. He was given one of two local exemptions for the tournament. "Chuck Parente offered it to me, and I'm very grateful," he said.

Glenmaura presents its own challenges. "You have to keep it in the fairway," Molino said. "The rough is brutal."

When Molino goes to Canoe Brook June 6, he will play 36 holes in one day. The number of players who advance to the 2000 U.S. Open, to be played June 15-18 at Pebble Beach Golf Links in Monterey, California, will depend on how many local winners pick Canoe Brook among three sectional sites. Seven players advanced to the Open out of Canoe Brook last year. The low qualifier shot 138, the highest 143 on the two par 72 courses in the complex.

Bmt ball

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Pirates 9, Yankees 1

Steve Cornia pitched and batted the Pirates to victory. Cornia struck out 6 Yankees in addition to smacking a double and 2 singles. Alan Sheridan and Scott Summa each had a double and a single for the Pirates. Sam Podbelski and Kyle Poluske added 2 singles apiece.

For the Yankees, Scott Skammer collected 2 hits and Eric Koval laced a triple.

Cardinals 8, Orioles 6

Mike Stolarick's double helped to power the Cardinals to a tough 8-6 victory over the Orioles. Stephen Yankowski and Dylan Seeley combined for 7 strikeouts for the winners.

Bobby Lenahan had 2 singles and Conner Lenahan belted a double for the Orioles. Chris Parrish and Tom Parrish combined to strike out 8 Cardinals.

Cardinals 14, Red Sox 4

Dylan Seeley cracked 2 doubles while Mike Stolarick belted a double and a single as the Cardinals defeated the Red Sox. Patrick Murray added 2 singles for the victors. On the mound, Stolarick combined with Mark Covert to strike out 9 Red Sox.

For the Sox, Matt Shumbris smashed a triple and a single while Neil Belanca added a double. Joe Kaiser and Alex Baltimore combined to strike out 7 Cardinals.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rockies 15, Braves 10

Ryan Harvey smacked 3 hits, including 2 doubles to power the Rockies offense. Matt Straub collected a double and a single for the winners while Ryan Bloom added a double. Straub struck out 4 in garnering the victory.

For the Braves, Chris Katyl drilled a triple and a single while Jon Wood contributed a double and Mike Darling added 2 singles. Wood struck out 4 in a losing cause.

SOFTBALL

White Sox 9, A's 1

Sheree Horvath struck out 10 in tossing a 1-hitter for the White Sox. Horvath also collected 2 hits for the winners. Amanda Musto cracked a triple and drove in 4 runs.

Legacy

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Traci Ragukas worked around a North Pocono player Sunday.

the trip to Rhode Island, practicing once or twice a week. "We also have the Lehigh Valley Tournament June 10 and 11 that will offer us some fierce competition," Puffenberger said.

"One year ago we did not make it out of our bracket in the cup, and here we are now representing EPYSA in Rhode Island," Puffenberger said. "The team was actually unseeded in the Snickers Cup, and we just kept winning. Nobody knew who we were." Of the 16 teams entered in the state tournament, 12 played in the Philly league. "That explains why

we had to travel so much," he said.

Puffenberger and assistant coach Jim Covert agree the team is as well-balanced as any team it will face. "I think we can take it (the Region 1 Cup)," Covert said. Puffenberger added, "We're strong all over with a really strong front line. Outsourcing opponents 12-4 in four games of state competition speaks highly of the level these girls are on."

Most of the 14 girls on the team have been playing soccer two or three years. The Legacy consists of girls from six different school

districts, with players living in Dallas, Shavertown, Noxen, Trucksville, Sweet Valley, Nanticoke, Plymouth, Kingston, and Wilkes-Barre.

"We have a nice mix of skills. You can see they're really blossomed. Every week I can see their confidence level building," Puffenberger says.

The ultimate goal of the coaching staff is to gain collegiate scholarships for as many team members as possible. "I anticipate at least six or eight of these girls will get college scholarships," Puffenberger says. "They just need to keep on playing the style they do now."

In keeping up with the modern age, the coaching staff has set up a web site for the team, with coach Covert in charge. The site contains pictures, statistics, news such as dates for tryouts, a player of the month section, and links to area soccer sites. "The girls give us their all, so we feel we should do all we can for them," Covert said. "It started out for the girls to see their pictures and read about their accomplishments." The team web site can be accessed at covertsoccer.com, while the Back Mountain site is bmysa.org.

After the trip to Rhode Island, the team is having a trainer come over from England to work with them for two weeks. Puffenberger feels this will be a benefit to the team despite it being after the Region 1 Cup. "This person plays pro ball over there, so I'm sure he has a wealth of knowledge about the game and a lot to show the

girls," he said.

Team members are, alphabetically: Amie Bono, Julia Covert, Michelle (Elmo) Iveson, JJ Jimison, Lauren Jimison, Michelle Luksh, Ashley Makarczyk, Courtney Novajosky, Celia Pambianco, Kelly Puffenberger, Traci Ragukas, Katelyn Regalis,

Loren Roderick, and Jen Walp.

The team is asking for sponsors and donations to help fund its trip to Rhode Island. All donations should be mailed to: BMYSA, P.O. Box 456, Dallas, PA 18612. Anything donated is tax deductible. Please mark on the envelope "Legacy Fund."

Roundup

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effect to call this game after five innings. Sarah Stolarick pitched the complete game shutout on the mound, giving up two hits and a walk while striking out four. A seven-run top of the third inning distanced Dallas from the Warriors. Stephanie Simonitis had a double and a pair of runs batted in on the afternoon. Jennifer Noon added two singles in three at-bats.

SOCCER

Coughlin 1, Lehman 0

A tap in by a freshman with about seven minutes left sent Coughlin to its second straight division title. The game played Tuesday at Dallas was a special playoff game since both teams ended the regular season 14-2. There was plenty of action in the game, as Coughlin tallied 21 shots to Lake-Lehman's 16. Black Knight keeper Deidre Wengen made 13 saves in the contest.

Lehman 4, Bishop Hoban 1

Four different Knights scored as they knocked off the Argents Thursday afternoon. Stephanie Frank had a goal and an assist in the game. Joelle Lussi opened the scoring in the 24th minute off an assist from Janna Elston. After Hoban rebounded with a goal four minutes later, Lisa Wasser took a pass from Janelle Perlis and scored a minute before halftime. Frank and Kim Noler scored the second half goals, with Frank assisting on Noler's tally. Deidre Wengen had five saves in net.

Valley West 5, Dallas 1

Dallas managed just a goal by Maureen McGuire in the tenth minute after the Spartans had already scored twice on Senior Day at Spartan Stadium in Kingston. McGuire's goal was unassisted. A goal in the last minute of the first half stretched the Valley West lead to 3-1. Keeper Melonie Sappe made six saves.

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