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Carey going to states

Matt Carey (Lake-Lehman Hwt.) battled back from a first-round loss to finish third in the Class 2A Regional wrestling meet last weekend. After losing Friday to Woody Smith of Danville, Carey pinned Matt Yakavonis of Nanticoke, then decided Matt Bennett of Montrose to earn a berth in the PIAA State Wrestling Championships this weekend at Hersheypark Arena.

Carey was the only Back Mountain wrestler to advance. Lake-Lehman's John Houssock won one of two matches Saturday after losing Friday night.

BMT Baseball signups postponed to March 11

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct its third and final player registration for the 2001 season on Sunday, March 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. All children age 6 and older who have not already registered and who wish to participate in T-ball, major and minor league baseball, major and minor league softball, and all ten programs should register at that time. All prospective players should bring their Social Security numbers to registration. Any child who has not previously participated in Back Mountain Baseball or Softball should bring his or her birth certificate to registration as proof of age. The cost of registration is \$35 for the first in a family, \$15 for the second child, and \$10 for each additional child.

Softball tryouts Sunday

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct softball tryouts on Monday, March 12 at the old Dallas Township school adjacent to the fields on Church Street. All 7, 8 and 9 year-old players will try out at 6 p.m. All 10, 11, and 12 year-old players not already on a major league team will try out at 7:15 p.m. All 13 and 14 year-old players, as well as 15 and 16-year-olds not already on a team will try out at 8:15 p.m.

General meeting Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 13, at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion, Back Mountain Baseball will conduct a general meeting at which all baseball and softball managers will be named. All board members, umpires, volunteers, and prospective managers should attend.

BMT Youth Soccer registers March 31

Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association is holding registration for the Fall, 2001 Intramural Soccer Season on Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Dallas Senior High School Cafeteria. Age groups U-8 through U-18 will be accepted. Eligible players must be at least 6 years of age before August 1, 2001. Social Security Numbers and proof of age required.

7-8 boys split pair

Dallas Youth Basketball 7th & 8th grade travel team dropped a close game to Chuck's Auction, players from Wyoming Area, 57-53. This was only Dallas Youth Basketball's second loss of the season, which gave them a 12-2 record and a three game lead over S. S. Peter and Paul with three games remaining in the season. Members of Dallas Youth Basketball scoring were Tim Crossin 26 points, Matt Wilson 18 points, Ken Regan 4 points, Jimmy Schwerdtman 3 points and Ben Thomas 2 points.

DYB 7-8 TRAVEL 64, PITTSTON 41

Dallas Youth Basketball 7th & 8th grade Basketball responded big after their earlier loss in the week with a big win over Pittston 64-41. The victory sewed up first place in the regular season at 13-2 and the first seed in the playoffs, which will receive a bye in the first round. DYB has two more games in the regular season, then when the playoffs start will face the winner of probably Wilkes-Barre Academy and Meyers. Leading scorers for DYB against Pittston were Tim Crossin 20 points, followed by Matt Kelly 14 points, Chris Kester 13 points, Jimmy Schwerdtman 7 points, Matt Wilson 6 points, Jesse Swartwood and Ken Regan 2 points apiece.

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CAITLYN TOOLEY

Caitlyn Tooley starting

Former Gate of Heaven student and BMT Youth Soccer player Caitlyn Tooley is the starting central defender for the Fort Mill High School varsity girls soccer team this spring. The Lady Yellow Jackets are 4-1 and allowed only two goals through their first five games. Caitlyn is a 9th grade Honor Student at Tega Cay, S.C. She is the daughter of Bill and Janet Tooley who resided in the Back Mountain area for 10 years.



BMT Wrestlers tie for league title

Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently placed first in the Penn League Elementary standings. The team consisting of grapplers from the age of 5-12 tied with West Scranton and Pittston are in the Northern Division of the league. There are 12 teams that make up the league covering the northeast part of Pennsylvania. Those team members are: 1st row: Zack Hilstolsky, Derrick Wampfler, Alex Protheroe, Major Moore, Nick Michalisin, Jimmy Cafferty 2nd row: Shamus Field, David Thomas, Jonathan Strausser, Jonathan Wampfler, Kyle Parsons, Mark Malloy, Andrew Chorba 3rd row: Eddie Donahue, Adam Goeringer, Nicholas Shelley, Adam Bilder, Adam Chorba, Chris Prater, Shane Stark, Bryan Carter, Keith Sulewski 4th row: Coach Mark Malloy, Coach Don Carter, Jarod Koptchne, Mike Prater, Tim Allen, Darren Verosky, Andrew Wampfler, Scott Hizny, Coach Reggie Gensel and Head Coach Danny White. Team members not pictured: Brittany Spencer, Jeremy Prater, Donvan White, Seth Rondinella, Marcus Rondinella, Eric Young, Brandon Vitack, Brandon Stucker, Brian Kinney, Chris Lockavitch, Shawn Sands, Scott Ricetti, Quincy Patrick, Aaron Mulherne, Austin Mulherne, Greg Josuweit, Peter Long, Matt Izen, Richie Lamoreaux, Coach Chuck Kopetchen and Coach John Wampfler.

DYB 5th grade advances to title game

The Dallas Youth Basketball 5th grade tournament team advanced to the championship game with a 48-20 win over St. Boniface. Eric Tucker and Doug Harding scored 10 points each while Mike Kravitsky added 6 points, Michael Gross 4, and Peter Steve 2. The 5th graders also defeated DYB 4th grade 45-10. Kyle Arnaud and Daniel Taroli scored 8 each while Mark Covert added 7 and Joe Kaiser 2. The 4th grade team was led by Jackie Ellis with 5 points and Ryan Urzen with 2. In other action, Old Forge defeated Gate of Heaven 55-17, while Gate of Heaven topped St. Mary's Avoca 34-18 behind Patrick Murray's 9 points.

DYB 6th edges Lehman

Brad Fagula scored 16 points and Adam Singer 11 as DYB edged Lehman 43-33. Robert Monk added 4 for Dallas, while Steven Cornia led Lehman with 12 points. In other quarterfinal action, Valley West defeated Tunkhannock 38-22 and Old Forge topped Regis Academy 51-39. St. Mary's of Avoca edged Northwest 38-31. In the semifinals, Dallas will face St. Mary's of Avoca while Valley West will play Old Forge.

DYB 5th wins in CYC League

Kyle Arnaud led a balanced scoring attack and hit several clutch free throws in the 4th quarter as the 5th grade tournament team advanced to the championship game with a 23-22 playoff victory over St. Al's. Doug Harding scored 4 points, including a half-court 3 pointer at halftime. Peter Steve added 4 points and led the defense.

8th grade team loses to Crestwood 9th

The 8th grade team suffered a 56-47 loss to Crestwood 9th grade in the final regular season game of Saturday CYC 8th/9th grade action. Leading scorers were Matt Daube with 26 points and Matt Kelly with 17. Curtis Montz added 3 points.

Game Commission seeks comments from public on changes in deer hunting rules

The Pennsylvania Game Commission seeks public comment on its proposed changes to the state's deer hunting regulations. Because all citizens — whether they hunt deer or not — may be affected by these changes, a wildlife expert in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences urges everyone to respond.

"The goal of the proposed changes is to decrease the doe population while increasing the percentage of mature bucks," says Gary San Julian, professor of wildlife resources. "The commission will finalize the changes at their April 8 meeting."

The state's deer population is as high as it's ever been, San Julian explains. "Each year, more than 40,000 deer carcasses are picked up off the highways. Probably that many more get hit and die in the woods and fields. Deer-car interactions cost lives and do tens of millions of dollars in damage."

"Deer also are responsible for about \$75 million in damage to grain crops annually," he adds. "In addition, they eat young forest trees and severely reduce our forests' ability to regenerate."

Proposed changes to the hunt include:

- Starting the antlerless rifle season on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, followed by a concurrent two-week season for antlered and antlerless deer, starting on Monday.

- Changing the "private lands" tag so that hunters can apply for a second antlerless deer permit if available in a specific county.

Opening the muzzleloader "antlerless-only" deer season earlier (Oct. 18-20) and allowing senior and junior hunters, disabled hunters and active duty military personnel to use any sporting rifle to take does if they have the proper permits.

Overall, the changes will increase the doe hunt by 11 days, San Julian explains. With fewer female deer available to breed, competition among bucks should increase — resulting in fawns being born in a shorter time-frame.

"We kill more than 80 percent of all the bucks in the population each hunting season," he says. "It is hoped that hunters who just want to put venison in the freezer will take advantage of the

first day of doe season."

Opening the season for three Saturdays also gives hunters more weekend days to get out in the field, San Julian explains. Hunters will have more time to be selective in choosing a larger doe or a bigger buck. The antlerless season also will no longer be so weather-dependent.

"In addition, the commission wants to see if starting the doe season on Saturday will make bucks more wary and not such easy targets on opening day," he says. "If so, we may be able to carry more bucks through the winter and improve the buck-to-doe ratio."

To comment on the deer hunt proposals, send written correspondence to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, ATTN: Deer Season Comments, Bureau of Information and Education, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797. Submit comments no later than March 30 to have them added to the public statement.

For more information on the new regulations, or updates to the state's deer management program, see the Pennsylvania Game Commission's World Wide Web site at www.pgc.state.pa.us/.



Back Mountain Wrestling Club places 1st

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club placed first in the Northern Division of the Penn League Elementary standings. The club tied with West Scranton and Pittston area. Among its team members, numerous grapplers placed in the top four seats at the Penn League Tournament recently held at Wyoming Valley West High School.

Among the top finishers, the club also counted two Penn League Champions: Bryan Carter, PeeWee 50, 1st place; and Shane Stark, Bantam 65, 1st place.

Joining them are the top finishers for the team: From left, first row: Jim Cafferty, PW 40, 2nd; Mark Malloy, Ban 56, 2nd; Shane Stark, Ban 65, 1st; Bryan Carter, PW 50, 1st; Kyle Parsons, Ban 56, 4th; Nicholas Shelley, Bant 59, 4th.

Second row: Chris Prater, Ban 70, 2nd; Scott Hizny, Mid 93, 4th; Tim Allen, Jr 120, 4th; Mike Prater, Jr 135, 2nd; Darren Verosky, Jr 97, 3rd.

Other team members who placed: Matt Izen, PW42, 2nd; John Young, Mid-54, 3rd; Adam Goeringer, Bant 80, 3rd; Brittany Spencer, Bant 55, 4th. The team is coached by Danny White.

PNC Bank edges Nabisco for championship

Josh Backes carried his team to the championship by scoring 15 points and playing great defense, as PNC Bank downed Nabisco 25-23. Hunter Engleheart added 8 points while Preston Balavage added 2 points. Adam Kamus, Taylor Dunn, Michael Mehn, David Dewitt and Matthew Fernandez all contributed to the victory. PNC Bank was coached by Clyde Backes.

Nabisco was led by tremendous inside play of Derek Martin, who scored 10 points while Michael Ryan added 5 points. Joseph Osick and Micheal Diaco scored 3 points each. Corey Monk scored a bucket and Nicholas Lombard and Eric Baines each played great zone defense. Nabisco was coached by James Martin.

SEMI-FINALS

PNC Bank 30, Sneaker King 19

Hunter Engleheart scored 10 fourth quarter points to lead PNC Bank to a victory over Sneaker King. Josh Backes was big with 15 points and Preston Balavage added 4 more points for PNC Bank.

Sneaker King was led by Konrad Kraszewski with 9 points, Jeremy Kaletta added 4 points. The trio of Rory Corcoran, Scott Daube and Christos Iliadis each added 2 points for Sneaker King. A good season was enjoyed by Tristan Bethel, Wesley Landers and Tony Bevevino. Sneaker King was coached by Charles Kraszewski.

Nabisco 32, Wyoming Valley Auto Sales 31

Michael Ryan hit a free throw with no time left on the clock to defeat Wyoming Valley Auto Sales. Michael Ryan had 16 points and Derek Martin had 14 points to lead Nabisco. Nicholas Lombard added 2 points and Eric Baines led the defense for Nabisco.

Wyoming Valley Auto Sales was led by D.J. Berley 15 points while the brothers Darius and David Fetchko combined for 8 more points. Ryan McAndrew and Tyler Rice each scored 2 points for Wyoming Valley Auto Sales. Kyle Piazza dominated the boards and chipped in 4 points, Devon O'Brien led both teams in assists. Wyoming Valley Auto Sales was coached by Fred Berley.