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SportsWeek

Section 2

Koslosky, Clay are Sem MVPs

Wyoming Seminary Upper School Director of Athletics Karen Klassner recently announced Sem's Most Valuable Players for spring sports played during the final school term. Two Back Mountain residents were among the recipients.



Rebekah Clay

In girls soccer, Rebekah Clay, a freshman from Dallas, was named offensive MVP. In boys tennis, Jordon Koslosky, a junior from Shavertown, was named MVP.

Stampede wins, ties Sunday

In Northeast Travel Soccer, The Back Mountain Boys U-11 Stampede beat Lower Valley 5-1 on Sunday. Jackie Ellis scored two goals while Tommy Youells, Graham Speace and Shane Kitzmiller each scored a goal with assists from Brad Kabosky and Jonathon Orlando. Strong defense from Keith Roberts, Nick Latosek, and Sean Dickinson helped goalkeepers Andy Besecker and Tyler Coleman.

In the second game of the day, the Stampede tied the Bloomsburg team 2-2. Shane Kitzmiller and Tommy Youells each scored a goal with assists from Latosek and Kabosky. Strong defense by Joe Osick, Besecker and Speace helped goalkeeper Bobby Peron hold Bloomsburg to two goals.

Any boy interested in trying out for the Stampede for the fall season in the U-12 age group should call Tom Youells at 675-0138 for more information.

Cyclones tie undefeated Blitz

In Sunday action, the Back Mountain U-11 Cyclones tied the Mountaintop Blitz 3-3. The Cyclones found themselves up in the first half 2-0 with a goal from Alex Slocum off a direct kick from Tim Ropel. Ropel then scored off an assist from Slocum. By mid second half, and down 3-2, the Cyclones rallied back with a successful penalty shot by Slocum to tie the game. A superb effort in defense from Harry Schall, Andrew Payne, Eric Fritzes and great goaltending by Carson Baker kept the Blitz from scoring for most of the game.



From the bullpen

Timothy J. Raub

Growing up a baseball fan, I idolized players like Don Mattingly and Dave Winfield. They were guys who could change the face of a game with one swing of the bat, or get their team out of a jam with a big catch. I was in awe as a kid of their God-given talents and abilities. And up until recently, I looked at many of today's players the same way. But after Ken Caminiti and



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In photos from the Cardinals/Rangers game last week, clockwise from top: Josh Backes slid safely into third as Tom Paul waited for the throw; Kevin Engler grimaced after a call; Engler stepped into a pitch. Engler's triple and double helped the Cardinals come out on top in the game, 7-4.

Judge's bat, Covert's arm lead Cardinals over Rangers

DALLAS TWP. — Casey Judge smacked two doubles and John Prater added two hits to lead the Cardinals to a 7-4 victory over the

Rangers in Back Mountain Baseball Major League action. Mark Covert got the victory, fanning six, while Josh Backes powered the Rangers with a triple and a double. Matt Ruch, Kevin Engler and Taylor Dunn combined to strike out seven in the loss.

Astros 8, Yankees 1

Kyle Arnaud smacked an inside-the-park home run, triple and single as the Astros cruised past the Yankees. Justin Elmers, Mike Lipski and Dan Taroli each contributed two hits for the winners, including a triple by Lipski and a double by Elmers. R. J. Dante added a double. Arnaud and Lipski combined to strike out six batters in the win, while Henry Messinger, Scott Skammer and Myer Messinger combined for 10 for the Yankees. Skammer, Henry Messinger and Tom McGrath each singled twice for the Yankees in the losing effort.

Red Sox 4, Phillies 3

Devon Albright doubled home the winning run in the bottom half of the sixth inning as the Red Sox nipped the Phillies. Cody Plesnar had two singles for the Red Sox. Plesnar and Tom Youells combined to strike out eight batters. For the Phillies, Hunter Englehardt had two singles while Scott Daube ripped a triple and Chuck Youngman launched a double. Englehardt and Billy Holena combined to fan 12 Red Sox.

Dodgers 12, A's 5

Tommy Oswalt went 4-for-4, including a double to lead the Dodgers past the A's. David Luksh added two singles, Michael Caffrey contributed a double for the winners and T. J. Stepanski struck out three to pick up the win. For the A's, Joe Hayes had a triple, double

and single.

Dodgers 20, Indians 9

Conrad Kraszewski and Tommy Oswalt belted three and two doubles, respectively, as the Dodgers rolled past the Indians. Stephen Schilling, Russell Jenkins and Aaron Butler each contributed two hits, including a double by Jenkins, while Kevin Pierce had a triple and a single. Darius Fetchko struck out two Dodgers.

Reds 20, Tigers 7

Joe Bevevino blasted a grand slam to lead the Reds past the Tigers. Nick Latosek added a double and two singles and Mike Prater smacked a triple and a double for the winners, while Chris Prater and Mike Menn each singled twice for the Reds and teammate Tom Perry tripled. Latosek garnered the win for the Reds. Chris Klais doubled for the Tigers.

Reds 5, Indians 2

Joe Bevevino fanned 12 batters en route to a victory over the Indians. Bevevino, Tom Perry and Joe Olsick each had two hits for the Reds, including a triple and a double by Perry and a double by Bevevino. Darius Fetchko had two hits for the Indians.

Reds 13, A's 3

Tom Perry and Joe Bevevino each blasted home runs and three singles to power the Reds past the A's. Jordan Giunta added a double and two singles for the winners, while teammate Mike Prater belted a triple and a double. Steve Olschewski fanned five to pick up the win. For the A's, Pat Healy had three singles and Bryan Weaver had a double and a single.

Pirates 7, Tigers 4

Scott Summa scattered four runs while striking out seven, as the Pirates defeated the Tigers in seven innings. Summa helped his own cause with two doubles, while teammate Jonathan

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Jayhawks take 2nd-place in Hartford

The Jayhawks won all three games in their pool to advance to the finals, where they lost to the Defenders, from Norristown, 81-66. Leading the way for the Jayhawks were Ryan Nemetz with 19 points and George Jones with 15.

In pool action, the Jayhawks defeated North Conn. 56-33, leading the way for the Jayhawks was Ben Thomas with 16 points and Jones with 13. Jayhawks beat Conn. North Stars 57-42. Robbie Myers led with 14 points and Thomas with 12. The Jayhawks opened up with a win over Conn. Force 73-48. Leading scorers were Jones with 18 points and Thomas with 15. Pictured below are members of Jayhawks AAU basketball team.

From left, first row: Coach Jack Rentko, Eric Bieski, Ben Thomas, Ryan Nemetz, Kyle Flemings and John Eric Rentko. Second row: Coach Rick Nemetz, George Jones, Robbie Myers, Mike Clemente and Coach Lew Thomas.



Major League Baseball must step up to the plate on steroid use issue

Jose Canseco have added credibility to long-running rumors surrounding steroid use in Major League Baseball. I wonder if the recent accomplishments today's players have made have come unfairly and perhaps even illegally.

Steroid use in professional and amateur sports has been frowned upon for years, and athletes found to have been using enhancement drugs, such as steroids, have been black listed from the ranks just about each and every time.

But not in professional baseball. It seems that Major League owners and even the infamous Bud Selig don't care if players are harming themselves and setting a truly disastrous example for the youth of America who may be looking to steroid use to

enhance their dream of becoming a professional athlete.

It is easy for these players to say they have not asked to be role models to young athletes, but that comes with the job description.

The statistics speak for themselves:

- Until 1995, only 18 players had hit 50 or more home runs in a season; since that year there have been 18 more.

- Hank Aaron, who owns the career home run record, never had a 50-homer season, but sits atop the career list with 755 after 23 seasons in the Majors. Just think of how many of the fly balls Aaron hit that were caught on the warning track would have left the stadium with a little bit of help. No one will ever be sure, but who's to say he would not be the career leader

with over 1,000 round trippers.

Will Major League Baseball now put an asterisk next to Caminiti's 1996 National League Most Valuable Player award since he did it differently than many other guys who did it legitimately, like they did to Roger Maris for his single season home run record in 1961?

I've had college roommates lose NCAA eligibility status for using enhancement supplements like Andro. Those players were given a tag they have had to work hard to remove, and their lives may never be the same.

Throughout grade, junior and senior high school, teachers have preached to students of the long-term dangers of steroid use and abuse. But, it looks like Major League Baseball is taking a radically different approach.

The bottom line is that steroids do not make you a better athlete, they make you a cheater, and their use only questions the integrity of those players who have worked hard to get to that level of play.

The hard work and dedication of most athletes may be overlooked because of the actions of a few.

It is time for Bud Selig, Major League Baseball players and owners and the National Hockey League to take the same stand that most professional sports associations have.

Forget about fallacies which say steroids don't make up for the amazing hand-to-eye coordination needed to hit a commanding breaking ball or sinker. Steroid use helps a player to gain overwhelming strength, and hit 450-foot home

runs which were once nothing more than long fly balls caught for outs.

Answers are needed to bring respect back to a sport that has been fighting to bring fans back to stadiums, and until that time, speculation surrounding the abilities of guys like Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa will be about as abundant as talk of the Curse of the Bambino throughout Boston pubs.

Major League Baseball has had enough black eyes in it's storied and history-laden lifespan, and until the MLB brass wakes up and opens their eyes things will only get worse.

This is something that just will not go away. Timothy J. Raub, a Dallas Post staff writer, can be reached at traub@leader.net, or by phone at 674-4658.