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From the bullpen

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'Nice' Tyson is finished

He was battered and bruised. He looked beaten and abused. Once seemingly untouchable, former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has gained more national media attention over the past few years for his animalistic out-of-the-ring problems than his once down-and-dirty, beat-you-until-you-can-no-longer-stand fighting style.

But Saturday night, a clearly humbled Tyson put on his Dr. Jekyll face for the world, and all but admitted his boxing career is over — at least his fighting career in the ring, that is.

Iron Mike threw the bouquet to heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, giving him credit for absolutely beating him into the canvas, and thanked the champ for giving him one more payday.

Tyson never really stood a chance against a clearly stronger and more prepared Lewis, and it is almost sad that an athlete who dominated the sport for so long has been reduced to nothing more than a second-level fighter at best.

Tyson virtually put an end to his career years ago.

Imprisonment and suspension have destroyed the career of one of the most feared fighters in the past 20 years, and if only he could have realized his God-given talents maybe Tyson would be in a different position today.

Tyson is a perfect example of fallen glory, and he has no one to blame but himself.

His multi-million dollar purse from the match just about brings him out of debt, and it looks as though the only opponent Tyson will face for the rest of his life will be himself.

Iron Mike's demons have finally overcome him, and no amount of medication will ever rekindle the flame that made him the best of the best.

It is a shame, it is truly a shame.

But if you ask me, this animal should have hung it up a long time ago, and the boxing world will be far better off without a problem the caliber of Mike Tyson.

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Dallas Summer Girls Basketball League signups Saturday

The Dallas Summer Girls Basketball League will be holding signups at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 15 at the Dallas Rec Center. Play begins June 24. Games will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday at the Dallas Rec Center. Players entering grades 6-7 are eligible. Cost is \$10 which includes a t-shirt. For more info call Jeff Besecker 675-6137 after 6 p.m. or John Cybulski 675-6135.

Harveys Lake Victory Run June 22

The Harvey's Lake Victory Run 2002 will be at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 22 at Harveys Lake. The 8.1 mile foot race will benefit Our Lady of Victory Church and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Also included is a half mile fun run for children 14 years of age and younger. For information, contact Race Director, Dan Bartley, at 639-1358.

Gryskevicz, Kapson shine at Legion workout

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SCRANTON — Ryan Gryskevicz could not wait to measure his talents against those of some of the top American Legion baseball players in Northeastern Pa.

The wait was clearly worth it. Gryskevicz, along with 13 other Wyoming Valley players and 14 more from throughout the northeast, moved on to Tuesday's regional all-star game at Danville High School.

"It is more like a self-confidence builder for me," said Gryskevicz, a junior stand-out on the mound for Dallas this spring.

"It's a good chance for me to compare myself against better players."

Ryan Gryskevicz
Dallas junior

"It is really important to be at your best here. You are seeing top-notch players."

The Dallas High School senior was impressive on the mound.

In his inning of work, Gryskevicz retired three batters and got two to pop out, but he hung a pitch over the plate that West Scranton's Chris Jones sent

over the right-field fence for a home run.

But that home run didn't faze Gryskevicz, who otherwise looked dominant.

"I've been doing that this year," he said. "I just didn't bend and left one up (over the plate). (Jones) is a good hitter, and he got me."

The game was more of a tryout than

anything.

Fifty players from the northeastern portion of the state worked out in front of a panel of judges for 90 minutes before the game, and each got one at-bat and at least one inning of work on the field to show why they should move on. Each pitcher got an inning of work in front of seven batters.

Back Mountain teammate Dustin Kapson also impressed the judges, and joins Gryskevicz on the team.

"It's a good chance for me to compare myself against better players. I just hope I can keep going (through the games)," Gryskevicz said.



It was an interstate rivalry in miniature last week when the Phillies met the Pirates. In photos, clockwise from top: Ryan Naugle slid safely into home as Chuck Youngman tried to get a handle on the throw; Naugle approached the plate earlier in the inning; Carson Baker whipped a throw to first.

Kapitula strikes out 10 as Indians defeat Januzzi's

Mark Kapitula struck out 10 batters over four innings of work as the Back Mountain Indians defeated Januzzi's Pizza 13-3 in senior league baseball action recently.

Chris Bertinelli and Frank Buzin led the Indians with three and two hits, respectively, and Ryan Besteder had a double in the winning effort.

BMT Rockies 14, Heights Mariners 0

Mike English had three hits with a double and drove in six runs to lead the Rockies over the Mariners 14-0. Ryan Marascio and Jonathan Wood each added two hits with one of Woods being a double. Matt Shiskowski picked up the win striking out

eight.

W. Pittston/Exeter 9, BMT Rockies 8

Gracjan Kraszewski led the Rockies with a home run and three singles and three RBI. Scott Carter added four hits and Chris Katyl and Jonathan Wood each had three hits with one a triple. Ryan Marascio had two hits. Wood took the loss.

BMT Rockies 11, Januzzi's Pizza 9

Gracjan Kraszewski led the Rockies with five hits, including two doubles in a win over Wyoming/West Wyoming's Januzzi's Pizza 11-9. Winning pitcher Matt Shiskowski and Ryan Marascio chipped in three hits each and Nate Yoh and

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McDonald's arm leads Bob Horlacher

Megan McDonald scattered 10 strikeouts and four hits in four innings of work, and helped her cause at the plate, going 3-for-3 as the Bob Horlacher Brewers rolled past the Back Mountain Dodgers 13-5 in major league softball action.

April Dulsky went 2-for-4, and Kelly Evans, Noel Sidorek and Denise Nerozzi also added hits for the Brewers in the win.

Horlacher 16, White Sox 15

Sarah Szczucki and Megan McDonald combined to strike out 11 as Bob Horlacher edged the White Sox.

Szczucki, Noel Sidorek, Alicia English, and Grace Hubbell each had three hits for Horlacher, while Stephanie Ashley recorded two hits for the White Sox.

Cardinals 17, Horlacher 1

Laura Kurillo blasted a home run, doubled and had two singles as the Back Mountain Cardinals rolled past Bob Horlacher

17-1 in Back Mountain Major League softball action.

Courtney Besecker and C. C. Besecker each had two hits and Julianne Pettit allowed only one hit on the mound to lead the Cardinals.

White Sox 21, Harvey's Lake 11

Ellen Arnaud, Erica Morgan, Stephanie Ashley and Becca Banks each had three hits to lead the Back Mountain White Sox past Harveys Lake.

Leah Kaiser, Diana Smith and Taylor Trudgen added two hits apiece, including a Trudgen double, for the White Sox, and Arnaud and Kaiser combined to fan six.

For Harvey's Lake, Rachel Lichtman and Leanne Kneaur each had two hits.

Cardinals 23, Harvey's Lake 2

Laura Kurillo had three hits and Megan Youells struck out seven to lead the Back Mountain Cardinals to a win over Harveys Lake.

Lindsay Stephenson had two hits and Rama Williams fanned four Cardinals for Harveys Lake in the losing effort.

Plesnar's home run proves game-winner

Cody Plesnar belted a game-winning home run to lead the Red Sox to an 11-10 win over the Tigers in Back Mountain Baseball Major League action.

Tommy Youells doubled and had two singles, and Dave Zurek, Devon Albrecht and Kevin Little each collected two hits for the Red Sox in the winning effort. Plesnar and Youells combined to strike out five.

P. J. Precone led the Tigers with a double and a single, while Richard Wengryznik and Jonathan Orlando added doubles in the losing cause.

Chris Klais fanned six Red Sox.

Reds 12, Phillies 1

Mike Prater smashed two home runs as the Reds romped over the Phillies.

Winning pitcher Joe Bevevino struck out seven and helped his

own cause with a triple, and Joe Olsick added three hits for the Reds.

Astros 10, A's 4

Justin Eimers smacked a double and three singles for the Astros to lead the Astros past the A's.

Mike Eckman collected two doubles and a single for the winners while teammates Mike Lipski, Jeremy Fike each singled twice, and Wally Simko and Kyle Parsons each added doubles for the Astros.

Derrick Martin doubled and had two singles, and Zack Acukewicz and Joe Hayes each doubled in a losing cause.

Hayes, Martin and Andy Besecker combined to strike out two.

Cardinals 14, Reds 11

Pat Murray struck out eight to

lead the Cardinals to a win over the Reds.

Mark Covert singled twice to pace the winning attack with help from Aaron Cusma's double and Eric Davis's key single.

Mike Prater and Tom Perry each had three hits, including a homer and a double by Prater, and Prater fanned seven Cardinals in the losing effort.

Rangers 19, Tigers 9

Matt Ruch recorded five hits, including two home runs and a triple, to lead the Rangers past the Tigers.

Josh Backes added a homer, triple and single, while Kevin Engler, who tossed a complete game and struck out six, contributed two doubles and a single to the winning attack.

For the Tigers, P. J. Precone,

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Physical Therapy reaches final four

Pace Physical Therapy recently advanced to the final four in the Dallas Youth Basketball Girls 7th and 8th Grade League. They finished the season 6-3.

Pictured from left are: first row: Ashley Cleaves, Julianne Pettit, Megan Baker. Second row: Alyse Miller, Stephanie Pace, Claire Mitchell, Coach Jeff Pace. Absent from photo were: Kelsey Moody and Jackie Lowe.