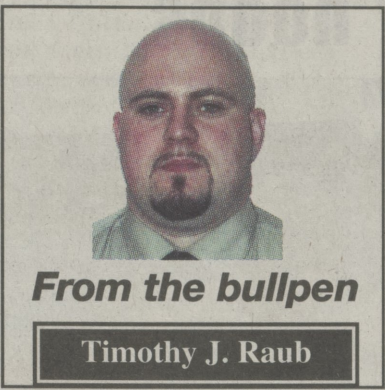


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From the bullpen
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U.S. proves it belongs at World Cup

So much for the argument that the United States cannot compete with the world's best in men's soccer.

After their truly horrific performance in the World Cup four years ago, the United States has taken a 180 degree turn for the better, and has increased their chances greatly towards bringing the country's first-ever World Cup championship home to the land of the free.

This team is not just a little lucky, but also a team that someone forgot to tell they are not supposed to be this good.

A total team effort has propelled the U.S. into the quarter-finals, where they face perennial powerhouse Germany, and with their current standing could beat the Germans and sneak their way into the semifinals.

The Americans beat a heavily favored Portugal team, as well as arch nemesis Mexico, which has been a thorn in their side for years.

Soccer in America is growing in popularity in leaps and bounds, and it is about time American citizens, and those from around the world, realize the U.S. can compete with the best of the best.

Sergio should stop crying foul

Someone really needs to give Sergio Garcia a tissue. The Spanish golf phenom has been in the shadow of superstar and perennial fan favorite Tiger Woods since he came onto the PGA Tour, and as much as he tries to work his way into the spotlight, Woods is just too good to give it up without a fight.

Garcia did not help his cause this weekend with comments he made to the media concerning the alleged benefits Woods received for the U.S Open with regards to his tee times and allowances made to make it easier for the American to win the second stage of golf's grand slam.

Americans don't like cry babies, and if Garcia wants to gain fans in the U.S., he's gonna need to take things for what they are, and realize Woods is just the better golfer at this time.

Wise up Sergio, you're supposed to be a professional.

Speaking of professional...

Mets pitcher Shawn Estes deserves a lot of credit. The much anticipated return of Yankees pitcher in Roger Clemens to Shea Stadium came and went with little drama.

Two years after he decked Mets catcher Mike Piazza with a pitch and later threw a piece of a broken bat in the future Hall-of-Famer's direction in a World Series game, Clemens got the message that the Mets will not take things of that sort lightly.

Estes sent the message to Clemens in the third inning, when he delivered a pitch that barely missed Clemens' hind side.

A majority of Mets weren't even on the team's roster when the original incident occurred, including Estes, and it was a stand-up way for the pitcher to deal with the highly anticipated incident.

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Girls can play, too!

Some of the action at a girls' softball game was captured Monday night, as teams scrambled to make up for several days of rain last week. In photos, clockwise from top left: Brianna Headman could hardly contain her enthusiasm on the way to the plate; Megan Martin fired off a pitch; Paige Pyskoty took a big cut at an incoming pitch.

Schilling's hot bat leads Dodgers to win

Stephen Schilling smacked two singles and a double while teammates Russell Jenkins and Aaron Butler each doubled to lead the Dodgers to a 5-3 victory over the Tigers. David Luksh and Mike Sesson combined to fan six batters for the Dodgers. For the Tigers, Chris Klaiiss, Jonathan Orlando and Brian Houghwot each doubled. Klaiiss struck out eight Dodgers.

Astros 16, Pirates 3

Wally Simko blasted a three-run homer and a double to lead the Astros. Mike Lipski added a triple and two doubles to the winning cause. Jeremy Fike, Kyle Arnaud and Mike Eckman each contributed two hits, including doubles by all three players as well as a triple by Eckman. Dan Taroli added a double for the winners. For the Pirates, Peter Steve, Scott Summa and Tom Smith combined to strike out six Astros.

Yankees 13, A's 4

Myer Messinger and Henry Messinger combined to strike out six A's. Henry Messinger also led the offense with a triple and two singles. Scott Skammer and Tom McGrath each added a double and a single for the winners. Andrew Besecker had two hits for the A's.

Cardinals 3, Giants 1

Mark Covert and Pat Murray combined to strike out nine en route to hurling a four-hitter. Covert, Murray and Casey Judge each collected two hits, including a Covert triple. For the Giants, Doug Harding struck out twelve and contributed two singles.

Astros 13, Phillies 5

Jeremy Fike belted four hits and Mike Lipsky added three hits as the Astros downed the Phillies. Dan Taroli, Kyle Arnaud and Mike Eckman each had two hits for the winners, including doubles by Arnaud and Taroli as well as a triple by Eckman. Kyle Parsons added a double to the attack. Lipsky and Arnaud combined to fan ten Phillies. Billy Holena, Carson Baker, Tom Gollightly, Ryan Naugle and Sean McDougal combined to strike out nine for the Phillies.

Yankees 11, Pirates 3

Thomas McGrath had three hits to lead the Yankees. Scott Skammer added two hits and Michael McHutchinson smacked a double for the winners. Skammer was the win-

ning pitcher, striking out three. For the Pirates, Scott Summa had two singles and Jonathan Fendler contributed a double.

Reds 3, Red Sox 0

Mike Prater did it all for the Reds, slugging a three-run homer and a single as well as tossing a four-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts. For the Red Sox, Joe Kaiser also pitched a four-hitter, striking out nine. Kaiser and Devon Albrecht each doubled for the Sox.

Giants 9, Astros 2

Bobby Peron struck out eight en route to suppressing the Astros. Cody Kustrin doubled twice for the winners. James Sutton added a double and a single for the winners while teammate Doug Harding had a double.

Red Sox 11, Indians 6

Cody Plesnar belted a triple and two doubles for the Red Sox. Andy Judge also had three hits while teammate John Bailey doubled and singled. Joe Kaiser added a double for the Sox. Kevin Little and Tommy Youells combined to strike out twelve Indians. Darius Fetchko had four hits for the losers. Jordy Thimot added two hits and Dave Fetchko had a double for the Indians. Thimot and Dave Fetchko combined to fan six Red Sox.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Back Mt. Braves 10, Wyoming/W. Wyoming Exterminators 3

Eric Koval doubled three times and singled once to power the Braves' offense. Chris Parrish and Jake Stryjewski each contributed two hits, including two doubles by Parrish and one double by Stryjewski. Stryjewski and Parrish combined to strike out twelve Exterminators. The game featured unassisted double play by John Ashley.

Back Mt. Rockies 9, Harvey's Lake 8

Jon Janerich slammed a triple and three singles as the Rockies nipped Harvey's Lake. Ken Pollock added two hits for the Rockies. Janerich and Adam King combined to strike out nine batters.

Back Mt. Rockies 12, Duryea 9

Adam King and Jon Janerich combined to fan nine batters for the Rockies. Brian Goeringer contributed a triple and two singles while Mike Rovinski added two singles.



POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Tom Oswalt delivered a pitch for the Dodgers Monday night in Major League boys action.

Bonomo gives back to his alma mater

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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LEHMAN TWP. — It's been 25 years since former Lake Lehman wrestling standout Rocky Bonomo walked the halls at the Lake-Lehman Middle School.

But the current Lock Haven University head coach got that chance this week.

Bonomo, 38, a 1981 graduate from Lake-Lehman, returned to the area to take part as a technician in the Lake-Lehman Wrestling Camp, and pass on some of the key ingredients that made him a star both on the scholastic and collegiate levels.

"The sport of wrestling is such an awesome sport," said Bonomo. "To see people like Coach Lipski and Ron Swingle Jr. and Sr. is neat, and plus I get to see my parents. Plus, being in this gymnasium again brought back a lot of memories."

Bonomo spent two days teaching various techniques to wrestlers from elementary through high school age, and used lessons he's learned along the way to help improve an already strong Black Knight wrestling program.

Lake-Lehman head coach Phil Lipski was happy to have Bonomo work at the camp, and even received a little surprise when Rocky's brother Rick, a three-time NCAA national champion, came by to help out for a day.

"It was really a bonus to have Rick show up, because

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BMT Baseball All-Stars

Here are the 2002 Back Mountain Baseball and Softball Major League All-Stars. Other all-star rosters weren't completed or available in time for this issue. They will appear in next week's issue.

National Major All-Stars

Joseph Bevevino, Mark Covert, Patrick DeRojas, Douglas Harding, Billy Holena, Cody Kustrin, Michael Lipski, David Luksh, Patrick Murray, Thomas Perry, Ryan Phillips, Michael Prater, Scott Summa, Daniel Taroli.

American Major All-Stars

Zachary Aciekewicz, Joshua Backes, Joey Collini, Kevin Engler, Joseph Kaiser, Christopher Klaiiss, Kevin Little, Thomas McGrath III, Myer Messinger, Matthew Ruch, Scott Skammer, Eric Tucker.

Major League Softball

Rebecca Banks, Tara Domzalski, Allison Evans, Mollie Grossman, Laura Kurello, Ellen Morgan, Kathleen Paley, Julianne Pettit, Shauna Phillips, Brittany Rice, Paige Selenski, Jillian Spring, Megan Youells.

Kiwanis All-Star rosters set

Four Lake-Lehman players will be on the West team roster for the 23rd Annual Dallas Kiwanis Girls High School All-Star Softball Game, which will be played at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24 at the Back Mountain Little League Field, Church Street, Dallas.

P. I. A. A. Rules and Officials will be used. To assure the participation of each girl

chosen, nine innings will be played and the 10-run rule will be suspended. Each player will wear her own team uniform. Additional equipment will be provided.

Each team will be comprised of 18 senior girls from teams in the Wyoming Valley softball league, and will be divided into East and West teams for the competition.

VTS Junior Classic June 28-30

The Valley Tennis & Swim Club VTS Junior Classic will be held June 28-30 at the club in Trucksville. This USTA sanctioned tennis tournament is for boys and girls, ages 12-18, in singles competition. The registration fee is \$30 Deadline for applications is June 20.

This is the first of two USTA tournaments the club will host in 2002. The VTS Adult Classic will be held Aug. 23-25, for men and

women, ages 35-65, singles and doubles. In addition, the club will be a host site for the Keystone State Games tennis competition in late July.

Applications and additional information on the VTS Junior Classic can be found at the USTA Middle States web site - www.ustamidstates.com, tournament site #350810902; or call Monick at the Valley Tennis & Swim Club, 696-1414.

Maskalis named MVP at L.C.C.C.

Joseph Maskalis, of Dallas, was recently honored as Most Valuable Player for the Luzerne County Community College Cross Country team at the school's 34th Annual Athletic Awards Banquet.

L-L Football Club meeting

Lake-Lehman Football Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20 at Grotto Pizza. All parents of new football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend. Plans will be made for the upcoming season.

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