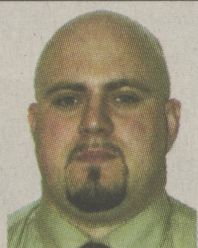


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From the bullpen

Timothy J. Raub

How about some play places for grown-ups?

Sunday has become one of the best days of the week for me this summer.

I look forward to getting up in the morning, putting on a uniform, which I swear someone shrunk in the dryer and has nothing to do with the 75 pounds I've added on since high school, getting out to the field and playing some softball with my teammates on our Kingston Rec team — and so do a lot of other men and women in the area.

We take the field or step up to the plate, and for an hour or so, forget about the stresses of life, hoping not to pull any muscles or break any bones in the process.

I'm a little out of shape, not ready to admit it just yet, and neither are most of the guys in our league, but at this point in our lives, who cares? We're having a lot of fun.

Back Mountain municipal government officials have been calling for the re-evaluation of zoning ordinances for recreational greenspace, and the addition of some adult recreational leagues and fields would be a great addition.

News of a future Back Mountain recreational facility in Lehman Township is a plus for families with children who participate in youth leagues throughout the area, but there are still no plans for adult involvement.

Noxen hosts a quality adult flag football league, and teams from throughout the Wyoming Valley, Back Mountain and Tunkhannock areas annually bring teams in, have a great time and find a way to get out of the Lazy Boy recliners and away from the TV set for a while.

But that is the extent of recreation league involvement adults have out here.

Kirby Park, the Kingston Rec and Forty-Fort airport have great recreational facilities, and the same can be said for Kingston Township and Dallas Borough.

But an initiative needs to be taken to get some leagues off the ground.

This is the perfect time for municipal governments to look into forming some adult recreational leagues. Adult recreation would not only bring people out to play, but make more adults with and without children aware of what local municipalities have to offer to the residents.

Kingston Township has a great recreational facility, which could easily be adapted for adult leagues, both Back Mountain school districts have quality athletic fields and Dallas Borough's basketball courts could easily handle an adult basketball league.

For years I've had to trek into the Valley for softball and flag football games, and one in our own back yard would be an asset. It would not only bring in teams from the Back Mountain, but with the drop of teams in Wilkes-Barre's adult softball leagues due to Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom McGroarty's czar-like attitude towards recreational athletes, and the termination of the North American Sports

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Teaching future Black Knights

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
Post Staff

LEHMAN TWP. — Lake-Lehman's Casey Horvath, Kim Jones and Jackie Pall wanted to find some way to give back to the basketball program that has helped them so much over the last couple of years.

So for their senior completion project, the Black Knights seniors are grooming the Lake-Lehman girls basketball team of the future.

The trio ran a three-day basketball

camp for girls in fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the school district from July 8-10, and raised approximately \$850, which will go to the Susan G. Komen House for breast cancer research.

"We're all on the senior high basketball team, and love to work with little kids, so we thought it was a good idea for the three of us," said Pall.

The camp gave the seniors a way to teach 34 participants some of the basics of the game, including passing, dribbling

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Lake-Lehman seniors Casey Horvath, Kim Jones and Jackie Pall ran a charity girls basketball camp for fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls at the Lake-Lehman Middle School last week.

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Back Mountain American downed Duryea 9-3 last week to avoid elimination in playoff action. Myer Messinger struck out nine Duryea batters, while Josh Backes, Matt Ruch and Eric Tucker each had doubles. Kevin Engler had two singles. In photos, clockwise from top: Eric Tucker looked for the call after sliding into second; Chris Klaiss hightailed it for third base; Myer Messinger wound up for the pitch; Scott Skammer made his point with the ump.



BMT American stays alive with wins

SWOYERSVILLE — Kevin Engler had three hits and two doubles as Back Mountain American advanced in the losers' bracket by beating Swoyersville 8-5.

Chris Klaiss also had three hits for American, Scott Skammer and Matt Ruch added two hits apiece, and Ruch pitched a complete game with eight strikeouts to get the win.

David Johns had a pair of hits for Swoyersville.

SENIOR TEENERS

Plains 9, Back Mountain 5

PLAINS TWP. — Winning pitcher Ryan Molitoris helped his cause with a pair of hits as Plains won a winners' bracket game. Molitoris tossed a complete-game six-hitter.

Mark Kapitula was the losing pitcher for Back Mountain.

Back Mountain 8, Ashley/Hanover 2

HANOVER TWP. — Matt Shiskowski pitched a complete game five-hitter, struck out six batters and went 2-for-3 with a triple at the plate as Back Mountain defeated Ashley/Hanover 8-2 in District 16 Senior league action. Jonathan Wod was 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI and Mark Kapitula added a double for the winners.

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Ashley/Hanover 000 000 2 — 2

Avoca-Dupont 6, Bob Horlacher 1

BEAUMONT — Paul Chmiel tossed a four-hitter and had a single and a double to lead Avoca-Dupont. Tom Connelly also had two hits for Avoca-Dupont and Alex Zondlo had a two-run double.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Back Mountain advances to semis of Forty Fort Lions 13-year olds tournament

Brad Fagula, Greg Harris and Dylan Seeley each smacked three hits, including a Fagula triple and a Seeley double, to lead Back Mountain over Schautz (Dunmore) 14-4 last weekend. Chris DeRojas added a double and a single for Back Mountain. Fagula scored four times while DeRojas, Harris and Seeley scored two runs apiece. Seeley collected four RBI while Harris knocked in two runs. Harris struck out eight in five innings on the mound. Seeley fanned one in two innings of relief. Back Mountain will play Fort Swoyer in the semifinals at 1 p.m. Saturday at O'Hara Field on Simpson Street in Swoyersville.

Back Mountain 22, Forty Fort 6

DALLAS — Matt Kapitula led Back Mountain past Forty Fort, 22-6, in a District 16

Junior Baseball winners' bracket game Sunday. Kapitula had five hits, including a home run and triple, and was the winning pitcher, striking out four.

David Harding added four hits for Back Mountain, including a double and triple.

Avoca/Dupont 10, Harveys Lake 6

HARVEYS LAKE — Avoca/Dupont's T.J. Ferretti pitched four innings for the victory, Robert Timek went 2-for-3 with a triple and Larry Walsh also added two hits in Avoca/Dupont's losers bracket victory.

Losing pitcher Derrek Shurmanek, Chris Jones and Ben Ford each had a hit for Harveys Lake.

AMERICAN LEGION

Back Mountain 14, Plains 12

DALLAS — Dustin Kapson had three hits, including a grand slam, to lead Back Mountain past Plains in American Legion action.

Brian Cornia struck out four and picked up the win. A.J. Harris went 4-for-4, with three RBI.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Back Mountain 18, Northwest 17

Shauna Phillip's bases loaded walk-off single to right field in the bottom of the sixth inning highlighted an eight run inning as Back Mountain came from behind to defeat Northwest in District 16 Major League Softball action July 2. Phillips, Allison Evans, Paige Seleniski, Julianne Pettit, Laura Kurello, Kathleen Paley, Megan Youells, Ellen Morgan, Brittany Rice, Jill Spring each had hits to lead Back Mountain.

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Soccer standouts play in U-18 National Championship

David Walters and Andrew George, of the FC Delco Arsenal U-18 soccer team will compete for the USYSA 2002 National Championship later this month in Germantown, Maryland.

The Arsenal won the EPYSA state championship for the third straight year in June and the USYSA Region 1 Championship July 2 in Niagara Falls, New York by defeating Beach FC from Virginia 5-0 in the final. Arsenal shut out all their opponents and scored 14 goals during the fives games it took to secure the title.

Next, Arsenal will play the U-18 Champions from Region 3,

the Texans Red, Region 2, the NFC Vincere (Nebraska), and Region 4, the CFC Bandidos (New Mexico). Round robin play starts on July 24 with the top two finishers playing for the U-18 national title on July 28.

Walters and George, graduates of Lake-Lehman and Dallas high schools respectively, have been playing soccer with or against each other since age 10. Earlier this year they were members of the EPYSA ODP team that won the National Championship in Dallas, Texas. Walters will attend Penn State this fall, while George is headed to Cornell University.



Reds capture Back Mountain Baseball AAA Championship

The National League AAA Reds recently defeated the Red Sox 14-3 to win the Back Mountain baseball AAA championship. Shown above are the REDS team members; from left: kneeling: Wyatt Phillips, Hayden Jenkins, Kyle Farrell, Matthew Bevan, Brandon Harding, and Rob Gionfriddo. Standing: Scott Jenkins, Assistant Coach; Dan Bevan, Assistant Coach; Robert Hodgson, Kyle Caffrey, Marc Noyalis, Colby Evans, Paul Van Loon, Andrew Kaufman, and Mike Caffrey, Head Coach.

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