

2003 in sports - a very good year for Back Mountain teams

Eastern Penn comes back to earn victory

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May 9 — Rich Butcofski, former standout football player at Dallas High School, earned a roster spot with the new Wilkes-Barre Pioneers arena football team.

May 30 — The Wyoming Seminary boys doubles team of Jordan Koslosky and Tye Morris, both Back Mountain residents, missed the state championship by a whisker. The pair won the District 2 title to advance to states.

June 20 — Rocky Bonomo returned to Lake-Lehman to participate in a wrestling clinic for hopeful young grapplers. The 1981 Lehman graduate was joined for a time by his brother, Rick, a three-time NCAA champion. Rocky is head wrestling coach at Lock Haven University.

June 27 — Amy Aston-Rome, 35, captured female honors in the Harveys Lake Victory Run, beating last year's winner by 59 seconds.

August 8 — Garry Taroli of Dallas Township won five medals in swimming events at the Keystone State Games, bringing his career medal count in the Games to 21.

Local high school soccer standouts Andrew George and David Walters are starting members of the FC Delco Arsenal team that won the U-18 national championship and was ranked first in the nation by the U.S. Soccer Club.

September 26 — Three current or former Back Mountain residents were elected to the Wyoming Seminary Sports Hall of Fame. They were Scott Parkhurst ('78), tennis; Christopher Saul ('86), soccer; and Barbara Klein Windham ('76), field hockey, basketball and softball.

October 31 — For once, the shoe was on the other foot. Dallas went to Berwick to play football and came home victorious, eking out a 20-19 win in double overtime.

November 21 — Lake-Lehman won its second state field hockey championship, shutting out Lancaster Mennonite 3-0 in the final game. "No words can describe this feeling," said Megan DeCesaris, who contributed a goal and an assist.

It was a back and forth battle with Eastern Penn outscoring Ace Moving 14 to 11 in the final quarter to come away with a 35-33 win over Ace Moving & Storage. Kelsey Moody led Eastern Penn Supply's offense with 19 points. Jess Jones had 9 points and Kenslie Kerestes added 4. Jackie Thomas led the defense.

Ace Moving had a balanced offensive attack with Kristen O'Brien scoring 13 points. Katherine O'Brien and Suzy Krogulski each had 10 points.

Slocum Insurance 30, Corbett Insurance 16

With balanced scoring and a strong defense, Slocum Insurance defeated Corbett Insurance taking control of the game in the second half. Ashley Myers and Alicia Evans each had 8 points for the winners. Allison Evans added six points.

High scorer for Corbett Insurance was Lindsey McCabe with 11 points and Kasey Corbett had 5.

Dr. Jack Ellis 29, CSI International 16

The game remained tight until the fourth quarter, when Dr. Jack Ellis went on a 15 to 4 run to secure the victory. High scorer for Ellis was Devin Lacey with 9 points. Danielle Krawetz and Lyndsay Ellis each scored 7, while Paige Selenski chipped in with 6. Nicole McMahon led the team with rebounds and steals.

Kaley Roberts was high scorer for CSI with 6 and Erin Delaney had 5. Cecelia Besecker and Heather Mines each added a bucket.

BOWLING RESULTS

BACK MOUNTAIN BOWL

Native Textiles: 4 K's and a C 39.5-20.5, Nobodys 36-24, What's That 35-25, Just Us 34.5-25.5, Ball Busters 32.5-27.5, Old Timer + 4 30.5-29.5, The Erasers 30.5-29.5, Needy 29.5-30.5, Strike Force 29-31, The Family + "T" 25-35, Cookie Less 24-36.

Top scorers: Karl Milcavage 226-612, Larry Strohl 207-591, Joe Reilly 257-590, Tom Martin 220-589, Dave Eddy 224-580, Barb Kopko 190-512, Annette Dunn 184-505, Sharon Strohl 207-491, Elaine Coburn 185-463, Cheryl Kaschak 158-438.

Sunday Night Mixed Couples, Palmer's 4-0, Nice's 4-0, Strazdus Ray Sr. 3-1, Strazdus' Rich 3-1, Welitchko's 1-3, Strazdus' G 1-3, Gula's 0-4, Shaver's 0-4.

Top Men Scorers: Ray Strazdus Sr. 221-180-555, Steve Welitchko 182-175-514, Jack King 187-175-508, Paul Nice 180-171-505, Lynn Sheehan Sr. 178-171-501.

Top Women Scorers: Connie Bolcarovic 212-166-527, Pat Smith 186-180-509, Betty King 194-170-507, Chris Pizzano 172-167-503, Barbara Zimmiski 187-165-483.

Leading Averages (Men): Paul Nice 175, Dan Palmer 175, Hall Shaver 171, Greg Strazdus 169, Jack King 165, Ray Strazdus Sr. 165, Rich Strazdus 164.

Leading Averages (Women): Marie Nice 163, Chris Pizzano 163, Betty King 162, Connie Bolcarovic 152, Gert Owens 147, Joan Strazdus 143, Pat Smith 143.

Fly tying classes

The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited is accepting registrations for its annual fly tying course. The course will be held every Monday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., tentatively beginning January 20, at the Wyoming Valley West Middle School, Chester Street, Kingston. Although the course is designated for beginners, experienced fly tyers are also welcome.

Class participants will also be invited to special fly casting seminar to be held in late March or early April. The cost for the entire eight week course and fly casting instruction is \$60. All the materials will be supplied, the student is to supply the tools. Call quickly to register as the classes are limited. For information or to register, either Mike Romanowski at 287-2127 or Stanley Cooper at 825-8969.



November 21 - Lisa Wasser and Amanda Sagan hugged after the Lake-Lehman girls won the state Class 2A field hockey championship.



February 28 - Lake-Lehman players celebrated after the Black Knights shut out Wyoming Area in the overtime to advance to the District 2 semifinal game.



May 30 - Teammates congratulated Andrew Judge after he clubbed a home run in a Red Sox Little League victory.

Atty. Brown team comes back to win

Attorney Larry Brown won out in a back-and-forth battle over Commonwealth Telephone, 28-25. Commonwealth had a 10-8 lead at the half. Kevin Pierce led Commonwealth in the first half scoring 4 of his 9 points, and Scott Skammer led Larry Brown's squad with 6 of his 8 points coming in the first half. Down the stretch Jim Brown led the attorneys with 12 points, and John Prater hit a clutch jumper and two free throws to seal the win. Hunter Englehart led Commonwealth with 12 points, and Russ Jenkins layed a great defensive game.

DYB 5-6 BOYS

Inter Metro 31, CDI 27
Top scorer for InterMetro was Eric Fritzges with 12 points, Tom Youells, Preston Balavage added 6 points, Erin Bulter, Vincent Oliveri led the defense. Andrew Besecker led CDI with 19 points, Steve Meskers added 6 points.

Inter Metro 39, Dino's Pizza 37

Inter Metro defeated Dino's Pizza in a very tight game. The lead changed hands several times. Inter Metro was led by Michael Ryan with 26 points. Tommy Youells added 8, while Eric Fritzges had 4. Preston Balavage and Aaron Bulter anchored the defense. Dino's Pizza

was led by Josh Backes with 12 points, Brian Haughwout had a season high 11 points, Kyle Pizazza had 6 points and Cody Plesnar had 4 points. Tony Bevevino, Damon Marth both chipped in 2 points apiece. Peter Recctia played good defense.

Dr. Jack Ellis 53, Luzerne National Bank 47

Dr. Jack Ellis won a hard fight the bankers. Lee Culver led the winners with 19 points, Jackie Ellis added 14, Mike Diaco added 10 and Chris Ellis scored 8. Casey Judge led Luzerne National with 18 points. Conrad Kraszewski added 11 points and Josh Shaver contributed 8 points.

Dough Company 44, Luzerne National Bank 20

Nick Lombard was high scorer for the Dough Company with 12 points, and led the team defensively with several key rebounds. Chris Illiadis and David DeWitt each scored 2 points, apiece and were a key defensively in win. Mike Mazur, Josh Shaver and Conrad Kraszewski contributed 6 points apiece while Tim Ropel scored 2 points. John Kanarr, Ed Stredney and Tyle Rice also played well.

Dough Company 44, Wyo. Valley Auto Sales 24

Derek Martin scored 10 points, Andrew McCabe had 8 points, Joe Osick and Nick



U10 Cougars finish second in playoffs

The Back Mountain Youth soccer U10 Girls Cougars recently finished second in their division playoffs. From left, first row : Adrienne Box, Kori McGee, Erin Ryan, Alexis Arnold. Second row: Coach Kevin Kneal, Sara Kneal, Emily Spring, Kayla Hennings, Jennifer O'Brian, Jackie Pearson, and Coach Jeff Box. Absent from the photo were team members Nina Banta-Haas and Nova Price.

Lombard scored 7 points a piece, Jonathan Orlando added 6 points. Josh Stephens got his first 2 points of the season.

Luzerne National Bank 37, Dallas Lions 35

Luzerne National Bank was led by Casey Judge with 19 points and Conrad Kraszewski

with 10 points. Josh Shaver chipped in with 4 points while John Kanarr and Ed Stredney played solid games.