

Tennis

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Balutanski says one of the primary goals of the children's clinics is to teach tennis novices the skill of rallying. A rally involves opponents hitting the ball back and forth to each other several times without missing it or sending it out of play. Balutanski cites being able to sustain a rally as one of the keys in getting youngsters to develop a love for the sport.

"Once you can rally, the game becomes more fun," Balutanski said. He believes that if children think of the game as fun, they will take it beyond their lessons and begin playing on a regular basis.

That is exactly what happened in the case of Pat and Will Dockeray Jr. Since their family became members of the club in June, the two Shavertown children have rapidly developed their tennis skills and love for the game.

"They were just batting it

"Once you can rally, the game becomes more fun."

Mike Balutanski
Valley Tennis & Swim pro

(the ball) around and couldn't rally back and forth when they first got here," said their mother, Mary. Now, the children visit the club almost on a daily basis and practice their tennis skills frequently.

"I was surprised how quickly it got their attention," said their father, William. "Their attention span is really on the tennis courts when they're here."

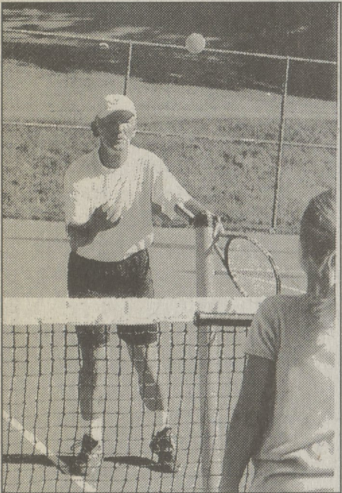
Although the clinics focus on getting children to start playing games quickly, they also attempt to teach fundamental tennis skills using exciting methods.

"Mike (Balutanski) makes it fun for us," said 11-year-old Will Dockeray Jr.

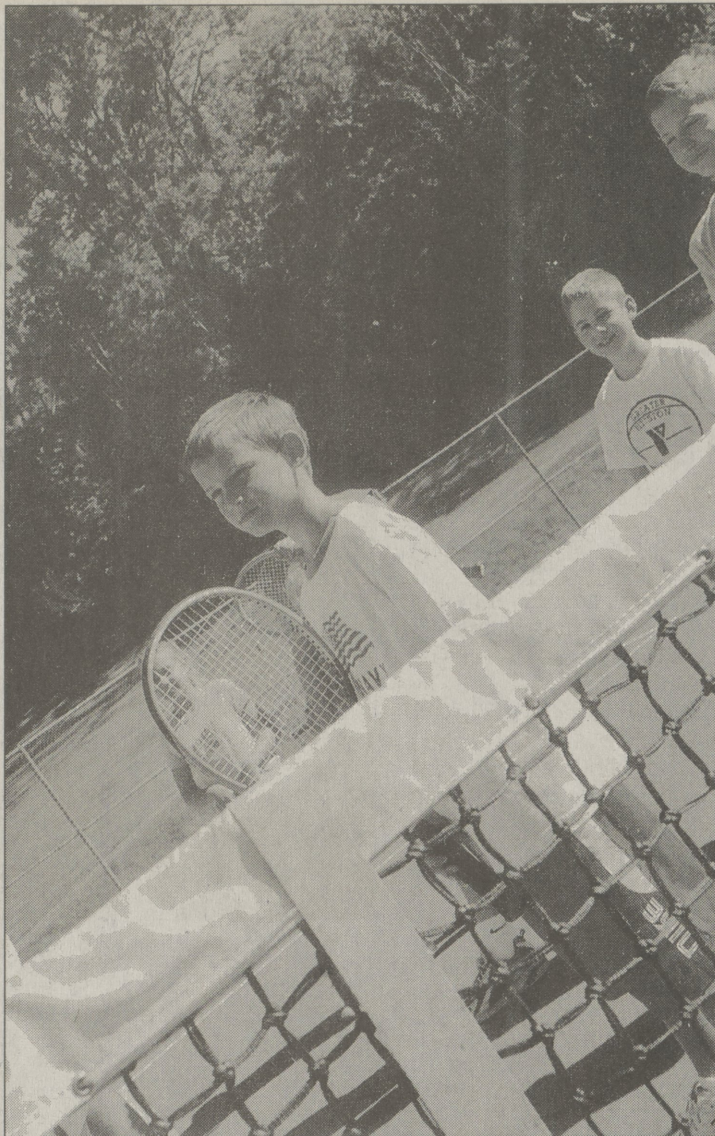
Balutanski says he and Isaacs often disguise conditioning drills as games. Consequently, children learn tennis basics without having to endure boring and repetitive exercises. The tactic has paid off.

Besides hosting clinics for members, the club will also serve as the venue for Keystone State Games tennis action, which begins Tuesday.

The club features 12 tennis courts (10 clay courts and two hard courts), set against the backdrop of a rolling landscape. Members can also take advantage of other attractions, including a basketball hoop, vol-



Mike Balutanski lobbed a ball across the net during a drill.



Harry Parkhurst, Shavertown, listened intently to his coach during tennis camp at Valley Tennis & Swim Club.

leyball nets, and a 75-foot heated swimming pool, which ranges in depth from three to 10 feet. A two-story clubhouse with a covered outdoor deck overlooks much of the terrain.

Located at 211 Harris Hill Road, the club was established in 1961. Club president Scott

Parkhurst says 170 families currently hold memberships.

"Membership's been up 25 percent over the past three years and I think we're going to have a great future," Parkhurst says.

For more information, call the club at 696-1414.

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First post-season loss for National

Staff report

DALLAS — Back Mountain National suffered its first loss of the post-season July 21 as Lehigh defeated National 4-1 in the Section 4 Little League Baseball winners bracket final.

"We didn't capitalize on our chances to score," said National manager Bob Peron, whose team stranded three runners each at second and third.

National's only run came in the third inning.

Hunter Englehart hit a one-out double, after a two-hour, 14-minute rain delay, and Bobby Peron stepped to the plate. Peron grounded out, but Lehigh tried to get Englehart racing to third. Instead, the

throw went awry and Englehart scored easily.

National pitcher Cory Shaver kept Lehigh scoreless in the third and fourth innings, getting a diving catch from right fielder Justin Eimers to end the third. He allowed just two hits until that point, one of them a bunt single.

Lehigh pinch hitter Colin Gotzen changed everything by singling to start the fifth. A home run, double and single later and Lehigh had a 4-1 advantage.

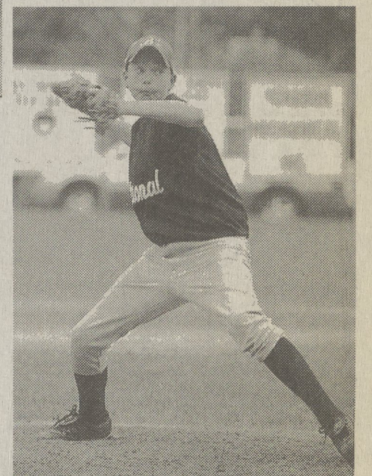
National was getting to Lehigh pitcher Evan Dwyer often, but with no results. Eckman was 3-for-3 for National, while Englehart had two doubles and Casey Judge had one.



Casey Judge was called out on this play at second base. (Above)

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At right, Rich Eckman fired in a fastball. He pitched brilliantly until giving up the winning two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning.



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Julianne Pettit tried to score on Kelsey Moody's fly ball in the top of the fifth inning, but was called out on a close play at home.

Softball

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Plains, and then Moody returned the mound.

Even with the leadoff double, it took Plains some time to end the game. Clause reached on a fielder's choice, and Coskey was out at home. Theresa Charnetski reached when Clause beat the throw to third on Charnetski's ground ball. Hoskins was hit by a pitch, loading the bases. Hannah Sharp then lined out.

But then Mitchell ran a full count, and took a look at ball four to force in Clause with the winning run.

Each of Plains' five games against Back Mountain this year were decided by one run. Sharp pitched all seven innings for Plains, striking out nine while allowing six hits.

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Lehman seniors to host football camp

Lake-Lehman seniors will host a pass, punt, kick football camp for fourth through ninth grade students on August 2 and 3, from Noon-4 p.m. Registration is \$25. Call 696-1546 for more information or to register by July 16. High school coaches will be present.

Sports Roundup

DISTRICT 16 9-10

TOURNEY
BMT American 10,
Northwest 7

JULY 19 — A six-run fifth inning proved to be the difference for Back Mountain in its win. Zack Dirs led Back Mountain, going 4-for-4 with five RBI. Winning pitcher Travis Debona, who worked the last three innings in relief, and teammate Brandon Harding each had three hits.

LOWER VALLEY

TOURNAMENT

Plains 16, Back Mountain 5
JULY 17 — Plains scored 12 runs in the top of the sixth inning to come from behind and clinch the Lower Valley Tournament championship over Back Mountain.

Back Mountain's top hitters were Preston Balavage and T.J. Brandt, with two hits apiece.

WYO./WEST WYO.

FETCH'S TOURNAMENT
BMT-2 12, Pittston City 4

JULY 20 — Nick Latosek and T.J. Brandt each had two hits, including doubles, to lead Back Mountain. Preston Balavage pitched all six innings for the victory, and struck out eight.

Tyler Barall, Eric Fritzges and Balavage contributed two singles each.

BMT-2 12, Plains 11

JULY 18 — Second baseman John Prater recorded the last out on an outstanding defensive play as Back Mountain held on for the victory.

Nick Latosek picked up the

win, striking out five. He also had two hits. P.J. Brandt added three hits, including a double.

NEWPORT SOFTBALL

TOURNEY
BMT 15, Nanticoke 13

JULY 19 — Back Mountain's Emily Spring fell one single short of the cycle — hitting a double, triple and an inside-the-park home run, and helped lead her team to the title. Sarah Konopki added three hits, including a double, and winning pitcher Sara Skammer also had three hits.

CROSSWORD CORNER

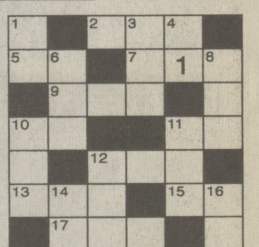
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ACROSS	58 Flowering shrub	100 DC figure	8 Unlikely to allure	50 Well-ventilated	93 Cautious
1 Pay to play	59 Cookie quantity	101 Part 4 of remark	9 Born	51 Run up the	94 Sicilian rumber
5 Merry	60 Mr. Baba	107 Bell and Barker	10 —Pares, MO	95 Air bear?	95 pa bear?
11 Off.	61 Mako or hammer-	110 Samovar	11 Cops' org.	53 Caustic	98 —Ane
equipment	62 Can Van	111 Affirmative	12 "—River"	54 Vandyke site	99 Prom dates
14 Vicious	63 Ring stat	112 Give a hoot	13 Electrons	57 Next	102 Caspek
19 Crawl (with)	64 Wilde's	113 Part 5 of remark	14 Verne	58 Cosmetician	103 "Nightmare on Elm Street"
20 Culmination	65 Ralston or Miles	116 Ring stat	15 One of the	60 Aromatic plant	104 Silverware
21 Slangy sib	66 Terminate	122 Don Diego de la Vega	16 Roofing material	62 Vex	105 Word with farm or frog
22 Songwriter	67 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)	123 Chips' accompaniment	17 Alpine area	63 Sleep stage	106 Long-legged waders
Greenwich	68 Put on guard	125 End of remark	18 TV's "The Wonder —"	69 Bother	107 "—tov"
23 Speaker of remark at	69 Quiet — mouse	129 SHAEF commander	20 Comic	71 Confidential party	108 Faced the day
25 Writer Rand	70 Singer Tori	130 Shed	21 Agnus —	72 Coach Levy	109 Sealy competitor
26 Stiller's partner	71 Jennifer of "Rio Lobo"	131 Around the corner	30 "Significant Reason d—"	73 Where to dance the hora	114 "—bien"
27 Club creed	72 Committee	132 Smallest lab	31 Pyramid, for one	74 Equine accessory	115 Throw a party
28 Bit of sunshine	73 French fry	133 Spitz sound	32 Connecticut senator	75 Vagan	116 Demonstrative pronoun
29 Start of remark	74 High rails	134 Loathe	33 Mountain nymph	76 Vagan	117 Holiday of "Matlock"
30 Columnist	75 Part 2 of remark	135 Big rig	40 Slowly, to Schubert	77 Sore	118 Piece of fencing?
31 Bombback	76 Campanella or Clark	DOWN	41 Autumn birthstone	78 Mouth watering?	120 Quahog, e.g.
32 Author Umberto	77 Unimprovable	1 Particle	42 Mouth watering?	85 Vagan staple	121 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
33 When the French fry	78 Sock	2 Sleuth Wolfe	43 Musical Myra	87 Sarah — Jewett	122 Energy
37 High rails	79 Solemnly swear	3 Work in the lab	44 Pullover part	89 Director Adrian	126 Widget for Woods
38 Part 2 of remark	80 Cauliflower	4 Hammed up "Hamlet"	45 Youth org.	91 Brownie, for one	127 Saucepan
46 Zinc or copper	81 Anxious quail	5 Mouth piece?	6 Work		
47 Quick comeback	82 Pastoral poem	6 Work	7 Fountain order		
48 Lamb product	83 Button or snap				
52 Dennis, for one					
55 Cambridge					
56 Arkansas hrs.					

ANSWERS ON PAGE 7

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

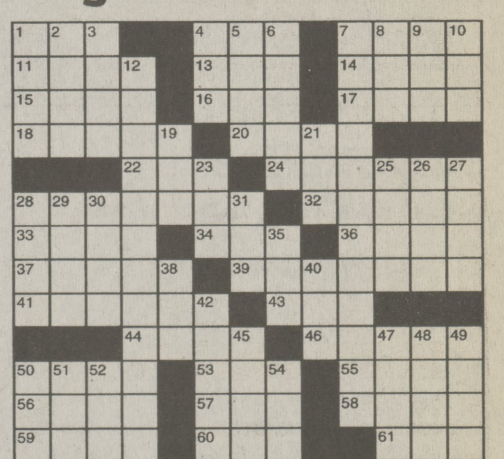


- ACROSS
- One-half of 12-Across
 - 11-Across minus 14-Down
 - Same digit repeated
 - 7-Across plus 6-Down
 - Five less than 4-Down
 - Three more than 15-Across
 - 1-Down times 16-Down
 - Digits of 9-Across reversed
 - Twenty more than 4-Down
 - Five times 14-Down
- DOWN
- Last digits of 13-Across in order
 - 10-Across plus 15-

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- Realtor's offering
 - Fond u-, WI
 - Enter data
 - Newspaper paragraph
 - Town
 - Get better
 - Command to Rover
 - The air up there
 - Dixie Chicks Goodbye -
 - Welk specialty
 - Jet forth
 - Check cashier's needs, often
 - Wrings
 - Like baby's old shoes, often
 - Boredom
 - Lascivious
 - U.S. spy grp.
 - Dent
 - Music hall
 - Nursery enclosure
 - Do some brainstorming
 - Curved path
 - Guided trip
 - Beethoven's -
 - Lincoln or Ford
 - Affirmative action



- Bird house?
- Mommy kissing ...
- Chicagoland
- Favorable vote
- Calendar quota
- Oh, shucks!
- Born
- out a living
- Speech impediment
- Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- Blue hue
- Part of UCLA
- Arctic divers
- Subterranean chamber
- Chicago
- Standard
- Right angle
- Chicago
- Wood-shaping tool
- Wool wearer
- Moment
- Wield the scissors
- Melody
- Emulate John Hancock
- Alliance
- Start over
- Actor Wilson
- Party bowful
- Chicken - king
- Ultra-modernist
- Sandy's rejoinder
- Arrest
- Wander
- Priceless?
- Ship-building wood
- Present
- Succor
- Born in the -
- Pitch
- Turn blue?

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