

Sports Week

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Ellis captures championship

Ryan McAndrew scored 24 points and Chris Ellis added 13 as Dr. Jack Ellis captured Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh and eighth grade division regular season championship with a 57-41 win against Quad Three Group. Dr. Ellis will open the playoffs as the top seed and will play No. 8 seed D.J. Charlie Hayes in a quarterfinal game at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at Wycallis Elementary School.

Drew Schaub added eight points for the winners, while Steven Haughwout and David Pierce scored two each. Jimmy Brown scored a game-high 26 points for Quad Three, while Nick Zabriski nailed four three-pointers. Adam Goering added two points.

• Adam Viercinski scored 11 points to lead Bishop Photo to a 51-36 win against D.J. Charlie Hayes. Spencer Youngman added six points and Tim Reinert chipped in four for the winners. Marc Noyalis led Charlie Hayes with 26 points and Kurtis Manganella finished with four.

• Griffin Adams scored 17 points and D.J. Berley added 13 as Offset Paperback topped Quad Three Group, 62-34. Joey Murray and Erik Cannon added 12 and 11 points, respectively. Dustin Siperko played well for Quad Three, scoring 17 points. Nick Zabriski added 11 points and Rocco Cabrera chipped in four.

• Drew Schaub, Chris Ellis, and Kevin Muldoon scored five points each as Dr. Jack Ellis edged Karchner Refrigeration, 22-21, in one of the top defensive battles of the year. Nick Lombard led Karchner with eight points, while Tony Bevevino and Scot Riccetti added four each.

• Chris Dailey scored 33 points and Tyler Patton added 24 as Digital Print Services held off a furious second-half rally by D.J. Charlie Hayes to post a 67-61 win. The victory clinched the second seed for Digital, which opens the playoffs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at Wycallis Elementary School against the seventh seed. Zach Smith and Pat Touhey added two points each. Tyler Shutlock led Charlie Hayes with 16 points, while Jacob Simon and Kurtis Manganella added 13 and six points, respectively.

7TH/8TH GRADE GIRLS

Ellen Arnaud scored a game-high 27 points as Intergrated Power defeated Clements & Scott, 32-26. Taylor Kapral added four points for the winners. Megan Martin and Danielle Harding scored nine and eight points, respectively for C&S. Dana Martin added four points, while Stephanie Dosiak and Samantha King chipped in two points apiece.

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS

• Dr. Jack Ellis defeated Dr. John Kish, 43-42 led by Kohnor Rice's 11 points and Michael Banas with 15 points. Buddy Shutlock added 10 points while John Murray chipped in six. Dr. Kish was led by Hayden Jenkins with 22 points while Jason Schilling added eight. Nathan Kish scored seven points and Shane Jacobson added four.

• Eastern Penn Supply Co. defeated Rossen, Jenkins and Greenwald 36-35. Aaron Weir scored 12 points and Austin Smith added seven for the winners. Ryan Thomas chipped in four points. Brett Wanek scored 17 points for the lawyers. Johnathan Barre and Shane Panagakos added four and two points, respectively.

• M&T Bank defeated PNC Bank 23-19. Jordan Stephens led the way with 15 points and George Parkhurst added four. Ryan Hanson was high scorer for PNC with six points while Eric Zawatski and Garrett Artsma added four points each.

• Brace's Orchard defeated Drs. Scott and Clements 45-41. Paul Brace scored a season-high 35 points and Michael Galis added six points. John Dougherty and Dylan Pilger played well defensively. Bobby and Danny Saba combined to score 26 points for the dentists, while Greg Petorak and Mike Kapral added nine and six points, respectively.

• Gordon Smith Insurance/ Eye Care Specialists remained undefeated with a 50-24 victory against Dough Company. Chris Ostrum led the winners with 10 points and strong inside play, while John Murray and Alex Zubko combined to score 29 points. Dough Company was led by Jason Simonovich's 10 points. Donnie Behm finished with nine.

Dozens of youth soccer players enjoying BMYSA indoor season



Lindsey Doyle, left, and Carrissa Panzetta fight for the ball during an indoor soccer game at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman Township.



David Miller keeps the ball in play during a BMYSA indoor soccer game last weekend.

FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZE

Out of the elements

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LEHMAN TWP. — Mary Ann and Rick Roberts got a little more than they bargained for.

A few months ago, the Dallas Township couple volunteered to help out with a team in the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Organization's indoor league. Now, the Roberts are coaching two teams each weekend at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus gymnasium.

And they love every minute of it. Thirty-three coed teams in five age divisions — U-6, U-7, U-8, U-9-10, U-11-13 — compete in the BMYSA league. The league began play Jan. 6 and the action runs through March 11.

"It's a lot of fun," said Mary Ann Roberts, whose 7-year-old daughter Kathryn plays on the U-8 Panthers and whose 5-year-old son Matthew

plays on the U-6 Tigers. "We're having a great time. (The league) gives these kids something to do during the winter. They take advantage of the opportunity and it gives them good practice until the outdoor season starts."

After watching their children have a good time while playing indoor soccer last year, the Roberts couple decided to give something back to the league this season.

"We asked them if they needed help," Roberts said. "There are so many kids who play. It's a great league. Our kids played for the first time last year and they loved it. It's nice to see so many people volunteer time. Many of the volunteers don't have kids playing. They're just out there trying to help. Everyone has a good time."

That's exactly what Tom Kinter wants to hear.

"We try to provide a really nice at-

mosphere," said the five-year BMYSA president. "I've seen soccer played at some other places and it can get nasty. We don't have those kinds of problems."

The indoor league can be beneficial for all players, but especially the younger ones, says Kinter.

"When a 6-year-old kicks the ball outside, the ball goes a few feet," he said. "When you play indoors, the ball goes 30-40 feet. For the younger players, I think (the indoor game) is better than playing outdoors."

The U-6 and U-8 games are played with four players on the floor from each team and there are no goalkeepers. Although scores of the games are kept, there are no standings.

"It's a little easier coaching the younger kids," said Roberts. "They're playing because they want to have fun. It's a form of exercise. At this level, it's not about the competition. It's much more competitive at

the higher age groups."

Playing in the league also has social value, she said.

"It's a great way for kids to meet new kids and make new friends. We have kids on our teams from different schools. It's really neat."

Approximately three years ago, BMYSA started registering players for the indoor season as individuals, not teams. Kinter says the numbers dropped a little because the league was no longer getting loaded teams from Wilkes-Barre. The large majority of the players in the league are from the Back Mountain.

"We play down the competitiveness," he said. "If a team is down a player, they can borrow a player from another team. We don't keep standings, but there's a little playoff for the older kids during the last two weeks of the season. Our goal is to provide a league where kids can play indoors and have fun playing soccer."

BLACKHAWKS COMPLETING REGULAR SEASON



The Back Mountain Blackhawks are wrapping up the regular season as a member of the Northeast Pennsylvania High School Hockey League. The team, which is comprised mostly of Back Mountain residents, is looking for players in grades 7-12 for next season. Anyone interested should call 696-1878. Members of the team, from left, first row are Karl Leitner, Sugarloaf; Jim Dalkiewicz, Shavertown; Cameron Pall, Hunlock Creek; Grant Cebreck, Dallas; Geoff Fishel, Shavertown; Kyle Wolsieffer, Wilkes-Barre; and Matt Duffy, Shavertown. Second row: coach Geoff Fishel, Shae Adamshick, Harveys Lake; Paul Dudock, Friendsville; Mike Sesson, Shavertown; Ron Ritts, Shavertown; Jason Young, Dallas; Garrett Hann, Dallas; Dylan Evans, Dallas; Ryan Duddy, Wyoming; coach Tom Duffy and coach Ron Ritts.