

Sports Week

SPORTS BRIEFS

DYB defeats St. Al's in tourney

Matt Saba scored six points while Blake Williams and Mariano Medico added four each as the Dallas Youth Basketball fourth grade boys tournament team defeated St. Al's, 31-11, in a second-round game at the Wyoming Valley CYC Tournament. Justin Brojakowski added a basket for DYB.

In an opening-round game, DYB lost to Pope John Paul, 22-21. Kyle Razawich led DYB with 11 points, while Nigel Stearns and Chris Behm added four and two points, respectively. DYB will participate in the Holy Trinity 4th grade tournament this week.

Trout stocking details available

Trout stocking schedules are available at the district offices of state Rep. George C. Hasay. The office is located at 5313 Main Road in Sweet Valley. For more information, call 477-3752.

A total of 600 streams and 123 lakes will be stocked as a part of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's 2006 adult trout stocking program. Stocking occurs year-round, with a total of roughly 4.2 million trout being stocked this year.

In most instances, the exact day those waters will be stocked is being announced; however, due to traffic safety concerns, some dates are not being released, and the commission is not widely publicizing the exact spots where stocking trucks will stop along stream sections.

To make the stocking schedules more convenient, all stockings scheduled throughout the year on all waters are listed in one consolidated, easy-to-read listing. There will no longer be separate preseason and in-season schedules.

Tournament aids Cleary Foundation

The First Lieutenant Michael J. Cleary Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 1 at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas. The event is being held in honor of Dallas High School graduate Mike Cleary, who was killed in action in Iraq. All proceeds will benefit the First Lt. Michael Cleary Memorial Foundation. The captain and crew tournament includes lunch and a sit-down dinner. Prizes will be awarded in six flights.

For more information, please contact Chuck Garnett at 675-6575.

Hoop shootout set for April 2

A Back Mountain basketball shootout competition will be held April 2 at the Dallas Middle School gym. The competition is a free throw and three-point shooting competition for boys and girls ages 7-16. The registration and warm-up time is noon. For information, call Bob at 675-0066.

Golf leagues to be formed

The Applewood Golf Course on Mount Zion Road in Harding forming leagues for weekday mornings and Friday afternoons. For information about joining a league, call the Pro Shop at 388-2500.

Scranton Eagles holding tryouts

The Scranton Eagles, a semi-professional football team, will hold tryouts from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, March 26 and from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Playing Fields Sports Dome in Jessup.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and all new players must bring a \$25 registration fee, driver's license and insurance card. For information about the team, call 961-8765.

It could be more than a month before L-L has a new coach



Former Lake-Lehman football coach Greg Myers, overseeing a workout during last season, recently became Crestwood's new coach. Lake-Lehman is the only Wyoming Valley Conference team without a head coach.

Playing the waiting game

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LEHMAN TWP. — One by one, high schools in the Wyoming Valley Conference began looking for new football head coaches.

Berwick. Wyoming Valley West. Crestwood. Coughlin. Bishop Hoban. Hanover Area.

Then one by one, the schools began filling the positions — until only one WVC team was left without a coach.

Lake-Lehman.

And that might not change for another month.

The school district recently posted the job and it won't be filled until at least April 27, says school board president Jim Welby. The position became open last month when former Black Knights head coach Greg Myers decided to take the job at Crestwood, his alma mater.

"I'm guessing that within a 30-day period we'd like to have someone in place," said Welby. "Our next board meeting is April 27. (Naming a new coach at the meeting) might be optimistic, but at least we'll have a good idea."

Welby says it's relatively early in the hiring process and he isn't sure how many potential candidates have applied for the position. Or their names.

"I've heard some rumors and some names flying around, but they're just rumors," he said. "I don't have anything substantial."

One of the names being mentioned in the Lake-



Greg Myers



Ed Michaels

Lehman locker room and around school is former Valley West head coach Ed Michaels, said junior Derek Shurmanek. Michaels was replaced at the Plymouth school by former Berwick legendary coach George Curry.

"I've heard all kinds of rumors," said Shurmanek, a two-year starter for the Black Knights. "But I have heard people talk about Mr. Michaels applying. I heard he's a really good coach."

Michaels couldn't be reached for comment.

Boys basketball head coach Dave Clancy has volunteered to help oversee the football team's weight lifting program until a new coach is named, said Welby. And Carl Kern, an assistant coach under Myers, has been taking a few players — mostly quarterbacks, receivers and running backs — to the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome once a week to throw a football around.

Despite not having a head coach, the football team hasn't skipped a beat during the off-season, said junior Kevin Racemus.

"We're still in the weight room lifting and Mr. Kern is taking us to the Dome," he said. "But it's been kind of tough. We need to prepare for next year."

Not having a coach until late April or May puts a little more pressure on the players, said Shurmanek.

"(Next season's) seniors are going to have to work as coaches," he said. "We're going to need to push the younger players a little harder."

Myers has been criticized — especially by former school board president Jim Mahon — for not being upfront with the Black Knights about his plans to switch schools and for allowing the players to find out about his decision in the newspaper.

But Welby says he's not going to second-guess the coach's decision.

"Greg had an opportunity to go home," he said. "Let's be honest, if you or I had the same opportunity, we'd take it. And if we didn't, then shame on us. I have no bitterness. Greg did a good job with the program."

Shurmanek agrees. And he also says it's time for the Black Knights to move forward.

"I know a lot of our teammates and students are mad at (Myers), but (the Crestwood job) was one of his life's goals. I'm not going to hold it against him. We just need to find a new coach and get ready for next season."

RUCH SCORES 1,000TH CAREER POINT



Stephen Ruch recently scored his 1,000th career point as a member of the Gate of Heaven boys basketball team. The son of Ted and Diane Ruch is a seventh grade student and plays for the junior varsity and varsity teams. Attending a ceremony to mark the milestone, from left, are Diane Ruch, Stephen Ruch, brother Matt Ruch and Ted Ruch.

CAFFREY WINS WRESTLING TITLE



Jimmy Caffrey, a member of the Back Mountain Wrestling Club, recently took first place in the 78-pound midget division of the Lackawanna Trail Round Robin Wrestling Tournament. Under the direction of his father and coach James, Caffrey defeated four opponents to win his division. The Gate of Heaven School fifth-grader will be competing in the upcoming MAWA qualifier at Lake-Lehman High School, where he has placed in the top three for the past five years.

TIGERS FINISH SECOND IN PLAYOFFS



The Tunkhannock Tigers FC U-10 soccer team recently took second place in the indoor playoffs at The Playing Fields Sports Dome in Jessup. The Tigers scored wins of 5-2 and 6-5 before suffering a 6-2 loss in the championship game. Members of the team, from left, first row are James Thornton, Matthew Dymond, Nathaniel Wood, Patrick Cronin, and Cheyenne Brown. Second row: assistant coach Scott Benedict, assistant coach Jeff Dymond, Brian Ly, Aidan Cronin, Eric Stamer, Zack Benedict, Jesse Goode, head coach Mick Cronin, and assistant coach Dominic Ly.