

# Sports Week

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Football program starting in Back Mt.

Back Mountain Youth Football and Cheerleading, a recently-formed organization, will hold a registration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at Wyalls Elementary School in Dallas Township. The program is open to boys and girls ages 5-13 who reside in most areas of the Back Mountain. Residency questions will be answered at the registration.

The program is looking for a name and team color for its new teams. Suggestion boxes will be available at registration. There are also openings for board members and coaches. For more information, call Dan Anderson at 696-2305. Any business interested in sponsoring a team or making a donation should also call Anderson.

### ASA softball team forming

An ASA/NSA 14 and under girls softball team is forming for play during the 2006 season. The team will not conflict with junior high or junior league softball. Any player born on or after Jan. 1, 1991, who is not already a member of an ASA team, is eligible. Interested players should send an e-mail to ASA14under@aol.com. Be sure to include the player's name, address and contact information. A tryout will be held at a later date.

### Boston Marathon serves as fund-raiser

Jim Flanagan, husband of former Dallas Township resident Erin Cleary and brother-in-law of former Dallas soccer and tennis standout Mike Cleary, will be competing in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 17 to raise money for the First Lieutenant Michael J. Cleary Memorial Foundation. Cleary was killed in action last December in Iraq.

Flanagan will be running the marathon with Rowland Boateng, a former Hamilton College classmate of Cleary. For more information about donating to the fund-raiser, call Flanagan at (603) 641-7221.

### Soccer camp taking registrations

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is accepting registrations for its annual soccer camp, which will be held June 26-30 at the campus in Lehman Township. Boys and girls in kindergarten through fourth grade will participate in the camp from 9 a.m. to noon, while boys and girls in grades 5-8 will take the field from 12:45-3:45 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$89.

Emphasis will be on technical skills, such as shooting, passing, dribbling, trapping and heading, as well as game tactics including proper positioning, creating space, attacking and defending. Goalie, advanced defensive and advanced offensive skills will be taught in drills for all interested players. There are special discounts available for teams bringing eight or more players.

For more information or to register, contact Ellen Gregorio at 675-9220 or e-mail her at wbsummeryouth@psu.edu.

### 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 captain and crew tournament is being held in honor of Dallas High School graduate Mike Cleary, who was recently killed in action in Iraq.

The entry fee is \$125 per player, which includes lunch, dinner and prizes. There will also be an opportunity to win a new truck with a hole in one, a \$2,500 putting contest and a \$100,000 par 3 shootout. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the First Lieutenant Michael J. Cleary Memorial Foundation.

Registration forms are available at the Ranch Wagon on Route 309 in Dallas and Minuteman Press in Kingston. For more information, call Chuck Garnett at 675-6575.

### 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.

## Big guns take court for shootout

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission recently held its 11th annual basketball shootout at Dallas Middle School. Contestants ages 7-16 participated in layup, free throw and three-point shooting. Parents also had the opportunity to team up with their sons and daughters in a fun parent-child shootout.

Here is a list of the overall champion and top three finishers in each competition in each age group:

#### GROUP A

Layups: Jonathan Wilson, first place; Spencer Bowanko, second place; and Tino Altavilla, third place. Free throws: Jonathan Wilson, first place; Brian Drouse, second place; and Tino Altavilla, third place. The overall champion was Jonathan Wilson.

#### GROUP B

Layups: Stephanie Cybulski, first place; Kayla Gleco, second place; and Britnee Aeherholt, third place. Free throw: Amy Bolton, first place; Stephanie Cybulski, second place; and Kayla Gleco, third place.

The overall champion was Stephanie Cybulski.

#### GROUP C

Layups: Chad DeBona, first place; Mariano Medico, second place; and Blake Williams, third place. Free throws: Mariano Medico, first place; Chad DeBona, second place; and Nigel Sterns, third place. The overall champion was Mariano Medico.

#### GROUP D (Coed)

Free throws: Brian Mizok, first place; Sara Radzvilka, second place; and Cody Cutter, third place. Three-point: Cody Cutter, first place; Brian Mizok, second place; and Paul Brace, third place. The overall champion was Brian Mizok.

#### GROUP E (Coed)

Free throws: Nicholas Thomas, first place; Joey Evans, second place; and Nicholas Zabriski, third place. Three-point: Joey Evans, first place; Nicholas Thomas, second place; and Nicholas Zabriski, third place. The overall champion was Joey Evans.



Joey Evans competes in a free throw shooting contest as Dustin Siperko and Nicholas Thomas look on during the Kingston Township Basketball Shootout.

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Neil Deirolf, Justin Amy and Justin Mazer celebrate after winning the 4x800 relay for Lake-Lehman.

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Lake-Lehman's Neil Deirolf crosses the finish line after running the anchor leg of the 4x800 relay.



Dallas tennis player Drew Slocum races along the baseline during a recent game against Bishop Hafey.

## Spring into action

The return of warm temperatures has been a godsend to spring sports athletes at Dallas and Lake-Lehman, especially the tennis and track and field teams. The Dallas tennis team is near the top of its division under the direction of head coach Jim Cook. The Dallas and Lake-Lehman track and field teams are also among the best in the Wyoming Valley Conference, under the guidance of coaches Matt Samuel and John Sobocinski, respectively. Stories about the tennis, track, and volleyball teams will appear in next week's edition of The Post.