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nine teams were all from 3A and 4A schools."

At press time, Dallas was preparing to play District 1 champion Central Bucks West. There certainly is a big difference in enrollment. Central Bucks West has approximately the same amount of male students - 760 - in grades 9-12 as Dallas has boys and girls combined.

But the Mountaineers weren't intimidated going into the contest.

"I think our girls are a little better and more relaxed than they were last year," said Scharff, whose team started nine freshmen on last year's District 2 championship team that made a run to the state quarterfinals. "They're a year older and they have the experience of being here last year. It's usually easier the second time around. You know what to expect."

Scharff, who is a full-time soccer coach - giving lessons and coaching teams on a variety of different age levels - says soccer in the Wyoming Valley has improved since he was a standout performer at Lake-Lehman in the late 1980s.

"We've caught up a great deal," he said. "But the areas are so much bigger where soccer is good. Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Reading and Lancaster are huge areas and they probably have better facilities. We're starting to get more top-level coaches and we've always had the athletes. There is a lot of talent around here. Every year, we're getting more and more kids on state and national teams. But because of the size of the area, I don't know if can ever catch up."

Despite the success his programs have had on the Wyoming Valley Conference and District 2 levels, Scharff isn't resting on his laurels.

"It's as enjoyable as ever," said the longtime coach. "But my goal is to win a state championship. We haven't gotten there, but not many coaches have gotten as many opportunities as I have. Our girls have been in the quarterfinals two years in a row and our boys have made it to the semifinals. We want to win a state championship. We're getting close."



TIMES LEADER STAFF PHOTO/AIMEE DILGER

Melissa Gorski of Dallas, left, and Conestoga Valley's Britany Simmons go after a loose ball. Gorski the only goal in a 1-0 win.

BRIEFS

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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.



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Jordan McCarthy is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a home run in major league action.

Coming through in the clutch

Scavone, Gerlin, Cornell, Mathers lead teams to wins

DJ. Scavone delivered a two-out single in the bottom of the sixth inning, lifting the Dodgers to a 10-9 win against the Giants in Back Mountain Baseball Inc. major league action. Justin Brojakowski and Jack Matusiak each had two hits, while T.J. Shultz recorded three for the winners. Hayden Jenkins had a double and pitched the final two innings for the win. Job Stepanski pitched four strong innings, striking out four batters.

Austin Smith, Bill Hillman and Noah Kustrin each had hit for the Giants while Mike Mulea pitched four solid innings, striking out four batters.

- Chris Gerlin threw a one-hitter, striking out 13 and walking only one as the Phillies topped the Orioles 5-1. Jeff Heath and Jordan Visneski had two hits each for the Phillies.

- Jason Schilling pitched six shutout innings, striking out eight, as the A's handed the Rangers their first loss of the season, 5-0. Schilling, Mike Carey and George Parkhurst led the A's with RBI hits. Shane Dunn led the Rangers with two base hits.

- William Fulton pitched a complete game two-hitter, striking out 16, as the Pirates posted an 8-1 win against the Giants. 8-1. David Wilson led the offense with a three-run double while Michael Boland



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Players from the Dodgers and Reds go through a post-game handshake after their tee ball game.

had a single with two RBI. Mike Mulea led the Giants with a double, while Noah Kustrin had a single and scored a run.

- Steven Bell pitched three innings and struck out five as the Yankees crushed the Red Sox, 17-6. Bell, David Gallagher, and Matt Doggett each had three hits for the victors. Eric Anderson, Jake Chielli, and J.J. McGovern had two hits each for the Red Sox.

- The Athletics offense banged out 10 hits in posting a 10-2 win against the Orioles. Nick Ondish, Josh Henry and F.J.

Constantino led the winners with two hits each. Aaron Perez pitched five solid innings, striking out eight while allowing just one earned run. Alex Ivoska pitched well for the Orioles, allowing just two runs over three innings.

- Patrick Condo threw a no-hitter striking out 10 as the Yanks topped the A's. The final score was not provided. Scott Napkora had three hits, including a home run for the winners, while Shawn Sekelsky and Matt Doggett each had two hits.

- Shane Dunn had two hits, including a

three-run homer as the Rangers pounded the Yankees, 12-1. Greg Petorak had two hits five RBI in the win.

- Job Stepanski had three hits and was the winning pitcher while Justin Brojakowski had a triple and a double as the Dodgers doubled up the Red Sox, 12-6. T.J. Shultz had two hits for the winners. Neal Shaver had three hits and Donnie Behm hit a double for the Red Sox.

SWEET VALLEY TEENERS

The Sweet Valley Cardinals opened regular season play in the 13-year-old division of Teeners League Baseball with three consecutive victories. Sweet Valley defeated Fort-Swoyer Lions, 10-4, in a five-inning, rain-shortened game. Justin Cornell picked up the pitching victory in relief. Zack Yursha and Cornell each had two hits, while Jamie Aldrich hit a double.

Cornell and Bryan Mathers combined for a five-hit shutout as Sweet Valley defeated Ed-Lark, 2-0. Yursha and Mathers had two hits each. Cornell struck out nine to earn the victory while Mathers worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out out jam in the final inning to earn the save.

Sweet Valley overcame an early 3-0 deficit to defeat South Wilkes-Barre Community Health, 17-3, in six innings. Yursha, Cornell and Kyle Wesley had three hits each and combined for six RBI. Adam Weaver, Bret Rutkoski and Mathers had two hits each for Sweet Valley. Justin Cornell picked up his third victory of the season, striking out eight batters.

SEELEY, GROSSMAN, BROWN NAMED MVPS



Three Shavertown residents were recently named Most Valuable Players at Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School for the spring sports season. Junior Dylan Seeley received the award for baseball; in girls lacrosse, senior Sofie Grossman received a team award; and in softball, senior Sara Brown was named MVP. Attending the awards presentation ceremony, from left, are Grossman, Seeley and Brown.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT PSU WILKES-BARRE



The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Constituent Society will hold its 11th annual golf tournament Friday, July 21 at Blue Ridge Golf Club in Mountain Top. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The tournament will follow a captain and crew format and is open to all amateur golfers. The championship flight winners will receive Penn State blazers with 24-karat, gold-plated buttons. The entry fee of \$100 per person or \$400 per team includes cart, greens fee, lunch, refreshments, a gift, dinner, and awards. Special prizes will be given for a hole in one, the longest drive, and closest to the pin. Proceeds from the event will benefit Penn State Wilkes-Barre scholarships and other alumni programs. For information, or to register, call Karen Brace-Hodde at 675-9228 or e-mail wbalumni@psu.edu. Members of the golf tournament committee, from left, are Kelley Hopa, Society vice president; Rebecca Bartuska, member; David Hoffman, tournament chairman; Jennifer Kordowski, member; Steve Perzia, Society president; and Megan Perzia, Society treasurer.