

Sports Week

Making their run at a title

A's, Rangers, Astros, Dodgers advance to championship games



F.J. Constantino steals home for the A's during a playoff game Wednesday night, while Ranger catcher Brett Wanek waits for the throw.



John Murray catches a fly ball for the Rangers to end a bases-loaded inning.



Astros Drew Brandt is safe at first base. Covering the bag is Jack Matusiak of the Dodgers.

Dodger catcher Luke Lansberry attempts to make the tag on Garrett Artsma of the Astros during a playoff game.



Editor's note: At press time, the A's were playing the Rangers for the American League playoff championship, while the Dodgers and Astros were squaring off for the National League playoff title. Results of the games will appear in next week's edition of The Post.

Eric Zawatski's walk-off double ended a thrilling eight-inning duel as the A's topped the Yankees, 3-2, in the opening round of the American League playoffs of Back Mountain Baseball Inc.'s major league division. Jason Schilling paced the A's with two hits while George Parkhurst added a key RBI single in the fifth inning. Aaron Perez picked up the win, pitching six innings and allowing four hits while striking out nine.

Pat Condo of the Yankees was equally dominating, allowing just two hits over six innings while striking out 11. Condo led the Yankee offense with a pair of hits.

• Winning pitcher John McCarthy struck out nine as the Rangers topped the Phillies, 16-6, in a playoff game. Nick Michelsin had three hits including a triple, while

Shane Dunn and David Gawlas added three hits. Pat Heath led the Phillies with three hits.

• Alex Ivoska was the winning pitcher and Nathan Kish had two hits as the Orioles blasted the Red Sox, 8-2. Bobby Saba, Ivoska and Jordan Dolman each had two hits for the winners. The Red Sox were led by Neil Shaver, who struck out two. Dylan Thomas and Eric Anderson each had doubles for the Sox.

• Alex Zubko was the winning pitcher striking out three and allowing only four hits as the Orioles topped the Dodgers 4-1. Felix Dolman had two hits, while Zubko, Bobby Saba, Alex Ivoska and Jordan Dolman each had a hit in the win. T.J. Schultz hit a home run and a single for the Dodgers.

• Jordan Stephens and Shane Dunn combined on a no-hitter and 11 strikeouts as the Rangers edged the A's, 4-1. Brett Wanek, Shane Dunn, Jordan Stephens and Jason Simovich each had hits for the Rangers.

• Scott Napkora had five hits including three triples, and picked up the win on the hill, as the Yankees downed the Red Sox, 15-5. Jim Roccograndi and

Rocco Cabrerra had three hits each, while Shawn Selensky belted a towering three-run home run for the winners.

Neil Shaver led the Red Sox with three hits. Jake Chielli and Ryan Thomas added two hits each.

• Jason Schilling homered and drove in four runs to power the A's to a 10-3 victory against the Yankees. Craig Skudulski and Dave Miller added a pair of hits while Skudulski and Josh Henry combined for the pitching win. Scott Napkora and Shawn Sekelsky each hit a home run for the Yankees.

SWEET VALLEY TEENERS

Bret Rutkoski drove in two runs and Chad Wandel hit an RBI single for Sweet Valley in a 7-4 loss against South Wilkes-Barre. Nick Shelley scored three runs and stole three bases for Sweet Valley.

In other action, Back Mountain defeated Sweet Valley, 10-2, at Ross Township Community Park in Sweet Valley. Danny Precone reached base twice for Sweet Valley with a walk and single. Mark Noyalis had three hits for Back Mountain and earned the pitching victory, striking out 11.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football camp notes date change

The Dallas High School football team will hold its annual youth football Monday through Wednesday, July 17-19 at the high school. The three-day camp for players ages 7-13 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The clinic will be under the direction of veteran head coach Ted Jackson, his coaching staff, parents and former players. Jackson has led the Mountaineers to a state championship, 10 Wyoming Valley Conference titles, three District 2 championships, and four Eastern Conference titles.

The camp stresses all aspects of offense and defense, including throwing, running, receiving, blocking, and tackling. One of the things that make the camp unique is that every player is given the opportunity to play each position.

In addition to the on-field instruction, Jackson will talk to the participants about sportsmanship, the importance of getting good grades, weightlifting, discipline and dedication.

For more information or an application, call 696-3748.

L-L soccer plans meeting

The Lake-Lehman boys soccer team will hold a meeting for all players in grades 9-12 and their parents at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 in the cafeteria of the junior/senior high school. Anyone interested in playing but who cannot attend the meeting should call head coach Mike Kostrobala at 592-1341.

CM to host tennis camp

College Misericordia will host a Junior Tennis Camp each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from July 3 through Aug. 16 at the tennis complex. The camp will be under the direction of head coach Allison Joanelle. The camp will feature sessions for four different age groups. The cost for pee wees (3½ to 5), beginners (6 and older) and intermediates is \$12 per day for one-hour sessions. An advanced academy will be offered in three-hour sessions for \$40 per day. For more information, call 674-6289.

Basketball camps at Misericordia

College Misericordia will host its annual basketball school for boys June 26-30 and July 17-21 in the Anderson Sports-Health Center. The camp will be under the direction of men's head coach Trevor Woodruff. The school is also holding its annual basketball school for girls July 10-14 under the direction of women's head coach Tom Griffith.

The camps are open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15. The cost of each session is \$115 and includes a T-shirt, basketball, lunch, and access to the Anderson Center pool.

For more information, call 674-6289.

Soccer club seeks players

The Wyoming Valley Soccer Club is holding registrations for its developmental teams and fall travel teams. All teams are professionally coached and trained. The teams are open to boys and girls ages 4-18. For more information, contact Jerry McDonald at J-McDonald@msn.com or 333-4814. You may also contact Chris Scharff at CoachScharff@aol.com.