

# Sports Week

## A piece of baseball history



John Giampietro attempts to turn a double play.



The Back Mountain American Legion baseball team played a game at Doubleday Field.

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The Back Mountain American Legion baseball team recently made a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y., where the Hawks played a game on historic Doubleday Field. The 9,800-seat stadium – named for Abner Doubleday, the man who is considered by many to be the founder of baseball – is located near the Baseball Hall of Fame.

On the field, Back Mountain banged out 18 hits in a 12-10 loss against West Scranton. The Hawks left 18 runners on base during the game. Back Mountain used seven different pitchers in the seven-inning game. After the game, members of the team visited the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum before their bus ride home.

The Hawks recently played well during the annual Kutztown Tournament. Back Mountain won two games before rain canceled the remainder of the tourney. The Hawks defeated Ledyard-Pawcatuck of Connecticut, 9-6, before posting a 10-5 win against Pine-Richland. Pine-Richland is home to this year's Class 3A high school state championship team.

At press time, Back Mountain owned a 5-4 record in the Wyoming Valley American Legion Baseball League. The Hawks are tied with Mountain Post for fourth place, 2½ games out of first place. This week, Back Mountain will play Greater Pittston, Nanticoke and Wilkes-Barre on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, respectively. All games will be played at 5:45 p.m. at Dallas High School.

The team, under the direction of coaches Tom Evans, Joe Lohin, Marty Straub and Steve Skammer, is comprised of players ages 16-19 who reside in the Back Mountain. Most of the players attend or are graduates of Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools. Two members of the team attend Wyoming Seminary and another is a student at Bishop O'Reilly.

American Legion baseball team plays at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y.



Kevin Racemus fires a pitch during a game in Cooperstown.

### 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.

#### 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 Joanlanne. 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 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.

#### Thunder looking for soccer players

The Back Mountain Thunder U-11 boys travel soccer team is looking for players to fill its roster. Interested players born after Aug. 1, 1995 should call 574-2180 or 333-5271 for more information.

#### 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.

## Women in Sports seeks nominations

The Women In Sports Society of Wyoming Valley is seeking nominations for High School Sportswoman of the Year. The society, a non-profit organization, will award the recipient a book scholarship for college.

The Women In Sports Society originated from the desire to promote and enhance girls and women's athletics within the Wyoming Valley, as well as surrounding areas. The society is committed to the female athletes in this area who desire a chance to broaden their skills and knowledge as well as experience new and challenging skills dealing with additional sports.

The award will be presented at the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner Sunday, Oct. 8 at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre.

Coaches, athletic directors, administrators, teammates and fans are invited to submit nominations for the High School Sportswoman of the Year Award. Judging will be based on these requirements:

- A high school senior girl who played a varsity sport this year.
- An athlete who is committed to fair play and serves as a role model for other players.
- A player who is determined to be the best she can be and whose dedication raises the bar for her entire team.
- A young woman who exhibits and demonstrates that athletics teaches life lessons
- An athlete who possesses a passion for her sport and whose enjoyment of the game transcends to other players
- An athlete who represents her school in a positive manner
- A young woman whose commitment to her sport extends beyond the actual game, who gives her all during every practice and even during the off-season

The Women in Sports Society also will present the Sportswoman for Life Award at the banquet. This inaugural distinction honors a woman who is a pioneer in female athletics; who has a successful record as a player, coach or official; whose contribution has had an impact on women's sports; who promotes and enhances female athletics and whose legacy still affects young women who are on today's playing fields.

To nominate a high school senior athlete, send a signed letter to:

Women in Sports Society of Wyoming Valley  
P.O. Box 1584  
Plains, Pa. 18705

Nominations may also be sent by e-mail to [wisswv@aol.com](mailto:wisswv@aol.com). The deadline is Monday, Aug. 21. All nominations must be postmarked no later than Aug. 21 or e-mailed by that date.

## THUNDER TRACK ROLLS TO SUCCESS AT DISTRICT MEET



Members of the Thunder Track Club, a recently-established age group track and field team in the Back Mountain, recently competed in the AAU Mid-Atlantic district meet at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School. Competing against track clubs from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey, several athletes finished among the top 6 finishers in their respective age groups, qualifying them for the Region II meet. Athletes from the Back Mountain who qualified were Kyle Piazza (third) and Jimmy Brown (fifth) in the Intermediate Boys 3,000-meter run; Jess Adams (fourth) in the midget boys 3,000-meter run; Griffin Adams (second) in the youth boys 800 run; and Courtney O'Brien, who grabbed a silver medal in the sub-youth girls triple jump. The young boys 3,200-meter relay team of Andrew Capaci, Adam Karwaski, Kyle Piazza and Chris Dailey finished fourth and the youth boys 3,200-meter relay team of Reece Ayers, Jake Simon, Gavin Colley and Griffin Adams won a silver medal. The team is coached by Marjorie Adams and Amy Rome. Members of the team, from left, first row are Regan Rome, Nell Adams, Lindsay Danko, Courtney O'Brien, Stephanie Dosiak and Ali Rome. Second row: Jess Adams, Griffin Adams, Chris Dailey, Kyle Piazza, Mike Mazur, Adam Karwaski, Gavin Colley and Reece Ayers. Jimmy Brown, Jake Simon, Brian Haughwaut, Andrew Capaci and Dave Moser are also members of the team.