

Sports Week

SPORTS

Suppon to appear at football camp

Former Dallas High School football standout Chuck Suppon will be one of the guest instructors at the program's annual youth football camp 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.

Suppon is entering his senior season at James Madison, where he helped lead the Dukes to the 2004 national championship. The 6-foot-4, 290-pounder defensive tackle is expected to be one of the team's best defensive players this season.

The Dallas 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 through Aug. 16 at the tennis complex. The camp will be under the direction of head coach Allison Joanlance. 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.

Teams making a pitch for title



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Back Mountain American's Arron Perez laces a hit during a district playoff game Wednesday.



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Back Mountain American pitcher Pat Condo fires a pitch during a 1-0 win against Kingston.

Back Mountain area baseball, softball teams compete for district crowns

Editor's note: Game results appear daily in the Times Leader. To report a score, call 829-7143. Each week through the remainder of the baseball and softball tournament season, The Post will provide updated information about how our Back Mountain teams fare.

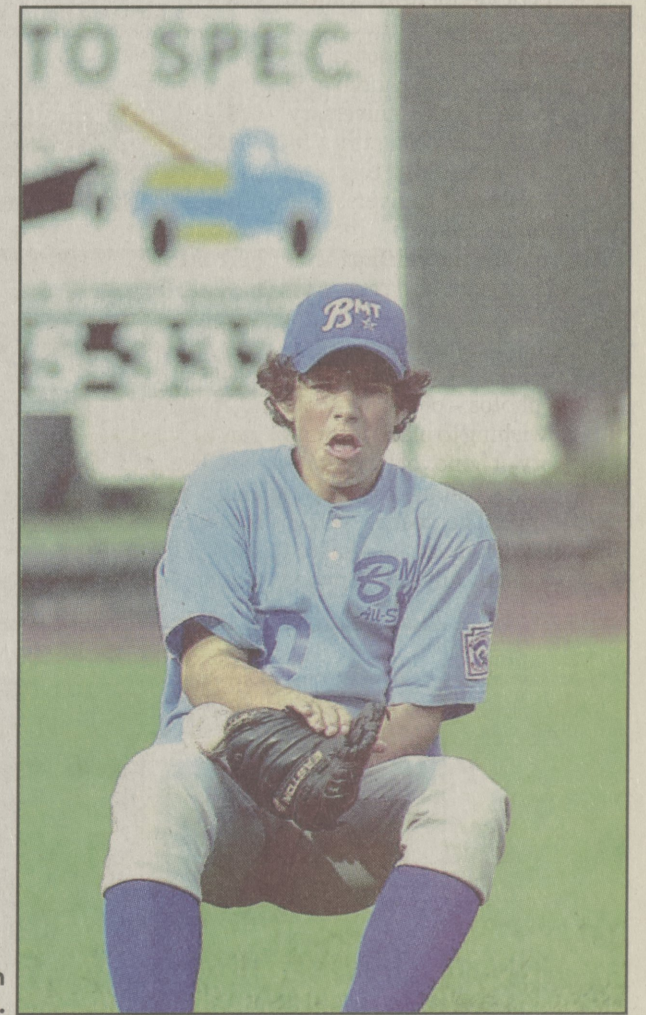
After more than a week of action, there's an excellent chance a team from the Back Mountain area could win the District 16 Little League baseball championship.

At press time, three of the four teams remaining in the winners bracket of the tournament's West Division are from the Back Mountain, with Harveys Lake, Back Mountain American and defending district champion Back Mountain National unbeaten in the double-elimination tourney. Northwest is the other team alive in the West Division's winners bracket.

This year marks the first time the district has been broken into two divisions – West and East. Next year, District 16 will divide into two districts, ending the area's claim as the largest Little League district in the United States.

The Little League boys aren't the only local teams having success. The Back Mountain Junior League team is unbeaten.

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Scott Napkora of Back Mountain American attempts to make a tough catch during a District 16 playoff game against Kingston.

Entries sought for Sportswoman of the Year

The Women In Sports Society of Wyoming Valley is seeking nominations for High School Sportswoman of the Year. The society, a nonprofit 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 b e-mail to 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.