

BLAST FINISHES FIRST IN TOURNAMENT



The Back Mountain Blast U-10 girls travel soccer team recently took first place in its division at the Kids Peace Tournament in Allentown. Kids Peace is the national center for kids overcoming crisis, a private charity that offers help to children and their families. Members of the team are, from left, first row are Courtney Wagner, Isabella Delpriore, Jennifer Ringsdorf, Gracie Schaub and Lia Giampietro. Second row: Danae Sutliff, Korrie Wandel, Kelly Meehan, Hanna Stull, guest player Talia Szatkowski, Kirsten Cope and Kale Spencer. The team is coached by Tom Cope and Heidi Wagner. Victoria Fulton is also a member of the team.

SHOWIN BLUE MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION



Three members from the Showin Blue 4-H Club of Dallas will represent Luzerne County at the Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show during the week of Oct. 26-29. Adrienne Pugh, Kayla Fine and Samantha Zimmerman qualified in the County Team competition. The team must complete a pattern while staying side-by-side through three gaits, walk, trot and canter. Fine and Zimmerman also qualified for the State Show in Pleasure Pairs. Qualifying for the state competition, from left, are Fine, riding Second Time Around; Pugh, riding Harvest Moon; and Zimmerman riding, Addictive Behavior.

Midwest Baseball Academy holding camps in Scranton

At Midwest Baseball Academy, young players can enjoy a real spring training experience without leaving Pennsylvania.

Midwest Baseball Academy, which operates a national network of hitting and pitching camps for players in grades 1-12, is adding Scranton to its lineup. Midwest Baseball Academy's Spring Training 2007 provides young players with advanced hitting and pitching training programs. The training sessions include six weeks of instruction for \$98. To register, visit www.MidwestBaseballAcademy.com.

The session in Scranton runs Jan. 6 to Feb. 10 at Throop Civic

Center. Lackawanna coach Mike Petroski will direct the program with help from the staff of Keystone College.

In addition to instruction, players get a preseason tune-up that helps them enter team practice in mid-season form. With numerous age-specific sessions, instruction is specially tailored for each ability level. Each week, hitters rotate through a series of supervised stations, including indoor batting cages, with each drill designed to teach a different aspect of hitting. Players participate in hitting games and unique stations used by high school and college programs.

The program is designed to

improve pitch and strike zone recognition, timing, balance, power, situational hitting, bunting, and other aspects. Pitchers work under the supervision of coaches who help with all aspects of pitching, from fundamentals and mechanics to more advanced concepts. Drills and repetition will improve a pitcher's speed and control.

Registration deadlines are approximately six weeks before each session begins. Because of the low player-coach ratio, spots in each session are limited. Complete details and times for each site, as well as registration forms, are available online or by calling 866-MBA-HITS

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Geisinger, Nick Kon, Bullock, Nick Luzetski, and Mark Michno also played well defensively.

On offense, Luzetski caught a 34-yard pass while lineman Brian Sotko, Matt Roncevich, David Sebolka, Josh Kreidler and Sal Moran blocked well.

C DIVISION

The Junior Mounts rolled to their fourth win of the season with a 26-0 win against the Swoyersville Sailors. Cole Dixon scored a pair of touchdowns, while Mikey Shutlock and Matt Harrison also reached the endzone. Chad Phillips also scored on a 2-point conversion run and Aidan Martinez recorded a fumble recovery for the defense, which recorded a shutout. The Junior Mount linemen played well on both sides of the ball.

Justin Sweeney, Frankie Bevevino, Paulie Zabolney, Jack Tomko, Shane Pitts, Keith Gillette, Colin Ryniec, Jessie Kincer, Chris Rosencrans, Ryan Monk, Jackson Shaver, Bennit Kennedy, David Simpson and Aidan Martinez contributed to the win.

D DIVISION

The Swoyersville Sailors scored touchdowns on the first and last plays of the game, but Dallas dominated everything in

between en route to a 26-20 win. Xavier Barber led the way with a pair of touchdowns for Dallas, while teammates Connor Phillips and Justin Hutchins also scored a touchdown each. The offensive line of Ryan Phillips, Josh Lydon, Mike Sebolka, Joe Thompson, Charles Harry and Drew Patton played well. Dylan Lisnow, Ben Kincer, Chris Chivara, Mike Farrell, Sterling Barnes and Cole Wyffels played well defensively.

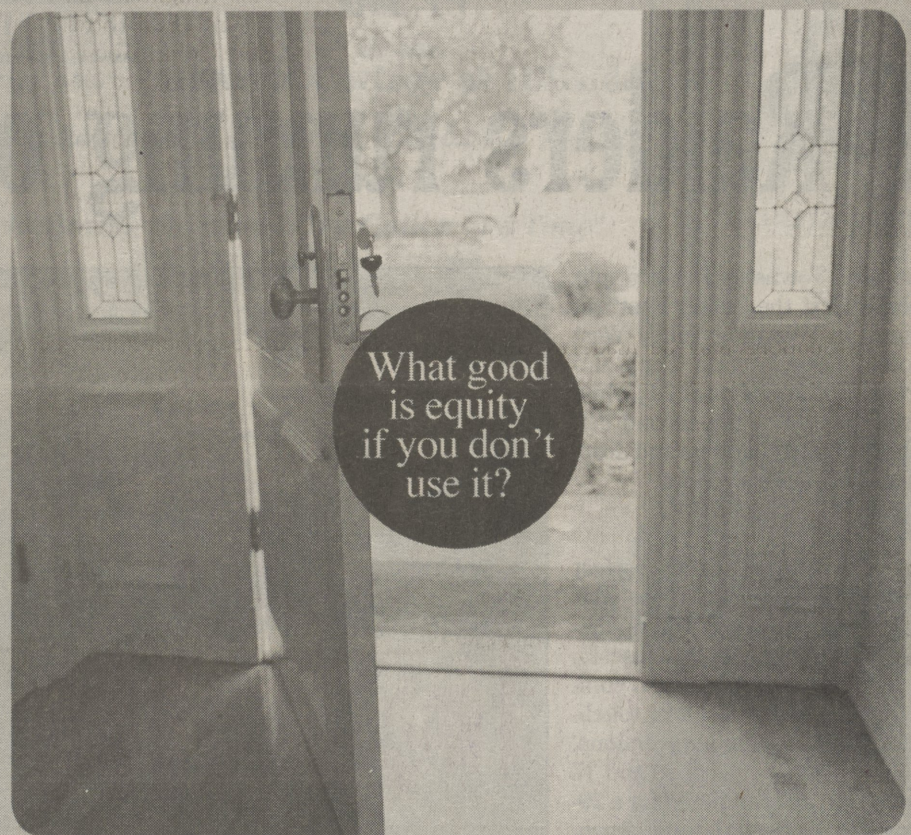
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