

# Sports



Shavertown resident Dylan Seeley, a senior Wyoming Seminary, will play baseball at Bucknell University. He is also an outstanding student, scoring almost 1,500 on the SAT.

## Tucker, Krawetz spark win

Melissa Tucker scored 14 points to lead Bishop Photo to a 28-21 victory against GEM Therapeutics in Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh and eighth grade girls action. Dana Krawetz added 11 points and Jessica Hiscox chipped in with a three-pointer for the winners. Tamara Nijmeh scored eight points to lead a balanced GEM attack. Sara Flaherty added six points and Meghan Martin chipped in five.

### 7TH/8TH GRADE BOYS

Brandon Harding and Kevin Muldoon scored 16 points each while Hayden Jenkins added 12 to the balanced attack, as Dr. Jack Ellis posted a 49-40 win against Brace's Orchard. Ryan Thomas tossed in six points and Garrett Artsma was the game's leading rebounder. Jordan Stephens led Brace's with 18 points, while Paul Brace added 11.

Marc Noyalis scored a game-high 20 point to lead EyeCare Specialists to a 50-43 win against DJ Charlie Hayes. F.J. Constantino, Ryan McCarthy and Robby Hoffman each scored six points for the winners. Travis Debona and Scot Riccetti led DJ Hayes with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

Dustin Siperko and Mike Banas combined for 30 points as Drs. Banas, Bynon and Kim posted a 54-40 win against Bishop Photo. Jonathan Barre added six points for the winners. Tyler Shutlock led Bishop Photo with 21 points, while teammate Kevin Gilber added 13.

Kevin Muldoon scored a season-high 27 points to lead Dr. Jack Ellis to a convincing 60-41 win against Dougherty, Leventhal and Price. Brandon Harding added 12 points while Hayden Jenkins chipped in 10 and Devin Williams finished with five. Stephen Zapoticky scored a team-high 23 points for DLP. Teammate Spencer Youngman added 11.

Dustin Siperko scored 21 points and Aaron Weir added nine as Drs. Banas, Bynon and Kim posted a 46-32 win against Cohen Chiropractic Clinic. Bobby Saba and Chris Dillon led Cohen with 10 and eight points, respectively.

### 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS

Eric Zawatski led all scorers with 25 points as Sheestz posted a 41-35 victory against the Dough Company. Felix Dolman and Blake Williams each scored six points for the winners. Darren Luppel was high scorer for the Dough Company with 11 points. Danny Saba added seven and Matt Saba chipped in four.

Jason Siminovich scored a game-high 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Integrated Power to a 37-29 victory against Medico Industries. Ryan Georgetti and Nick Michalson added two points each. Chad Debona led Medico Industries with 11 points, while Marianno Medico added 10. Brian Goode played well defensively.

Ryan Zapoticky scored 16 points to lead MetLife Securities to a thrilling 42-41 victory against GEM Ther-

apeutics. Buddy Shutlock added 12 points for the winners, while Nigel Stearns finished with six. John Murray led Gem Therapeutics with 22 points. Mike Kapral and Aaron Napkora added seven and four points, respectively.

Brian Stepniak scored a game-high 23 points as the Dallas Lions posted a 43-30 victory against Dr. John Kish. Mark Michno and Rocky Rutkowski finished with six points each. Nathan Kish and Mike Gallis scored 12 points each for Dr. Kish.

Kyle Razawich scored 14 points to lead Diagnostic Imaging to a 29-22 victory against Gordon-Smith Insurance. Mike Pierce added six points and Dominic Deluca played well defensively.

### 5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS

Alyssa Menzel scored 14 points to lead Eye Care Specialists to a 31-28 win against Dougherty, Leventhal & Price. Marlee Nelson added 10 points and Jamie Wise chipped in five. Maggie Michael played well defensively for the winners. Samantha Missal scored a game-high 16 for DLP. Elizabeth Dillon and Vanessa Parsons added six and four points, respectively. Teammate Ashley Nicole Kapral played well defensively.

### 3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS

Jonathan Sabatini scored eight points while Spencer Bowanko and Aleksey Gitelson added four each as C&C Sheetmetal defeated Quad Three Group, 21-11, to take over sole possession of first place in the division. Chris Biesecker played well defensively for C&C. Kyle Archer led Quad Three with five points. Shane Pitts was the leading rebounder, while Nick Mathers and Jeff Strazdus played well defensively.

Ryan Martin scored a game-high 12 points while Frank Bevevino and Tanner Gattuso added four points each to lead Bishop Photo to a 23-18 win against The Fieldhouse. Kyle Piskorik added two points for Bishop Photo. Brian Drouse led The Fieldhouse with 10 points. Jonathan Wilson added four points, while Tim Elston and Jesse Kincer scored two points each.

Allen Fell scored a game-high 12 points and Adam Niznik added 10 to lead D.J. Charlie Hayes to a 26-13 win against CDI. Anthony DeLuca chipped in with two points while Stephen Darling played well defensively. Joey Bevevino and Ray Ostroski led CDI with four points each. Teammates Jack Tomko and Alex Kurent added two points each.

Jesse Goode led the way with 10 points while Brendan Baloh added seven as Duke's Construction edged Intermountain Health, 25-16. Stephen Strumski scored his first two points of the season for Duke's while Stephen Bath played well defensively. Omar Nijmeh led Intermountain with 10 points, while Chad Phillips and Nicholas Malkemes added four and two points, respectively. Cory Metz played well defensively.

## BOWL CONTEST WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

The college football Bowl Championship Series might not be a hit with everyone, but the Dallas Post's College Football Bowl Contest certainly was. More than 70 people entered the

contest, where the goal was to pick more correct winners in 24 bowl games than editor Dave Konopki. The entries are being double-checked and the winners will be announced in next week's edition.

# The total package

## Pitching standout, AP Scholar chooses Bucknell University

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JACKSON TWP. — Two years ago, Dylan Seeley came to a conclusion that would eventually have a big impact on his life:

It's a lot more fun to throw fastballs, curveballs and changeups than it is to hit them.

The Wyoming Seminary senior, who has blossomed into one of the premier pitchers in the Wyoming Valley Conference, recently decided to continue his athletic and academic careers at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. The son of Robert and Janis Seeley of Shavertown will play for head coach Gene Depew at the NCAA Division I school, which competes in the Patriot League.

From his early days of playing Little League with Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. — his dramatic three-run home run lifted the Cardinals to the major league championship as a 12-year-old — through his sophomore year at Wyoming Seminary, Seeley developed a reputation as one of the better hitters in the region.

But when then-Blue Knight head coach Dave Kaschak named the sophomore as the No. 1 starter for the District 2 Class 2A playoffs, Seeley knew he'd found a home — on the pitching rubber.

"His decision gave me a lot of confidence," Seeley said. "It was around that time that I decided I wanted to be a pitcher. Over the last year and a half, I've really enjoy pitching. It might have something to do about being in control. When you're pitching, you have control of what's taking place. I'd rather be on the mound than in the batter's box."

Seeley has gained confidence — and velocity — since his first playoff game. The 6-foot-3 right-hander consistently throws in the 84-86 mile per hour range and was clocked at 87 during a summer league game last year.

"I'm throwing a lot harder now," said Seeley, who plays Back Mountain American Legion baseball for manager Tom Evans. "But I need to develop my changeup. I haven't thrown it a lot, so I



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Attending the announcement, from left, first row are Rob Seeley, Dylan Seeley and Janis Seeley. Second row: C.J. Kersey, academic adviser and Wyoming Seminary basketball coach; Dave Kaschak, former Seminary baseball coach; and Brian Kaschak, head baseball coach at Wyoming Seminary.

don't have a lot of confidence in it. I think the more I throw it, the more confident I'll feel."

The AP Scholar certainly feels confident in the classroom. Seeley scored almost 1,500 on the traditional SAT test and was accepted into Bucknell's prestigious College of Engineering.

When Seeley made his official visit to the campus in October, he spent some time with former Dallas baseball and football standout Ryan Gryskiewicz, who is a senior member of the Bisons baseball team. Former Wyoming Area standout Bret Sokirka also plays on the team.

"It's a beautiful campus," said Seeley, who also plays basketball at Seminary. "I liked everything about it. I got the chance to talk to (Gryskiewicz) for a little while and he was really nice to me."

Seeley also considered playing at Lafayette, Franklin & Marshall, and Johns Hopkins. And after he attended a camp in Virginia, Frostburg State of Maryland showed some interest.

But Bucknell always stayed No. 1. "I didn't want to go to school more than three hours away," he said. "I really liked the coaching staff and the players at Bucknell. I felt comfortable. And with the other (WVC) guys, I felt a connection to home. There was a comfort thing at Bucknell."

For Seeley, there will be at least one thing missing from the Bisons dugout — his father. The elder Seeley, an economics professor at Wilkes University, has been part of his son's baseball career since it began. Rob Seeley is an assistant coach at Wyoming Seminary and the scorekeeper for the American Legion team. He also coached his son on the Little League, Junior League and Senior League levels.

"It's something I've gotten used to," said the younger Seeley. "He's always tried to give me the best opportunity for success and it meant a lot to me. Whenever I'm struggling, he takes me out hitting or throwing. He's always wanted the best for me."

Seeley also credits his parents — his mother is a professor at Luzerne County Community College — for his success in the classroom.

"They certainly stress academics and they always made sure my priorities were straight," he said. "It definitely helped me."

Although he'll miss his parents, Seeley says he's ready for college life.

"I'm looking forward to college," he said. "I think it will be a good experience, academically and for baseball. I'll be playing baseball year-round and on a high level. Overall, I think it's going to be a great opportunity for me."

## RIVALS MEET IN POOL



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Kasia Szulborski, above, and the Dallas girls and boys swim teams defeated rival Lake-Lehman last week. For more photos, see Page 9. A story about the teams will appear in the Jan. 21 issue of The Dallas Post.