

BACK MOUNTAIN BANDITS BEGIN MAKING HISTORY



Colin Kirby moves in on a ground ball.



Members of the Back Mountain U13 lacrosse team are shown here at the Spring Thaw in Pottstown. From left, first row, are Kyle Poray, Dante Zurenda, George Pfeiffer, Ricky Stayer, Dmitry Perry, Gus Diana, Ray Schultz, Jimmy Caffrey, Joey Delamater, Blake Pertl and John Hickey. Second row: Coach John Delamater, Hunter Hackling, Kristin Stayer, Joe Kwiatkowski, Brandon Hacken, Eric Gotoweski, Brian Lee, David Lasco, Quincy Patrick, Alex Hoyt, Ryan Gilmartin, Coach Frank Hickey and Lewis Hackling. Missing from the photo are Dante DeAngelo, Joey Misavage, Craig Skudalski and Brandon Rome.

Youth lacrosse arrives

The new Back Mountain Bandits lacrosse program kicked off its history-making 2007 season last week with all of its boys teams starting play for the first time.

The action started with the U11 and U13 teams playing in the Spring Thaw Scrimmage Tournament at Owens J. Roberts High School in Pottstown against other teams from Pennsylvania, including Brandywine, Great Valley, Lionville, Phoenixville and West Bradford.

The following day the U15, U13 and U11 teams hosted the Saucon Valley Panthers of Allentown and played the first-ever youth lacrosse games in the Back Mountain. The U15 squad won its contest, 3-1, over the Panthers with two goals scored by Brian Suchoski and one by Matt Hopper. Assisting on the goals were Bret Wanek, Kaleb Taylor and Tyler Kirby.

Playing excellent midfield and attack for the Bandits were Donald Thrash, Andrew Murray, Nate Wilson, Colin Kirby, Aaron Lisses, Kurtis Manganella, Tim Piatt and Nathan Rinehouse. Defensively, John Butchko, Zach Taylor, Morgan Cohen, Thomas Kempinski, Kyle Parsons, Tim Rowlands and Garret Hopper shut down the Panther attack and goalies Brian Deluca and Mitch Zampetti combined for 28 saves.

The U13 Bandits also posted their first win with a gutsy come from be-



Tom Youells on the attack.

hind 5-3 win.

Saucon Valley stormed out to an early 3-0 lead but the defensive, led by Jimmy Caffrey, David Lasco, Kristin Stayer, Hunter Hackling and Lewis Hackling, stiffened and held the Panthers scoreless in the second half.

The midfield and attack responded with aggressive play by Francis Hickey, Eric Gotoweski, Kyle Poray, Ricky Stayer, Ryan Gilmartin, Dante Zurenda, Dmitry Perry and Joey Misavage and scored five unanswered goals with three by Quincy Patrick and two by Gus Diana. Assisting on the goals were Brian Lee, Joey Delamater, Blake Pertl, Ray Schultz and Alex Hoyt.

Goalies Dante DeAngelo and George Pfeiffer combined for 22 saves. The U11 team jumped out to an



Christian Snyder shows some aggressive defensive play.

early 2-1 lead but eventually lost, 6-2, to a very experienced Saucon Valley team. The Bandits got two goals from Reilly Breig and assists from Daniel Frascella and Josh Weaver. The midfield and attack played well and were constantly putting pressure on the Panthers with great play by Jacob Rome, Ryan Cohen, Eric Smith, Gregory Navestad, Corey Patrick, Mike Oleginski, Omar Nijmeh, Andy Bobynsky, David Eifert, Louis DeNaples, Ryan Flanagan, Joseph Campolieto and Alex Manganella.

The defense was led by J.T. Carey,

Drew Cohen, Kyle Kotulski, Paul DeNaples, Owen Kiluk, Brendan Scandland, Robert Bertram, Duncan Breig, Cael Wylam, Samuel Parente, Collin Portland and Joey Stier.

Gavin Lewis and Jacob Yaple combined for 18 saves in goal.

The U-19 high school team started its season against Central Susquehanna but came up short, 16-5. Richard Wengrzynek and Eoin Ellis each scored two goals with Matt Hopper scoring one. Assisting on the goals were Mitch Cohen, Mike Dennis, Garison Arcuri and Tom Youells. Midfield and attack play was led

by James Banos, Dominic Molino, Jeff Hanadel, Charles Yavorski and Mike Panzetta.

The defense was led by Andrew Besecker, Christian Snyder, Mike Tornart and Dan Carey with Whitey Ellis and Giryes Nijmeh combining for 14 saves.

In addition to the four boys teams, the Back Mountain Bandits lacrosse program also has a girls team which begins play next week against Wyoming Seminary.

For more information about the program and team schedules, please go to www.bmyl.org.