

IN BRIEF

Skammer named to Junior Olympic team

Sara Skammer, a Level 10 gymnast, has earned a position on the 2008 Junior Olympic National Team. Recently, she competed at the Region 7 Qualifier meet held at the Newport News University, Newport News, VA. where her All-Around score was 36.2 which included a third place medal (9.325) on the uneven bars.

Skammer trains 20 hours a week at the United Sports Academy in Dunmore and is coached by Dima Raynova, a former Olympic gold medalist from Bulgaria and Omar Egis, a former gymnast from Equador.

A resident of Dallas, Skammer is a freshman at Dallas High School.

Fishing program at Frances Slocum

Families with young people ages 8 and older with little or no fishing experience are invited to a Family Fishing Basics program from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Frances Slocum State Park.

Participants will learn about aquatic animals, the need for clean water, outdoor manners, angler safety and, most importantly, learn to fish, too.

All equipment and bait will be provided. This is a family program and adults must stay with children.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

BMT Rec. fields will be dedication Sat.

The Back Mountain Recreation, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a Field Naming Ceremony at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at its 130-acre recreation complex on Outlet Road in Lehman Township. The public is invited to attend.

"We are thrilled with the progress we have made so far in the development of what will someday be the Kirby Park of the Back Mountain," said Rick Coslett, president of the Back Mountain Recreation Board. "We will be recognizing three of our major donors by naming the completed soccer and lacrosse fields in their honor. Their continued enthusiasm and strong level of support have helped make this phase of our project a success.

"We are taking this opportunity to formally thank them for their continued support and strong commitment to this project," added Coslett.

With the help of private donors, local foundations, DCNR, the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, and Luzerne County, Back Mountain Recreation Inc. has acquired the property for the complex and is in the process of a multi-phased development. Two soccer fields and a lacrosse field are complete and construction of four more soccer fields is underway.

The next phase of the project will include restrooms, a concession area, pavilions and hiking trails. Future phases include a playground, baseball and multi-purpose fields, basketball and tennis courts, an ice-skating rink and a skateboarding area.

The complex is open to the public.

Information regarding use of the facility and scheduling should be directed to Dave Sutton, executive director, at 675-1480.

Bandits strong, but still look for first win

The Back Mountain Bandits lacrosse team came out strong last Saturday against their opponent, Forks Township.

Corey Patrick scored a goal early with help of the offense of Luke Yaple, Ryon Cohen, Adam Adelman, Kuris Caraichner and David Nape but, by the end of the first quarter, the Bandits trailed, 3-1.

The Middies were being rotated throughout the game in hopes to slow down the Forks team. Playing middies were Corey Patrick, Justin Huchins, Aaron Klamovich, Stone Mannello, Ricky Morgan, Michael Snatoro, Duncan Breig, RJ Driscoll and Xavier Barber.

Forks Township enjoyed a 9-1 halftime lead but the defense of Ryan Spears, RJ Spears, Connor Switzer, Connor Duffy and Owen Kiluk didn't allow Forks to score for the rest of the game.

In the third quarter, Bandits Justin Hutchins and Keith Gillette both scored. Late in the fourth quarter, Keith Gillette scored for the Bandits but Forks still earned a 9-4 victory.

The Bandits played Lower Muncie Youth Lacrosse Team last Sunday and suffered another loss 8-3. Scoring for the Bandits were Corey Patrick (two goals) and Ryan Cohen.

The Bandits play at home today.



Middle RJ Driscoll controls the ball for the Bandits against Forks Township last weekend.

LEHMAN-JACKSON RED TEAM WINS ELEMENTARY CAGE CHAMPIONSHIP



The three Lake-Lehman elementary boys basketball teams recently ended their seasons. The championship game held at the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School pitted Ross Elementary School against the Lehman-Jackson red team. The Lehman-Jackson team defeated Ross, 26-24, by scoring the winning basket with just 2.4 seconds remaining in the game. Members of the winning team are, from left, first row, Joe Wojcik, Ben Brooke, Matt Vacante and Ron Ziomek. Second row, Jordan Lindley, Nick Egan, Tyler Kerkowski, Jacob Brominski, Vinnie Williamson and Matt Cragle. Back row, Coach Barry Brookes.

GATE OF HEAVEN RUNNERS JOIN HOLY REDEEMER CROSS COUNTRY CONFERENCE



Students in fifth through eighth grades at Gate of Heaven School have teamed with St. Mary/St. Nick's School in to join the Holy Redeemer Cross Country Conference. The team held its first exposition meet on April 16 with the season's first meet on April 23. The season contains four meets with the conference championships to be held on May 17. Head coach is Ed Roman, who is also Holy Redeemer head coach. Len Valenti, Ann Morrison and Janice Szczechowicz are assistant coaches. Members of the Gate of Heaven Cross Country Team for 2008 are Victoria Fulton, Michael Gatusky, Madison Gilhooley, Anthony Huntington, Nathalie Joanlanne, Elizabeth Kutza, Matthew Lyons, Ryan Marshall, Cristina McFarlane, Kaley Polachek, Jennifer Ringsdorf, Allison Rismondo, Eric Stamer, Samantha Starbuck, Kennedy Straitiff, Christina Valenti and Megan Wrubal, fifth grade; Michele Fromel, John Kane, Margarete Kukosky, Anna Layaou, Sara Mirra, Nick Oley, Patrick Serino, Nicole Slavoski, Molly Turner and Zoë Zarola, sixth grade; Vinny Amarando, Christie Cawley, Makenzie Fallon, Ramya Gajula, Alyssa Joanlanne, Sara Kopczyński, Michael Morrison, Spencer Norris, Bonnie Stec, Joseph Szczechowicz and Will Thede, seventh grade; and Megan Mirra, Nicole Kerka, Jessica Valenti and Dominick Zarola, eighth grade.

Zapoticky homers to lead Giants past A's

MAJOR BOYS

**Giants 6
A's 5**

In an extra inning affair, the Giants slipped past the A's, 6-5. Ryan Zapoticky cracked a solo homer in the top of the seventh to break a 5-5 tie. Nigel Stearns struck out 11 A's in the win. Aaron Napkora drilled a home run for the A's and Joe Stier was stellar on the mound in the loss.

**Yankees 6
Dodgers 1**

Four Yankees pitchers held the Dodgers to two hits as the Yankees won, 6-1. Mariano Medico, Domenic Oliveri, Matt Doggett and Blake Williams struck out 12 in the win. Doggett had three hits, including a homer and triple while Medico had three hits also. Oliveri added two hits for the Yanks. Justin Brojakowski and Cody Paraschak had hits for the Dodgers.

**Rangers 5
Red Sox 0**

Chad DeBona and Greg Petorak combined on a one-hit shutout and struck out 11 as the Rangers downed the Red Sox, 5-0. Petorak homered and DeBona singled in the win. Tom Flores had the only safety for the Sox.

**A's 16
Phillies 4**

Francois Ross banged out four hits as the A's crushed the Phillies, 16-4. Craig Skudalski, Aaron Napkora and Ricky Stayer had three hits each in the win. Omar Nizmeth picked up the win on the mound. Rosario Bevevino pitched well for the Phillies in the loss.

**Yankees 7
Giants 1**

The Yankees ran their record to 4-0 as they clipped the Giants, 7-1. Mariano Medico and Domenic Oliveri gave up only four hits in the win on the mound. Blake Williams doubled and homered and Matt Doggett also hit a home run for the Yanks. Ryan Zapoticky led the Giants offense with two doubles.

**A's 7
Orioles 0**

In a rainshortened contest, the A's shut out the O's, 7-0. Aaron Napkora threw one-hit ball over four innings to pick up the win. Ricky Stayer and Craig Skudalski had two hits each for the winners while Josh Evans and Chris Ferrara each had a single. David Simpson had the lone hit for the Orioles.

**Rangers 10
Pirates 0**

Kyle Razawich struck out nine and gave up only one hit as the Rangers blanked the Pirates, 10-0. Bill Gately had two hits with a double and Greg Petorak had two hits with a triple for the winners. Brain Banas and Jonathon Wilson had the hits for the Bucs.

**Pirates 10
Phillies 4**

Brian Banas banged out three hits as the Pirates downed the Phils, 10-4. Brian Douse made a spectacular defensive play for the Pirates. Chad Phillips pitched well in defeat.