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Dan Meuser (#175), of the Back Mountain, and other members of the pink team wait their turn to start the swim portion of the 27th Annual Wilkes-Barre Triathlon in Harveys Lake.

Swim, run, bike = pride

The Back Mountain and its residents have embraced the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon for years. This year, the 27th of the event, was no different. Volunteers came out in droves, providing both professional triathletes and weekend warriors one of the best-organized events in which they will ever participate.

And, once again, Back Mountain residents swam, biked and ran, all while putting their own personal stamp on the annual event.

Shavertown resident Kelly Ochreiter, 29, won her second consecutive individual female title in 2:24.10, finishing 18th overall in an event that features a 0.9-mile swim, a 24.8-mile bike race and a 6.8-mile run.

Sean Robbins, also of Shavertown, a seasoned triathlete and Ironman competitor, was the top local finisher and third overall male finisher. He completed the local event in 2 hours, 10 minutes and 36 seconds. Robbins, 39, has competed in 11 Ironman Triathlons, including the grueling Hawaiian Ironman which features a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike race and a 26.2-mile run.

Back Mountain residents who participated in the 27th Annual Wilkes-Barre Triathlon include:

- Kelly Ochreiter, Shavertown, female 25-29
- Andrea Butchko, Dallas, female 14-19
- Jill Kopicki, Harveys Lake, female 25-29
- Diane Levandoski, Dallas, female 45-49
- David Novak, Tunkhannock, male 14-19
- John Thompson, Dallas, male 14-19
- Michael Harostock, Shavertown, male 20-24
- Andrew Josuweit, Dallas, male 20-24
- Michael Jones, Dallas, male 30-34
- Matt McLaughlin, Dallas, male 35-39
- Sean Robbins, Shavertown, male 35-39
- John McGurk, Dallas, male 40-44
- Dan Meuser, Harveys Lake, male 40-44
- Rick Morgan, Shavertown, male 40-44
- Skip Sensbach, Dallas, male 40-44
- William Sprau, Shavertown, male 40-44



Sean Robbins, Shavertown, pulls up Sordoni Hill in Beaumont. Robbins was the top local finisher at the race and finished in third place overall.

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- William Zarola, Dallas, male 40-44
- Chris Krall, Trucksville, male 45-49
- Jerry Levandoski, Dallas, male 45-49
- Wayne Devine, Harveys Lake, male 50-54

- Charles Eckman, Dallas, male 50-54
- William Fisk, Dallas, male 50-54
- Leonard Romanowski, Dallas, male 50-54
- Dave Kowalek, Shavertown, male 55-59



Kelly Ochreiter, Shavertown, is congratulated by her friend Diana Whitney after she finishes.



Volunteers Lisa Daris, left, and Suzanne Youngblood keep records during the triathlon.

ONLINE:

For more photos, see mydallaspost.com

SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls can play softball in fall

Girls ages 11 and younger are invited to sign up to play in the Back Mountain Little League Girls Softball Fall League. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays.

For team and individual information, contact John Perez at

675-8324 or johper4@epix.net.

George Appel Golf Tourney is Aug. 22

The Our Lady of Victory Church will hold its 15th Annual George Appel Memorial Golf Tournament and Basket Raffle on Friday, Aug. 22, at the Mill Race Golf Resort, Benton.

Registration and lunch will be from 11 a.m. until the noon shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per golfer

which includes green fees, cart, lunch and a post-tournament dinner with hors d'oeuvres and open bar at the OLV Church hall, starting with a social warm-up at 5 p.m.

There will also be a raffle, featuring a golf bag, basket of wine, several liquor party bags and flight prizes for golfers. Additionally, there will be drawings for a basket of cheer, basket of wine, an autographed Dennis Bonvie Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey stick and pho-

to, a coffee and tea basket, a sports basket featuring a signed Troy Polamalu Pittsburgh Steelers football card and a signed 8 x 10 Dennis Bonvie Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins picture, a car care basket, a party-picnic basket and a lottery/money tree basket.

Golf tournament sign-ups and tickets can be purchased by calling the church office at 639-1535 by August 14.

Gator Golf Tournament

is Sept. 13

Gate of Heaven School will conduct its annual Gator Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Mill Race Golf Course, Benton.

The goal of the tournament is to raise \$5,000 to purchase badly-needed athletic equipment and supplies for Gate of Heaven students.

The afternoon will begin with lunch at noon followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. There

will be prizes for closest shot to the pin and longest drive. Dinner and a prize raffle will follow golfing.

The cost of the tournament is \$85 per person and \$330 per foursome. The tournament is limited to 100 golfers (25 teams). Hole sponsorships are available for donations of \$100 to \$500. Please make checks payable to "Gate of Heaven Athletics."

For more information, contact Mike Tomalis or Theresa Gatusky, 639-5667.