Sports

Golf event supports Rotary

The 25th Annual Dallas Rotary Fall Golf Classic to support Dallas Rotary Charities will be held Monday, Sept. 15, at the Irem Temple Country Club beginning with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

"We are looking for hole sponsors and players," said Kevin Smith, returning chairman for the event. "Last year we had more than 90 sponsors and we would like to make it 100 this year to add to the success of our event."

The sponsorship fee is $100. Each advertiser will receive a sign prominently displayed near a green or tee.

The Rotary is also looking for players. The format is a captain and three crew members. Individuals are invited and will be teamed up with others in a group. The entry fee is $100.

"Last year we had 100 players," Smith said. "We would like to see all of them, and more, return this year."

Proceeds help the Rotary Club of Dallas sponsor and contribute to the Back Mountain Library, the annual Christmas Shopping Spree for 45 Back Mountain children, the Dallas/Lake-Lehman/Northwest School Book Scholarships, Essay Contests and dictionaries for third-graders, graduation lock-in programs, the Luzerne County Fall Fair, the Back Mountain Food Pantry and much more.

For more information and an entry for, call Smith at 696-5420.

Sponsors must respond by September 12 to allow enough time for proper sign printing.

Players are urged to respond by September 8 for the Rotary Club to determine how many will be in attendance at a seafood and steak dinner with all the trimmings following the tournament.

An awards ceremony and raffle will take place at the close of the day.

HARDING CAPTURES FIRST PLACE IN TRIATHLON

Brandon Harding, age 15, recently captured first place in the 2008 Beware of Barracuda Third Annual Youth Triathlon at Eagle Rock Resort in Hazleton. Harding competed in the 13-18 male age group and was the age group and overall winner of the triathlon. He completed 200 yards of swimming, 2.5 miles of biking and a one mile run with a time of 18:53. The son of Brian and Dawn Harding, he is a sophomore at Dallas High School.

Macosky, Siminovich and Michno lead Jr. Mounts victory over Sailors

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Back Mountain Bobcats C team enter the field to meet their opponents from West Pittston.

A TEAM

Dallas 36
Swoyersville 0

The Dallas Jr. Mounts A team had an impressive 36-0 win over the Swoyersville Sailors to put themselves up 2-0 for the season.

The first quarter was an offensive show of power by the Mountaineers. Running back Zack Macosky broke free on the first play of the game to rush 60 yards into the endzone. Quarterback Jason Siminovich added two points on the conversion to put Dallas up, 8-0.

On the next set of offensive plays, running back Mark Michno broke free and put another six points on the board. Siminovich added two more points on the conversion with a QB keeper.

Macosky went to quarterback and Siminovich went to wide receiver and the pair connected on a 25-yard touchdown pass. Siminovich again converted the point after with a QB sneak and, at the end of the first quarter, Dallas was up, 24-0.

The Dallas defense, led by Nick Luzetski, Aaron Napkora, Chris Behm, Russ Newell and Mike Harrison, kept the Sailors from gaining a yard in the first half.

In the third quarter, QB Macosky hit wide receiver Eric Zawatski for a 28-yard touchdown. Macosky added two points on the conversion then added six more points for Dallas in the fourth quarter when he intercepted a Swoyersville pass and ran 55 yards for a touchdown.

Back Mountain 30
West Pittston 0

The Back Mountain Bobcats A team had another impressive win last Sunday, shutting out the West Pittston Rams, 30-0.

The offensive line led by Cody Long, Ryan Deremer, Nathan Patton, Josh Winters, Brian Durling and Justin Butler paved the way for the running backs' outstanding ground game. Brady Butler led the RBs with three touchdowns.

Shane Jacobsen and Brian Goode each added a 2-point conversion on the ground. Shane Jacobsen, Angelo Baltier, Justin Mucha and Nate Vario also had big gains on the ground for the Bobcats. Mucha topped off the scoring by completing a 15-yard TD pass to Josh Winters.

The defensive line, led by Long, Vario, Josh Winters, Chris Cooper and Evan May, applied continual pressure to the Rams' offense, shutting down their inside running game while the defensive backs, led by Jacobsen, Dylan Pilger, B. Butler, Baltier and Justin Winters, helped hold the Rams' offense to three first downs and no points.

The Bobcats had four sacks on the day. Pilger, B. Butler and Vario each had one while J. Butler and May combined for the fourth sack and Nate Vario added a safety for Back Mountain.

The Bobcats A team is off until Sunday, Sept. 7, when it faces Swoyersville, a team that knocked it out of the playoffs last year.

B TEAM

West Pittston 12
Back Mountain 0

The Back Mountain Bobcats B team lost, 12-0, to the Rams at the West Pittston field in a tough battle against the West Pittston Rams.

The Bobcats played great offensively and defensively, but failed to score against the Rams. Morgan Salter recorded an interception.

The Bobcats are at home today against Ed-Lark. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

Kingston Township 30
Forty Fort 0

The Kingston Twp Raiders B team improved its record to 2-0 with an impressive 30-0 shutout against a strong Forty Fort team.

The Raiders capitalized on touchdown runs from Peter Capitano, Aaron Kliamovich, Omar Nijmeh and Corey Patrick en route to the shutout victory. Adam Niznik capped the Raiders scoring with a 2-point conversion.

Shawn Spencer, Matt Wargo and Jason Anderson provided a strong defensive front that allowed only three first downs for the Flyers. Connor Motley registered a key sack late in the game and Michael Olenginski forced a fumble for a turnover, preserving the victory for the Raiders.

Dallas 24
Swoyersville 0

The Dallas Jr. Mounts B team defeated Swoyersville, 24-0. Ryan Monk scored a touchdown on a long run. And Cole Dixon added the 2-point conversion. Cole Dixon and Ryan Cheskiwicz also scored touchdowns for the winners.

Andrew Stubeda sacked the Swoyersville quarterback for a 2-point safety and Andrew Shurites nabbed an interception. Aiden Martinez picked up a fumble.

Helping on offense with strong blocking were Jude Moran, David Simpson and Shane Pitts. The Dallas defense was led by Kieth Gillette, Cory Harris and Matt Harrison.

C TEAM

West Pittston 34
Back Mountain 0

The Back Mountain Bobcats suffered another disappointing loss last Sunday, going down 34-0 to the West Pittston Rams.

Despite some great tackles by Bobcats Chris Allen, Zach Gabel, Nick Whitesell, Stone Mannello and RJ Driscoll, the Rams managed to score a touchdown and a 2-point conversion in the first quarter.

The Bobcats got some great ball carrying from Daniel Schnable, Driscoll, Cameron Brennan and Whitesell, but the Back Mountain boys were unable to score. The Bobcats' defensive line of Nat LaBar, Eric Sweppenheiser, Ian Evans, Jonathan Adams and Bradley Adams made awesome plays while impressive tackles were turned in by Charlie Kuschke, Nat Hazeltine and Whitesell.

In the second quarter, Brennan, Whitesell and Mannello ran the ball just short of the first down, forcing a punt by Eric DeReemer. The Rams took a 16-0 lead in to the locker room at halftime.

Hazeltine received the kick to begin the third quarter. Driscoll and Mannello ran the ball for the Bobcats but the Back Mountain team turned the ball over on downs and the Rams took over possession on the 46 -yard line. Great tackles by Gabel, Whitesell and Mannello weren't enough to stop the Rams and they scored again.

On the Bobcats' next possession, O'Donnell, Schnable and Kuschke all ran the ball for a first down but the Bobcats were forced to punt the ball away on the next series of downs.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Rams scored again but were unable to complete the 2-point conversion. LaBar recovered a fumble for his team and the Bobcats' offensive line of Anthony Grandinetti, Alex Kristeller, Shawn Temarantz and Thomas Piatt blocked for the Bobcats before they turned the ball over on downs.

The Rams scored again but were unsuccessful at the 2-point conversion. Owen Morgan returned the kick for the Bobcats and O'Donnell ran the ball but the Bobcats fell short of a first down.

Kingston Township 16
Forty Fort 6

The Raiders C Team faced a tough opponent in the Forty Fort Flyers and won a hard fought battle by a 16-6 score. The majority of the game was a defensive battle by both squads.

The Raiders opened the scoring in the first quarter with Ricky Morgan scoring on a 20-yard run behind the strong line blocking of Josh Holdredge, Carl Markowski and Abdul Almecky. Dalton Gattuso added the 2-point conversion with the key block provided by Ricky Morgan.

Throughout the balance of the first and second quarters, the Raiders defense was anchored by the line play of Blake Dyke, Mustafa Almecky and Justin Brown.

The Flyers scored on the last play of the second quarter on a 45-yard run by Zack Sott. The Flyers' drive late in the third quarter was stopped by a fine defensive effort by Andrew Chopka and Mark Bulford.

After stopping the Flyers, the Raiders scored late in the third quarter, set up by a 26-yard run by Jason Culp with Ricky Morgan capping the drive with a 2-yard blast behind the blocking of Morgan Boedecker and Devon Robbins.

The Raiders defensive effort was led by Morgan, Gattuso and Colin Pertl. Pertl led the Raiders in tackles as well as providing a key interception late in the game to stop any further drives by the Flyers.

D TEAM

Dallas 22
Swoyersville 6

The Dallas Jr. Mounts D Team looked solid in its home opener, beating Swoyersville 22-6.

The defense, led by Cole Dewees, Jacob Esposito, Joe Brennan and Xander Shaner, was stingy, giving up only two plays of more than five yards all day.

The offensive line, anchored by Sean Cuba and Blaine Rex, opened up some great holes throughout the game.

Dallas meets Kingston Township today in a battle of unbeatens.

Kingston Township 34
Forty Fort 0

The Kingston Township Raiders D team continued its strong play with a 34-0 victory over the Forty Fort Flyers.

Mason Gattuso got the scoring started with two long touchdown runs in the first quarter. Derek Answini then got the Raiders on the scoreboard again with a long touchdown run early in the second quarter. Kyle McAndrew closed the first half with his first touchdown of the season. Michael Doggett punched in a 2-point conversion and Gattuso connected with Answini on a conversion pass.

The offensive line play was strong all day led by Cole Vonderheid and Troy Turinski. The only score of the second half was turned in by the Raiders defense. Michael Anderson forced and recovered a fumble and took it into the endzone to round out the scoring for the victors. Christian Motley, Ben Emershaw and Blake Perrego played strong defensive games.

◆ PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Answers

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