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Jake Moran, of Shavertown, tees off on the 10th hole at the 25th Annual Dallas Rotary Golf Tournament at Irem Temple Country Club.



Rich Lukasavage does everything right - knees bent, eye on the ball, smile on his face - as he putts.

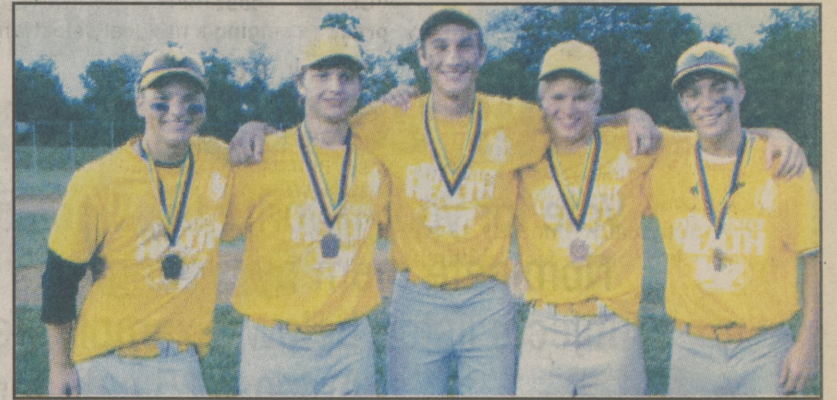
FORE - for 25th time

For the 25th consecutive year, the annual Dallas Rotary Fall Golf Classic was not rained out. Held on September 15 at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas, the golf tournament raised money to benefit various charitable causes sponsored by the Rotary Club. The fall golf tournament started out in mid-September to late September and gravitated toward early October. After experiencing colder weather later in the fall, the tournament was pulled back to mid-September about six years ago - a move that has never been proven to be a wise one as the tournament has never been postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather.



Bob Bachman, of North Lake, left, Glen Kornblau, of Shavertown, center, and Joseph Solano, of West Pittston, chip up to the green.

DIAMONDMEN PARTICIPATE IN KEYSTONE GAMES



Five Back Mountain baseball players recently joined 15 other athletes in the Pocono Region to participate in the Junior Baseball Division of the annual Keystone Games in York. The team successfully captured the bronze medal with a record of 3-2. Members of the team representing the Back Mountain area are, from left, Josh Everett, Lake-Lehman High School; Stephen Ruch, Holy Redeemer High School; Mark Noyalis, Dallas High School; Zach Yursha, Lake-Lehman High School; and Adam Paulaskas, Lake-Lehman High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ice hockey registrations

Back Mountain Ice Hockey will hold registration and evaluations for the 2008-09 high school ice hockey season on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Ice Box in Pittston.

Junior varsity registrations will be at 5 p.m. and varsity registrations will be at 6 p.m. Please bring full equipment. Register online at backmountainhockey.org.

For more information, e-mail ehnn@aol.com or call 675-4459.

Girls can play softball

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.

REASON plans Open House

R.E.A.S.O.N, the Retired Equine Adoption Society of the Northeast, will hold an Open House from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at its farm on Route 292 in Centermoreland between Dallas and Tunkhannock.

Admission is free. There will also be horses looking to be adopted. Also on hand will be Diana Tuorto, a children's author

and poet from New Jersey, who will sell and sign copies of her children's novels with 50 percent of all sales from the event to be donated to REASON.

For more information, call 333-5266.

Rock Rec Center plans basketball clinic

The Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville, will hold its Third Annual Fall Basketball Clinic on Monday and Wednesday evenings, October 13-27. The clinic is open to boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade.

For more information, call The Rock Rec Center at 696-2769.

Austin running for Point Park

Sarah Austin, a graduate of Dallas High School, was the third Point Park woman to cross the finish line in each of the first two cross country meets of the season.

Austin had a time of 23:03 at the California Invitational on September 6 to help Point Park to a ninth-place finish out of 15 schools.

On September 18, she had a time of 25:10 to help the Pioneers to a ninth-place finish out of 18 teams.

Point Park is located in downtown Pittsburgh and has an enrollment of 3,800 students.

Jason Simonovick returns kickoff for 55 yards, leads Dallas Jr. Mounts to 5-0

Action from September 14 in the Wyoming Valley Youth Football Conference is as follows:

A TEAM

**Dallas 30
Exeter 0**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts A team extended its winning streak to 5-0 with a 30-0 win over the Exeter Panthers.

In the first quarter, Dallas Mountaineer Jason Simonovick returned the opening kick off 55 yards to set up an 8-yard touchdown run by Aaron Napkora. Simonovick added two points on the conversion. The Mounts were off to an early lead.

On the Mounts' next possession, Napkora scored on a run from 22 yards out and Nick Luzetski added two more points on the conversion. At the end of the first quarter, Dallas was ahead, 16-0.

Early in the second quarter, Zack Mascosky intercepted the Panthers and scampered 58 yards into the end zone to give the Mounts six more points and Napkora added two points on the conversion, putting the Jr. Mounts up, 24-0.

Dallas got the ball back after holding Exeter on four plays and the offensive machine took over once again. Simonovick connected with Eric Zawatski as he made a one-handed catch and darted 52 yards for another Dallas touchdown. Exeter got the ball back, only to give it right back to Dallas as Chris Behm intercepted an Exeter pass.

The Dallas defense had another impressive game as Connor Martinez, Matt Roncevic, Mike Harrison, Mark Michno, Steve Mingy and Russ Newell kept the Panthers scoreless.

B TEAM

**Kingston Township 38
West Pittston 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders B team used four rushing touchdowns and a 65-yard touchdown pass to defeat the West Pittston Panthers, 38-0.

Omar Nijmeh rushed for three of the

Raider touchdowns while Corey Patrick rushed for one and scored on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Michael Oleningski.

Aaron Kliamovich, Tanner Gattuso, Oleningski and Patrick rounded off the scoring with 2-point conversions.

The Raiders' defense was anchored by Adam Niznik, Bret Storrs, Michael Golden and Shawn Spencer who combined to keep the Panthers limited to two first downs through the game.

Kyle Piskorik and Tanner Gattuso intercepted passes in key situations for the Raiders.

C TEAM

**Dallas 18
West Pittston 12**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts C Team evened its record on the year at 2-2 with an exciting 18-12 overtime victory against the visiting West Pittston Rams on September 7.

After trailing 6-0 at the half, Dallas forced the Rams to punt the ball into the arms of Justin Hutchins who returned it 80 yards for a touchdown. The conversion failed.

The Jr. Mounts once again held the Rams and this time it was Xavier Barber's turn for a big return, rumbling 65 yards to the Rams' 10. A few plays later, Hutchins plowed in for the go-ahead score.

The lead was short-lived as the Rams were able to punch one more score in before the end of regulation. Dallas stopped the conversion, forcing overtime.

Dallas had first possession from the 10-yard line and, after three plays, took the ball to the 1-yard line from where Hutchins scored his third touchdown of the game with a blast up the middle. The conversion attempt was halted short of the goal line.

With the ball now in the hands of the Rams, it was time for the Dallas defense to get stingy. Led by Michael Farrell, Barber and Hutchins, Dallas held West Pittston to negative yardage. Subse-

quent pass attempts on third and fourth downs were broken up by Jay Bittner and Joshua Lydon to seal the victory.

**Dallas 22
Exeter 16**

It was a tale of two halves in Exeter as the Dallas Jr. Mounts C team came from behind to defeat the Exeter Panthers, 22-16, on September 14.

Exeter started the scoring with touchdown and a two-point conversion, but Justin Hutchins and the Jr. Mounts answered with a score of their own. Exeter scored again before the end of the half for a 16-6 lead.

Dallas came out strong in the second half as Xavier Barber scored on the Jr. Mounts' first play from scrimmage and added the conversion to pull within two points. After a Joey Thompson fumble recovery, lightning struck once more as Barber broke through the line for a 50-yard touchdown run and followed up with another 2-pointer behind the blocking of Charles Harry and Christian Goldsmith. That was all the defense needed.

Jerry Ogurkis anchored the line while Stephen Kocher and Connor Maloney played well in support as the Panther offense was shut down. After Connor Phillips recovered an Exeter fumble, Dallas was able to run out the clock to preserve the victory.

**Plymouth 30
Back Mountain 8**

The Plymouth Indians scored early against the Back Mountain Bobcats and continued to score, taking a 30-8 victory.

RJ Driscoll returned the kickoff after the Indians' first TD to the 50-yard line. That carry was followed by carries by Cameron Brennan, Nick Whitesell, Nate O'Donnell and Stone Mannello.

Although the Bobcats turned the ball over on downs, the defensive line of Erik Sweppheiser, Chris Allen, Ian Evans, Bradley Adams and Tom Piatt did a great job slowing down the Indians. Great tackles were made by Cole Wyffels, Owen Morgan, Chris Allen, Cameron Brennan and Stone Mannello.

In the beginning of the second quar-

ter, the offensive line of Jonathan Adams, Zack Bloom, Nate Hazeltine, Nick Karuza, Charlie Kuschke and Danny Schnable battled the Indians' defense for a Bobcat first down. Carries were made by Cameron Brennan, Nick Whitesell and Stone Mannello but the Bobcats had to turn the ball over on downs and the Indians took possession on the 45-yard line. The Indians drove the field and scored but a great tackle by Nick Whitesell forced the incompleteness of the two points.

Nate Hazeltine returned the kickoff to the Bobcats' 45-yard line and, although impressive carries were made by RJ Driscoll, Nat LaBar and Zack Gabel, the Back Mountain boys were unable to make a first down so Erik Sweppheiser punted the ball to the Indians who managed to score again.

The Indians kicked the ball to the Bobcats to begin the second half and Nick Whitesell returned the ball to the 43-yard line. Carries were made by Nate LaBar and RJ Driscoll but the Bobcats were forced to turn the ball over on downs. Defensive tackles were made by Bobcats Zack Hill, Charlie Kuschke, Zack Gabel, Nate LaBar and Joe Ciaccia, forcing the Indians to turn the ball over on downs.

The Bobcats started the fourth quarter off strong by driving the field led by the ball carrying of Stone Mannello, Nate O'Donnell and Nick Whitesell who managed two first downs but were unable to advance further. The Indians took over possession of the ball and scored with just four minutes remaining.

The Bobcats put up a strong fight toward the end of the game behind carries by Cameron Brennan, Nick Whitesell, Nate O'Donnell, RJ Driscoll and Stone Mannello and, on a quarterback keep by Mannello, marched into the endzone for their only score of the game.

**Kingston Township 20
West Pittston Rams 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders returned to the win column with an outstanding defensive team effort in shut-

ting out the West Pittston Rams, 20-0.

The defense was led by many players coming to hold the Rams scoreless. The middle defense was led by the efforts of the linebacker core of Ricky Morgan, Colin Pertl and Devin Robbins. The perimeter was secured by the outstanding efforts of Josh Holgrem, Michael Anderson, Jay Culp, Dalton Gattuso and Mark Bulford.

The offensive scoring began with a 44-yard run by Ricky Morgan behind the blocking of Andrew Grobowski and Andrew Chopka.

After a strong defensive effort anchored by the line of Mustafa Almecky and Justin Brown, the Raiders' second score was set up by a long run by Dalton Gattuso to the Raiders' 16. Pertl then ran around left end behind the blocking of Morgan Boedecker and Abdul Almecky to put the Raiders up, 12-0.

The final score was a 26-yard cut back run-around the left run by Ricky Morgan behind the strong blocking of Blake Dyke. The two points were added by a hard-nose run up the middle by Dalton Gattuso.

D TEAM

**Dallas 32
Exeter 6**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts D team continued its quest for an undefeated season last Sunday with a 32-6 victory over Exeter.

The defense flexed its muscles again as it didn't give up a first down the entire game. Blaine Rex, Joe Brennan, Hunter Love and Jacob Esposito led the way with several gang tackles.

The offense showed its diversity as nine different players carried the ball for big gains. Todd Phillips and Steven Newell had long touchdown runs while Blaine Rex and Michael Huntington found the endzone for the extra-point conversions.

Dallas moves to 5-0 and plays Duryea today in a battle of the only undefeated teams.