

Napkora leads Junior Mounts

Following are game results from September 21 in the Greater Pittston Youth Football Conference.

A TEAM

Dallas 29
Duryea 0

Dallas Jr. Mounts A team extended its win streak to 6-0 with a win over Duryea this last Sunday.

In the first quarter, it was a defensive battle as both teams were held scoreless. It looked like the second quarter would be more of the same until Jason Siminovich of Dallas blocked a Duryea punt to set up the first score of the game.

The first score came when Aaron Napkora scampered into the end zone from eight yards out. Zack Macosky converted on the point after to put Dallas up, 8-0.

Dallas got the ball back in a few plays as Mark Michno recovered a Duryea fumble. Duryea defense held Dallas and got the ball back in good field position. Duryea's progress was short lived as Macosky intercepted a Duryea pass and returned it to the 10-yard line. This set up a TD pass from Eric Zawatski to Siminovich that put Dallas ahead, 14-0.

On the following kickoff, Dallas got the ball back as Michno recovered the onside kick. This set up another Dallas TD as Siminovich hit Zawatski in the end zone. Napkora added another point as he kicked the point after through the uprights. The half ended Dallas 21, Duryea 0.

The second half was more of the Dallas defense. Steve Mingy, Chris Behm, Mike Harrison, Matt Roncevic and Connor Martinez led the Dallas defense in keeping Duryea scoreless. In the third quarter, Zawatski intercepted a Duryea pass.

In the fourth quarter, Macosky broke free and ran 48 yards to put Dallas up, 27-0. Macosky added two more points on a fake field goal attempt and Dallas won, 29-0.

Other notable performances were made by Logan Brace, Russ Newell and Nick Luzetski as Dallas extended its perfect season to 6-0.

B TEAM

Kingston Township 38
Kingston 0

The Kingston Township Raiders B team utilized a balanced offense and a stifling defense enroute to shutting out a tough Kingston Huskies football team, 38-0.

Michael Oleginski, Omar Nijme, and Corey Patrick (two TDs) all punched in touchdown runs and Chris Knecht scored on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Oleginski, while Tanner Gattuso, Nijme and Patrick converted on the two-point attempts.

The Raiders' defense registered its fourth shutout in five games and was led by Jason Morgan and Jason Anderson who recorded two sacks each.

Peter Capitano (eight solo tackles), Aaron Klamovich (six solo tackles) and Matthew Wargo (five solo tackles) provided exceptional run defense for the Raiders.

The Raiders improved their record to 5-1 with four regular season games to play.

C TEAM

Exeter 8
Back Mountain 6

The Back Mountain Bobcats C team lost to Exeter, 8-6, last Sunday.

When the Panthers turned the ball over on downs and the Bobcats took possession at the 34-yard line, great carries were made by Cameron Brennan, RJ Driscoll, Nick Whitesell and Stone Mannello. When the Bobcats fumbled the ball and the Panthers took possession, great tackles were made by Bradley Adams and Zack Hill.

After Bobcat Nate Hazeltine intercepted a pass,

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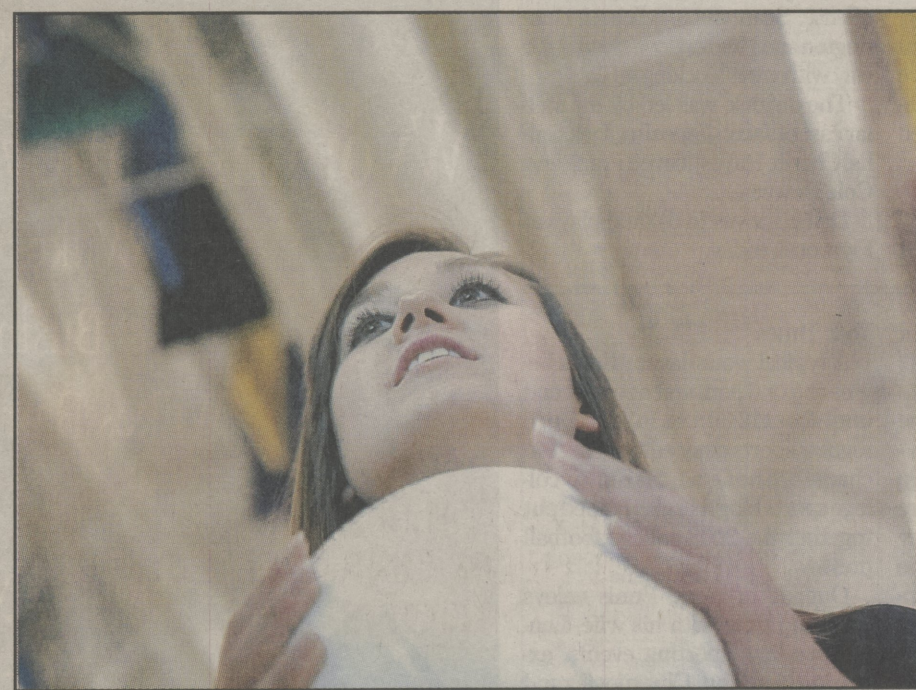


Taylor Brobst serves for Dallas during a junior varsity volleyball game against Lake-Lehman.

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JV game also a rival

Before the varsity volleyball teams from Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools did battle in the Lake-Lehman gym, the junior varsity teams squared off and proved that the rivalry between them is just as great as is the rivalry between the varsity teams.



Ellen Matza, of Lake-Lehman, served as a line referee for the junior varsity game.



Left: Alli Smith serves one up for the Dallas team.

Below: Nikky Melnyck (No. 5) and Tiffany Oplinger (No. 94) guard the net for Lake-Lehman.



Passion for sports becomes a job

By REBECCA BRIA
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Heavy snow and hail pelted Connor Ennis as he stood outside gathering quotes and facts on November 20, 2000 in Buffalo, N.Y. Over two feet of snow fell in about eight hours that day, causing blizzard conditions.

Ennis had been working as a temporary sports writer for the Associated Press in Buffalo for several months and helped cover the blizzard.

"When I was in Buffalo and we covered that blizzard that came through, that was the first time I really understood reporting is going out and gathering as much information as you could and it could be a collaborative effort," the Dallas High School graduate said. "I remember I was calling in quotes from the kitchen of a restaurant."

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A former varsity football and basketball player for Dallas High School, Ennis first became interested in sports journalism as a young

child when his uncle, Ned Munlen, who lived outside of Syracuse, took him to Syracuse University football games. Ennis learned of what he calls a "broadcasting legacy" at Syracuse University and decided he wanted to be a sports broadcaster.

"I was always really into sports and it seemed like this great thing," he said. "It was a job but it wasn't really a job. You would get paid to watch games and see stuff for free."

While Ennis was in high school, Dallas teacher Jay Pope recommended him for a student sports correspondent for The Times Leader.

After high school, Ennis was accepted to Syracuse's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. But in his sophomore year, he realized he preferred to write, switching from broadcast journalism to print journalism and working as a sports reporter for The Daily Orange, Syracuse University's student newspaper. He also continued

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer league accepting players

USTA Strikers U11 girls soccer is accepting players for the fall and winter indoor seasons.

The team competes at the travel level and plays in a variety of tournaments. Travel players born after August 1, 1997 are eligible to participate.

For information, call 466-0262 or visit USTA at www.unitedsoccertrainingacademy.org

Rotary Golf Tourney raises \$8,000

The 25th Annual Dallas Rotary Golf Tournament attracted 104 players to Irem Temple Country Club and raised approximately \$8,000 for Rotary-sponsored events.

Winners were Steve Ubaldini, Mike Amory, Dr. Chester Yavorski and Dominic Castrignano Jr.

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.

Rec Center plans basketball clinic

The Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., will hold its Third Annual Fall Basketball Clinic on Monday and Wednesday evenings from October 13-27. The clinic is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. Times are 5:30 to 6:30 for kindergarten and first grade, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for second and third grade and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for fourth and fifth grade.

Early registration cost for five sessions is \$50 before October 1. For more information, call The Rock Rec Center at 696-2769.

REASON plans Open House for Oct. 4

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.

The open house will include a silent auction, pony rides for children and adults, bake sale, food and drink plus new and used horse tack and horse-related items for sale. Admission is free.

There will 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.

R.E.A.S.O.N is a non-profit 501-(C)3 equine adoption organization dedicated to providing the first step to a new beginning for all equines. For more information, call 333-5266.