

### DYB 8th grade all-stars grab March tournament

The Dallas Youth Basketball (DYB) 8th Grade Boys All-Stars recently captured the March Madness Basketball Tournament at Wyoming Area Catholic.

In a closely-contested first game, Dallas defeated St Jude's, 49-42, behind the outside scoring of John Murray with 23 points (including five

3-pointers) and inside game of Brian Stepniak with 12 points.

In the second game, Dallas defeated Holy Rosary, 53-18. Greg Petorak led a balanced attack with 11 points followed by Jason Simonovich with 10 points, Felix Doleman with eight points and Danny Saba with seven points.

In the championship

game, Dallas defeated Wyoming Area Catholic, 56-29, behind a strong defensive team effort. John Murray led the balanced scoring with 14 points, followed by Felix Doleman with 11 points, Mike Gallis with 10 points, Jason Simonovich and Danny Saba with six points each.



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## Bandits return

Despite gallant effort, Back Mountain lacrosse team comes home from Easton with 7-3 defeat at hands of Palmer.

The Back Mountain Bandits lacrosse team traveled to Easton to play the Palmer Team last Sunday and, despite some strong play, came home with a 7-3 defeat.

The Bandits came out strong with great offense played by Ryan Cohen, Noah Mirro, Luke Yaple and Connor Duffy. In the first quarter, Palmer scored three goals but the Bandits answered with a goal by Michael Golden.

The Bandits' three sets of middies, Ricky Morgan, Stone Mannello, RJ Driscoll, Duncan Brieg, Adam Adelman,

Michael Santora, David Nape and Michael Golden were competitive throughout the game.

Bandit goalie Keith Gilette held Palmer to four goals in the first half.

During the third quarter, great defense was played by Connor Switzer, AJ Spears, Ian Evans, Cory Metz and Ryan Parente. Ricky Morgan scored goals in the third and fourth quarter for the Bandits. Owen Morgan did a tremendous job in goal for the first time during the fourth quarter.



Above: Defenders Connor Switzer (#13) and AJ Spears (#16) defend the goal while goalie Keith Gilette (#10) looks on for the Back Mountain Bandits.

Right: Duncan Brieg runs the field in attempt to score for the Back Mountain Bandits.



### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Girls soccer team conducting tryouts

USTA Strikers U-11 girls soccer team is currently conducting tryouts for players looking to play in the 2009 spring and fall travel league seasons. Premiere level training from a professional and licensed coaching staff is offered with a strong emphasis on individual player development.

Participants born after August 1, 1997 are eligible to try out. Registration fees will be waived for players who are chosen from the tryout sessions.

Serious soccer players should contact United Soccer Training Academy at 466-0262 or visit [www.unitedsoccertrainingacademy.org](http://www.unitedsoccertrainingacademy.org) for more information.

#### U-10 SOCCER CLUB WINS FIRST PLACE



The Wyoming Valley Soccer Club U-10 girls team took first place in the second session of the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome Championship games. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Sydney Neil, Dallas; Mia Greenwood, Dallas; Kayley Nilon, Wilkes-Barre; Makalie Blazick, Dallas; Riley Oremus, Dallas; Nicole Cavanaugh, Dallas; Joey Kress, Sugarloaf; Caitlyn Hill, Dallas; and Haley Goble, Wilkes-Barre. Second row, Elise Fellerman, Wilkes-Barre; Paige Williams, Wilkes-Barre; Mackenzie Love, Sweet Valley; Rachel Manikas, Dallas; Tory McNulty, Pittston; Lexi Gaetano, Mountaintop; Madison Goodwin, Dallas; Emma Lehman, Dallas; Julie Adams, Wilkes-Barre; and Morgan Fedorczyk, Wilkes-Barre.