



## Lehman girls track team wins D2 title

The Lake-Lehman High School girls track and field team won the DISTRICT II AA Championship on Saturday, May 16. The team was led by state qualifiers Kelsey Amy (long jump), Nikki Snyder (triple jump) and Marina Orrson (1600 meter run). Brook Matza, Leigh Hillman and Christie Simoson chipped in with key performances as well. Nikki Snyder led all Lake-Lehman athletes with four district medals. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Michelle Lipski, Christie Simoson, Leigh Mulhern, Colleen McCoy and Leigh Hillman. Second row, Phil Kasper, coach; Brooke Matza, Marina Orrson, Devon Boyle, Olivia Pyskoty, Sarah Tomayko, Kelsey Amy (holding plaque), Nikki Snyder, Ellen Matza, Sarah Hauze, John Sobocinski, head coach; Shelby Foster, Allie Jayne and William Kvashay, coach.

### BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

#### GIANTS 10 ASTROS 5

Greg Skrepenak had two hits and picked up the win on the hill as the Giants doubled up the Astros, 10-5.

Tommy Williams, Frankie Bevevino, Jackson Shaver and Isaiah Miscavage all had hits in the win.

Nick James had three hits with a double for the Astros. Noah Gorski and Patrick Newhart also had hits in the loss.

#### GIANTS 8 DODGERS 7

Tommy Williams was the winning pitcher with eight strikeouts, as the Giants came from behind to nip the Dodgers, 8-7.

A clutch triple by Anthony Huntington and a double by Greg Skrepenak turned the game around. Tommy Williams, Frankie Bevevino, Jackson Shaver and Aaron Becker also contributed hits for the Giants.

Hitting safely for the Dodgers was Jimmy Barlow with a single and Chris Knecht with a triple. Pitching well for the Dodgers was Cameron Shaner and Adam Simonette.

#### RED SOX 9 PIRATES 7

Jayson Strausser smashed four hits, including two doubles, as the Red Sox got by the Pirates, 9-7.

Josh Orlandini had three hits, including two doubles and three runs scored; Jayson Anderson had three hits, including a double; and Ryan Martin doubled in the win. Defensively, Jacob Kolojchick made a great catch in centerfield.

The Pirates were led by Johnathon Wilson with four hits and Ryan Chesciewicz, who dubbed a three-run homer. Byron Oldeack, Chris Menning and Kyle James also added hits for the Pirates.

#### A's 14 PIRATES 9

The A's defeated the Pirates, 14-9, as Aaron Napkora and Omar Nijmeh led the attack with three hits each. Chris Ferrara and Mike Minarik added two hits apiece. Napkora was the winning pitcher.

Kyle James and Jonathon Wilson each had two hits to lead the Pirates. Nick Romanofski took the loss.

#### YANKEES 11 PIRATES 10

Curtis Evans led the 16-hit Yankees' attack, going with a home run, a double and four RBI as the Yankees nipped the Pirates, 11-10.

Cody Coolbaugh picked up the win and combined with Zach Connolly, Curtis Evans, Owen Sprau and John Kane to strike out six. Coolbaugh and Kane added three hits each while Connolly and Nick Muldoon added two hits in the win. Aidan Martinez, Matt Smith and Mike Kovalic each had hits for the Yankees.

Kyle James paced the Pirates' attack with two hits while Brian Drouse and Jesse Kincer each doubled.

#### ASTROS 5 PHILLIES 4

The Astros picked up their first win of the season by defeating the Phillies, 5-4, behind the solid pitching of Alec Jones who struck out seven batters in five innings.

Offensively, the Astros were led by Patrick Newhart's four hits, including a double. Anthony Pace added an RBI single and Nicholas Eury scored the winning run on a pass ball in the bottom of the fifth.

The Phillies were led by Jeremy Jayne's two singles and Chad Phillips' two runs. Corey Long was the loser on the mound, but added a double offensively.

#### SENIOR LEAGUE BACK MOUNTAIN 9 NEWPORT TWP. 8

Back Mountain Senior League defeated Newport Twp., 9-8.

Adam Goeringer pitched the final three innings for the win. Goeringer had a key two-out RBI hit in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Adam Paulaskas had two hits, Kyle Caffrey had a double and Zack Yursha scored three runs for BMT.

Dave Passetti took the loss for Newport Twp. Dave Mitchell and Jeff Miller had two hits each in the loss.

## Astros win one for the coach - their first!

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Chuck James, as invested as any parent coach could be, thought he might have an interesting Saturday morning game coaching his team, the Back Mountain Astros. He thought they might even win. He just never imagined how much a win would cost him.

The Astros went up against the Phillies who were 6 and 2 - the best in the National League. The Astros had not yet won a game. Nevertheless, James thought his American League team had a chance.

"We had been up against them before and had come close, 7 to 5," he said.

The game slogged on until the bottom of the second inning tied 2-2 with undistinguished play by both teams.

Then it happened. There was blood on the field, Clorox bottles and rolls of paper towels after assistant Coach James was hit between the eyes by an errant practice ball.

"He turned to face the field and got hit on the nose," recalls head coach Brian Gorski who, along with veteran umpire Harry Kaskey, rushed over with basic first-aid and slowed the bleeding.

Sandy James ran for ice, Beth Calpin called 911 and Dallas Ambulance members wheeled Coach James off the field with two black eyes, a concussion and a broken nose.

And now the rest of the story.....

Kaskey spoke to the shocked team and tried to explain the injuries and Gorski huddled the shaken ball players.

"I wanted to see if the kids were okay," he said. "They had never seen anything like this before."

Gorski had options. He knew he could suspend the game - the president of the league was in the audience.



Coach Brian Gorski rallies his team, the Back Mountain Astros, after the team's other coach, Chuck James, was taken to the hospital with a mild concussion and a broken nose. The team votes here to win the game for their coach. The Astros won, 5-4, gaining confidence and their first win of the season.

"I said to them, OK, I know this has been overwhelming, but are you willing to continue to play the game?" Gorski asked the team. The 10-12 year old boys, one-by-one, raised their hands slowly, shyly. And so did James' son, Nicholas, the team's shortstop.

Gorski remembers what the boys said - "We want to win it for Coach James."

And win it they did - taking home a 5-4 victory - their first of the season. The win was in honor of James and the boys presented him with the game ball.

The swelling on James' nose has gone down now but he is bursting inside with pride for his team.

"I was amazed that they won," he said. "I give them all the cred-



Chuck James, coach of the Astros team in the Back Mountain Little League, is wheeled off the field after being hit by a ball.

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Ladies Golf League holds opening luncheon

The Newberry Estate Ladies Golf League held its opening luncheon on Monday, April 27, at the Appletree Terrace. League play began Monday, May 4.

Scheduled tournaments for this year include a Firecracker Tournament on July 6 and the ever-popular Pink Ball Tournament on August 3. Three tournaments will be played at local golf courses throughout the season.

Officers for 2009 are Susan Berdis, president; Jane Jones, vice-president; Libby Sutton, Secretary;

Marie Kruska, treasurer. Sandy Richardson will be the vice-president in 2010.

#### Roc Center sponsors basketball sessions

The Rock Recreation Center is now accepting applications for its Sixth Annual Summer Basketball Camp sessions. The camps

are open to boys and girls pre-k through sixth grade and run Monday through Friday with two sessions for each age group.

An early registration discount is offered to those who register prior to June 1. For more information, call 696-2769.

#### Basketball clinic slated

The Holy Redeemer Boys Basketball Clinic will be held June 18, 19 and 20 at Holy Redeemer High School gym, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre.

A clinic for seventh, eighth and ninth grade players will be held from 8 a.m. to noon while a clinic for fourth, fifth and sixth grade

players will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per player and checks should be made payable to Holy Redeemer boys basketball team.

For more information, contact Coach Mark Belenski at 262-

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