

# Back Mountain teens win Fox Hill golf tournament

Mariano Medico, Chase Makowski shoot impressive score of five under par 66.

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Mariano Medico enjoys golf so much he gave up Little League baseball to focus on the sport.

That decision appears to have paid off as Medico and his guest, Chase Makowski, from the Wyoming Valley Country Club, captured the First Jr. Member and Guest Golf Tournament on August 17 at Fox Hill Country Club in Exeter.

The Back Mountain 13-year-olds shot an impressive score of five under par 66. They had seven birdies (one stroke under par), nine pars and only two bogeys (one stroke over par). The field consisted of players ages 11 to 20.

"We weren't expecting to play that well," Medico said. "We weren't going out to win; we were going to have fun."

The duo won a trophy and a gift certificate to the pro shop at Fox Hill Country Club which they redeemed for golf balls.

Medico is the son of Larry and

Nancy Medico, of Shavertown. Makowski is the son of Jim and Laurie Makowski, of Dallas.

"I'm very proud of them," Nancy Medico said. "The most important thing is that they're enjoying themselves and having a good time. It's not always about winning but it's about enjoying it as well."

The boys first met at age 3 when they started preschool at Apple Tree Nursery and Primary School in Forty Fort. Over the years, their friendship has grown and they have played many rounds of golf together. They are now both in the eighth-grade at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

Both Medico and Makowski credit their fathers, Larry Medico and Jim Makowski, for teaching them how to play golf and developing a love for the game.

"My dad liked golf and, when I was a kid, he just put a golf club in my hands, I guess," Medico said.

Makowski says his dad gave him pointers while they played together which, he believes, helped him to become better.

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On winning the first Jr. Member and Guest Golf Tournament at Fox Hill Country Club

there."

Medico and Makowski won a captain and crew (four-person) all ages golf tournament during the summer at Mill Race Golf & Camping Resort in Benton. Their other teammates were Medico's neighbors, John Kane, 13; and Matt Slavoski, 14, of Shavertown.

The two have also played in multiple Junior Anthracite Golf Association (AGA) competitions. This past summer, Medico won a tournament at Scranton Municipal Golf Club and Makowski won a tournament at Lake-Lehman Golf Club.

"I like to golf because it gives me a challenge and I enjoy playing it every day to get better at it," Makowski said.

Medico and Makowski have been playing on the Holy Redeemer junior varsity golf team since they started seventh-grade. The team won its first match of the year against

Meyers the week of September 7.

Both boys are also members of the Lehman Golf Club owned by John Spencer, their golf coach at Holy Redeemer. In addition, they both play basketball for Gate of Heaven during the winter when it's too cold to golf.

As for the future, Medico and Makowski hope to continue playing golf and getting better at the game.

"Golf's one of those sports you can play for your entire life because it's enjoyable for all ages," Makowski said.

Mariano Medico, left, and Chase Makowski relax near a course hole during the First Jr. Member and Guest Golf Tournament on Aug. 17 at Fox Hill Country Club in Exeter. The 13-year-old Back Mountain boys won the tournament for players ages 11 to 20.



## WYOMING VALLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

# Bobcats 'A' team wins third

### A TEAM

**Back Mountain 36**  
**Exeter 12**

The Back Mountain Bobcats won their third straight game with a 36-12 victory over the Exeter Panthers.

The offensive line led by Cody Long, Evan May, Adam Simmonette, Joey Vigil, Elija Vigil, Matt Durling, Justus Shultz, CJ McCauley and Pete Konnick did another outstanding job opening holes for the running backs.

The backfield led by Paul Ciaccia, Justin Butler, Dylan Pilger, Willy Mucha, Brian Durling, Joey Vigil and Angelo Baltier racked up over 300 yards rushing and five touchdowns.

Paul Ciaccia played his first game at quarterback and did a great job in getting the ball to Dylan Pilger, Willy Mucha, Brian Durling and Angelo Baltier for rushing touchdowns. He also rushed for a touchdown himself when the pressure was on.

Two-point conversions were added by Dylan Pilger, Brian Durling and Justin Butler.

The defense of PJ Konnick, Austin Parry, Paul Ciaccia, CJ McCauley, Randy Zacharias, Elija Vigil, Brian Durling, Angelo Baltier, Tyler Brobst, Dylan Pilger and Willy Mucha played a near flawless game, holding the Panthers to just six points.

The A team is now 3-1 on the season.

**Kingston Township 32**  
**Duryea 6**

The Kingston Township Raiders launched an impressive aerial attack behind the arm of JT Carey and the receiving corps of Corey Stegman and Daunte Zarenda to finish off a tough Duryea team with a convincing 32-6 win this past Sunday.

Kyle Kotulski, Steven Derhammer, Stephen Wempa and Matt Karuza provided the protection up front, enabling the Raiders to open up their passing game.

Cody Stemrich ran tough between tackles, keeping Duryea's defense guessing all day while Corey Patrick was flawless at quarterback.

Aaron Klimovich and Shawn Spencer kept the Duryea passing game in check with blanket coverage and continuous pressure on their quarterback.

### B TEAM

**Exeter 34**  
**Back Mountain 0**

The Back Mountain Bobcats suffered a tough 34-0 loss to Exeter on Sunday at their home field. With several players injured, the Bobcats played tough.

Great carries were made by Cameron Brennan, Corbin Holcomb, Jack Tompko, RJ Driscoll and Stone Mannello. The Bob-

cats had great rushing yardage but were unable to score. The offense line of Adam Rosencrance, Connor Kerkowski, Art Coolbaugh, Deven Dickson and Owen Morgan did a great job.

The defense stopped the Panthers twice on the two-point conversions and once at the goal line. The defense was played by Zack Haddle, Zack Gabel, Eric George, Eric Sweppenheiser, Anthony Grandinetti, Marcus Steele and Tom Piatt.

Great tackles on defense were made by Jack Tompko, Stone Mannello, Zach Haddle, Eric George, Cameron Brennan and Corbin Holcomb.

**Kingston Township 24**  
**Duryea 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders B Team topped the Duryea Wildcats, 24-0.

The offensive line led by Christian Roberts, Abdul Almeky, Mitch Kelly, Dalton Gattuso and Michael Golden opened up holes, allowing Bret Storres to score two touchdowns and Ricky Morgan to add another on a quarterback keeper. Conner Motley, Jason Culp and Matt Mathers also gained hard-fought yards.

Special teams stepped up as Bret Storres ran a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown while Peter Capitano, Kyle Piskorik and Nick Mathers led the downfield blocking.

The defense recorded its third shutout of the year as David Edwards had three solo tackles for a loss of yardage. The defensive line was solid all day as the trio of Tanner Gattuso, Jason Anderson and Ryan Martin held Duryea to only two first downs.

### C TEAM

**Exeter 6**  
**Back Mountain 0**

The Back Mountain Bobcats played well and gave up only one touchdown to Exeter but came away on the short end of a 6-0 score.

The offensive line of Bradley Adams, Zach Bloom, Ian Evans, Joseph Deyo, Josh Durling and Hunter Landon made a great attempt to open holes for the backs. Great runs were made by Nate Hazeltine, Nick Whitesell, Nate O'Donnell and Nate LaBar.

The defense of Dakota Heinrich, Zach Hill, Huey Quinten, Gage Mitchell, Cole Robbins, Matt Schnable and Cole Wyffels played great.

**Duryea 22**  
**Kingston Township 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of the undefeated Duryea Wildcats, 22-0.

The Raiders took the opening kickoff and marched downfield to the Duryea 5-yard line behind the

blocking of Nate Maransky, Caleb Hill, Carl Markowski and Justin Finarelli. The Raiders, however, turned the ball over and, three plays later, the Wildcats struck on a 95-yard touchdown run.

KT's defense was able to control the Wildcats behind the strong play of Justin Brown, Connor Markham, Wyatt Vonderheid and Max Dzuga for the rest of the half until Duryea struck again on 70-yard run with just under two minutes to go.

The second half was a defensive struggle with the only score coming on a long pass play late in the third quarter for the Wildcats.

**Dallas 30**  
**West Pittston 12**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts beat the West Pittston Rams last Sunday, 30-12.

Jay Bitner returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Josh Lydon and Todd Phillips also found the end zone. Steven Newell returned an interception for a TD.

The defense forced three turnovers and was anchored by Connor Maloney, Ethan Zawatski, Dalton Simpson and Jerry Ogurkis.

### D TEAM

**Dallas 20**  
**West Pittston 14**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts continued their undefeated season this week with a 20-14 comeback victory over the West Pittston Rams.

West Pittston jumped out to a 6-0 lead on a methodical touchdown drive, capped by a Matt DeLuca run. Dallas and countered with a touchdown run by Jacob Esposito on key blocks by Matt and Michael Lukasavage. Deluca then returned a Dallas fumble to give West Pittston a 14-8 halftime lead.

Jack Farrell and Jared Adamski led a great team effort on defense for the Jr. Mounts. Xander Shaner and Hunter Love scored second-half touchdowns to give Dallas a hard-fought victory.

**Exeter 36**  
**Back Mountain 28**

The Back Mountain Bobcats played a great game but came up on the short end of a 36-28 score against the Exeter Panthers.

Leonard Kelly scored all four touchdowns and Ethan Adams added one two-point conversion.

The offensive lines of Noah Silver, Bryce Taylor, Daniel Meuser, Billy Martin, Dale Deyo, Braeden Love, Aaron Groboski, Blaise Napierkowski, Chase Hector, Gabe Allen, Joshua Schnable, Damien Conklin, Colby Kennedy, Ben Yanchick, William Labar, Peyton Shaw, Connor Morgan, Dustin Heirich, Thomas Michak and Jacob Monko played great.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Lock-In booth at Harvest Festival

The Dallas High School Senior Lock-In 2010 will have a booth at the Dallas Harvest Festival today, Sept. 20, where lottery calendars for the month of January 2010 will be sold and a bake sale will be held.

Grocery certificates for Mr. Z's and Thomas Markets in increments of \$50 will also be on sale.

### Tea will benefit LL Foundation

The Lake-Lehman Foundation will hold its Second Annual Ladies Tea at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 20, at Hayfield House, Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Ladies of all ages are welcome. Senator Lisa Baker will be the guest speaker and women from the community will be honored for their outstanding community service.

The tea will be hosted by Sarah Hauze, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School, as her senior project.

Tickets are \$20 each and reservations may be made by visiting lake-lehman.k12.pa.us, click on the foundation tab. All proceeds from this event will benefit The Lake-Lehman Foundation Scholarship Fund.

### Auditions slated

Auditions for "The Nutcracker" will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, at Major Performing Arts, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Actors between the ages of 7 and 11 will audition from 4 to 5 p.m. while teens up to age 18

will audition from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

### PARSE plans breakfast seminar

The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) will sponsor a health options breakfast seminar for all school retirees on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Pickett's Charge restaurant, Route 415, Dallas.

Those attending are requested to arrive at 8:45 a.m. as a breakfast buffet will be served at 9 a.m. followed by the workshop. A speaker from PSERS will present the Health Options Program (HOP) available for school retirees. There will also be a short program on retirement living options.

Total cost of the program is \$7.50 per person. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required by calling June Seely at 384-4407.

### LLHS Class of 1960 will meet

Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1960 (Lake-Noxen School) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake, to begin planning the 50th anniversary class reunion.

### Car wash, bake sale benefit Lock-In

A car wash and bake sale to help support the Dallas High School's Lock-In 2010 will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, at N-Mart, Route 309, Trucksville.

Cost will be \$4 the day of the car wash or \$3 if a ticket is purchased in advance from a member of the Dallas High School senior class.

### Lock-In Committee will meet October 8

The Dallas High School 2010 Graduation Lock-In Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, in the high school library.

### LLHS Class of 1989 plans reunion

The Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th anniversary class reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Classmates are asked to e-mail their contact information to LLHS1989@frontier.com even if they are not planning to attend the event. For further information, contact Renee Hillman Raspen at 477-3077.

### WVW class plans reunion

The Wyoming Valley West High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th anniversary reunion at Bentley's of NEPA, 2300 Route 309, Ashley, on Friday, Nov. 27.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include buffet dinner, dessert and dancing. A cash bar will be available.

Send reservation deposits to "WVW Class of 1989 Reunion" to Michelle Verry Smith c/o UPS Store, 62 Dallas Shopping Center #274, Dallas, PA 18612.

### LL Class of 1984 hosts event

Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1984 will host a Lake-Lehman alumni get together at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake.

Please RSVP to Judy McGovern at 762-3201 or fourmsjudy@yahoo.com

## ROAD

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ick said the owner of an alleged nuisance property on Westminster Drive has failed to accept a certified letter asking her to cut the grass on her property. Kozick says he also knocked on the woman's door and no one answered so he left a copy of the letter in her mailbox.

Brennan said the township

will take the matter to the magistrate because the woman is in violation of a high grass ordinance and has been warned.

### Car lot concerns

Kozick told the board he has received several complaints about a used car lot, which he did not name, located near Lake Catalpa Road and Route 309. Kozick says the cars are packed in very tightly and inquired as to whether there is a state regulation that mandates a minimum amount of space between cars.

Brennan said he has never heard of such a law.

### Land protection

Clarence Michael asked the supervisors if any type of land development protection in the township is being considered. Supervisor Frank Wagner said supervisors are looking at land protection as part of a comprehensive plan for the township.

Doughton added that a township land development ordinance adopted in 2007 requires larger developments to have a certain amount of green space.

associate, was reassigned to the position of classroom aide at the junior/senior high school at a rate of \$11.45 per hour.

### Resignations

Board members also approved the retirement of David Clancy, a biology teacher at the junior/senior high school, effective September 16 and authorized the administration to advertise for the position. Clancy also resigned as head boys' basketball coach and

as the junior high track and field coach.

The resignation of Candice Jean Duffy as a crossing guard in Lake Silkworth was approved effective August 31. Duffy was hired for the position at last month's meeting. A district official said that Duffy quit due to scheduling issues.

The board also approved the resignation of Pickett as the head boys' and girls' volleyball coach.

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JoAnn Wanyo was reassigned from a food service worker to a one-to-one aide at a rate of \$9.95 per hour. Administration was also approved to advertise for the food service position.

Rae Ann Hansell, a teacher