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LEARNING the BASICS

Girls between the ages of 7 and 14 had the opportunity to learn and practice fundamentals of softball while being instructed by members of the two-time district championship Dallas High School softball team and coaching staff at a developmental clinic held at the Dallas Middle School gymnasium.

The focus of the offensive portion of the clinic was to teach the basic hitting technique of fast-pitch softball with an emphasis on compact swing and bat speed. Players learned the fundamental of bunting and the short game.

On the defensive side, players learned the basic fundamentals of correctly throwing and fielding the ball.

In the pitching division, players were instructed through proper mechanics of windmill-style pitching. They were taught the fastball and other pitches dictated by their skill level as they were divided into groups and taught accordingly.

The clinic was conducted by Joyce Tinner, head coach at Dallas since 1997, who has taken the Lady Mountaineers to four District II finals, coming away with back-to-back district championships in 2008 and

2009, along with a state final tour in 2007. Tinner graduated from Dallas in 1988 and Penn State in 1993 and was a four-year starter at second base. She was a Northeast All-American in 1991 and 1992.



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Dallas sophomore Abby Berger, right, instructs sixth-grader Izzy Radel, of Harveys Lake, in fielding the ball.



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ABOVE: Dallas head softball coach Joyce Tinner, bottom right, instructs players during a developmental skill clinic for girls ages 11-14 at the high school gymnasium.



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AT RIGHT: Dallas freshman Sydney Kern, left, demonstrates proper bunting technique to fifth-grader Angelena Allen, of Dallas.

Bandits open lacrosse season

The Back Mountain Bandits hosted Mountain Top for the first game of the season and came up on the short end of a 6-4 score. Scoring goals for the Bandits were Ricky Morgan, Michael Santora, Ryan Cohen and Stone Manello.

BANDITS GIRLS

The Back Mountain Bandits Girls 7/8 team opened the 2012 season with a double-header against the Easton MS Red and Black teams.

In the first game against Easton Red, the Bandits played strong but came up short, losing 11-6.

Scoring for the Bandits were Samantha Delamater (four goals), Jordon Kelly (one goal) and Taylor Alba (one goal) with assists going to Amada Miller, who had two, Kathy Strohl and Julia Baloh with one assist each.

In the second game, the Bandits shut out Easton Black, 9-0, and were led by the excellent goaltending of Grace Butler. Anchoring the defense were Tabitha Greene, Claudia Leu, Lauren Finnegan and Katie Snedeker.

Scoring for the Bandits were Amanda Miller with two goals, Samantha Delamater with three



Bandit Danny Burkhardt (No. 58) works against a Mountain Top player.

goals, Hailee DuMont, Jordon Kelly, Julia Hutsko and Claudia Waltz with one goal each. Assists went to Jessica Blat who had two, Katie Kapral, Jordon Kelly and Emily Masi with one goal each.

DYB FOURTH-GRADE TEAM WINS MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT



The Dallas Youth Basketball fourth-grade travel team recently won the Wyoming Area Catholic March Madness Tournament by defeating Pittston Area, 39-18, in the title game. The team also won the regular season and playoff championships in the St. Joseph's Oblates Travel League by defeating Booth Insurance in the title game. The team ended the season with three tournament titles and a league and playoff championship while compiling a perfect record of 32-0. Team members are, from left, kneeling, Sam Nocito, Brett Ostroski, Matt Dolan and Jack Lukasavage. Second row, Lenny Kelley, Todd Phillips, Dylan Schuster and Jack Farrell. Third row, Ray Ostroski, assistant coach; and Joe Phillips, head coach.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jr. Mounts set registration

The Dallas Jr. Mounts Football and Cheerleading Program will hold registration for the fall 2012 football season from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at the Dallas American Legion.

Registrants are asked to bring a photo of themselves, copies of their birth certificate, medical insurance card and two proofs of residency.

For more information, log onto www.dallasjunior-mounts.com.

HR baseball sets fundraiser

Holy Redeemer baseball will host its Fifth Annual Friendship Night Fundraiser from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 13 at Sennas', 133 N. Main St., Wilkes Barre.

Proceeds will benefit members of the Holy Redeemer

baseball team.

Softball clinic set

The Dallas High School Development Clinic II will be held for girls ages 7-12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at the Back Mountain Little League Field in Dallas.

The clinic will emphasize hitting, infield and outfield

fielding and pitching and catching instruction. In case of rain, the clinic will be held at the Dallas Middle School gym.

For more information, e-mail dallashighsoftball@gmail.com or call Bill Kern 498-5591.

PSU Alumni sponsor trip

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Constituent Society will sponsor a football bus trip to the Blue & White Game at Beaver Stadium on April 21.

For more information and to make a reservation, contact Karen Brace-Hodle at 675-9228 or kbl14@psu.edu.