

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR ROUNDUP

# BMT Stars shine in post-season play

Michael Anderson picked up a win, striking out five over the final four innings to lead BMT American past Kingston/Forty Fort, 14-7, in the winners' bracket semi-final.

Anderson led the BMT offense, going 3-4 with a home run and two RBI. Mason Gattuso, Ethan Zawatski and Michael Luksic all homered as well while Michael Doggett knocked in three runs. Michael Bozenta homered to lead the Kingston/FF offense.

**BMT American 10  
BMT National 0**

Ethan Zawatski picked up a victory for BMT American in the opening game of the District 31 11-Year-Old All-Star Tournament as American defeated BMT National, 10-0.

Zawatski, Michael Anderson and Michael Luksic all homered to lead the BMT American offense.

Nick Kacher and Kyle Hromisin both had hits for BMT National.

**Exeter 9**

**BMT National 8**  
Steven Newell had two hits and three RBI but BMT National went down, 9-8, to Exeter.

Trey Leo had a double and two RBI while Nick Kachur and Kris Smiga each had singles and RBI for BMT National. Matt Dillon also had a double for BMT National.

**BMT American 13  
West Pittston 1**

Ethan Zawatski, Michael Luksic and Dalton Simpson combined to hold West Pittston to four singles and lead BMT American to a 13-1 victory in the winners bracket final.

Zawatski also led the BMT 15-hit attack by going 4-4 with two home runs, including a grand slam and six RBI. Luksic added three hits along with a home run while Derek Answini and Darren Kerdesky added two hits each.

Michael Doggett tripled while Zane Nardone, Simpson and Mason Gattuso all added hits to close out the BMT offense.



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Brian Selenski, right, talks about his daughter Paige, a member of the U.S. field hockey team and a 2008 graduate of Dallas High School, with his son Greg at their home in Shavertown.

## OLYMPIC

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got sick she would still go to see the games, and even when she wasn't feeling well she would watch the games from the car."

Brian believes that kind of support is what keeps the field hockey star so motivated.

"I think part of her playing is for my wife," he said. "I think it gets her adrenaline up, especially when she gets into a slump during a game."

Selenski pressed on and continued to excel throughout her career at Dallas. Stauffer, who played field hockey at a New Jersey high school that produced Olympians, said Selenski was a "quiet leader" whose passion and dedication for the sport were always apparent.

"The girl knew what she was doing," said Stauffer. "She had a lot of drive, and there were many things that were God-given to her in terms of skill and desire to be successful. She was always extremely passionate about competing. Hockey was her thing."

Robyn Jones, a Dallas High School guidance counselor and former field hockey coach, plans to attend the 2012 Olympic Games in London this month to watch Selenski perform.

"I'm especially excited about the game on July 31, when the United States team faces Argentina," she said. "It's going to be a war."

Jones believes it's the support that Selenski received throughout the years that contributes to the field hockey player's success.

"Paige's success as a student athlete can be attributed to, first and foremost, her tenacious work ethic, second, her God-given talent and third, her innate

intelligence," said Jones. "And very importantly, her family upbringing. Judy was very invested in her daughter, academically and athletically, and Dad has done a wonderful job since Judy passed away of continuing to parent her. Her mom and dad are huge contributors to her success."

Brian Selenski said response from the community has been overwhelming.

"When she was first named to the team, the phone never stopped ringing," he said. "Even Robyn Jones and the principal at Dallas said the phones at the school were ringing off the hook when it was announced."

Selenski is the middle child - she's big sister to 18-year-old Greg and younger sibling to 25-year-old Brad. Her father said no one else in the family has forayed into sports as extensively as his daughter.

"The boys played Little League and soccer, and Greg is now recreationally into golf," said Brian Selenski.

Greg Selenski said it's been an interesting ride watching his sister rise through the field hockey ranks.

"It's been an experience," he said. "Our vacations revolved around it for a while."

But as the young woman prepares to take on international teams in London, Brian Selenski is sure the games won't be his daughter's last.

"I don't think this is going to be the end," he said. "I think she's going to stay on for the World Cup."

Until then, Brian Selenski and the rest of the family are enjoying Paige's Olympic success.

"Sometimes I think it's a dream," he said. "I mean, what are the chances that your son or daughter is going to play at the Olympics?"

## AUCTION

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ship, said the children's auction gives youngsters a chance to act like grownups during the iconic Back Mountain event.

"It gives children the opportunity to bid because they see their parents doing it," she said. "I know my son follows by example. He's away right now, so I'm his surrogate bidder."

Jackie Dwinchick, of Moosic, got into a heated bidding war for a pink bike with training wheels as the temperature rose on the hot and hazy morning.

Dwinchick, whose father-in-law Joe is one of the many longtime auction volunteers, lasted until the price of the bike rose to \$50, when she graciously bowed out of the duel. Her niece, 4-year-old Emma Singleton, didn't seem to mind.

"It was too much," she said. "But a typical bike like that would be about \$75 in stores."

Dwinchick went to the auction every night looking for deals and enjoying the atmosphere and thinks the children's auction gives youngsters a chance to experience the event on a different level.

Even at the young age of 4, Singleton knew what she wanted.

"Emma's looking for climbing toys and Carebears," said Dwinchick.



Auction runners Alex Perry, left, of Dallas, and Ethan Kolojechick, of Trucksville, both of Boy Scout Troop 281, look over video games to be auctioned off at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Auction.



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Ann Marie Carey, right, of Shavertown, and Molly Matosky, of Monroe Township, watch 4-year-old Jaxon Carey, of Shavertown, check out \$38 worth of Star Wars merchandise they bought at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Auction.

Seven-year-old Kira Pomrinke, of Dallas, walked around with her grandmother, Glenda, scoping out the good buys during the event.

"I'll bid on anything," said Kira. "I like stuffed animals and dolls."

Though Kira was doing the bidding, grandmother and her pocketbook were on hand to offer guidance and greenbacks.

"I'd tell her, 'Don't want it too much,'" said Glenda, an auction veteran.



Kathy Burd of Centermoreland, right, makes a bid for her daughter, Sarah, 6, at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Auction.

# Dr. Leonard Medura notes 40th anniversary

The staff of Watkins & Medura Family and Cosmetic Dental Center recently celebrated the 40th year of Dr. Leonard Medura Sr.'s private practice at a luncheon at Leggio's Ristorante in Dallas.

Medura said the actual date of his foray into private dentistry was July 5, 1972 - shortly after the flood caused by Hurricane Agnes caused the evacuation of the Wyoming Valley.

"It was a crazy era in which we started," said Medura, who practiced dentistry in the U.S. Navy for three years before joining Dr. Scott Watkins. "A lot of dentists lost their practices, and we got busy from the get-go. People that were displaced and needed a dentist, we were there for them."

The practice got its start in Shavertown and eventually moved to Dallas. Medura, 69, said it's not the teeth, but the people that keep him coming to work each day.

"I'm not working full-time hours, but I don't think I could just retire," he said.

Staff member Mary Majewski has worked for Medura since 1980 and enjoys seeing the generations of families coming back to the office and the atmosphere of the company.



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Members of the Watkins & Medura Family and Cosmetic Dental Center gather for a photo at Leggio's Restaurant in Dallas as they celebrate Dr. Leonard Medura Sr.'s 40 years in dentistry. From left, are Kathy Ardoline, Heather Ricko, Mary Majewski, Vickie Noyalls, Donna Martin, Jennifer Clarke, Dr. William Watkins, Dr. Leonard Medura Sr., Dr. Scott Watkins, Tracey White, Dr. Leonard Medura Jr., Kathy Capitan, Jody Pearson, Laurie Malesky, and Lynda Newirth. The luncheon was sponsored by Schein Dental Company.

"We're like a family," she said. Majewski said the staff gifted Medura with the ability to buy more plants for his home garden, which he treasures.



RIGHT PHOTO: Dr. Leonard Medura laughs while reading a card from his staff at a luncheon celebrating his 40 years in dentistry at Leggio's Restaurant in Dallas.

## BRIEF

### DelGaudio named to dean's list

Maria DelGaudio, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list at Elizabethtown College for the spring 2012 semester. She is a sophomore.

To earn this recognition, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better in 14 or more credit hours, of which at least 12 credits are letter-graded course work.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Answers  
Solution time: 27 mins.

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Super Crossword  
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