



Gene Funk

For Gene Funk, to win is to give it all you have

Gene Funk, teacher of physical education and health at Beahm Junior High School and wrestling coach at Donegal High School, believes in winning and not losing—but his idea about what winning and losing are, are not the conventional ones.

Gene says, "It's the effort a student or athlete puts out that makes him a winner or a loser. Some people just were not born to be athletes.

They go out and try and try—to me they're winners. "A loser is a person who has the ability but doesn't give the effort. He might have the ability and have a good won-lost record—but if he isn't giving it his best, he's a loser."

If Gene thinks that a kid is not putting forth his best effort, Gene will sit down and talk with that kid. "I will let him know that I know he isn't giving it his best."

Mount Joy Tennis Club sponsors Round Robin Riot ladies doubles

On Monday, Oct. 8th, the Mount Joy Tennis Club sponsored their fifth annual "Round Robin Riot" ladies double tennis tournament, which was postponed one week due to rain.

The ladies were paired according to ability so that all teams were as evenly matched as possible. The two teams with the most points at the end of the four-hour scheduled play entered a pro set. The winners of the pro set were the 1979 champions.

Twenty-four ladies entered the tournament. Mavis Breneman and Mae Greider won the championship by defeating Marianne Coover and Peggy Byler in the pro set 8-6. The champions were presented with trophies by the club and a gift certificate from The Orange Owl Shop, Mount Joy. Prizes were also awarded to the runners-up and to the team finishing in the last place.

Other ladies participating in the day of fun were Sandy Weaver, Mary Jane Myers; Diane Hiestand, Marcia Landis; Millie Shenk, Barb Weidman; Cindy Engle, Sharon Givler; Erma Espenshade, Mary Hallgren; Lois Hostetter, Faye Anspach; Bev Becker, Joan Good;

Miriam Gible, Sue Zerphey; Verna Hostetter, Ardie Wolgemuth; Pat Miller, Evvy Duke; and Ethel Foley.

—Marianne Coover

Junior Hi soccer team beats L-S, loses to PM

Beahm Junior High soccer team lost a close one this Monday to Penn Manor, 0-1. Beahm actually scored a goal early in the game soon after their opponents', but the referee blew his whistle on the play, penalizing Beahm for pushing. (The Donegal player accused of pushing was flat on his back after the play—pushed.)

Last week the team beat Lampeter-Strasburg, 4-0. Goals were scored by Todd Shelly, Bob Nadeau, Wayne

Columbia takes Beahm

Beahm Junior High's football team lost to Columbia last week, 8-38.

Beahm fumbled the ball four times, and each time they fumbled Columbia scored.

Beahm moved the ball alright, collected plenty of first downs, but then they would fumble. Also, their

Usually the kid is aware that he is not doing his best. A lot of kids just do enough to get by.

How does Gene appeal to them to do better? By asking them about their ambitions. "What do you want to be?" They know they cannot achieve their high ambitions, unless they put forth their best.

And Gene doesn't just talk to an underachieving kid once. "I never quit on them," he says. "You've got to keep trying. I can't stop communicating with someone just because he's not listening at the time. A week later it might sink in. If I quit communicating, nothing is going to happen... When it's time to get to work, they know when it is."

Gene feels that there is no essential difference between achievement in the classroom and on the athletic field. In both studies and sports, it's attitude that counts most. "Seventy-five per cent of the job done in athletics is mental preparation, to be willing to put forth all you can. Fifteen per cent is physical skills, 10 per cent is talent."

Obviously, it's trying that counts.

Tony Ritrovato, who teaches English at Beahm, says that during an off-period he will sometimes come down to the gym just to watch Gene conduct his gym classes. He marvels at Gene's rapport with the kids, the way he conveys his enthusiasm to them. "He knows when to call a kid down and when to overlook things. I just hope he's still teaching gym here when my [continued on page 11]

Donegal outplays ELCO but loses 0-20 on penalties, offensive errors

It could have been the upset of the year, but penalties and offensive mistakes allowed unbeaten Elco to top the Indians 20-0 last week. In spite of the lopsided score, the two teams were basically evenly matched. Donegal out-rushed Elco, gaining 181 yards to the Raiders' 112, and 9 first downs to Elco's 8.

Frustrated on the ground, by the best defense Donegal has played all year, Elco took to the air, where they gained 83 yards on 13 passes (6 completions).

Donegal's freshman quarterback, Darrel Risberg, responded with some accurate passing of his own, including one spectacular 35-yard bomb which was canceled by a penalty. Officially, Risberg tallied 39 yards in the air, completed

six of his ten throws, and was intercepted once.

The scoreboard, unfortunately, did not reflect the Indians' impressive statistics. Elco's successful plays were few and far between, but when the Raiders succeeded—usually because of some Indian error—they succeeded spectacularly.

On Donegal's first possession, the Indians fumbled, and an Elco back scooped up the loose pigskin and carried it 77 yards for a touchdown. Another Elco score resulted from a sloppy pass play, which began 57 yards from the goal line, and ended in an Elco touchdown two missed blocks later.

"We beat ourselves," commented Donegal coach Gayne Deshler, summing up the evening's events. "They

have a good team, but we could have won. Defensively, we thought we didn't do a bad job."

Leonard Mummau led the Indian rushing attack with 96 yards in 16 carries; a six-yard carry average. Steve Meszaros followed with 61 yards in 14 carries; a 4.3 yard average.

Next Saturday night, the Indians take on Lebanon Catholic, a team which has yet to post a victory this season. Catholic will be no piece of cake, however. Their schedule has been tough, they have been improving, and the game marks their homecoming. The contest will give a good indication of whether the youthful Indians can overcome the mental errors which have been plaguing them so far this season.

Predicto on the ball, predicts DHS will beat Lebanon Catholic 27 to 6

SECTION ONE
Manheim Township over Lebanon
Cedar Crest over Lancaster Catholic
Wilson over McCaskey
Governor Mifflin over Conestoga Valley

Hempfield over Muhlenberg

SECTION TWO
Solanco over Elizabethtown
Columbia over Penn Manor
Warwick over Ephrata

SECTION THREE
Garden Spot over Northern Lebanon
ELCO over Annville-Cleona
Donegal over Lebanon Catholic (27-6)
Cocalico over Lampeter-Strasburg

Hockey team beats Lebanon, plans trip to Philly to see Meszaros play

The Donegal hockey team beat Lebanon last week 4-0. Two goals were scored by Sherry Derr and one each by Terri Meszaros and Gina Mohr.

A game with Warwick scheduled to be played last Thursday, also Parents' Day, was rained out and was re-scheduled for Monday, October 22. Parents Day will be celebrated at that time also.

The team will play Norlebo this Wednesday there. Coach Zangari ex-

pects a tough game.

Then on Thursday the entire squad and their coaches will travel to Philadelphia to watch a double-header game at Franklin Field. The second game will be between West Chester and Delaware, number one and number two collegiate teams in the nation, respectively. Playing for West Chester will be Sue Meszaros, DHS alumna, who also played for the champs in her freshman

year at West Chester. Sue is elder sister of Terri Meszaros, freshman member of the DHS varsity. (Jill Brocius is another freshman who plays for Donegal.) West Chester is also Coach Joyce Zangari's alma mater.

The game in Philly should be very fast, since it will be played on Astro-turf. This surface also requires very good control. About the trip to Philly, Coach Zangari says, "We're real excited."

Tennis team loses to Penn Manor, Township; Kinsey has best record

The DHS tennis team lost last week to Penn Manor, 2½-5½. The Donegal team was at a disadvantage, being unable to practice because of the rain and snow; Penn Manor was able to practice indoors.

Monday the team lost their final match of the season to Manheim Township, 1-6. The only winner was Sherri Kinsey, seeded number two on the Donegal team. Sherri was tied with her opponent in sets, 1-1, but was down in games in the last set, 1-4. She came from behind to win the final set 6-4.

That victory gave Sherri the best record on the team in matches, 9-2. She lost only one league match.

This Tuesday night, Sherri received a trophy for her

outstanding performance during the season.

Soccer team loses two

Donegal's soccer team lost 0-4 last week to a rugged Penn Manor team; the game was played in rain and mud.

The Jayvees lost 1-2 to

Penn Manor.

This is a big week for the soccer team. They lost to E-Town, 0-4, Monday night. They played Pequea Valley Tuesday, and play Hempfield on Thursday.

Grade school students will try for soccer cup

On Thursday, Oct. 18th, the Donegal Elementary soccer teams will play for the Soccer Cup under the

lights at Donegal High.

The soccer starts at 7:00. Rain date is Oct. 19th, same time.