

Mitch Johnson unleashes one of his blazing fastballs. The highly talented Johnson has suffered control problems of late. Last Wednesday he struck out nine opponents, but walked another nine. The team's recent pitching slump has been partially offset by better than expected hitting. If the Indian bats are still connecting when the team's hurlers catch fire again, the Indians will be formidable indeed.

'We need defense & pitching,' says Al Brooks

After losing to Lancaster Catholic, 6 to 11, and then to Cocalico, 6 to 7, earlier in the week, Donegal's baseball team came back at the end of the week and beat Conestoga Valley, 8 to 7, on

Saturday.

Coach Al Brooks says, "We're starting to hit the ball fairly well. Now we must tighten up our defense and have more consistent

pitching, but we're definitely playing better.

"The weather is improving, and that's going to help too. Half of our games we played in 40-degree

temperatures with the wind blowing hard."

This week Donegal plays Pequea Valley Tuesday there and Ephrata Thursday here.

Girls' track loses meet to Ephrata

The girls' track team lost by a score of 29 to 103 to a strong Ephrata team last Thursday. Beth Gainer, with two victories, was the only Indian to finish in first place in any event.

Beth won the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:48.8 and the 3200 meter run at 12:37.8.

Terri Meszaros took a second place in the 100 meter hurdles with a 17.4 time. Laureen Dononvan finished second in the 400 meter run and Patty Fready did the same in the 800 meter run. Patty improved her time greatly, going from 2:40.69 to 2:36.2. Also finishing in second place was Sherri Kinsey who threw the javelin 89'10''. Her previous best was only 80'11''.

Judy Kershner and Sherri Kinsey finished second and third in the discus throw respectively. Judy threw the discus 90'. Her previous best was 76'6''.

Others finishing in third place were: Betsey Marley in the 100 meter dash; Connie Frey in the 3200 meter run; and Sherri Kinsey in the shot put.

Team points accumulated to date are as follows: Beth



Sherri Kinsey heaves the javelin.

Gainer, 48; Sherri Kinsey, 33; Laureen Donovan, 27; Patty Fready, 19; Betsy Marley, 17; Colleen Jones, 16; Judy Kerschner, 15; Karen Mummau, 11; Terri Meszaros, 7; Kyra Vandergrift, 6; Lisa Hoffman, 4; Mary Ruhl, 3; Connie Prey,

3; and Cindy Peifer, 2.

Results of Monday's meet with Manheim Central were not available when the Times went to press. Thursday, April 24, the team meets ELCO here, and Monday, April 28, Lancaster Catholi

Softball team loses three

The girls' softball team lost three games in last week's action.

The girls were defeated by Conestoga Valley, 3 to 8, last Tuesday. "It was a cold day, a terrible day," said Coach Cliff Shank. "We didn't hit too bad, but there were errors all over the place." Highlighting the Donegal play was Marty Miller who went 2 for 4 and scored 2 runs. Sheree Gallagher also went 2 for 4 against CV.

"Our game Wednesday with Lebanon Catholic was even worse," remarked Shank on the 2 to 17 loss. "They were definitely having a good day," he says of

the Lebanon team.

Shank describes Friday's game against Hempfield as the best of the week. The Donegal team hit fairly well (12 hits against Hempfield's 8). "What beat us was Hempfield's base running. They were bunting well and running the bases well."

Brenda Hershey hit 3 for 4 against Hempfield, and Marty Miller once again went 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored.

Despite their strong hitting against Hempfield Donegal lost the game by a score of 9 to 6.

Tennis team loses 2; L-S & Manheim Twnp.

The DHS tennis team lost to Lampeter-Strasburg last week and to the leading team in the county, Manheim Township, this week.

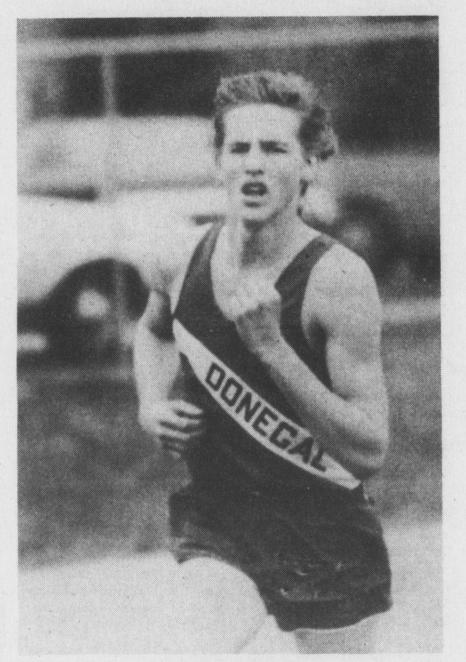
Only Kevin Heistand won in singles, and Fred Straub and Alen Brian in doubles, against Lampeter-Strasburg.

Details of the Manheim Township games were not available when the Susquehanna Times went to press.

Meanwhile, Coach William Loercher has started

playing tennis again with the Manheim Borough team. Loercher is a resident of Manheim. The Manheim team has lost only one meet in the last eighteen years, playing against teams from much larger places like Lancaster, Lebanon, and Harrisburg.

Also playing on the Manheim team is Drew Hostetter, former Donegal ace. Both Hostetter and Loercher have been Lancaster County champions.



Donegal relay man Tim Keffer.

Boys' track team hurt by injuries, says Milovanovic

The Donegal boys' track team starting last week with a victory over Cocalico, 91 to 59, Monday. They lost to Anville Cleona, 33 to 117, Thursday and to ELCO, 47 to 103, Monday.

The team has been hurt by some key injuries, according to Coach Rudy Milovanovic. Sophomore Steve Kunkle, who leaped six feet in the high jump last week, is out of action with a sprained ankle.

The girls meet ELCO Tuesday and Cedar Crest Thursday, both at home. Next Monday they play Elizabethtown, also at home.

"Our most valuable team member, Al Bundy, is also injured. That really hurts," says Milovanovic. Bundy participates in the long jump, the triple jump and the 100 to 400 meter sprints.

In Saturday's Shippensburg invitational meet the track team came home with three sixth places. Coach Milovanovic felt this was not too bad considering the injuries his team was faced with.

At the invitational Vince Curry ran a 52.6 400 meter dash. Also turning in an excellent time was Bruce Bundy (Al's brother) who ran 800 meters in 2.06 in the 3200 meter relay.

The track team meets Lancaster Catholic away on Thursday.