

# Sports

## Sports Scene

### The week ahead

**Thursday, September 6:**  
**Golf:** Exeter at Boyertown, 3:30 p.m.; Brandywine at Oley Valley, 3:30 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis:** Governor Mifflin at Boyertown, 3:30 p.m.  
**Field Hockey:** Oley Valley at Schuylkill Valley, 4 p.m.  
**Boys Soccer:** Schuylkill Valley at Oley Valley, 4 p.m.  
**Girls Volleyball:** Oley Valley at Brandywine, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 7:**  
**Football:** Boyertown at Twin Valley, 7 p.m.  
**Field Hockey:** Reading at Boyertown, 4 p.m.  
**Boys Soccer:** Boyertown at Reading, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, September 8:**  
**Boys Soccer:** Oley Valley at Boyertown, 10 a.m.  
**Cross Country:** Boyertown at Centaur Invitational, 10:30 a.m.; Oley Valley at Kutztown University Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**Field Hockey:** Boyertown at Emmaus, 9:30 a.m.; Oley Valley at Twin Valley Tournament, TBA.  
**Girls Volleyball:** Oley Valley at Twin Valley Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, September 10:**  
**Boys Soccer:** Governor Mifflin at Boyertown, 5:45 p.m.  
**Field Hockey:** Boyertown at Governor Mifflin, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 11:**  
**Golf:** Boyertown at Wilson, 3:30 p.m.; Oley Valley at Fleetwood, 3:30 p.m.  
**Field Hockey:** Fleetwood at Oley Valley, 4 p.m.  
**Boys Soccer:** Oley Valley at Fleetwood, 5:45 p.m.  
**Girls Volleyball:** Schuylkill Valley at Oley Valley, 6:30 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis:** Reading at Boyertown, 3:30 p.m.  
**Cross Country:** Boyertown at Tri-meet with Tulpehocken at Oley Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 12:**  
**Boys Soccer:** Boyertown at Exeter, 5:45 p.m.  
**Field Hockey:** Exeter at Boyertown, 4 p.m.

## Board shoots

The Bally Sportsmen's Association of Bally, Penna. will hold their semiannual flying board shoots, and still board shoots (12 guage only), on Sunday, September 16 from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be available. Non-members are welcome! Directions - Turn off Route 100 in Bally at Sobjak's Market and proceed north on Seventh Street following the yellow signs with red arrows for approximately three miles.

## Storm tryouts

The 18 and Under Boyertown Storm will hold Junior Olympic Softball tryouts at the Boyertown Junior High School East softball fields September 8-9 and September 15-16 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more information, contact LouAnn Reifsnnyder at 610-367-2208.

**SPORTS DEADLINE:** The Boyertown Area Times sports deadline is noon on Monday. The Times sports staff will consider any local sports information if it is received by deadline.

# Weather cleared, storm continued for Bears

By Dennis Gould  
 Times Sports Editor

The storm held off until half-time of the home opener for the Boyertown High school football team on Friday evening, August 31. Wyomissing scored twice in the first half on keepers by Spartan quarterback Jeff O'Hara from five and ten yards to take at 13-0 lead to the lockers.

Both teams remained off the field for over an hour and a half until it was officially announced that the game would proceed on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Although the weather was clear and bright for the remainder of the game, the storm continued on the field for Boyertown as Wyomissing rolled to a 32-7 win.

The Spartans effectively used their passing game to set up their TDs in the first half. On Saturday, the Spartans hit paydirt when they recovered a Bear fumble at Boyertown's 36 yard line. O'Hara threw a strike to Nolan McCready for six points. A two-point conversion failed when Wyomissing was penalized. McCready's extra point kick went wide on the ensuing attempt.

"They are an experienced team that run the winged T offense very well," said bear coach Fred Endy.

Boyertown scored in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, avoiding a shutout, when Jayson Repko connected with Ryan

Repko. Eric Reish added the PAT, splitting the uprights with his kick.

The loss does not affect the Bears' league record although Wyomissing is in the Intra-County League. Only the teams that are in the same section have an effect on a team's record. Boyertown will be concerned with Twin Valley, Conrad Weiser, Exeter, Daniel Boone and Muhlenberg. The Bears will travel to Elverson Friday, September 7, to take on the Raiders in their first Section I encounter. The raiders will be coming off a 24-6 loss to Holy Name.

The bright spot for the Bears in the loss was the running of Marc Panepinto, who collected 161 yards on 33 carries. Middle line-backer Billy Heuer, according to Endy played a solid game. Heuer had 10 tackles, two assists and eight first hits.

Wyomissing ran 42 times for 244 yards and threw 12 times for five completions, netting 107 yards and 13 first downs for 351 total yards. Boyertown had nine first downs while totaling 181 yards, 148 on the ground and 33 in the air.

Wyomissing scored a second time on a one-yard run in the third quarter with a failed PAT. A 13 yard run in the fourth and the extra point conversion rounded out the Spartan scoring.



Berks-Mont Photo by Harold Hoch

The Bears offensive linemen strike a pose for the camera. The Boyertown squad opened the season in a rain delayed two-day affair and lost to Wyomissing, 32-7. The Bears will try to get their offense in gear for their first league contest this weekend at Twin Valley.

# Jordan D. Specht Tournament held at Hickory Valley Golf Club

By Dennis Gould  
 Times Sports Editor

One hundred and sixty-four golfers showed to participate in the Jordan D. Specht Memorial Golf tournament held at Hickory Valley Golf Club on Thursday, August 30. The Shotgun start, 18-hole scramble began at 12:30 p.m. with several tournament contests producing prizes for the winners. Refreshments were available on the course as well as the clubhouse. The event was capped off with a pig roast dinner at 6 p.m.

The tournament benefits those suffering from EDS (Ehlers-Danlos Disease). EDS takes on six different forms and is often misdiagnosed. Only 10 percent of those afflicted are properly diagnosed.

Jordan Specht wasn't properly diagnosed until he was seven years old. EDS affects the connective tissue of an individual, rendering the skin and joints unstable and fragile because of faulty collagen, the "glue" that makes the connective tissue strong and elastic.

Dave and Diane Specht, the

parents of Jordan, co-chair the golf tournament, which is in its fourth year. The proceeds go to research, education to provide awareness to the public and medical profession.

The disease is usually diagnosed by geneticists and dermatologists. The Spechts have a Milwaukee firm ready to develop and produce CDs. Their goal is to get the CDs into all the emergency rooms in U.S. hospitals.

The Spechts weren't aware that Jordan had a terminal type of the disease. He suffered from vascular EDS which goes unnoticed until an aneurysm develops or there is bowel perforation.

It wasn't until about two and a half years before Jordan's death that the Specht's realized his fate. It was diagnosed through a skin biopsy.

In the first year, the tournament raised \$35,000. This year's tournament, before a golf ball was hit, had raised over \$45,000. The possibility existed that the total receipts would near \$50,000. "That's absolutely exciting," said Dave Specht. In the first three

years of the tournament, it had raised over \$100,000 for those afflicted with EDS. There isn't any public or governmental funding for research. That's the reason the Spechts have developed the Jordan D. Specht Memorial Golf Tournament.

The Maxwell Club has given the tournament generous support. On hand for this year's tournament was Executive Director Bob Clark. Footballs, which were replicas of the two actual footballs, that were to be presented at the end of the tournament, were given out. The footballs had the autographs of the 2000 Maxwell Club winners which included Andy Reid of the Philadelphia Eagles.

A framed picture of Tiger Woods was to be auctioned off as part of the event. Last year, a similar picture brought in an additional \$1000.

A prize to be won at the tournament was a one week vacation sponsored by the Candant Corporation. The tournament would pay the airfare.



Berks-Mont Photo by Harold Hoch

Golfers at the Fourth annual Jordan D. Specht enter the first tee on the Hickory Valley Golf Club course. One Hundred and sixty-four players registered for the August 30 event. The purpose of the tournament was to raise funds for research, education and awareness of EDS. Ehlers-Danlos Disease is a degenerative disease that affects the collagen of a person's body. The connective tissue, which is normally strong and elastic loses these qualities. The event in the past three years has raised over \$100,000. Co-chairman Dave Specht expects this year's tournament will raise approximately \$50,000. In the photo to the right, Tim Specht tees off as members of his foursome watch his drive down the first fairway.



## 12 and Under tryouts

The Boyertown Storm 12 and Under softball team will be holding tryouts for the 2002 season at the Boyertown Junior High School East fields which are located on Dotterer Rd. The dates of the tryouts are September 15 and September 22 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, call Dave Ward at 610-367-8276 or Ray Beaver at 610-367-4422.



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**Brian's NASCAR Pick Of The Week**

Richmond International Speedway  
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**Ricky Rudd**

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LAST WEEK'S PICK,  
 Jeff Gordon  
 finished 2nd