

Sports

Lynx harriers could take it all

By Dennis Gould
Times Sports Editor

Mike Yoder's boys cross country team at Oley Valley High School possibly could take the Berks III division this fall. It's a young team without any seniors and everyone is healthy. The team has the potential to have the pack up front.

Yoder doesn't see any strong, out front teams. The league seems to be equal. Exeter and Governor Mifflin will be tough and Wilson will be in the scrap for the number one position.

Two key starters the Lynx will not be returning are Andy Widdowson and Chuck Kelly.

Those filling the Oley Valley roster are Devin Kelly, Josh Schoch, Luke Butchko, Tom Bieber, Scott Shirey, Matt Kim, Alex Lambi, Jeremy Miller, Chad

Freeland and Brian Christman. Yoder is looking to Kelly, Schoch, David Morgan, Kirn, Butchko, Bieber and Shirey to make contributions to the squad this season.

Yoder's squad has been working hard trying to develop the mentality of being number one and running up front. This weekend, the Lynx will run at the Maroon and Gold invitational at Kutztown University.

On September 22, they will participate in the Chris Fretz Invitational at Perkiomen Valley High School. On October 6, in Pottstown, the Lynx runners will cover the course in the Harrier Invitational.

Yoder feels that the team came in this year with a good base and might be the best squad he has coached in his 12 seasons.

Yoder is hoping that this is the year of the Lynx.

Master Kim's conducts testing

Master Kim's Black Belt Academy held its second black belt test for the year on Friday, August 24 and Saturday, August 25. Four students were tested. The test was a closed test on Friday. On Saturday, friends and family could attend to support the students.

The students fasted with the exception of water and relied on their inner strength until morning, when fruit juice was provided.

The test began with a grueling workout on Friday from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. in which physical requirements, forms and board breaking were included.

The students shared essays and ideas from the many years of training at Master Kim's.

On Saturday, the students awoke and ran from 6 a.m. until 7 a.m. The running included mild distance running, sprints and various relay races.

After the run, the test was finalized with students performing the highest level forms, board breaking techniques and advanced sparring matches.

When the test ended at 10 a.m., there were four new black belts awarded. A third Dan black belt was awarded to Chuck Reed. Second Dan black belts were presented to Jon Erb and Jeanette Reed. A Number one Dan black belt went to Britni Stauffer.

Also on August 25, at the monthly colored belt test, held in the afternoon, 17 students were

tested.

The results of the tests follow: Jonathan Moore and Heidi Hughes earned their second black stripe on their red belt; Nicholas Moore earned his red stripe on his blue belt; Eric Peterson II and Harrison Kanter earned their red belts; John Sartor and Gareth Moore earned their blue belts; Robert Posenauer, Becky Rupell and Jessica Rupell earned a blue stripe on their green belts; Hanna Jardel and Ryan Wagner earned green belts; Maggie Kanter earned a green stripe on her gold belt; Nicole Easi, Ron Keyser, Eric Peterson I, Rob Ritter and Eric Sartor each earned their deputy gold belts.

Collegiate update

Gettysburg College senior field hockey midfielder **Kristin Kucher** from Gilbertsville is one of the team's co-captains for 2001. She started all 17 games last year and should again provide the Bullets with plenty of experience. She tallied one goal and two assists for four points last season.

Former BASH soccer players **Jeff Aponik** and **Scott Heydt** play for Moravian College. Heydt is a senior returning letterman and Aponik is a freshman. Both play

midfield positions.

Wes Zimmerman, a junior at Moravian College and Boyertown resident, is one of the reasons that the Greyhounds placed fourth in the MAC Cross Country Championships last year. He was 11th in the MAC race and earned All-Conference Second Team honors. Zimmerman finished 30th in the Mideast Regional, helping Moravian to place a surprising seventh. Zimmerman earned All-Region accolades.

Josh Miller is a sophomore at Moravian College and a member of the football team. Last season, Miller made five of seven attempted extra-points. Miller, from Boyertown, is a returning letterman.

Becky Eshbach, a freshman at Albright College and member of the women's tennis team will be counted on to add depth and talent to the Lions roster. Eshbach is a Boyertown High School graduate.



Milt Thompson

Former Philadelphia Phillies player Milt Thompson will be appearing at the Coventry Mall September 8 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m..

Thompson was a member of the Phils when they played in the 1993 World series. Thompson's appearance is part of the mall's Sports Card and Beanie Baby

Show.

Thompson was a starting outfielder on the team in 1993, which was his second stint on the team after starring from 1986-88 for the Phils.

Thompson will be on hand to sign autographs, giving one free signature per person.

Feick wins in United States and Canada

On August 11-12, at the Eastern Regional Championships, which were held in Springfield, Mass., Ray Feick of Gilbertsville placed first in the hammer throw, third in the javelin and fourth in the shot put and discus.

Travelling to Syracuse, New York on August 25, Feick competed in the National Weight Pentathlon Championship and scored 3,757 points, placing third in each of the following events: the hammer, the shot put, the discus, the javelin and the weight throw.

A day later, the local heaver took part in the Canadian National Championships in Toronto. Feick garnered two first places and a second. He was tops in his age division in the shot put and the 20 lb. weight throw and runner-up in the discus.

Master Kim's holds fishing contest

On Sunday, August 12, Master Kim's held its 2001 Fishing Contest. The biggest fish was caught by Toni-Lynn Weinstieger, a 28" carp. The smallest fish taken was by Sam Levin, a 4" sunfish. The most fish caught went to Jayme Williams, with a total of 41.

The most unusual catch of the day went to Harrison Kanter whose fish swallowed the line above the baited hook.

Runner-ups included Maggie Kanter with five sunfish. Derek Becker pulled in four large mouth bass in one hour. Blaze Deveney snagged a 16" catfish.

The spirit award went Gareth Moore, who didn't catch any fish, but had a great time trying.

The non-martial arts event was a children's activity sponsored by Master Kim's, which was enjoyed by the families of the academy's students.

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Something to Ponder

"Progress always involves risks; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first."

- Fredrick Wilcox

SPORTS DEADLINE: The *Boyertown Area Times* sports deadline is 12 noon every Monday. The *Times* sports staff will consider any local information on a team or athlete for publication as long as the information is received by deadline.

Breakaway's Blue Marsh Lake Trail Marathon, Relay and 15K Run Sunday, Sept. 23

Breakaway Sports will be holding three races on one of the best trail systems in Berks County. The course will consist of the marked trail system and access roads around Blue Marsh Lake.

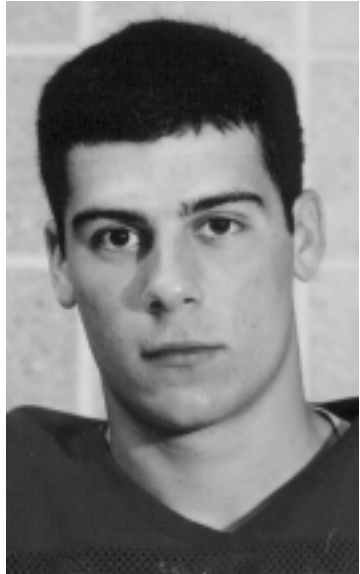
Registration Start/Finish: (Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Lakeside Pavilion) Located just above the beach. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Marathon and relay start at 8:30 a.m., 15K at 8:45 a.m.

Pre-registration: Pre-registration deadline is September 10. There is no guarantee of a shirt after that date. No Relay entries after Sept. 13

Goodies: Each runner receives a race shirt along with extra goodies in the bag. Plus, if you're stomach is able, there will be food for all competitors after the race.



2001 "BEAR DEN" - PLAYERS OF THE WEEK AUGUST 31st - WYOMISSING 32, BOYERTOWN 7



Marc Panepinto
Offense

Panepinto, a running back, had 33 carries for 161 yards in the Bears' 32-7 loss to Wyomissing on Friday evening, August 31.



Billy Heuer
Defense

Heuer, middle linebacker, had 10 tackles, two assists and eight first hits in the 32-7 loss to Wyomissing on Friday evening, August 31.



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