

# Sports

## Sports Scene

### The week ahead

**Thursday, September 20:**  
**Golf:** Twin Valley at Boyertown, 3:30 p.m.; Oley Valley at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball:** Oley Valley at Wyomissing, 6:30 p.m.

**Field Hockey:** Oley Valley at Central Catholic, 4 p.m.

**Boys Soccer:** Central Catholic at Oley Valley, 4 p.m.

**Friday, September 21:**  
**Football:** Conrad Weiser at Boyertown, 7 p.m.  
**Girls Tennis:** Boyertown at Muhlenberg, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 22:**  
**Cross Country:** Boyertown at Conrad Weiser Invitational, 9 a.m.; Oley Valley at Chris Fretz Invitational (Perkiomen Valley), 10 a.m.

**Boys Soccer:** Brandywine Heights at Boyertown, 10 a.m.; Oley Valley at Conrad Weiser Tournament, 1 p.m.

**Monday, September 24:**  
**Boys Soccer:** Conrad Weiser at Boyertown, 5:45 p.m.

**Field Hockey:** Boyertown at Conrad Weiser, 4 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball:** Reading at Oley Valley, 6:30 p.m.

**Girls Tennis:** Conrad Weiser at Boyertown, 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 25:**  
**Golf:** Boyertown at Governor Mifflin, 3 p.m.; Schuylkill Valley at Oley Valley, 3:30 p.m.

**Field Hockey:** Tulpehocken at Oley Valley, 4 p.m.

**Boys Soccer:** Oley Valley at Tulpehocken, 5:45 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball:** Holy Name at Oley Valley, 6:30 p.m.

**Cross Country:** Boyertown at Tri-Meet with Fleetwood at Muhlenberg, 4:30 p.m.; Oley Valley at Tri-Meet with Twin Valley at Daniel Boone, 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 26:**  
**Boys Soccer:** Boyertown at Daniel Boone, 5:45 p.m.

**Field Hockey:** Daniel Boone at Boyertown, 4 p.m.

**Girls Tennis:** Boyertown at Governor Mifflin, 3:30 p.m.

**Golf:** B.C.I.A.A. Girls tournament at Arrowhead, TBA.

## Storm tryouts

The Boyertown Storm 12 and Under softball team will hold tryouts for the 2002 season at the Boyertown Junior High School East fields. Tryouts are 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.

**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.

**Correction**  
 In a recent issue of the Times, Brad Backenstose was missed as a recipient of the Major H athletic award for soccer and lacrosse at the Hill School. Backenstose plays midfield on both teams.

# Meitzler cheers for Bears

By Dennis Gould  
 Times Sports Editor

For some of us, the first time we saw a male cheerleader was in college, either at the school we attended or on TV when we were watching football. Boyertown High School has a male cheerleader. His name is Ralph Meitzler. He's the second one in the school's history.

Some may think that cheerleading isn't a male thing and some have made Meitzler aware of their feelings. However, the sophomore doesn't let their opinions keep him from what he wants to do. "I just try to let it go in one ear and out the other," said the Bear cheerleader.

When asked if it bothers him, he said, "It does on a way, but I want to do it regardless."

When Meitzler was in ninth grade at Boyertown Junior High

West, several girls (Amanda Carns, Cristen Salazzo and Ali Moyer) invited Meitzler to come to cheerleading practice. After a conversation with the coach, he was invited to a pep rally with the squad. Approximately a month later, he was again asked to participate in a pep rally. From that point on, he attended the cheerleading practices and was asked to go to the cheerleading competitions.

Diane Wheeler, Boyertown High School's cheerleading coach, admits she was skeptical knowing that a boy was trying out for the squad this year. "He was a surprise. He has good straight arm movements and gymnastic skills." He definitely made the team on his ability according to Wheeler. "He made the team with his gymnastic skills, pep and energy," said Wheeler.

"The girls feel confident with

him. He does what is asked. This past summer, he went to camp with us. It was a real confidence booster. He saw others were involved," Wheeler stated.

While at the camp held at Lafayette College in Easton, Meitzler received special attention from male instructors, who coached him explaining what males in cheerleading can and cannot do.

Meitzler, when the girls are doing an activity which he can't do, will improvise, which Wheeler feels he does very well.

Seniors Karli Eddinger and Nancy Dianese are the co-captains of this year's cheering unit. They feel the rapport that Meitzler has with the squad is excellent.

"He fits right in with us," said Eddinger.

"He's an easy going person," stated Dianese. Speaking of his job as a catcher, Dianese said,



Berks-Mont Photo by Harold Hoch

Ralph Meitzler goes through his routine as part of the Boyertown cheerleading squad. Meitzler is only the second male cheerleader that Boyertown has ever had. He can be seen exhibiting his gymnastic skills at the Bear football and soccer games. Meitzler, a sophomore, began his cheerleading as a ninth grader in Boyertown Junior high West.

# Sports loses advocate

By Dennis Gould  
 Times Sports Editor

Edward Y. Good died recently at the age of 89. He was born in Chalfont and attended Doylestown High School. The Boyertown resident was a 1934 graduate of West Chester State Teacher's College (now West Chester University). At one time during the Depression, Good worked for the WPA.

In 1936, Good began teaching in the Pottstown School District as a special education teacher. "He took the position because it was difficult to find work at that time," said his daughter Nancy Work.

Good's forte was math, especially algebra although he majored in health and physical education at West Chester.

Good served the Trojans as basketball, baseball and football coach over his 42 year tenure. He was president of the Teachers Association for many years as well as the school district's athletic director.

Notable is the 48 straight wins he collected as the mentor of the Pottstown baseball team. His effort made him eligible for the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, where a team picture hangs.

Good built a home in Presidential Estates in Boyertown. He purchased it from a former student of his, realtor Don Specht. Specht, the president of the Berks County American Legion Baseball League, states, "In my career I never met any person who was more dedicated to his job. He

would leave no stone unturned to get young men in to college. He became a second father to so many of us."

Good could be seen at many Boyertown contests, especially when his grandchildren were playing. He would come to see Tom and Nancy Work's son and daughter play, which meant he was taking in baseball, football, wrestling and field hockey. "He was there when Boyertown won the districts for the first time at Tulpehocken," said Nancy Work.

Good was a very upbeat person that encouraged others. "People think that sports came first, but his family did. He was interested in what they were doing and if they needed anything," stated his daughter.

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"It's his job, we're not embarrassed. We feel safe."

"His gymnastic skills are better than most of ours," said Eddinger.

**Editorial Note:** My first experience with male cheerleaders was at college when I saw them leading cheers at a football game. Later in my freshman year, both of them were teammates. One was a talented guard on the basketball team. The other was a weight man on the track team and later in our college careers, we co-captained the track and field team.

Boyertown High School doesn't have a gymnastic team. Cheerleading seems like a natural avenue for someone who wants to use the skill they have.

Take in a football game or soccer game and watch Ralph Meitzler do his thing, building school spirit through his athletic skills - gymnastics.

The Keystone Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway have been postponed until October 4-7.

# Salem Christian post wins

In the season opener, Salem Christian School's boys soccer team (3-0-1) visited Berks Christian and registered a 5-1 win.

Dave Musselman netted four goals and Matt Laubscher tallied one. Mark Laubscher was credited with three assists while teammates Aaron Eshelman and Josh Wydrzwnski each notched an assist.

Salem (2-0-1) played Calvary to a 2-2 double overtime deadlock. Musselman and Mike Harris scored for Salem while Mark Laubscher and Harris each got an assist.

Goalkeeper Matt Laubscher turned away 10 Calvary shots on goal.

James Schneider and Adam Breiner scored for Calvary with Dave Huss getting an assist.

In their most recent game, Salem defeated New Covenant, 1-0, on a goal scored with only two minutes remaining in the game. Mark Laubscher got the goal on an assist that started with Aaron Eshelman's throw-in that was redirected by Harris to Mark

## Wrestling registration

The Boyertown Wrestling Club will be holding open registrations for the 2001-2002 wrestling season on Saturday, October 6 and Saturday, October 13 at the Boyertown Area YMCA from 9 until 11:30 a.m. The club is open to children age 5 and up. Any questions, please contact Beth Slabonik at 610-369-0308.

## Basketball shooting camp

Albright College mens' basketball coach, Rick Ferry, will offer to any boy or girl in grades three through 12 a shooting clinic Sunday, October 21 in the Bollman Center. Registration will begin at the gym entrance at 12:15 p.m.

The registration fee entitles the participant to a player-coach ratio of 5 to 1, a free Albright College basketball T-shirt and two tickets to an Albright basketball game during the 2001-2002 season.

For more information on fees and registration, contact Rick Ferry at 610-921-7825.

Laubscher. Matt Laubscher stopped five New Covenant shots, while his opposing goalie, Mike Hoffman, turned away six.

The Salem girls volleyball team scored a 2-0 win over Berks Christian. Game scores were 16-14 and 15-6.

A.J. Parker had eight attacks and six kills while Amy Bettes notched five attacks and four kills.

Rachel Schuler scored nine points as server and Kristen Merkel tallied eight for Salem.

In the September 13 clash between Salem Christian and Berks Christian, the Salem boys soccer team prevailed, 7-1. Goals were scored by David Musselman (4), Matt Laubscher, Mike Harris and Jacob Peck.

Assists were garnered by Musselman, Tim Haas, Mark Laubscher and Eshelman (3). Goalkeeper Matt Laubscher recorded five saves while Berks goalie Jeff Hahn stopped 10.

Chris Becker got the lone goal for Berks Christian.



Members of the Specht family display the oversized check showing the receipts of the Jordan D. Specht Memorial Golf Tournament held recently at Hickory Valley Golf Course.

# Bieber and Pinder place at Phoenix

Brett Bieber of Oley raced his quarter midget to a first place in the Senior Stock #2 division at Phoenix Speedway on Wednesday, September 12.

Cassi Pinder of Boyertown placed third in the Senior Stock 120 #1 race of the Montgomery County Quarter Midget event, which has been held each Wednesday evening throughout the summer months.

The racing oval is located in Phoenixville.

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