

Berks County American Legion baseball awards presented

Awards for the 2001 season of the Berks County American Legion Baseball League were presented at the annual steak fry held recently at Owls Grove in West Lawn.

Birdsboro received the League Championship Award and the East Division Winner Award. The West Division Award went to Schuylkill Valley. Birdsboro also captured the Team Sportsmanship Award.

Muhlenberg's Julian Pellegrini received the Most Valuable Player Award. He was also the League Batting Champion.

The Outstanding Pitcher Award went to Shillington's Phil

Putrick.

Selections for the members of the All-League Team for 2001 were announced. Those named were: Ty Brewer, Pete Colon, Jim Everhart and Charlie Werner from Birdsboro; Nick Allen, Drew Hoffman, Kyle Hoffman and Brandon Mason from Boyertown; Seth Guida and Aaron Warchal from Exeter; Matt Keller from Fleetwood; Leon Adams from Gregg Post; Mike Bergstrom from Kutztown; Nate Guers and Julian Pellegrini from Muhlenberg; Jeff Harner and Nate Ottaviani from Schuylkill Valley; and Phil Putrick from Shillington.



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Lisa Elphick tries to take the ball away from Exeter's Kelli McCann as Brooke Souder (27) observes the action ready for a pass. The Lady Eagles made their one goal stand up for the duration of the contest, defeating Boyertown, 1-0.

Collegiate update

2001 BASH graduate **Chad R. Byler** is a member of the Rochester Institute of Technology "Tiger" mens' cross country team. Byler, a mechanical engineering major, ran a 31:18 in his first-ever Division III meet, the Pat Peterson Invitational at Oswego State. RIT finished fourth out of 16 teams entered. The event was run in sweltering 90 degree heat.

The following week, in a quad-meet, Byler covered an 8K course in 28:58.

Moravian College junior **Wes Zimmerman** (27:49.0) of Boyertown, who is a member of the Greyhound mens' cross country team, placed 25th in the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Championships hosted by Lehigh University.

Moravian was the top Division III team and placed third overall out of the seven participating teams.

Lebanon Valley College junior **Melissa Youse** of Boyertown got the lone goal in the 4-1 loss to Messiah College.

Kristin Kucher, a Gilbertsville resident and member of the Gettysburg College womens' field hockey team, scored the tying goal against Rochester, forcing an overtime which the Bullets won, 4-3.

Kutztown University senior mens' soccer player **Kevin Berger** made five saves in goal for the Golden Bears in their 3-0 loss to New York Tech. Berger hails from Boyertown.

Royals ink second player

One day after signing the first player in franchise history, the Royals have signed its second player to a contract. Right wing Sean Ritchlin will join the Royals for the inaugural season. The University of Michigan graduate is no stranger to the East Coast Hockey League, suiting up for 64 games over the past two seasons. Ritchlin has also seen time in the American Hockey League and International Hockey League.

Coach Al Sims believes

Ritchlin will be a huge asset to the club, "Sean Ritchlin is a great offensive player. He struggled a bit last year, but definitely has the talent to play at the next level."

Ritchlin is a good offensive talent. He is expected to provide a lot of offense to the Royals this season. The 6', 200 pound forward possesses good hands and great skill with the puck.

Royals' general manager Ray Delia is expecting a solid performer for the first season, "Sean

Ritchlin is a power forward that will bring speed, an excellent shot, and grit to our hockey club. Sean comes highly recommended from our assistant coach Eric Hoffberg. We feel Sean will make an immediate impact for the Royals."

The Royals season begins October 12 in an away game with Trenton. The home opener is October 13 at 7:05 p.m. against the same Trenton team at the new Sovereign Center on Penn Street.



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Courtney Tamasitis (3) pops the ball over Exeter's **Kristen Hermann's** stick. **Ashley Ettinger (29)** watches the action.

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Midget League football cheerleaders shake their pom-poms during a recent game at Boyertown Memorial Stadium.

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