

Local Area Sports – Softball

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1993 Burgettstown School Girls Softball

Row 1: Jenny Bell, Beth Strain, Mandi Wishnok, Becky Schneider

Row 2: Kristy Wiles, Mandy Mirich, Kim Kuzior, Carla Dunn,
JoElla Lukon, Tina Dunn

Row 3: Coach Norma Alrutz, Jaclyn Yoho, Bekah Ginosky, Amy Zahn,
Michelle Eannace, Heather Kuhn, Jen Paniaha,
Meredith Grabski, Coach Monica Maryasz

Ageless Bud Petrel leads team to title

Monte's of the Burgettstown Area Fastpitch Softball league recently qualified for the Class B State Tournament to be held in August after winning a tournament at G.J. Barbush Memorial Field in Langeloth on June 27.

The tournament was originally scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 26, but a lot of rain and the wedding of former Monte's shortstop John Gabrielli delayed the tournament for a day.

In the opener against Nunzy's of Erie, Monte's seemed to pick up

where they left off at the wedding reception, committing two big errors and allowing five runs in the second.

However, Monte's sobered up in the third when four consecutive RBI singles by Dave Evantz, Ed Latkovic, Chris Maropis and Matt Cruny closed the gap to 5-4.

In the fourth, Rick Matalik tripled and scored on an error to tie the game at five.

Monte's went ahead for good in the fifth when Maropis homered and Vito Bovalina walked and

scored on a Steve Arnold single.

Nunzy's provided a scare in the seventh by putting runners on the corners, but a diving grab by Bob Alvarez in the alley in right ended the game.

Bud Petrel was masterful in the 7-5 win, striking out eight batters and allowing only four hits and one earned run.

In the second game of the three-round robin tournament, Nunzy's beat Kellner 7-1.

The third game pitted Monte's and Kellner, and Maropis and

Cruny started a rally in the second with back-to-back doubles. Then Pete Sergakis lifted a homer over the road in rightfield to give Monte's a 3-0 lead.

In the fourth, Monte's added eight more runs.

Cruny started the inning with a solo homer.

Then, Bovalina singled and Arnold bounced one over the fence for a ground rule double. Sergakis drove in both runners with a single. After a couple of walks, Latkovic drove in Jim Orgovan with a sacri-

fice fly, and Maropis drove in Mark Baldigowski with a single.

Cruny then stepped up and tied a Monte's record with his second hit in the same inning. His single scored two runs.

Bovalina re-tied the Monte's mark with a triple that scored Cruny.

After four innings, Monte's led 11-0.

Petrel, who allowed only three hits in the game, struck out the final batter after giving up an unearned run, and Monte's had won the tournament.

Ageless Bud Petrel Leads Team to Title
The Enterprise-July 7, 1993 Edition

Barry Alvarez, Ted Mervosh, Among Old Time Softball Players Set At Langeloth Sunday For Contest On Community Day

University of Wisconsin head football coach Barry Alvarez and Col. Ted Mervosh are among the oldtime softball players returning to the area Sunday to play in a nostalgic game as part of the Community Day activities at Langeloth.

Others showing their intentions to again perform before the local population and coming from a distance include Jim Hanlin, Kelly Alvarez, Jesse Alonso and Dr. Pete Stracci.

Aemil "Birdie" Matalik, an original member of the Burgettstown softball league 34 years ago and still playing today, heads the list of greybeards. Others in the Birdie time frame attempting a comeback on the diamond for one more time include Moe Hall, Dave Markish, Art Roberts, Chuck Fletcher, Frank Paytors, Nick

Kusich and Kermy King.

Following is a list of promised players in the Oldtimers Game (many more are expected to appear):

Bill Gavazzi, Emil Stanish, Joe Pescho, Terry Dalverny, Bimbo Edwards, Mike Mirich, Snookie Bender, Bill Brunner, Eddy Williamson, Frank Delprato, Andy Kortyna, Cookie Matalik, Ken Gavazzi, Gary Gratchen, Wes Rankin.

Woody Alvarez, Mickey Trimarki, Jim Trimarki, Speedy Reed, Jim O'Donnell, Dick Anderson, Doug Caldwell, Greg Caldwell, Don McCalmont, Dave Markish, Jerry Gavazzi, Birdie Matalik, Terry Humberson, Ray Larkey, Buzz Vega.

Chal Mahoney, Rick Mahoney, Frank Richards, Rich Gibson, Rich Lounder, John Niedzialkia, Art

Roberts, Bob Kuzior, Chuck Fletcher, Merle Ayres, Frank Paytors, Bill Latkovic, Jim Matalik, Bill Ankley, Frank Lillard.

Mike Krynak, John Bianchini, Yummy Jobkar, Dennis Kinkela, Rich Maltony, Kermy King, Frank Lawrence, Paul Fuller, Jerry Maroni, Nick Kusich, Jack Babyak, Kite Harris, Don Resnik, Geno Borio, Mike Lis.

Skip Bundy, Ted Mervosh, Jim Hanlin, Jim Bish, Kelly Alvarez, Pete Stracci, Jerry Prado, Barry Alvarez, Wickie Brown, Jesse Alonso, Tom Alrutz, Bub Wiegmann, Moe Hall, Ray Walker, Fred Walker, Ron Cross, Ray Fratini, Mickey LaRocka, Ron Dellapina, Willie C. Lewis.

**Barry Alvarez, Ted Mervosh, Among Old Time Softball Players
Set at Langeloth Sunday for Contest on Community Day
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 25, 1990 Edition**



Bombers

The Bombers are competing in the 14 and under division of the Burgettstown Softball League. Members of the team are, from left, first row, assistant coach Heather Kucera, Shawna Hands, Kristy Donnelly, Desiree Schmidt, Leah Presutti, Noelle Kucera, Missy Hall, Danielle Dunn and assistant coach Shawn Kemper; second row, Christina McGillen, Crystal Ramsey, Liz Sefton, Katie Stevenson, manager Larry Kucera, Crystal Heitger, Corrie Ulrich, Billie Jo Dunn and Bethany Ulrich. Not pictured are Kate Mavrich and Jennifer Michello.

Burgettstown Soft Ball League-Bombers
The Enterprise-July 8, 1992 Edition



Bombers

Completing in the 14 and under division of the Burgettstown Softball League.

Members of the team are, **First Row, L-R:** Assistant coach, Heather Kucera, Shawna Hands, Kristy Donnelly, Desiree Schmidt, Leah Presutti, Noelle Kucera, Missy Hall, Danielle Dunn, and assistant coach, Shawn Kemper.

Second Row, L-R: Christina McGillen, Crystal Ramsey, Liz Sefton, Katie Stevenson, Manager Larry Kucera, Crystal Heitger, Corrie Ulrich, Billie Jo Dunn, and Bethany Ulrich. **Not Pictured:** Kate Mavrigh and Jennifer Michello.

**Burgettstown Soft Ball League-Bombers
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Bulger Softball Champions

First Row: P. Wilson, M. Wilson, Slack, and Dellapina.

Second Row: Dalverny, Burchianti, Kerekes, Yenke, and Nogier

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition

**BURG. LASSIES DRUB
WASHINGTON, 22-2**

The Burgettstown Community Girls, the Tri-State pacemakers in the powder puff softball brigade, steam, cleaned, and pressed, the Washington Chucks by a murderous 22-2 count.

When informed that the visitors were here to lay it on and take some of the wind out of the locals' sails. Bailey issued orders to his proteges to explode with their heaviest charges. They retaliated with the handing out the shel-lacking of the year. Scoring in every inning, the local belles thundered out 27 hits in administering the massacre.

Hester Kuzior paced the demolition squad with 5 for 5. Nicola and Donati each hammered out four, Cindrich, Manni, and Martinez collected three apiece, and Deliere, Campa, and Kanzius each garnered two. Campa and Kanzius each homered in the rout.

Agnes Donati toed the mound for Burgettstown and scattered nine hits, giving up single runs in the fourth and seventh.

**BURG. GIRLS CLUB
WESTINGHOUSE; 15-8**

The Burgettstown Girls' softball club, in racking up their 12th win in 14 starts, humiliated the famed and widely traveled Westinghouse Girls by stomping on them for a 15-8 decision on Hillman Field last Sunday. In racking up their amazing record, the locals have barred no one, but have ground up some of the best Girls' teams in the tri-state area. Zipping along at red hot pace, the locals are making it a no contest with all of their opposition. Manager Frank Bailey sure has got together a power house to represent Burgettstown, in girls' softball circles.

The locals unleashed a horrendous 19 hit barrage at their visitors Sunday, with Alice Campa leading the parade, smashing out 4 for 5. Delores LaPacz, Velma Manni, and June Cox each plastered out 3 for 4, Thelma Nicola, and Belle Dumeret each got two, and Ann Cindric, Hester Kuzior, and Fritz Kanzius tagged one apiece. Campa, LaPacz and Cox each banged out a home run in the slaughter.

Kuzior started on the mound and was replaced by Nicola in the 7th, after giving up no runs on five hits. Zipping them in with brilliant control, Kuzior had the visitors handcuffed, and in order to make a game out of it, Mgr. Bailey retired his ace. But with Nicola also hog tying them, Mgr. Bailey gave orders to ease up and just toss them in. Then, Westinghouse began to score.

**Burgettstown Girls Club Westinghouse; 15-8
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Burgettstown rallies to stop Sewickley Academy

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BURGETTSTOWN—After Burgettstown defeated its last five section opponents by an average of 12 runs per game, Blue Devils head softball coach Mark Deer welcomed a game against talented Sewickley Academy at Pradetto Field Thursday.

Though Burgettstown defeated the Panthers by six runs in the first meeting April 1, Sewickley Academy entered the Section 1-A matchup in second place, one game behind the Blue Devils.

Burgettstown found itself trailing by three runs and forced to make an early pitching change, but the Blue Devils fought back and Morgan Ellek had a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Blue Devils to a 6-5 victory in James F. Hillman Park.

Burgettstown sophomore pitcher Katie Tarr, who relieved Ellek in the third inning with the Blue Devils trailing 3-0, helped make sure Burgettstown would strengthen its hold on first place in the section.

"This win was a huge confidence booster for us," Tarr said. "We knew it was going to be a tough game, even though we beat them the first time. We want the section title and definitely did not want to give them a chance to share it with us."

The win puts the Blue Devils (9-0, 11-4) two games ahead of the Panthers (7-2, 7-2) in the standings. With just three Section 1-A games remaining, a section title is within reach.

Burgettstown trailed 3-2



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Burgettstown's Bryanna Lonick gets a base hit in the fifth inning against Sewickley Academy. Lonick came around to score later in the inning. The Blue Devils won, 6-5.

entering the bottom of the sixth inning before its offense came to life. Back-to-back singles from sophomore first baseman Cheyenne Winters and senior second baseman Bryanna Lonick started the inning, and a throwing error scored Lonick. Sophomore center fielder Cassie Carnes then hit a two-out, two-run single to give the Blue Devils a lead.

"We have a great lineup," Deer said. "Hits can happen anywhere in our batting or-

der. When someone is struggling, another player steps up."

Six of the Blue Devils' nine players had at least one hit and three recorded a multi-hit game.

With a two-run lead, Tarr took the mound in the seventh with the top half of Sewickley Academy's batting waiting. After recording one out, Panthers junior catcher Sarah Manzinger walked and

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Burgettstown's head coach Mark Deer talks to his team during the third inning.

Blue Devils

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scored when junior Kat Goebel reached first on a throwing error. Tarr forced a fly out to put the Blue Devils one out away from the win.

Sewickley Academy had its best hitter stepping to the plate – freshman left fielder Chandler White, who was 3-for-4 with a two-run home run in the first inning. White hit the fourth pitch from Tarr into the gap in left-center field to score Goebel and tie the game, 5-5. Tarr closed out the inning with a ground out on the next at-bat.

“They are a very good team” Panthers head coach Win Palmer said. “We love playing them because they are so well-coached and they play hard. I wish we could play them every game.”

Sewickley sophomore pitcher Savannah Henry got the first two batters in the bottom of the seventh to ground out before Lonick hit a double and Ellek, who went 2-for-4 with two RBI and a run, drilled the first pitch she saw into right field to score the game-winning run.

“In that situation, you just have to go up there and block everything out,” Ellek said. “You have to hit anything that comes your way, and it was great that it worked out. It’s always nice to have a tough game like that.”

For the 18th time in his 19 years as Burgettstown’s head coach, Deer’s team is headed to the WPIAL postseason. And the Blue Devils did it with only one senior, two juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen receiving regular playing time.

“I’ve been at Burgettstown for 19 years and while this is probably the youngest team I’ve coached, they might be one of the most talented,” Deer said.



KATIE ROUPE / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Burgettstown’s Cassie Comes safely reaches first base seconds before Sewickley Academy’s first baseman Mackenzie Pryor catches the ball during the third inning Thursday’s game in Burgettstown.

High school softball

When Mark Deer became the head softball coach at Burgettstown High School in 1996, he didn't expect to be in the coaching ranks very long.

But 20 years and 300 wins later, Deer and Burgettstown are still together and winning big. In a non-league game Saturday against Roane County (W.Va.), Deer and Blue Devils had a perfect and memorable day.

Senior Kate Tarr pitched a five-inning perfect game and Burgettstown rolled to a 13-0 win, the 300th in Deer's coaching career.

Tarr struck out 11 and the Blue Devils' fielders took care of the four pitches Roane County put in play.

The Blue Devils had 11 hits, all singles. Hannah Abbott led the way by going 3-for-4 with five RBI. Paige Sherman was 1-for-1 but drove in two runs and Tarr helped her own cause by going 2-for-2 with two RBI to help Deer register the milestone victory.

"When I took this job, I thought I'd have it four or five years," Deer said. "I did it as a favor to some friends who had daughters playing. I guess this is a job that grows on you."

Burgettstown (10-5 overall) is tied for the Section 1-AA lead with Avonworth.

Burg. Lassies Drub

Brownson House; 6-0

The Burgettstown Community Girls' softball club continued their sensational victory parade by whitewashing Brownson House of Washington, 6-0, on Hillman Field.

The visitors were hurried substitutes when a late call came from Steubenville that the originally scheduled Carltons would be unable to show. It seems that they were unable to get their best together to face the natty locals who possess a natty 11-2 record. The last nine victories in succession.

Manager Frank Bailey sent Nicola to the firing line in this tilt, and what a choice he made! For Nicola was in brilliant form. She had a no hitter going clear up to the sixth, when a blooper fell in to center for the visitor's only hit of the ball game. Schwab did the catching and handled Nicola perfectly. Some very fast and sensational fielding by the Burgettstown infield backed up Nicola's one hitter.

Burgettstown plated three times in the first frame to start them on their way. Kuzior paced the hitters with 3 for 4, Kanzius and Manni each collected a pair.

Burgettstown Lassies Drub Brownson House; 6-0
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition

Fastpitch Standings

Following are standings in the Burgettstown Area Fastpitch Softball League after games played Thursday, July 19, 1990:

Green Machine	17-3
Lyons Den	18-5
Cobras	14-7
Suburban Cleaners	10-10
Red Roof Inn	9-11
Kings	4-16
Chemlawn	1-21

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

G.J. Barbush Field
Langeloth

Wednesday, July 25 — Rainouts.

Thursday, July 26 — Lyons Den vs. Kings, Suburban Cleaners vs. Red Roof Inn.

Friday, July 27 — Lyons Den vs. Green Machine, Chemlawn vs. Suburban Cleaners.

Sunday, July 29 — Oldtimers Game, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 30 — Green Machine vs. Cobras, Chemlawn vs. Red Roof Inn.

Tuesday, July 31 — Green Machine vs. Chemlawn, Kings vs. Suburban Cleaners.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 — Cobras vs. Red Roof Inn, Kings vs. Chemlawn.

SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL

Wednesday, July 25 — Rommes at Mike Thomas Remodeling.

Thursday, July 26 — All American at Patriots.

Friday, July 27 — DePaul's at Baic's.

Sunday, July 29 — All American at Baic's.

Monday, July 30 — Patriots at B.I.C.

Tuesday, July 31 — All American at DePaul's.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 — Mike Thomas Remodeling at Patriots.

Fastpitch softball

Paris scored four runs in the top of the first inning but Green Machine answered with seven runs in its half of the frame and went on to record an 11-6 victory. Ron Vega started for the Green Machine and was relieved by Dave Vallina, who received credit for the win. Vallina struck out nine batters. For Paris, the losing pitcher was starter Jerry Vega. He was relieved by Bill Walls. Jon Vallina doubled and tripled for the winners, with Kevin Bryner and Terry Havelka adding two-base hits. Jim Smith doubled and homered for Paris. Bryan Maltory also doubled.

Green Machine rallied for three runs in each of the final two innings to pull out an 8-5 triumph over the Cobras. Dave Vallina and Randy Malone were the opposing pitcher, with Vallina fanning nine batters in a winning effort. Bob Hussion and Bryan Pavan were the big news at the plate. Hussion walloped a pair of home runs, while Pavan homered and doubled. Also getting two-base hits for the winners were Terry Havelka, Jim Schubenski and Jon Vallina. Bob Bertolotti thumped a home run for the Cobras. Merle Ayres and Ron Diaz doubled.

With Floyd "Bud" Petrel allowing just three hits, Monte's edged the Green Machine, 2-0. The winners scored single runs in each of the first and fifth innings to take over first place in the league standings. Losing pitcher Dave Vallina also surrendered just three hits. Mark Baldigowski doubled for Monte's, and Terry Havelka hit two singles for the Green Machine.

Fastpitch Softball
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Standing in knee-deep water at the flooded entrance to Number 5 Shaft of Sasso Mine are Slovan and Burgettstown Firemen Albert Kuntz, Joe Sabatasse, James Guiddy, Vance Farulli, Bill Filipponi and Tony Testa. Others not shown in the picture are miners Frank Sprowls and John Zembry, and Burgettstown Fireman Kenneth H. Scott were working in the flooded Number 6 Shaft of Penowa Coal Company, Sasso Mine checking a hose connection.

**Rain Floods Penowa Mine
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1950 Edition**

Courtesy of For Vance Historical Society

RAIN FLOODS PENOWA MINE



Standing in the knee-deep water at the flooded entrance to Number 5 Shaft of Sasso Mine are Slovan and Burgettstown Firemn Albert Kuntz, Joe Sabatasse, James Guidy, Vance Farulli, Bill Filipponi and Tony Testa.



Enterprise Photo

Miners Frank Sprows and John Zembry, and Burgettstown Fireman, Kenneth H. Scott are shown checking a hose connection in the flooded Number 6 Shaft of Penowa Coal Co., Sasso Mine.

Rain Floods Penowa Mine
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Fuller Distributing Girls Softball League

First row, L-R: Coach Chuck Lemley, Melinsd Brown, Amy Allison, Michelle Liggitt, Jamie Liggitt, Brittany Brazill, Monica Phillips, Renee Lemley, and Assistant Coach Sally Ryan. Second Row, L-R: Michelle Barkhurst, Sonia Ryan, Katie Stevenson, Alicia Muzopappa, Manager Gary Stevenson, Jodi King, Jennifer Cox, and Maranda McCain. Not pictures is an Assistant Coach Bob Brazill.

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Fuller's

The Fuller Distributing team competes in the Burgettstown Girls Softball League. Members of the team are, from left, first row, coach Chuck Lemley, Melinda Brown, Amy Allison, Michelle Liggitt, Jamie Liggitt, Brittany Brazill, Monica Phillips, Renee Lemley and assistant coach Sally Ryan; second row, Michelle Barkhurst, Sonia Ryan, Katie Stevenson, Alicia Muzopappa, manager Gary Stevenson, Jodi King, Jennifer Cox and Maranda McCain. Not pictured is assistant coach Bob Brazill.

Fuller Distributing Girls Softball League
The Enterprise-July 15, 1995 Edition

Burgettstown Girls Mushball Team To Begin Season On May 19th

Bulger, Slovan and Avella girls have been invited by Manager Frank Bailey and Coach Bill Donati to join with Burgettstown girls in organizing a soft ball team for the current season. Burgettstown girls will meet for their first practice at the Fair Grounds on Friday evening and any new players who desire to try out are invited to attend this practice.

Burgettstown girls will open the season on May 19 and teams already booked include Mansfield, Cleveland, Elyria and Akron, O. The summer schedule will be published in the Enterprise at a later date.

Last year's players who will again have positions on the 1940 team include: Frances Graff, Agens Donati, Jeannette Plate, Clara Burns, Hester Nesbit, Brancia Muskovich, Gertrude Kanzius, Betty Taucher, Mildred Bailey, Helen Zabetakis and Sophie Martincheck, who will occupy second base. Sophie played short stop for Hazel Atlas, Washington, last year.

Clara Kowalski, better known as "Butch", who played for the locals last summer will be unable to play this year as she is employed in Pittsburgh.

Girls Softball

The Goldiggers beat the Hot Shots, 22-12, with Lisa Freeman the winner over Jo Lynn Mark. Freeman hit a home run and two doubles for the winners. Jennifer Jazerski homered for the Hot Shots.

The Rebels beat the Softball Wizards, 30-15, as Kelly Sullivan bested L. Murphy in the pitching department. Tammy Link hit a home run for the Rebels.

The Hot Shots got past the Bad News Bears, 18-17. Lori Haspel was the winning pitcher, and Tammy Yazevac was the loser.

The Rebels blasted the Bombers, 25-4. Maria Dunn was the winner over Renee Martin. For the Rebels, home runs were hit by Tammy Link, Pam Spencer and Maria Dunn. Lisa Hughes slugged a round tripper for the Bombers.

Communications World eased by The Who, 4-3. K. Shama was the winning pitcher, and E. Jonczak was the loser.

The Goldiggers beat the Wildcats, 20-16, with Lisa Freeman the winning pitcher and Brenda Spates the loser. Maureen McIlwain conked a double and a triple for the winners. Judy Mark tripled and Nancy Birkhimer had a double. Darla Hook smashed a home run for the Wildcats. Brenda Spates hit two triples and a double, Lisa Rotella hit a triple and Colleen Riggle had a double.

The Wildcats outlasted the Sluggers, 23-16. Winning pitcher was Colleen Riggle and the loser was Terri Alrutz. For the Wildcats, Brenda Spates hit a home run and a triple, Darla

Hook had a triple and two doubles, Dana Zelenko tripled, and doubles were hit by Colleen Riggle, Danielle Zelenko and Cathy Dellenbaugh. Marialana DiMaggio smashed two home runs and tripled to lead the Sluggers. Connie Stafford homered and hit a double, also for the losers. Jodi Dellaria tripled, and Terri Alrutz had a double.

Brenda Spates was the winning pitcher as the Wildcats bested the Zodiacs, 17 to 8. The loser was Crystal Hawkins. For the Wildcats, doubles were blasted by Donna Ostrich, Dana Zelenko, Darla Hook and Colleen Riggle. Terry Figlioli hit a triple and two doubles for the Zodiacs.

The Wildcats defeated the Blue Jays, 28 to 8. Brenda Spates had a triple for the Wildcats, while Colleen Riggle and Danielle Zelenko each had two doubles. The Wildcats also had doubles from Cathy Dellenbaugh, Lori Rotella and Donna Ostrich. For the Blue Jays, C. Caster had two doubles. The winning pitcher was Colleen Riggle, and the loser was Vicki Rosohac.

Girls Softball

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 30, 1976 Edition

Lady Devils defeat South Side Beaver

Tina Dunn went three-for-four and drove in four runs while her sister, Carla, had four of Burgettstown's 10 stolen bases as the Lady Devils beat South Side Beaver, 13-3, on Monday, April 4.

Tina Dunn and Many Mirich each doubled for the locals, 2-2 this season.

Mirich also had two singles and Becky Schneider had two.

Singles were hit by Heather Kuhn and Jaelyn Yoho.

Jen Paniaha was the starting pitcher for the Lady Devils. She walked three batters and struck out four.

Losing pitcher Gillen walked eight and struck out one.

Burgettstown started out quickly with four runs in the first inning, two in the second and four more in the third, and finished with three markers in the fifth.

The game was called in the bottom of the fifth inning because of the 10-run rule.

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Lady Devils 424 03—13 10 0

Gillen and Bussard. Paniaha, Dunn and Lukon

W—Paniaha (4 strikeouts, 3 walks)
 L—Gillen (1 strikeout, 8 walks)

Doubles—Mirich (LD), T. Dunn (LD)

Avella 070 101 1—10 8 4
South Fayette 102 020 0— 5 4 1

Vorhes and Conn. M. Altman and K. Altman

W—Vorhes (4 strikeouts, 10 walks)
 L—M. Altman

Triple—Rankin (A)

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Vorhes, Clayton (4) and Conn. Fallolari, Paniaha (4) and Manges.

W—Vorhes (4 strikeouts, 1 walk)
 L—Fallolari (4 strikeouts, 8 walks)

Double—Miller (FC)
 3B—Rankin (A)

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T. Dunn, Wiles (3), Paniaha (4) and Lukon. Jaskiewicz and Potocnik, Derthick (4).

W—Jaskiewicz (3 strikeouts, 4 walks)

L—Dunn (1 strikeout, 11 walks)

Double—Kuhn (LD)

Lady Devils 202 44—12 11 0
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W—Paniaha (4 strikeouts, 1 walk)
 L—Jones (5 strikeouts, 6 walks)

Doubles—Wiles (LD), Dunn (LD), Paniaha (LD), Kuzior (LD)

Triple—Wiles (LD), Lukon (LD)

Lady Devils Defeat South Side
The Burgettstown Enterprise-April 14, 1993 Edition

Langeloth Sweeps All Wabash Honors

The powerhouse Langeloth softball team won everything there was to win in the Wabash Softball League when they copped the Shaughnessy playoff championship by defeating Avella in a best-of-three game series.

Langeloth sacked up the league's regular campaign title in a breeze. Leaping out at opening gun, Langeloth took the rail and was never threatened as it increased the daylight with every stride. Easily romping home the winner, Langeloth was crowned with the championship of the Wabash loop for 1949. Then, in the semi-final playoff series with Hickory Union, the Langeloth powerhouse swept the race in two straight sets. Pitted against Avella in the Blue Ribbon championship playoffs, Langeloth went three heats to hang up that trophy and a clean sweep of every honor which was to be won in the Wabash Softball competition.

In the first heat of the final playoffs, Langeloth disposed of Avella, 12-2 behind the no hit hurling of Bud Bywaters. With Art Roberts and Pin Gonzales leading a 13 hit attack, Langeloth scored in every inning but the sixth to enter the winner's circle. Bywaters magnificent hurling performance, in coming thru with a no hitter, was marred by four errors which permitted Avella its two tallies.

Avella squared the series by taking the second tilt, 5-4, in pounding Fletcher for six hits. Brownlee gave up four hits and abetted his own cause by slamming a single, double and round tripper in four trips.

Langeloth took the third heat, 10-0, and with it the Shaughnessy playoff championship. With Art Roberts twirling a one hit sensation, Pin Gonzales led the 11 hit assault on Brownlee by icing the issue in the first frame with a bases-choked round tripped to feature a seven run inning. Roberts' no hitter was spoiled when he was reached for a scratch single in the final frame.

**Langeloth Sweeps All Wabash Softball League
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition**



Spirits

The Lee and Martin Spirits team competes in the Burgettstown Girls Softball League. Members of the team are, from left, first row, coach Diane Taylor, Amanda Peel, Leah Boris, Blair Gray, Julie Scariot, Jocelyn Boni, Amy Wilttrout, Alicia Midler and coach Cheryl Boni; second row, coach Karl Taylor, Mary Snatchko, Corrie Ulrich, Jessica Manni, Jessie Scariot, Kelly Esno, Bethany Ulrich and manager Tom Ulrich. Not pictured are Danielle Dunn and mascots Cassandra Boni and Katie Manni.

The Lee and Martin Spirits
The Enterprise-July 29, 1992 Edition

Palominos Bow In Final Contest

The Burgettstown Palomino League softball team dropped its final game of the 1990 summer season, 9-4, at the hands of North Allegheny Tuesday, July 17.

The loss gave the locals a final 5-12 record.

John Thomas was the N.A. pitcher and gave up five hits. He walked three batters and struck out eight.

Tim Tarantine started on the mound for Burgettstown and pitched three innings. He surrendered seven hits, walked three batters and struck out none. John McVicker threw the final four innings in relief. He was touched for four hits, walked none and struck out three.

The locals scored all their runs in the sixth inning. McVicker singled, and walks were issued to Paul Hooper and Bob Krawchyk. After a North Allegheny error, Bill Spotti also walked, there were several wild pitches and a sacrifice fly brought home another run.

Palomino '90 Team Leaders

Following are leaders in various statistics for the Burgettstown Palomino League baseball team following completion of the 1990 season.

Games — Dave Aller 17, John McVicker 16, Bill Spotti 16, Andy Snyder 15.

At Bats — Spotti 48, Snyder 41, McVicker 40, Ryan Miller 40.

Runs — Spotti 20, Miller 11, Aller 9, Snyder 9.

Hits — Spotti 14, Miller 13, Snyder 13, McVicker 12.

Doubles — Miller 6, McVicker 3, Spotti 3.

Triples — Miller 1, Spotti 1.

Home Runs — McVicker 1, Miller 1.

Walks — Dave Ashcroft 16, Aller 8.

Stolen Bases — Spotti 13.

Runs Batted In — Miller 16, Snyder 15, McVicker 9.

Batting Average — Miller .325, Snyder .317, McVicker .300.

**SOFBALL UNDER
LIGHTS TO BE
PLAYED HERE, AUG. 8**

Burgettstown Softball Girls' team and their manager, Frank Bailey, are out for more laurels, after winning their last two games, 6-3, Duquesne and 1-0, Woodville. The Girls will make their initial appearance under lights in Burgettstown on Friday evening, August 8, when a double-header will be played at Union Stadium. The girls will play the Boulder Park Girls, a stellar team from Ford City and H. A. Scott's men will engage Van's Lunch, a strong team from the County Seat.

Friday night's game will mark the opening of a four game series, under lights in the local stadium, on August 8, 15, 22 and 29. The games are being sponsored by the local girls' team and H. A. Scott's Men's team.

Bailey requests that all spectators at the games respect the efforts of the school to grow a crop of grass before football season starts. The "catch" has been growing fine this summer and spectators are warned "to keep off the grass on the playing field" or night games will be abandoned.

**Softball Under Lights to be Played Here, August 8
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 7, 1941 Edition**



Rampagers-Softball League Champions
The Enterprise-August 26, 1992 Edition

Members of the ~~playoff champion~~ Rampagers team first row, L-R: Coach Tim McGillen, Lauren Nadik, Amanda Nadik, Jennifer Patterson, Jessica Haley, Michelle Hall, Mandy Falvo, Jennifer Steiminger and Coach Mark Worley. Second Row: Coacj Frank Falvo, Vanessa Worley, Janeen McCutcheon, Christina McGillen, Colleen Forsythe, Brenda Worstell, Jessica Fender, and Manager Larry Nadik.



SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. Members of the playoff champion Rampagers team are, first row, from left, coach Tim McGillen, Lauren Nadik, Amanda Nadik, Jennifer Patterson, Jessica Haley, Michelle Hall, Mandy Falvo, Jennifer Steiminger and coach Mark Worley. Second row, coach Frank Falvo, Vanessa Worley, Janeen McCutcheon, Christina McGillen, Colleen Forsythe, Brenda Worstell, Jessica Fender and manager Larry Nadik.

Rampagers are playoff champs

The Burgettstown Girls Community Softball League held the annual playoff games and picnic Saturday, July 11, on the local fields.

In the championship contest, the Rampagers defeated the Spirits, 8-4.

The Rampagers began their playoff activity by notching a 15-7 win over Fuller's. Christina McGillen was the winning pitcher and also hit a double and triple while at bat. Jessica Fender also doubled and tripled, and two-base

hits were turned in by Brenda Worstell, Jennifer Steiminger, Lauren Nadik, Colleen Forsythe and Vanessa Worley. For the losers, doubles were struck by Maranda McCain, Renee Lemley, Melinda Brown and Katie Stevenson. The losing pitcher was Sonia Ryan.

A 13-4 victory by the Rampagers over the Devils earned them a spot in the finals. McGillen again picked up the pitching win, with Melissa Gavazzi the loser. Nadik and Janeen McCutcheon walloped

home runs for the winners. Nadik and Forsythe doubled. Gavazzi and Jennifer Povesan had three-base hits for the Devils.

In the championship contest, Nadik hammered three doubles, and winning pitcher McGillen, Worley and McCutcheon each had one. Fender added a triple to the Rampagers' attack. Amanda Peele doubled and tripled for the Spirits, while Bethany Ulrich, Corrie Ulrich and Mary Ann Snatchko each doubled.

Rampagers are Playoff Champions
The Enterprise-August 26, 1992 Edition

**ROSEY ROWSWELL
WILL ANNOUNCE
SOFTBALL, THURSDAY**

Two big nights of Softball have been arranged by Managers Charles Scott and Frank Bailey. Thursday evening at 8:45 o'clock the locals will present Rosey Rowswell, noted baseball announcer and radio commentator, humorist and philosopher as the headliner for an evening's program that includes two softball games, which were rained out last week.

The games, called for 8:45 in Union high school stadium, will be announced by Rosey Rowswell. The Burgettstown Community girls will play the fast New Kensington lassies. Following this, H. A. Scott's men will play the Sharon, Pa., men's team.

On Friday evening, it is rumored that Manager Charles Scott is making arrangements to bring some "Biggies" from the Baseball world to town for the game. DiMaggio, Honus Wagner and Eddie Lukon have been mentioned as possibilities for the game. Friday's schedule calls for a game between the Burgettstown Girls and the West Elizabeth girl's team and between Scott's men and the West Elizabeth Men's team.

**Rosey Rowswell will Announce Softball, Thursday
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 21, 1941 Edition**

High school softball

Burgettstown had 27 hits and 30 runs in sweeping a doubleheader against winless Freedom, 15-0 and 15-0, in two three-inning Section 1-A games.

Kate Tarr struck out five batters, tossed a no-hitter and hit a three-run homer for the Blue Devils (5-0, 10-1) in the first game. Casey Carnes was the winning pitcher in the second game and hit a double. Her sister, Tori, had a triple and Burgettstown took a 13-0 lead into the third inning.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

SLOVAN--9, ATLASBURG--6. Adolph Schilinski picked up the victory, and Rich Gibson was the loser. John McKee smashed a pair of doubles for Slovan, Jobkar hit a single and a double, and Vince Testa connected for a triple. For Atlasburg, Jim Hanlin had a pair of singles, and Bongiorno doubled.

BULGER---10, FORESTRY CAMP--1. Winning pitcher was Kermy King. Graves was the loser. Jack Tarhalla and Bob Bednarzik hit home runs for Bulger. Phil Brletich tripled. Bob Barish had a single, double and triple.

BURGETTSTOWN---3, CHERRY VALLEY--2. Eunice Atkins picked up this win for the surging Burgettstown team, winning over the fine pitching of Dave Markish. Cherry Valley's Johnny Bianchini accounted for the only extra-base hit of the game, a double.

HICKORY--3, DUGGIES--2. Tom Alrutz was the pitcher of record as Hickory upset Duggies and pushed the victims into second place in the league standings. Bud Petrel was the losing pitcher. Al Zimmerman conked a single and a triple for Hickory. Harry Coufman and Don McCalmont each had a pair of hits. Buzz Vega smacked a single and a double for Duggies.

BURGETTSTOWN---4, ATLASBURG - 3. Zig Ginosky and Eunice Atkins pitched for Burgettstown, with Ginosky picking up the victory. Richard Gibson was the losing pitcher. John Kinkela had a pair of singles for the winners, and Jim Matalik and Eunice Atkins each singled. Ted Mervosh smashed a home run and a double to pace Atlasburg. Wayne Bongiorno had two singles, and Capogreco had one hit.

Softball Results

Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1963 Edition

**SOFT BALL TEAM
SPONSORS SKATE PARTY**

The Burgettstown Community Girls' Soft Ball team will hold a roller skating party at Boles Park pavilion on Monday evening, April 8. The team will sponsor a show in Union high school auditorium on Tuesday, April 28, featuring Blaine Smith and His Boys from Iowa. This will be the public's last opportunity to see this show before Blaine Smith goes to Hollywood to make pictures.

The girls will begin spring training within the next few days. The team has an opening for a pitcher and at second base. Any girl desiring to try out for these jobs should contact the manager Frank Bailey or William Donati, coach.

Burgettstown takes Ellwood City to limit

Natalia Greco raced home from third base on an infield grounder with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Ellwood City a 2-1 victory Monday over Burgettstown in the Class AA softball quarterfinals at Sewickley Academy.

Burgettstown (15-7) played the top-seeded and undefeated Wolverines (18-0) even for 6 1/2 innings and had the better scoring chances until the final half-inning.

"That says we might have been better than the eight seed," Burgettstown head coach Mark Deer said. "We knew how good Ellwood City is. I'm proud of my team."

Pitcher Kate Tarr threw a four-hitter and struck out nine for Burgettstown and was matched in a scoreless pitchers' duel with Ellwood City's Skyla Greco for six innings.

Burgettstown struck first in the top of the sixth, getting a spark from Jordan Cullison, the No. 9 hitter in the lineup. Cullison led off with a single, advanced on wild pitch and moved to third on Cassie Carnes' sacrifice bunt. Another wild pitch, this one high off the catcher's glove, allowed Cullison to race home and score the game's first run on a close play at the plate.

Ellwood City, which has won nine games by the 10-run rule, answered in the bottom of the sixth.

Just like Burgettstown, it was the No. 9 batter who got things going. Brooklyn Magill singled up the middle, was bunted to second and moved to third on a one-out single. Magill made the score 1-1 when she scored on Ariana Garroway's groundout to second base.

The Blue Devils had three consecutive two-out singles in the seventh inning but they didn't produce a run as the inning ended with a runner thrown out at home plate.

"We had opportunities to put the game away and didn't capitalize," Deer said. "You don't get many against an undefeated team, so you have to score when you get them."

Natalia Greco began the bottom of the seventh with a

walk and raced all the way to third base on a sacrifice bunt. Magill then hit a grounder to shortstop and Greco beat the throw to home plate for game-winning run.

"We have eight seniors and seven start. Those girls are going to be hard to replace," Deer said. "They set the bar high. But we've been consistent, in the playoffs 20 of the last 21 years. Somebody always steps up."

Monessen 10, Serra 0: Behind a no-hitter by Dana Vatakis, the Monessen softball team is going to the WPIAL Class A semifinals for the first time in program history.

The team shut out previously undefeated Serra Catholic 10-0 in six innings in Monday night's Class A quarterfinals at California University.

"I thought we matched up well but they are undefeated for a reason," said Monessen coach Bo Teets. "We knew that we had a challenge in front of us and I think we prepared well."

After two scoreless innings, Monessen scored two runs in the third, three in the fourth, and five in the sixth to trigger the ten-run rule.

"We had some timely hits and it propelled us to the win," Teets said. "Dana makes it tough for other teams and is a Division One recruit for a reason."

"And for everything that Shelby has been through, this is not too big for her and she thrives on the big stage."

Vatakis finished with 11 strikeouts while Shelby Minardi (three hits and three RBI), Carly Rock (two hits) and Tori Cooper (two hits) paced Monessen offensively.

Monessen will now face highly-touted and top-seeded West Greene Wednesday at a time and location to be determined.

What does it mean to Teets to take the team to this level for the first time?

"You know what, it is hard to answer that in the moment and we still have a goal in front of us and we are focused on it."

"In the future we can reflect back on it but right now, we are staying focused."

**Burgettstown Takes Ellwood City to Limit
WPIAL Softball Playoffs Roundup
Observer-Reporter-May 24, 2016 Edition**

Softball Roundup

Cross Creek took a half game lead in the Wabash Softball loop race by smothering Independence, 12-5, for a 7 and 1 record. Avella was idle with a 6 and 1 count. Ray Walker doled out only three hits to the Independence club while his teammates collected an even dozen to coast to the win.

Hickory Motor came up with six runs in the top of the seventh to grab a 9-4 win from Penowa. Brautigan and Dagnanna went for the winners while Oriska and Rcn-echeck were the battery for Independence.

Avella moved back into a two way tie with Cross Creek for the number one spot when they doubled the score on Independence, 8-4. The two deadlocked clubs each have a record of 7 and 1 to date. Pribish and Bertovich worked all the way for the winners.

Burgettstown, with R. Malone and Slopek working, squeezed past Francis Mine, 5-4. Burgettstown tallied two runs in the sixth with two away to nip Francis Mine, the winning run scoring on an error. W. Lewis and J. Bennett went for the losers.

The action of the day was provided when Hickory Union shel-lacked Eldersville, 23-10. Of the 42 hits in the game, 14 went for extra bases. Five homers, two by Johnny Markish, and one apiece by Alrutz, Carlisle and Salamsky did most of the damage in exploding Hickory to the win. Fisher belted a round tripper for the losers. Tustin and Caldwell went for the winners while Fisher and Stewart worked for Eldersville.

Hickory Motors was out hit, 9-4 but managed to rack up Cross Creek 7-4. A four run rally in the opening frame sent them on their way.

Hickory Union overcame Francis Mine's 4-0 early lead to emerge with a 6-4 win.

Softball Roundup

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

SSB gets even, stops Burgettstown in 8 innings

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HOOKSTOWN – The ups and downs of this rivalry took another unexpected turn Tuesday afternoon.

Burgettstown's softball team, hoping to put itself into position to win the Section 2-AA title, needed a victory over rival South Side Beaver to do so.

Last month, the Blue Devils fell behind in the top of the sixth inning, then exploded for five runs in the bottom of the inning for a dramatic victory.

South Side Beaver drew its revenge yesterday, when third baseman Toni Yacoviello laced a solid single to right field with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning that scored Mackenzie Smith with the winning run in a 2-1 victory.

The Blue Devils had rallied to tie the score, 1-1, in the previous inning and appeared ready to again snatch a late-inning win from the Rams.

"It's a big rivalry. All the

kids know each other," said Burgettstown head coach Mark Deer. "Some of their kids played for us in the summer a couple years ago so we know them and they know us."

Qualifying for the playoffs was not at stake in this game – both teams are in – but the Blue Devils (10-2, 14-6) needed a win, coupled with a loss by Avonworth to Freedom, to win the section outright. Avonworth finished first in the section, thanks to a victory over Freedom last night. This will be Burgettstown's 20th appearance in the playoffs in Deer's 21 years as head coach.

South Side Beaver (9-3, 12-3) could not improve its playoff standing, locked behind the top two teams no matter what, but this was a game that the Rams will cherish for a number of reasons.

"It's always tough playing them," said South Side Beaver head coach Amy Pieto. "They are such a good team. We came out, had a good showing and came out on top."

Katie Tarr, a senior for Bur-

gettstown who is headed to Point Park in the fall, matched South Side Beaver starter Mackenzie Smith zero for zero until the bottom of the sixth.

With Connor McGaffic, a Pitt recruit and one of the better power hitters in the WPIAL, due to lead off, Deer told catcher Nia Winters to tell Tarr not to offer any good pitches. McGaffic worked the count to 3-1 when Tarr left a fastball too close to the plate and the right-handed hitter launched a home run over the right-field fence to give the Rams a 1-0 lead.

"I don't know how many home runs she has off the top of my head," Pieto said. "She has been pitched around a lot."

But Burgettstown clawed back, grinding out a run in the top of the seventh when Paige Sherman singled to right field and courtesy runner Taylor Cullison was sacrificed to second on a bunt by Hannah Abbott. Winters then whacked a liner to right field that went for a double and scored Cullison.

South Side Beaver, which

has won seven of the last eight games, got four of its nine hits in the bottom of the eighth inning. Reagan Huzak sent a single to left field and tried to stretch it into a double but was thrown out by Tori Carnes. Smith followed with a single to center and moved to second on a bloop single to right by McGaffic. Hunter Hands hit into a fielder's choice that erased McGaffic but moved Smith to third base. Yacoviello followed with the game-winning hit.

"It was good to get the hits," said Pieto, who has the Rams in the playoffs for a second straight season after taking over two years ago. "That was good to see. We have a lot of good hitters so I was hopeful we could come back from those missteps."

Burgettstown's defense stopped South Side Beaver from scoring a run in the second and another in fifth. Winters made two outstanding defensive plays, snagging a line drive by Yacoviello and making a nice pickup on a ball hit by Lena Pieto, the head

coach's daughter, to end the second and stranding Rachael Pieto, Lena's sister, on second base.

In the fifth, Lacy Weible beat out an infield single and moved to third on a stolen base and another infield single by leadoff hitter Capri Sollinger. Huzak then bounced one back to Tarr, who turned and faked the throw to first and whirled back to third, where Weible had started for home. A four-throw rundown ended with Weible being tagged out at home.

Tarr finished with three strikeouts and a walk. Smith struck out eight and allowed just five hits.

"I thought we had to stay away from the strikeouts, Katie had to get strikeouts and we had to hit the ball," Deer said. "Our hitting let us down a bit."

"I told our coaches (before the game) that win or lose (against South Side), we're going to be either a seven or eight seed. It doesn't matter that much. We still have to play everybody."

South Side Beaver gets even, Stops Burgettstown in 8 innings
Observer-Reporter-May 11, 2016 Edition

Pitt duo Gray, Zeremenko named first team All-ACC

Four years ago, **Giorgiana Zeremenko** and **Olivia Gray** were part of a memorable local high school softball season while playing for Canon-McMillan and Trinity, respectively.

COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

This year, Zeremenko and Gray helped Pitt's softball team to a historic season, leading the Panthers to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship game and the cusp of the NCAA tournament. As a result of their big seasons, Zeremenko and Gray each were named All-ACC first team.

Zeremenko, a senior catcher, led Pitt at the plate as she ranked first in batting average (.340), on-base percentage (.464), slugging percentage (.714), hits (50), walks (34), home runs (15) and doubles (10). Zeremenko had 13 multi-hit games and seven multi-RBI games.

Zeremenko's 15 home runs ranked second in the ACC. She became Pitt's all-time home run leader and finished her career with 46. She was named Thursday to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Mid-Atlantic Region first team.

Gray, a junior shortstop, was second to Zeremenko with a .311 batting average and tied her Washington County teammate in hits



Finn



Gray



Kesneck



Zeremenko

with 50. Gray shared the team lead with six stolen bases and committed only nine errors, finishing the season with a .966 fielding percentage.

In baseball

Jonathan Spina, a junior outfielder for La Roche and a Washington graduate, was recently named first team All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

Spina made the first team after being a third-team selection as a sophomore. This season, Spina was among the conference's elite players as he led the AMCC in plate appearances, at-bats, hit and triples. He also ranked second in stolen bases, third in runs and four in batting average during the regular season.

Spina, who is currently batting .414 with 10 doubles, six triples and 23 stolen bases in 28 attempts, helped La Roche to the AMCC championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional that began Thursday in Adrian, Mich. Spina went 1-for-5 with a double and a run in the Red Hawks' 5-1 victory over Ithaca in the first round.

Mount Union junior starting pitcher **Phil Mary** was named to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference team.

Mary, a Venetia native and Peters Township graduate, received honorable mention status and was named to the all-league team for the second time in his career. Last year, he was a first-team selection. Mary started a team-high 12 games and had a 5-5 record with a 3.62 ERA over 82 innings. The senior right-hander led the Purple Raiders with 82 strikeouts along with throwing six complete games.

Saint Vincent junior first baseman **Bobby Finn** of Venetia was named first team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Finn put together a breakout season. The Peters Township graduate led the conference in home runs (9) and slugging percentage (.701), while also ranking among the top five in batting average (.383), RBI (38) and two-out RBI (16). Finn was eighth in the PAC in total bases (82) and was the Bearcats' team leader in doubles (9) and on-base percentage (.425).

Finn tied the single-game school record with three

home runs in a game, including two in one inning in a 16-11 win over Waynesburg April 14. He recorded 16 multi-hit games and was also strong defensively with a .996 fielding percentage. Finn also was named to PAC All-Tournament Team.

Dylan Coyle, a freshman from Canonsburg, had a strong freshman season for Mount Aloysius.

Coyle finished with a 2-0 record and 4.05 ERA in seven outings for the Mounties. He threw a nine-inning complete game April 30 as Mount Aloysius defeated Medaille 9-4.

Matt Mish, a sophomore pitcher and Canon-McMillan graduate, saved his best outing of the season for his final game of the year for Pitt-Greensburg.

In the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference tournament, Mish threw a nine-inning complete game seven-hitter as UPG defeated Penn State Behrend, 8-3.

Mish allowed three runs (zero earned) and one walk. He struck out 11 and threw 127 pitches.

The win improved Mish's record to 4-2. He ended the year with a 4.71 ERA and walked only 10 batters in 49 2/3 innings.

In softball

Katie Tarr, a sophomore pitcher from Burgettstown, was one of four Point Park players named to the All-River States Conference team.

Tarr led Point Park's pitching staff with a 7-3 record, three saves and 1.89 ERA. She amassed 120 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings and walked only 23 batters. She led the conference in strikeouts and strikeouts per game, and was third in ERA.

Kassie Kesneck, a sophomore from Houston and a Chartiers-Houston graduate, had another outstanding season for Indiana in the PSAC's Central Division.

Kesneck batted .328, which ranked fourth on the team. She also had nine doubles, two home runs and 15 RBI. Kesneck finished second on the team with 10 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

Perhaps Kesneck's best day for IUP was in a doubleheader sweep of Pitt-Johnstown that clinched a spot in the PSAC tournament for the Crimson Hawks. Kesneck, batting leadoff, went 5-for-8, smacked three doubles and one triple, and scored five runs. She had four three-hit games and helped IUP to a 20-17 record.

In basketball

Youngstown State sophomore **Mary Dunn**, a Washington native and Trinity graduate, was voted to the Horizon League Women's Basketball All-Academic team for her success on the court and in the classroom.

Dunn was a key part of the Penguins' success down the stretch as they won nine of their last 11 games in the

regular season. YSU advanced to the postseason for the third time in the last four seasons and hosted a first round game in the Women's Basketball Invitational.

Dunn averaged 6.8 points and 3.8 rebounds while ranking third in the Horizon League with a .547 field-goal percentage. That percentage led the team. She also paced the Penguins with 27 blocked shots.

"I'm extremely proud of Mary for garnering Academic All-Horizon League honors," YSU head coach John Barnes said. "She works very hard in the classroom and on the court, so for her to be recognized by the league for both is outstanding. She is a model student-athlete."

Dunn has a perfect 4.0 grade-point average as a communications studies major. A three-time Horizon League Academic Honor Roll selection, Dunn helped YSU rank in the WBCA Academic Top 25 last year.

In track and field

Point Park's **Sean Hilverding**, a junior from Spraggs and a Waynesburg graduate, earned all-conference honors at the River States Conference Championships held at the RMU island Sports Center.

Hilverding placed third in the 10,000 meters with a time of 34:45 and helped the Pioneers to a second-place finish in the team standings.

**Katie Tarr Named to All-River States Conference
Observer-Reporter-May 20, 2018 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



First Row, L-R: Heather Campbell, Abby McHugh, Amanda Horvath, Nicole Lyle, Shawna Hans, Jennifer Luisi, Laurie Reis, Jennifer Hans, and Lee Sethner; second row, assistant coach Bob Campbell, Gennifer Lyle, Francesca Stewart, Jennifer Piovesan, Amanda Fullerton, Melissa Gavazzi, Jennifer Nutbrown, assistant coach Gwen Nutbrown and manager Lisa Hans. Not pictured is coach Bill Hans.

The Devils-Burgettstown Girls Softball League
The Enterprise-July 15, 1992 Edition



Devils

The Devils are competing in the Burgettstown Girls Softball League. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Heather Campbell, Abby McHugh, Amanda Horvath, Nicole Lyle, Shawna Hans, Jennifer Luisi, Laurie Reis, Jennifer Hans and Lee Anne Sethner; second row, assistant coach Bob Campbell, assistant coach Janet Campbell, Gennifer Lyle, Francesca Stewart, Jennifer Piovesan, Amanda Fullerton, Melissa Gavazzi, Jennifer Nutbrown, assistant coach Gwen Nutbrown and manager Lisa Hans. Not pictured is coach Bill Hans.

The Devils-Burgettstown Girls Softball League
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THE ENTERPRISE

THE NATIONALS. From left, kneeling, Woody Alvarez, Bob Kuzior, Frank Lawrence, Jess Alonso, Ron Brown and John Bianchini; standing, Mike McKee, Buzz Vega, Frank Lillard Jr., Ed Slopek, Ralph Gaffoli, Chal Mahoney, Ken Orgovan, Ray Larkey and Tami Ely. Not pictured are Ped Phillips and Terry Humberson.

**The Nationals-Oldtimers
The Enterprise-August 5, 1992 Edition**



Twisters-Girls Softball

First Row, L-R: Jessica Hall, Sarah Voye, Elysia Orison, Mandi Ward, and Danielle Lucas. **Second Row, L-R:** Barbara Orison, Amanda Sherockman, Lauren Gumbert, Heather Spitler, Meghan Parkins, Jamie Wagner, Heather Markley, and Rick Orison. **Third Row, L-R:** Jim Voye, Katie Voye, Jessica Wagner, Jenny Klein, LaReina Orison, Cindy Cowan, April Mance, and Kevin Wagner.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Wabash Softball Tilts

Hickory clubbed out 19 hits to hand Westland a 22-2 pasting. The barrage was featured by six triples, four doubles and a grand slam home run by pitcher Forquer. Forquer gave the losers seven hits.

With Charlie Fletcher twirling a neat three-hitter, second place Burgettstown Cavaliers handed league leading Hickory Union its second setback of the season. Artie Roberts was the thunder in the winning, six hit attack off Walker, combing him for a triple and two run homer. Walker's two run homer accounted for all of the losers runs.

Penowa blasted out 13 hits which were good for 7-3 lacing over Westland. Murzy was touched for three hits in gaining the nod over Finely.

Cole's bases loaded home run featured Hickory's 12-8 trouncing of Franklyn. Markish gave up seven hits to the losers, while Bowers and Dodrill were racked for fourteen.

Artie Roberts exploded a three

run homer and Lefty Harmon tagged one with the sacks clean, to feature a Burgettstown Cavalier, 8-6 win over Hickory Motors. Roberts and Harmon shared the mound for the victors and gave up 10 hits. Forquer went the route for the losers and was tagged for 9.

Westland slam-banged Franklyn, 13-3 behind a 12 hit assault off Bowers. Finely scattered six hits for the decision.

Charley Fletcher allowed only two hits as his Burgettstown Cavalier mates shelled E. Roberts for a dozen, which was good enough for an 11-2 victory over Eldersville. Vallina's round tripper featured in the victory.

Alrutz effectively scattered seven hits in piloting Hickory Union to its 28th win in 30 starts after subduing its arch rival, Hickory, 8-1. J. Markish and Forquer hurled for the losers.

Penowa split the dikes with a seven run explosion in the sixth and coasted to an easy 10-2 win over Franklyn. Bowers gave up eight hits in the loss, while Murzy allowed four, to gain the verdict.

Wabash Softball Tilts
The Enterprise-August 10, 1950 Edition

WABASH SOFTBALL

With Charlie Fletcher spinning a neat one-hitter, and supported with an eleven hit barrage by the Burgettstown Cavaliers, Franklyn was downed, 11-1. Artie Roberts slugged out two homers in the victory.

Hickory Union rained out 17 hits to score 17 runs in ripping Penowa, 17-2. Alrutz allowed the losers six hits. Murzy went all the

way for Penowa and gave up home runs to D. Farner, Alrutz and B. Farner.

Westland defeated Eldersville, 11-10 when John Hete powered a three run home in the last inning. Reardon and Weigmann went the distance for Eldersville as Reardon gave up eight hits. The losers rapped out 12 off Finley.

Ray Walker blasted a grand-slam home run to feature in Hickory Union's 14-0 whitewashing of Eldersville.

Westland mustered its forces for a big push and successfully rolled over surprised Hickory, 6-1.

With Forquer rationing out five hits while his teammates pounded Orisko for 14, Hickory coasted to an 8-3 win over Penowa.

Scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh, Hickory Union snapped a 6-6 tie to defeat Westland, 8-6. Alrutz allowed 7 hits to pick up the win while Finley was rapped for an even dozen.



When Women's Softball Reigned

This team represented the Burgettstown area in softball competition many years ago. Standing, left to right, manager Frank Bailey, Gertrude Phelps, Betty Taucher Tidball, Agnes Kanzius Donati, Hester Nesbit Kuzior, Bill Donati. Seated: Brinky Muskovich Kuzic, Clara Kowalski Martinez, Jeanette Plate Rizzo, Florence Taucher Sutherland, Erla Malone Howard, Frances Kanzius Graff. The bat girl is Grace Todovert.

When Women's Softball Reigned
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1990 Edition

YUKEVICH MOTOR GIRLS MAKE DEBUT SUNDAY



The Yukevich Motor Girls Softball club, representing the Burgettstown district in the Tri-State girls' softball teams, inaugurate the 1949 season by meeting the highly touted Pittsburgh Arsenal Girls in a Hillman Field tilt, Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 p.m.

The team members, bottom row from left to right: Alice Campa, Vilma Manni, Thelma Niccola, Hester Kuzior, June Deliere, Agnes Donati, Frances Kanzius. Top row left to right: Mgr. Frank Bailey, Delores LePacz, Clara Martinez, Agnes Krupar, Virginia Porchiran, Ann Cindric, Mary Gross. Not in picture: June Cox, Elizabeth Dumeret and Rose O'Neil.

Yukevich Motor Girls Softball Make Debut Sunday
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition