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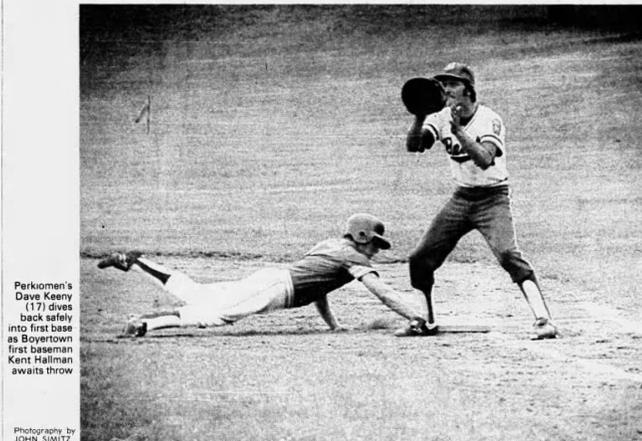
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Perkioems Dave Kearny (17) dives back safely into first base as Boyertown first baseman Kent Hallman awaits throw

Photography by JOHN SMITZ

Emmaus struggles 7 gruelling hours to win twice in Region 2 Legion playoffs

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The summer heat was stifling. Then came a little rain, the ominous peal of thunder, eventual clearing and, finally, an almost cooling breeze.

And during all of these elements of summer, Emmaus struggled through more than seven gruelling hours to defeat Weston Club and Temple yesterday to remain one of two undefeated teams at the end of one day of competi-

tion in the annual Region 2 American Legion playoffs at Coplay and surrounding fields.

The Lehigh Valley League champions survived a threatened rainout, some shaky pitching by Mark Roberts and reliever Scott Fick and a power-hitting Temple team to win 11-8 last night at Sammy Balliet Stadium in Coplay after playing four hours in 90-degree heat in Northampton before turning back Weston Club 12-9 on a two-run single by pinch hitter Don Wetherhold and another RBI hit by Mike Koneski in the top of the 12th.

Emmaus thus joins defending champion Boyertown in the winner's bracket and will meet the Bears at 8 p. m. today on the same Coplay field. Boyertown, which has won the state title the last three years, turned back Valley View 9-4 after blanking Perkioems 5-0 during the afternoon on the three-hit pitching of Ed Schiavo.

West Bethlehem Youth Association, the Northampton County League champion, split its two games, while host Coplay was defeated 13-4 by Valley View, but had its second contest with Perkioems called off in the top of the seventh inning because of severe lightning.

That contest will be picked up at 10 a. m. today in Egypt, with Kevin Stahl on first base and none out. The winner will then take on Temple at 1 p. m. in Coplay, with the loser facing elimination from the two-defeat competition.

West Bethlehem dropped a 2-2 decision to Temple despite the three-hit pitching of John Kaercher, then came back to bomb Weston 13-3 as the Northampton County League runner-up committed 10 errors.

The middle game on today's schedule will have West Bethlehem taking on Valley View, also at Coplay.

Emmaus in its two victories banged out 24 hits, scored 23 runs and committed just three errors in the field, but five different pitchers yielded 25 bases on balls to make it work doubly hard to escape defeat.

Couch Larry Bisbing's team appeared surprisingly alert against Temple despite only a half-hour break between games and jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the top of the third inning when Bruce Schwartz tripled in one run and Mike Koneski singled in another.

But Roberts, who didn't appear very sharp over the first two innings, allowed the Berks Countians to get even in the third when he allowed two walk and Kevin Kolodinski doubled off the left-center field fence. Another run scored on a fielder's choice to knot the score at 4-4.

Emmaus picked up single runs in the fifth and sixth for a 6-4 lead, then scored three more in the seventh on a double by Roberts, singles by Koneski and Mike Caverly (1 for 3), an error and an infield groundout to appear in a strong position for the victory.

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RECORD PACE



Pete Rose had four singles among his four hits yesterday to move within four singles of the National League record of 2,426 held by Honus Wagner.



Mike Schmidt with his 36 home runs in 104 games remains ahead of the pace of Babe Ruth in 1927 when he hit 60 in 154 games, but is off the pace set by Roger Maris when he hit 61 in 1961 in 163 games.

Phils use 16 hits to stop Mets 9-6

NEW YORK (AP) — Garry Maddox and Pete Rose collected four hits apiece and paced the Philadelphia Phillies to a 9-6 victory over the New York Mets yesterday.

Maddox and Mike Schmidt each drove in three runs as the Phillies mounted a 16-hit attack against three New York pitchers, enabling Dickie Noles, 3-2, to record the win with eighth-inning relief help from Rawly Eastwick, who picked up his third

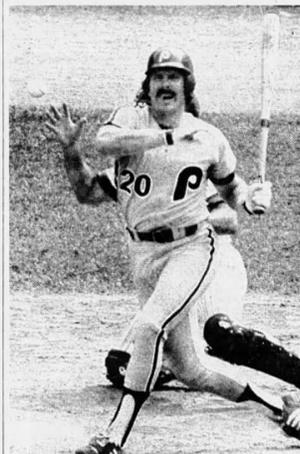
save. Dick Ellis, 1-4, allowed the first seven Phillies runs and 10 of the hits.

Philadelphia scored four times in the first inning as Bake McBride doubled on the game's first pitch, moved to third on the first of Rose's four singles and both scored on Schmidt's double. With two out, Maddox doubled Schmidt home and scored on a single by Manny Trillo.

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Boyertown's Kent Hallman is mobbed after homer



Mike Schmidt fouls pitch off foot

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Only finest conditioned athletes need call



and Kutztown State College.

In recent years both have directed their attention to long distance running. They are serious runners, so serious, as a matter of fact, that they spent their holiday break last December running in the Honolulu Marathon.

From Honolulu Novak, age 33, and Heimbach, age 26, brought back an idea to

test the very dedicated amateur athlete in this area. They are directing a triathlon, a three-event contest that only those in outstanding physical condition need enter.

Here's how Novak explained the triathlon in a letter to this desk: "I would like to introduce you to one of the most unique amateur athletic events ever held in the Lehigh Valley — Triathlon '79."

"The total event is sponsored by the Emmaus Road Runners with myself and Rick Heimbach acting as directors.

"The event itself is a combination of three gruelling events — a one-mile swim, a 30-mile bike race, ending with a 10-mile foot race. Each of these events will be run consecutively, that is, as soon as the first competitor is out of the water, he will mount his bike and begin his ride. When he's done with the bike ride, he will begin racing 10 miles on foot.

You could get tired just thinking about

any one of the three, let alone all three back-to-back.

Novak didn't have to say it, but he did: "Each leg of the triathlon could stand alone as a rugged competitive event, but combining all three provides a challenge only the fittest athlete could answer."

In reality, though, the triathlon planned by Novak and Heimbach for Saturday, Aug. 18, is small potatoes compared to the one Novak talked about that was conducted in Honolulu. That event was written about extensively a few months ago in Sports Illustrated.

"That one is a real test," Novak said, noting that the Honolulu triathlon includes a two-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a full marathon run of 26 miles.

"We weren't going to go that far with our plans," Novak explained. "We want to make it a challenge but not to the point of being absurd."

Okay, so who's going to compete on the local level? Novak figured to attract around 30 conditioned athletes, and chances are, he'll hit that figure. He's got 16 entries right now.

"We even have a female competitor," said Novak.

The young woman who entered is Pauline Worman, no strange name to followers of high school athletics a few years ago. Pauline is a Dieruff graduate and is a former winner of the Dieruff Kiska Award, the top award at the East Side High School.

Another entrant is Charlie Norelli, a former Emmaus and Princeton athlete who set a number of track and swimming records that still stand.

Norelli spent last year at Georgetown, awaiting his acceptance to Jefferson Medical School. He's been running with a club out of Reading.

Stan Williams is also entered and he is

considered the best 30- to 38-year-old runner around here. Rick Flynn is another, plus a number of YMCA long distance swimmers, along with members of the Lehigh Valley Wheelman's Association.

Novak said the triathlon plan has been in the works since early June and a number of distance runners in the area have been working out seriously. "In fact," said Novak, "I did my routine today ... I swam, rode a bike and ran a little."

Novak's final thought was: "I'm sure an event such as triathlon '79 will appeal to your audience. If anyone wants more details please have them contact me or Rick. We're both in the phone book."

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