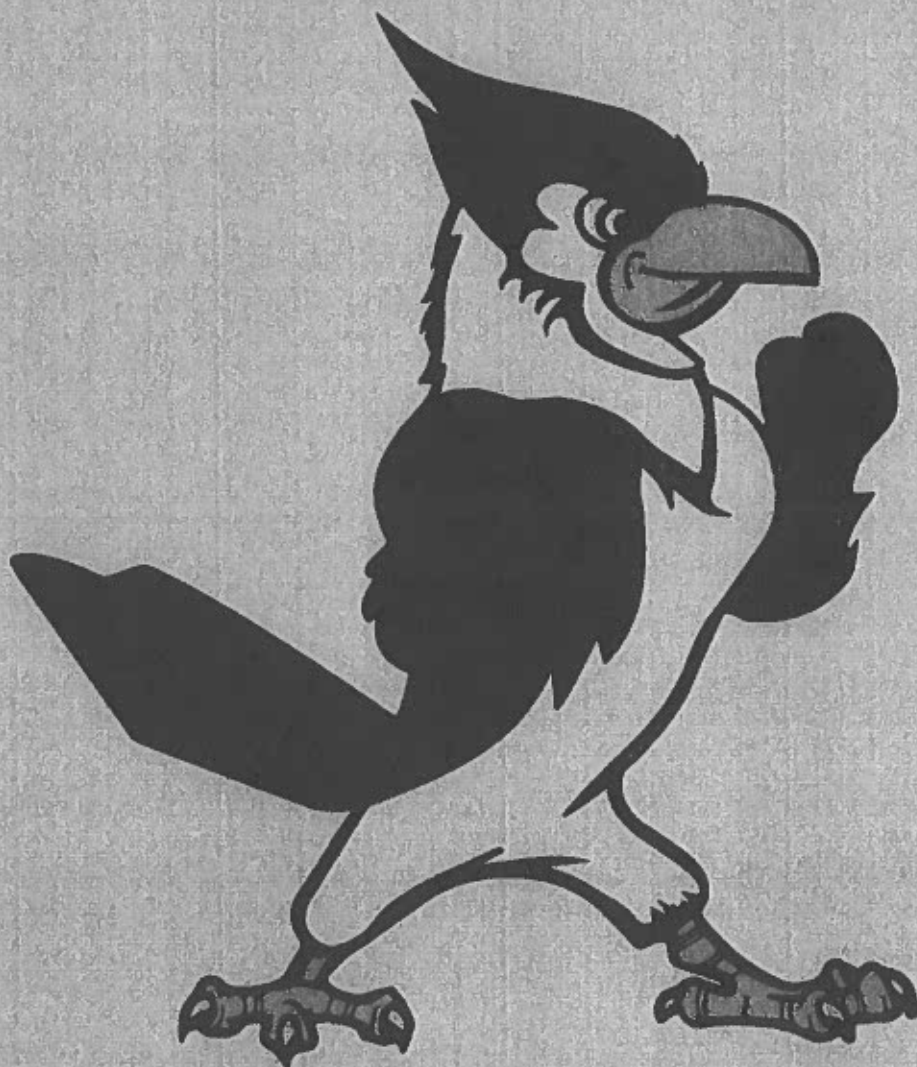


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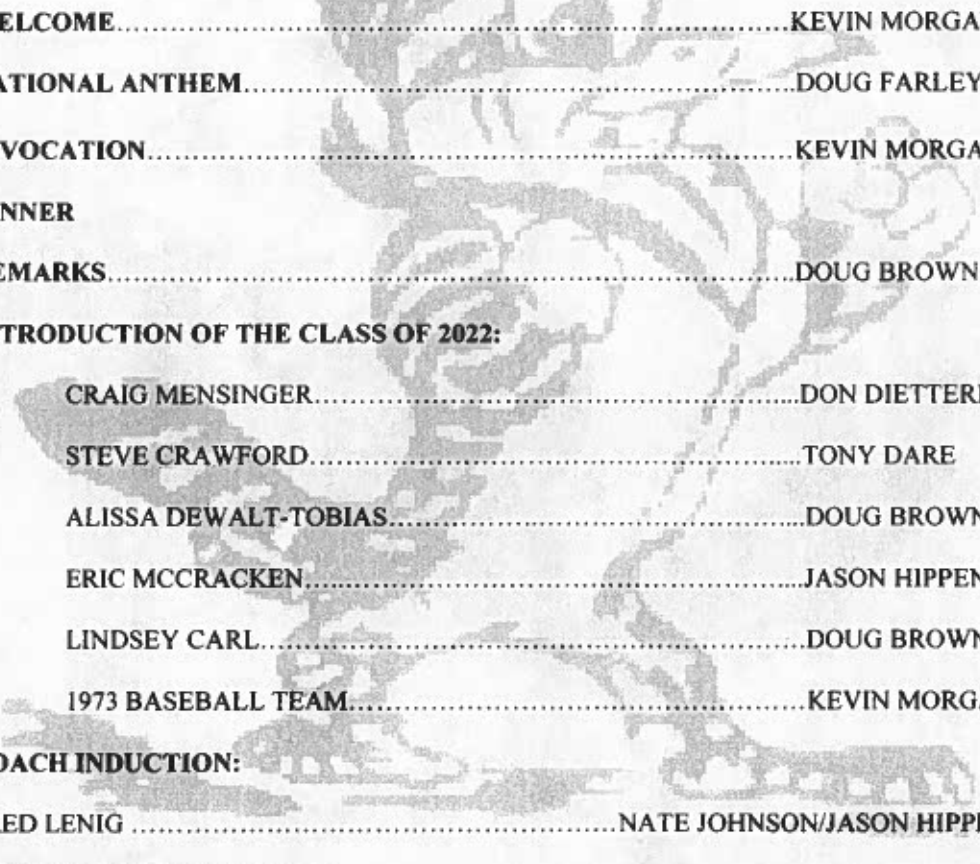
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**CENTRAL COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

INDUCTION BANQUET

OCTOBER 15, 2022

PROGRAM



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CRAIG MENSINGER.....	DON DIETTERICK
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ERIC MCCRACKEN.....	JASON HIPPENSTIEL
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FRED LENIG	NATE JOHNSON/JASON HIPPENSTIEL
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JOANN JOHNSON.....	KEVIN MORGAN
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CENTRAL COLUMBIA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Central Columbia High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established to recognize those individuals who best exemplify the spirit, integrity and philosophy of the Central Columbia Athletic Program. The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor athletes, coaches, teams and individuals who have made significant contributions and brought recognition to Central Columbia High School Athletic Programs.

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**JOANN JOHNSON-
HANSEN**



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Craig Mensinger

Craig Mensinger graduated from Central Columbia in 1973, he was a multi-sport varsity athlete at Central Columbia, earning letters in baseball, basketball, football, and bowling. While participating in athletics at Central Columbia, Craig had the good fortune to be coached by his father Claire Mensinger, Don Engle, Duane Ford, Jerry Devlin, and Richard Michael. Craig was the team captain his senior year for the following sports: football, baseball, and basketball. He was a first team All-Star selection during his senior year in basketball as well as baseball. Craig was part of the 1973 District IV baseball championship team. Craig was also team captain for the Bloomsburg University Husky Baseball team during his junior and senior year. He was member of the 1978 Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship in baseball while competing at Bloomsburg University. Craig graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education and spent the next forty years teaching business management and coaching basketball and baseball at Ocean City School District located in Ocean View, NJ until retiring in 2018.

Steve Crawford

Steve Crawford is a 1984 graduate of Central Columbia where he was an outstanding two-sport athlete. Steve excelled in basketball as well as track & field. He earned numerous varsity letters in four years of athletics here at Central Columbia. During his athletic career he was a four-year starter in both of his sports. In 1984, Steve earned District IV medals in track and field in the high jump as well as the high hurdles. Steve was a dominant basketball player during his high school career where he was an outstanding 1,000-point scorer for the basketball team. He was an inspiring athlete to his teammates as well as younger individuals. Steve earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from Lycoming College and his Master's-Degree in Environmental Pollution Control from The Pennsylvania State University. Currently, Steve is the President of G & M Crawford Company and the Central Columbia School Board President.

Alissa Dewalt-Tobias

Alissa Dewalt-Tobias graduated in 2011 where she earned 12 varsity letters while competing in three sports: soccer, basketball, and softball during her four-year athletic career at Central Columbia. Alissa was a member of the 2011 Class AA District IV third place basketball team, 2008 Mid-Penn League Champions in softball, 2009 PHAC Conference, District IV AA Champions, and PIAA State semi-finalist softball team, 2010 PHAC Champions, District IV AA runner-up, and PIAA State semi-finalist softball team and in 2011 PHAC Champions, District IV AA Champions and PIAA quarter finalist softball team. Alissa was a three-time PHAC all-star in softball, a three-time PHAC all-star in basketball, was selected to the district IV senior all-star team in softball and was named the 2011 District IV outstanding female athlete of the year. Alissa demonstrated great work ethic and determination to accomplish her goals as well as strived to assist her fellow teammates in reaching their goals as well. Alissa attended Bloomsburg University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education as well as earned a master's degree in Education from Edinboro University. Alissa is currently a second-grade teacher at Central Columbia Elementary School.

Eric McCracken

Eric McCracken graduated in 2013 and was a varsity letter winner in football and wrestling. In 2012, Eric was a member of the PHAC Conference Championship football team where he started at linebacker and running back. Also in 2012, Eric was a member of the District IV Championship Wrestling Team. He was also a District IV champion in wrestling in 2011 and 2012. Eric was also an East Central Sectional Champion in wrestling in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Eric compiled a wrestling career record of 119-36. For his efforts in both sports, he was named to the first team all-conference as a linebacker and second team all-conference as a running back. Eric was also selected as a participant for the district IV all-star football game and was named to WNEP's sweet 16 dream team. Eric attended Bloomsburg University where he earned a degree in Business Management as well as played four years for the Bloomsburg University Football Team where he earned the Don Hansen Second Team All Super Region One as a fullback. Eric is currently employed with the Steve Shannon Tire Company as a retread plant manager.

Lindsey Carl

Lindsey Carl graduated in 2015 and was a varsity letter winner in Cross Country, Field Hockey, Basketball and Girls Track and Field for four years where she excelled in each sport. Lindsey was a three-time PHAC high jump champion, three-time district IV high jump champion and a three-time medal winner at the PIAA State Track & Field Championships. She also was a district IV medal winner in the discus. She was the 2015 district IV track and field MVP, a PHAC first team all-star selection three years. Lindsey holds numerous records in the high jump, shot put, and discus at numerous local invitations as well as at Central Columbia. In 2015, she earned the honor of being named a 1,000-point scorer in the girls' basketball program. Lindsey competed at the post-secondary level in which she achieved the CACC high jump championship her junior and senior year. CACC rookie of the year award, named to the first team all-conference team twice, and was named track & field MVP twice. Lindsey was a multiple student/athlete award winner as well as an Academic Honors student. Lindsey earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Physician Assistant studies from Philadelphia University. While at Philadelphia University she earned academic and athletic achievement awards for her dedication and determination to succeed. Currently, Lindsey resides in Chicago, IL and is a physician assistant in psychiatry.

1973 Baseball Team

The 1973 Baseball Team captured the Susquehanna Valley League Championship, Columbia County League Championship as well as the District IV Championship. This team completed the regular season with a record of 21-2 with many outstanding performances throughout the season. Members of this team were Craig Mensinger, Mike Broda, William Karnes, Dave Adams, Jeffrey Dewalt, Brent Bankus, Rick Kline, Barry Roeder, Steve Morucci, Mike Talanca, Larry Ivey, Carl Defelice, Frank Drumm, Mike Morucci, Bob Hoffman, Ed Snyder, Marty Cain, Tim Doyle, Jim Crawford, Dale Martenas, Leland Creamer, Fred Mills, Barry Keck, Alan Bittenbender, Scott Eroh, Jeffrey Burkland, Steve Grasley, and Dan Comstock. The 1973 Baseball Team was coached by Head Coach the late Don Engle and his assistant was Jerry Devlin. This team was comprised of many multiple sport athletes that excelled at each sport they participated in here at Central Columbia.

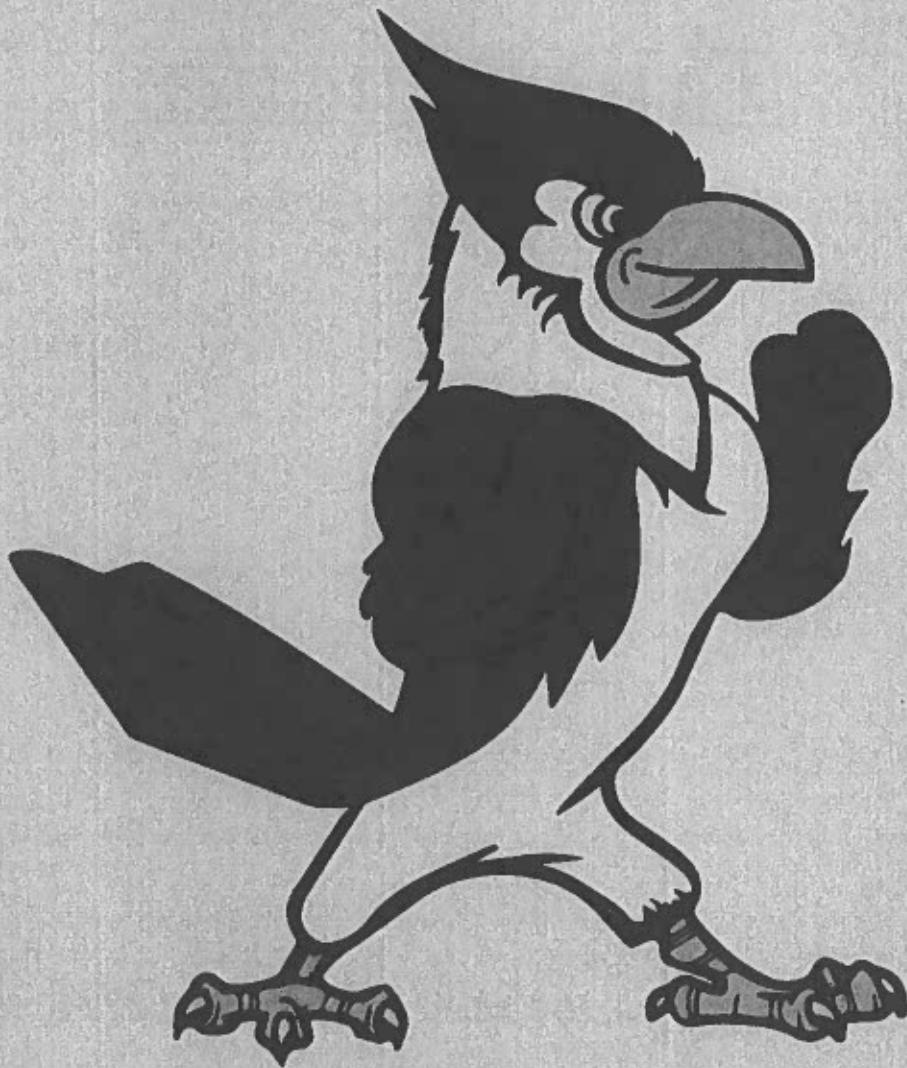
Fred Lenig-Coaches Inductee

Fred Lenig a 2011 retiree of the Central Columbia School District left his mark in education as well as athletics as he was employed at Central Columbia for 37 years as an educator and coach. Fred graduated from Lock Haven University in 1976 with a B.S. Degree in Health and Physical Education. While at Lock Haven in played three years of football where he held the record for the longest kickoff return in Division II football and participated in track & field for one year. Fred coached varsity football at Central Columbia as an assistant coach from 1981-2011. While coaching football he earned a 1981 Eastern Conference Championship and in 1992-1993 and 1994 District IV Championships. Fred also was the head coach of both the boys and girls Track & Field Teams (Boys-1984-1994) and (Girls-1996-2014). Fred accumulated a record with both teams at 164-97-6. He earned PHAC Championships in Track and Field in 2010, 2011 and 2014. He also earned a District IV Championship in 2014. He also coached numerous PIAA State Track & Field medalists including the 2014 PIAA Girls 4 X 100 relay champions. Fred coached, motivated and guided numerous athletes and students while working at Central Columbia. Fred had a knack for gathering the greatest talent and guiding them to success. Fred also was a great supporter of all the athletic programs at Central Columbia.

JoAnn Johnson-Blue Jay Legacy

JoAnn Johnson-Hansen a 2021 retiree of the Central Columbia School District was employed as an administrative assistant for 42.5 years at Central Columbia with 24 of those years in athletics. JoAnn served under four Athletic Directors: Don Engle, Bridget Mathias, William Forsythe, and Kevin Morgan. JoAnn volunteered her time as a coach of the Mifflinville Miffs T-Ball Team and coached the Central Columbia Little League girls' softball team. JoAnn graduated from Central Columbia in 1980 where she participated in softball as well as many other student organizations while attending Central Columbia for four years. JoAnn was and still is a great supporter, great mentor, and great assistant to all the coaches, players and teams that comprised the Central Columbia Athletic Program.

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Team Induction

2022



1973 Baseball Team

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Jerry Devlin

GRADUATION YEAR: 1964

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1968 STARTED COACHING CENTRAL COLUMBIA BASEBALL TEAM WITH COACH DON ENGLE AS ASSISTANT COACH

WON 20 LEAGUE TITLES

WON 12 DISTRICT TITLES

WON ONE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1991

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PLAYED BASEBALL AT BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY FROM 1965 TO 1968

RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN 1968

RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN 1972

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TAUGHT SIXTH GRADE AT MIFFLINVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM 1968 TO 1972

TAUGHT FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE MATH AND SCIENCE AT CENTRAL COLUMBIA FOR 35 YEARS

COACHED AT CENTRAL COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 35 YEARS (ASSISTANT COACH TO DON ENGLE FOR 28 YEARS AND HEAD COACH FOR SEVEN YEARS)

RETIRED AND COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE AND TEENER LEAGUE TEAMS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

SPOUSE: JEAN

CHILDREN: KYLE, DAUGHTER IN LAW ALYCIA

GRANDCHILDREN: WYATT, LONDYN, MYLES, AND FLYNN

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Alan Bittenbender

GRADUATION YEAR: 1973

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

BASEBALL-THREE YEARS

FOOTBALL-FOUR YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

JUNE 1977-OCTOBER 1991-DATA COM, INC.

MAY 1993-APRIL 2014-TOM CRAWFORD MOTORS

APRIL 2014-OCTOBER 2021-SCOTT TOWN AUTO

OCTOBER 2021-RETIRED

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

WIFE-LUANNE

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Mike Broda

GRADUATION YEAR:1973

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

Varsity Letter Basketball-Two Years

Varsity Letter Baseball Three Years

Varsity Letter Football Two years

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

1971 Columbia County League Baseball Championship

1973 Columbia County League Baseball Championship

1973 District 4 Baseball Championship

1973 Susquehanna Valley League Basketball Championship

1973 District 4 Basketball Championship

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

1973 Varsity Baseball Team - 21 Wins 2 Losses

Career Pitching Record 17 Wins 2 Losses

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

1973 Columbia County League Baseball - Most Valuable Player

1973 Columbia County League Baseball - First Team All-Star

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1978 Bloomsburg University - Business Administration

1980 Wilkes University - Masters of Business Administration

2001 University of Maryland Global Campus – Information Technology

Bloomsburg University – Lettered Four years varsity baseball - Awarded Life Time Athletic Pass

Wilkes University – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach 1979 & 1980

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Former - Assistant Director of Finance, Department of the Auditor General

Former - Comptroller, Department of the Auditor General

Former - Assistant to the Deputy Auditor General, Department of the Auditor General

Former - Director, Pennsylvania Treasury Department

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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES:

Certified Public Accountant - American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Certified Internal Auditor - Institute of Internal Auditors

Certified Information System Auditor - Information Systems Audit and Control Association

Certified Government Auditing Professional - Institute of Internal Auditors

Certified Government Financial Manager - Association of Government Accountants

Certified Fraud Examiner - Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Spouse: Gail Broda

Children: Alyssa Broda, Michael Broda Jr.

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Jeffrey Dewalt

GRADUATION YEAR: 1973

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

FOOTBALL-FOUR YEARS

BASEBALL-FOUR YEARS

BASKETBALL-FOUR YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

1973 DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONS-BASKETBALL

1973 SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CONFERENCE (SVC) LEAGUE GROUP B CHAMPIONS-BASKETBALL

1973 DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONS-BASEBALL

1973 SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CONFERENCE (SVC) CHAMPIONS-BASEBALL

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

FOOTBALL-THREE VARSITY LETTERS

BASEBALL-FOUR VARSITY LETTERS

BASKETBALL-TWO VARSITY LETTERS

I HAVE TO NOTE A BITTERSWEET MOMENT THAT ENDED MY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CAREER. THE DATE WAS JUNE 1, 1973, WE WERE PLAYING BENTON FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY LEAGUE TITLE. THE GAME WAS TIED IN THE 10TH INNING AND I WAS UP TO BAT. NOT SURE IF YOU CALL IT LUCK, BUT I HIT A LONG SACRIFICE FLY WHICH ALLOWED ROB BURKLAND TO SCORE THE WINNING RUN TO BEAT BENTON 3-2. ALTHOUGH MY HEROIC EFFORT GAVE US THE LEAGUE TITLE, SADLY I COLLIDED WITH THE FIRST BASEMAN AND I ENDED UP WITH A BROKEN JAW. IT WAS DEFINITELY A BITTERSWEET MOMENT. ONE I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN. THE FOLLOWING DAY I HAD SURGERY AND HAD MY MOUTH WIRED SHUT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WAS UNABLE TO PLAY IN THE DISTRICT IV PLAYOFF GAME, WHICH CENTRAL COLUMBIA CAPTURED THE DISTRICT IV TITLE.

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

I WAS EMPLOYED FOR 47 YEARS IN THE AGGREGATE/QUARRY OPERATIONS RETIRING IN 2019

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

MARRIED TO DARLENE BOWMAN (CLASS OF 1974)

DAUGHTER: ALISSA DEWALT-TOBIAS-CURRENTLY SECOND GRADE TEACHER AT
CENTRAL COLUMBIA AND ALSO AN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

GRANDCHILDREN: JAXON TOBIAS

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Brent Bankus

GRADUATION YEAR: 1974

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

BASEBALL-THREE YEARS

FOOTBALL-THREE YEARS

BASKETBALL-TWO YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

1972-DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONS-BASKETBALL

1973-DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONS-BASEBALL

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

PITCHER-TWO NO HITTERS

PITCHER-LOWEST ERA (EARNED RUN AVERAGE)

BATTING-COLUMBIA COUNTY LEAGUE BEST BATTING AVERAGE

BATTING-COLUMBIA COUNTY LEAGUE MOST HOME RUNS-EIGHT

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

1973-COLUMBIA COUNTY BASEBALL ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTION

1974-COLUMBIA COUNTY BASEBALL ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTION

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1997-GRADUATE-STRAYER UNIVERSITY-MASTER'S DEGREE IN INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT

2004-GRADUATE-UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE-MASTER'S DEGREE IN
STRATEGIC STUDIES

FOOTBALL: INTERSTATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE (PAID LEAGUE)

1976-PENNSYLVANIA ROUGH RIDERS

1977-SNYDER COUNTY HAWKS

BASEBALL: FOUR YEAR LETTERMAN-BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE

TRYOUT WITH PITTSBURGH PIRATES-SEE ATTACHED INVITATION LETTER

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CURRICULUM VITAE

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

WIFE-DIANE O'ROURKE

CHILDREN: JOHN-COURTNEY-MAURA

GRANDCHILDREN: EMMA-ERIN

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Scott Eroh

GRADUATION YEAR: 1974

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

FOOTBALL-ONE YEAR

BASEBALL-THREE YEARS

BASKETBALL-FOUR YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

1973 DISTRICT IV BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1992 BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY-BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

SENIOR PLANNER IG DESIGN GROUP

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

WIFE-KAREN

CHILDREN-CAITLIN, RACHAEL, SHANNON, AND LAURA

GRANDCHILDREN-HUNTER, EMILY, AND OWEN

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Steve Grasley

GRADUATION YEAR: 1975

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

BASEBALL-FOUR YEARS-THREE VARSITY LETTERS
FOOTBALL-FOUR YEARS-THREE VARSITY LETTERS
BASKETBALL-FOUR YEARS-TWO VARSITY LETTERS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

2013-PHAC HIGH JUMP INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION
2013-DISTRICT IV HIGH JUMP INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION
2014-PHAC HIGH JUMP INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION
2014-DISTRICT IV HIGH JUMP INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION
2014-PHAC TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
2014-DISTRICT IV TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
2014-PIAA STATE INDIVIDUAL HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP-SECOND PLACE
2015-PHAC HIGH JUMP INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION
2015-DISTRICT IV HIGH JUMP INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION
2015-PIAA STATE INDIVIDUAL HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP-SECOND PLACE

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

THREE YEARS-FIRST TEAM ALL-STAR SELECTION

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

WILKES UNIVERSITY
CO-CAPTAIN BASEBALL TEAM 1979

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1980-2022 TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

WIFE-RUTHANN
CHILDREN-JESSICA, KERYSA, AND STEVEN

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Dan Comstock

GRADUATION YEAR: 1976

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

BASEBALL-FOUR YEARS

FOOTBALL-FOUR YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

SPOUSE-LOREEN COMSTOCK

CHILDREN-ADAM, BRETT, AND COURTNEY

GRANDCHILDREN-SEVEN

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

William Karnes

GRADUATION YEAR: 1976

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

FOOTBALL-FOUR YEARS

BASEBALL-FOUR YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

WIFE: DECEASED MARY KARNES

CHILDREN: NICK-LEVI

GRANDCHILDREN: SEVEN

INDUCTEE INFORMATION

Jeffrey Burkland

GRADUATION YEAR: 1977

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ATHLETICS:

BASEBALL-FOUR YEARS

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON:

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS-1975-1976-1977

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM RECORDS:

HONORS AND AWARDS EARNED:

VARSITY CLUB-THREE YEAR VARSITY STARTER

POST-SECONDARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

SPOUSE-PATRICIA-44 YEARS

CHILDREN-ADAM AND ABBY

GRANDCHILDREN-TALON, LEO, AND XARIER



Central Columbia will be seeking its first District Four baseball title in 10 years tonight when it faces West Snyder at Bowman Field in Williamsport at eight o'clock. The Columbia County champs, sporting a 20-2 record, are first row (left to right) Mike Talanca, Steve Grasley, Craig Mensinger, Scott Eroh, Mike Broda. (second row) Head Coach Don Engle, Rod Burkland, Marty

Cain, Rick Kline, Brent Bankus, Larry Ivey, assistant Coach Jerry Devlin. (third row) Steve Morucci, Ed Snyder, Al Bittenbender, Barry Roeder, Carl DeFelice, Dan Comstock, Dave Adams, Frank Drumm. (fourth row) Jeff Burkland, Dale Martenas, Tim Doyle, Barry Keck, Ron Kline, Fred Mills, Bob Hoffman, Scott Crawford.
(Staff Photo)



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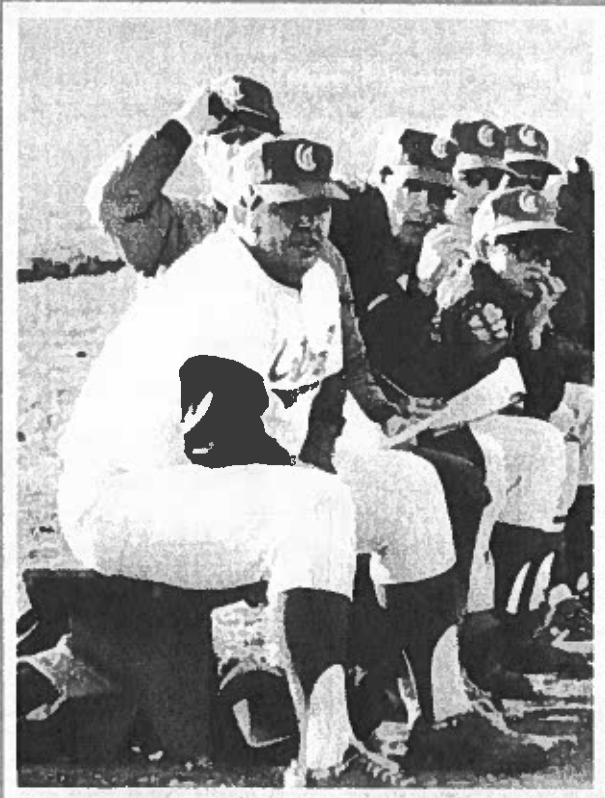
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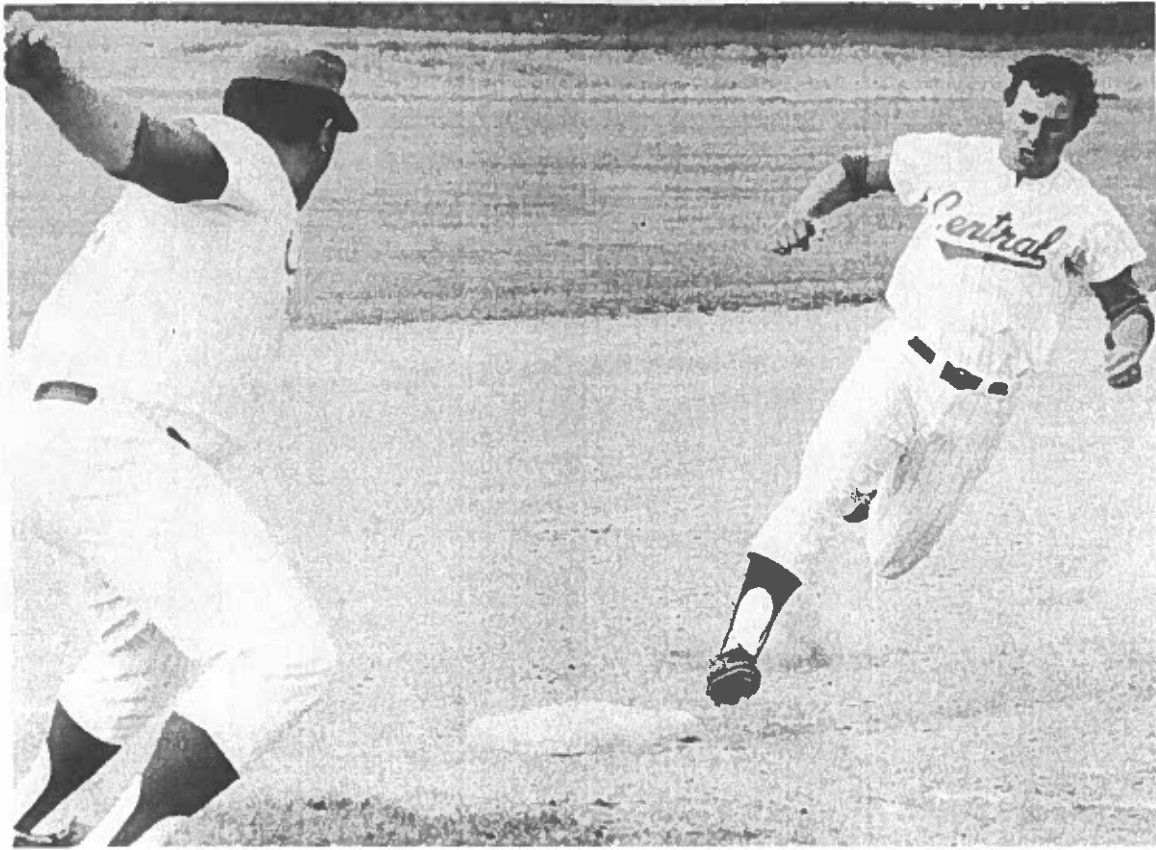




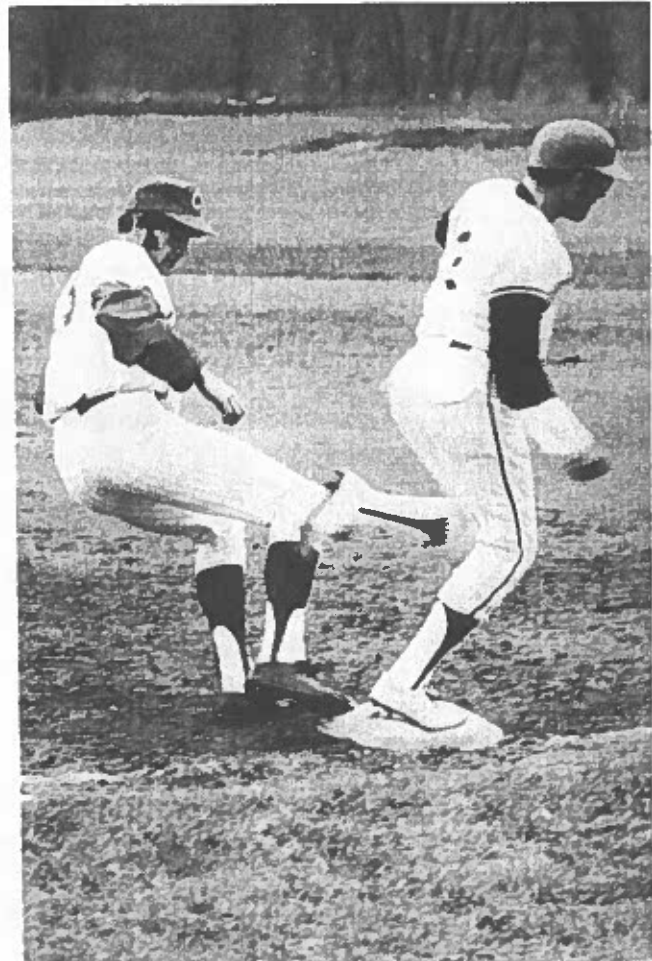
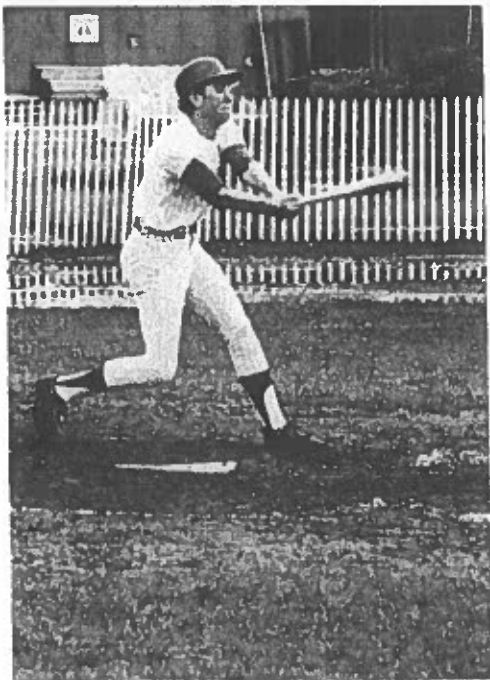
Coach Don Engle



Assistant Coach Jerry Devlin



Don Engle: "Coach of the Year"



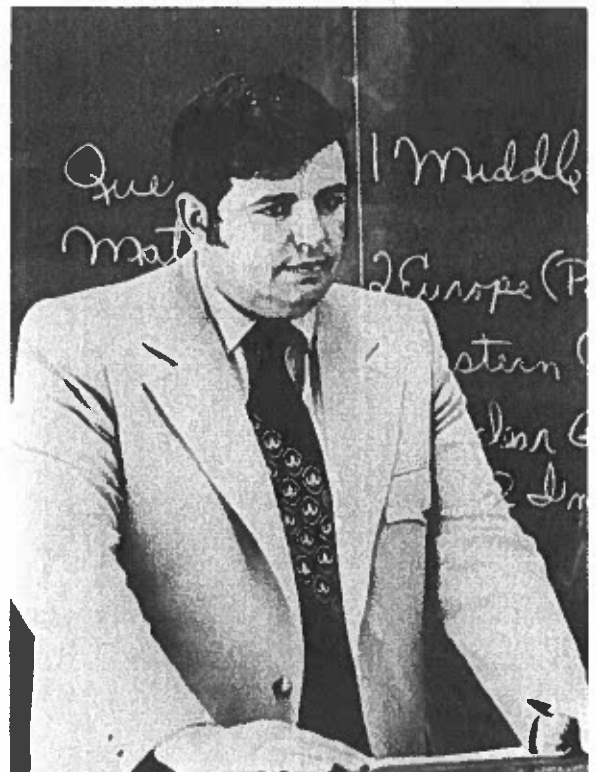


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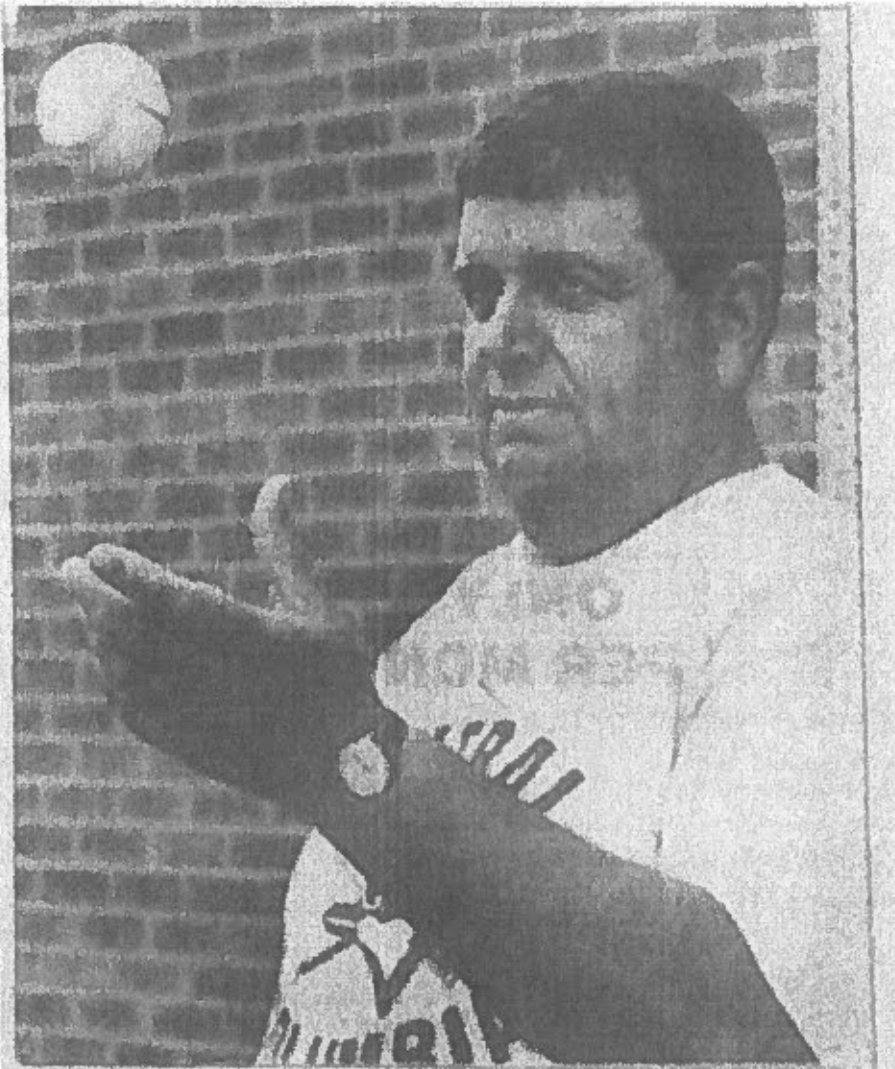


KAREN SAUNDERS
German

LINDA WHITENIGHT
Physical Education



DON ENGLE
Social Studies



Daily item photo by Joe Marmitt

Don Ergle's Central Columbia High baseball teams have won 11 District 4 baseball titles. Late this year or early next year, he will get his 500th win.

Engle's career: Titles, top athletes

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they've learned to win and feel more positive about themselves. That championship helped turn all the program around.

"I tell the story that when we won in 1973, we got a parade from one end of the district to the other. Now if we win a district championship, I like to drive the players home."

"Maybe winning a district title isn't what it used to be, but Engle points to the 1991 state championship team with pride.

"That was really a thrill. We didn't expect to get that far but things kept falling in place," he says.

"We had two leaders, Eric Novak and Brett Saradzki, who were coaches on the field.

"There are things that coaches can't do. It takes leaders who get the guys up. Saradzki and Novak would let him know they were leaders who produced."

"That team went 23-1 and Engle pointed not only to Saradzki and Novak as keys but to pitcher Dave Slaker.

"He had some difficulty before that year but everything came together for him that year," Engle said.

"Engle is quick to note that he doesn't do everything alone. In fact, a lot of the responsibility for the team is delegated to assistant pitchers Jerry Devita and Harry Mattheis Jr.

"Devita, who has been assistant to Engle for the entire tenure, handles the hitting and infield. "I give my catcher a lot of responsibility," Engle said. "They have an idea and I let them handle it. I don't interfere."

Engle also cites community support through the youth leagues as a major contributor to the Central program.

But fundamentals are still stressed

at the high school level. In fact, Engle said they are taught every day.

"People say they should know the fundamentals when they get to the high school level," he said. "But that's not true. I have a great amount of respect for Little League coaches. Heck, a 7-year-old is more interested in what is blowing in the air than he is in fundamentals."

"We never stop teaching fundamentals but I never blame the youth level coaches. At least they've created the interest in the child."

With a program so well structured as the Central one, there are some ways to get the jump on the competition.

Usually, the team takes a trip itself for the spring. Three times the team has gone off Florida. This year, it was just a trip to Virginia.

"We've found that the trips allow the kids to get to know each other," Engle said. "Of course, it is a good recruiting tool."

Naturally, Engle is proud that two of his charges — pitcher Paul Hartzell and catcher Doug Davis — made the majors.

"It gives your program credibility," he said. "Paul was a special kind of athlete who was also a brilliant student."

Hartzell batted for the California Angels, Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles and the Milwaukee Brewers. Davis is still playing in the Rangers farm system.

Two other Central products played minor league ball — Burch Lambach with the Orioles organization and Cheryl Zaher with the Cincinnati Reds.

But while Engle, who also serves as Central's athletic director, is proud of the few in professional ball, it is also evident he's proud of the others who have made Central baseball something special.

The Don Engle Years

A look at Engle's 25-year career as Central Columbia's baseball coach

A winning record

Year	Wins	Losses	Championships
1969	9	7	
1970	10	4	
1971	19	3	Columbia County League
1972	14	4	
1973	21	2	Columbia County League, District 4
1974	18	4	
1975	21	3	Columbia County League
1976	20	4	Columbia County League
1977	19	5	Columbia County League
1978	9	8	
1979	16	7	District 4, 6th States
1980	20	3	Columbia County League, District 4, 4th States, Montourville Tournament
1981	31	3	Columbia County League, District 4
1982	31	2	Columbia County League, District 4, 2nd States, Montourville Tournament
1983	21	5	District 4
1984	18	5	District 4
1985	20	6	District 4, 4th States
1986	13	3	Columbia County League
1987	18	5	Columbia County League
1988	18	4	
1989	21	2	Columbia County League, Montourville Tournament
1990	16	5	Columbia County League
1991	25	1	Mid Penn League, District 4, PIAA
1992	22	1	Mid Penn League, District 4, Central Columbia Tournament
1993	21	4	District 4, Central Columbia Tournament, PA Prep 4
Total	481	102	

Central Columbia High School Baseball

Graphic by Nelson Smith

One coach's career: Titles, top athletes and good kids

By John Huckaby
Sports editor

Don Engle has coached two major leaguers and won a state championship with his Central Columbia baseball team.

His teams have won 11 District 4 baseball titles, and late this year or early next year, he will get his 500th win as Central's baseball coach.

But Engle doesn't boast about those accomplishments. Instead he talks about the kids who go through the Central program. They are good kids, he says. Kids who come back to help. Kids who are good citizens.

Engle thinks that's a pretty good accomplishment at a time when there are so many one-parent homes, when kids face what Engle calls "the perils of our society."

"There are so many kids that can go either way. Both parents are working and the parents aren't there to watch over them. Athletics can give a push in the right direction," Engle said last week in his office shortly after handling a discipline situation with a student.

A lot of Engle's charges have moved the right way — on to college to play baseball. Engle counts about 60 or so who have played college ball.

"Maybe they weren't interested in college at first. They

went there to play baseball and got interested in academics. But baseball got them there and helped keep them there," the coach said.

When Engle took over the Central baseball program in 1969, he took over from a legend — Bill Creasy. "He was popular in this area. He had played minor league baseball and his program was established. That was an advantage, but I was also following a legend," Engle said.

Nobody can say Engle did anything to hurt the Central program. His only non-winning season was in 1978 when his team went 8-8.

In his fifth season as coach, Engle's 1973 team won a District 4 championship. It not only was a watershed of sorts for the baseball program, but Engle thinks that title helped turn around athletics at Central.

Until that time, Central was the team everyone wanted to schedule for homecoming in all sports. The Blue Jays were pretty much a W for everyone in every sport.

"The year before that, our football team was 2-8 and most people considered that a successful season. After that 1973 team won districts, all the sports started to come around. Success helped breed success," he said.

Now, Engle says, district and state honors are pretty much old hat at Central.

"I don't think our kids are any better," he said. "But

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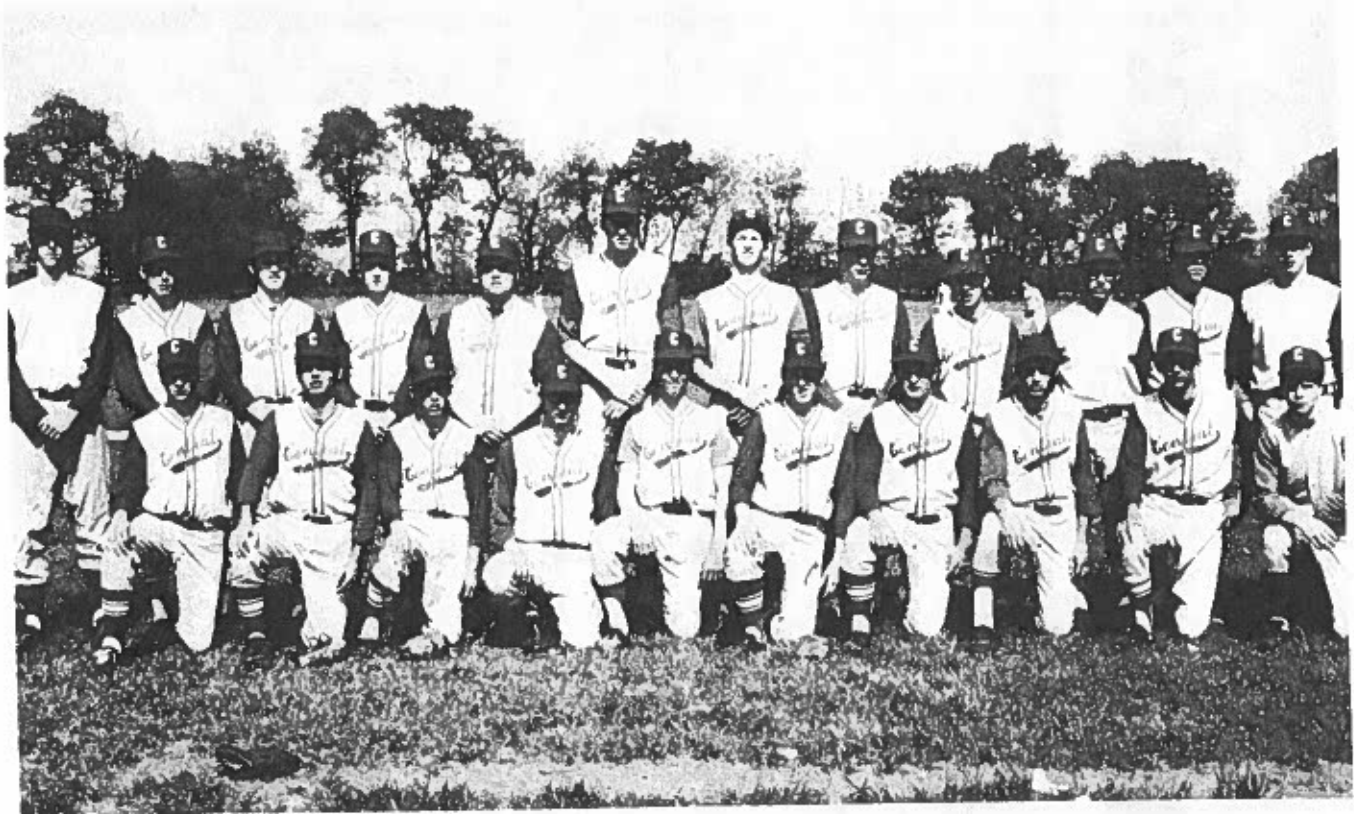
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Coach Jerry Devlin and Coach Don Engle

... Mr. Devlin's calisthenics ... pick-ups ...
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 pulling another one out at Shamokin ...
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1970 VARSITY BASEBALL

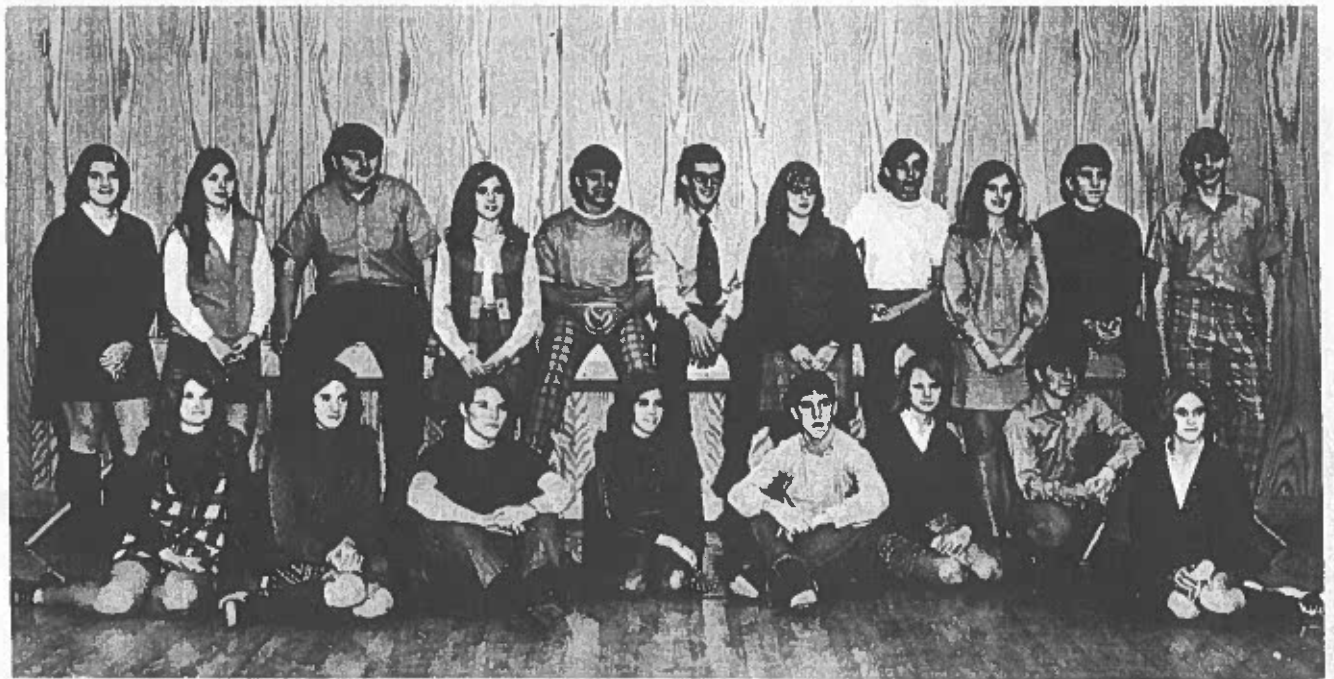


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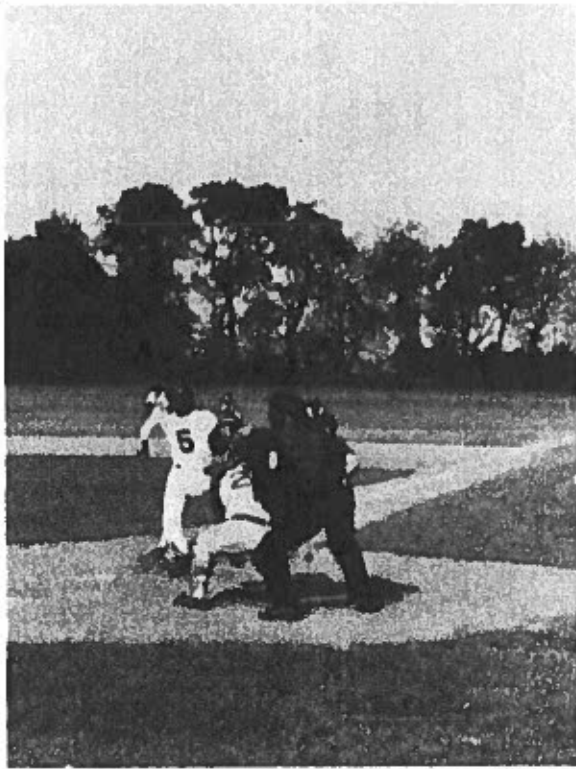
VARSITY CLUB



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SEATED: S. Brandt, D. Hock, C. Hock, M. Sherlinski, C. Mensinger, C. Brown, D. Hartzell, B. Satz.



TOP ROW L-R: K. Woodring, A. Perrige, J. Hunsinger, D. Bresett, R. Miller, C. Laubach, J. Eveland, J. Angus, B. Benjamin, S. Brown, C. McHenry. 1ST ROW: M. Kriner, S. Thomas, R. Schweitzer, B. Brandt, B. Bankus, M. Schweitzer, G. Creasy, D. Johnson.



**1971 VARSITY
BASEBALL RECORD**

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEAGUE

CENTRAL

14	Millville	2
4	Berwick	5
2	Southern	5
23	Northwest	3
10	Bloomsburg	2
10	Benton	1
6	Shamokin	0
10	Millville	5
4	Berwick	1
1	Southern	0
13	Northwest	0
5	Bloomsburg	1
6	Benton	1
11	Shamokin	3

First Half Championship

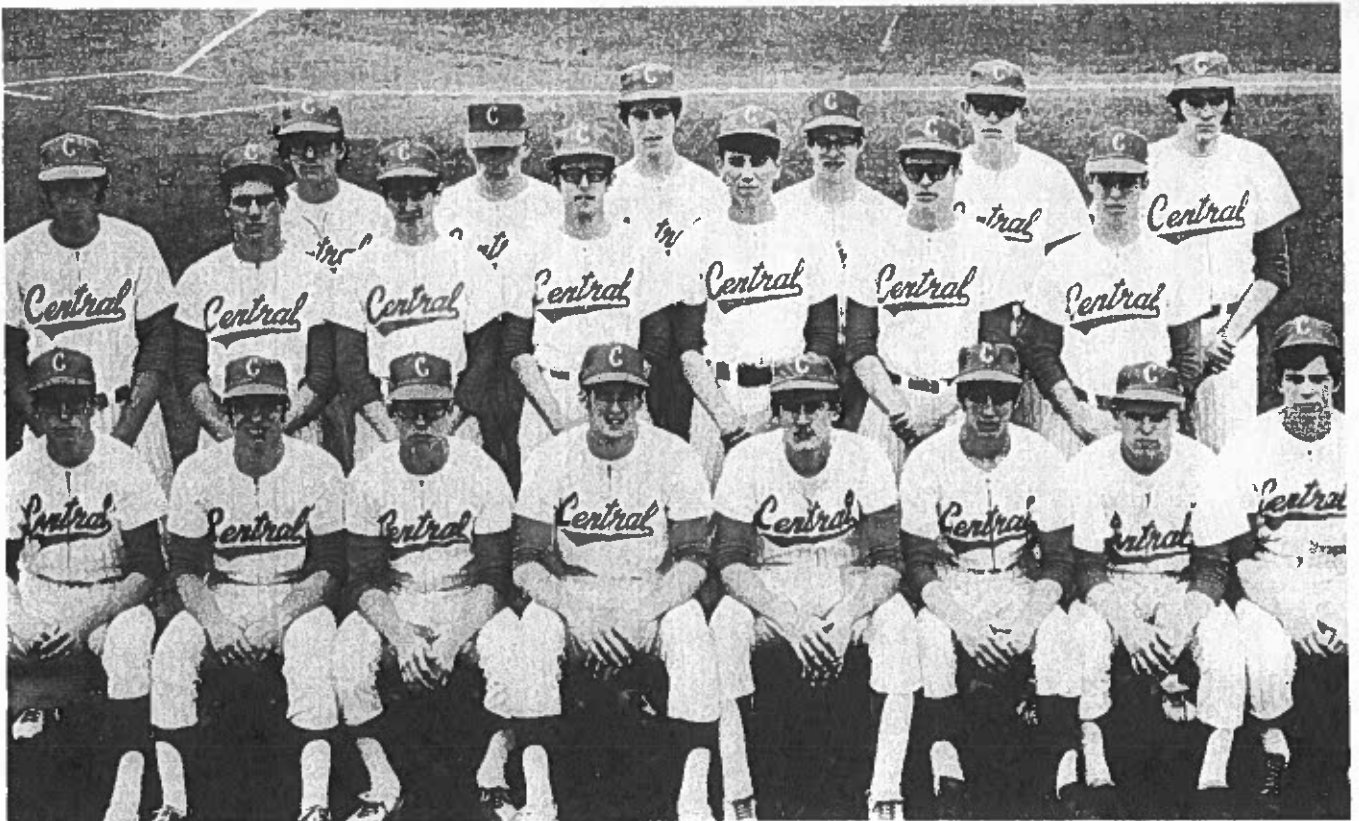
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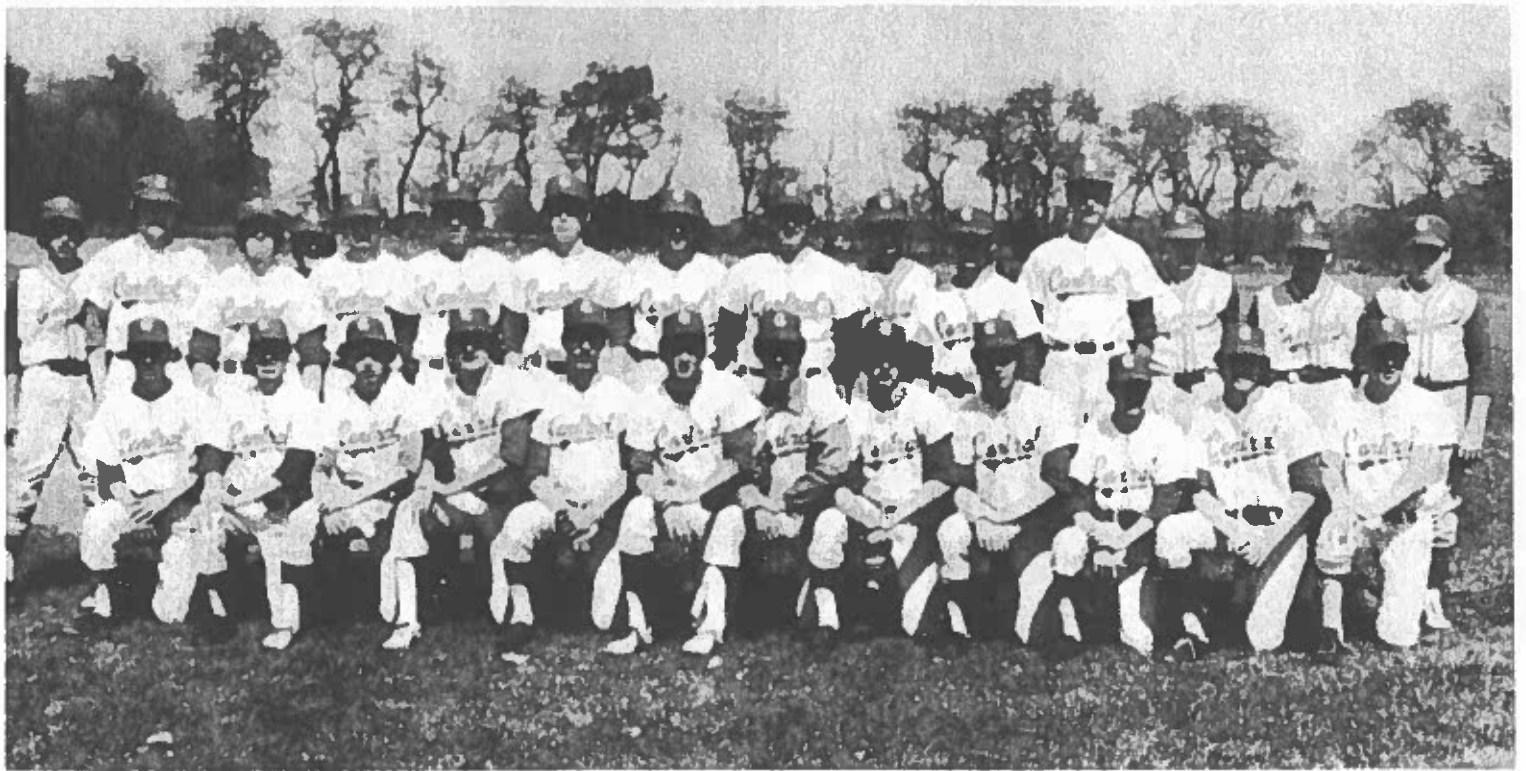
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District 4 Playoff

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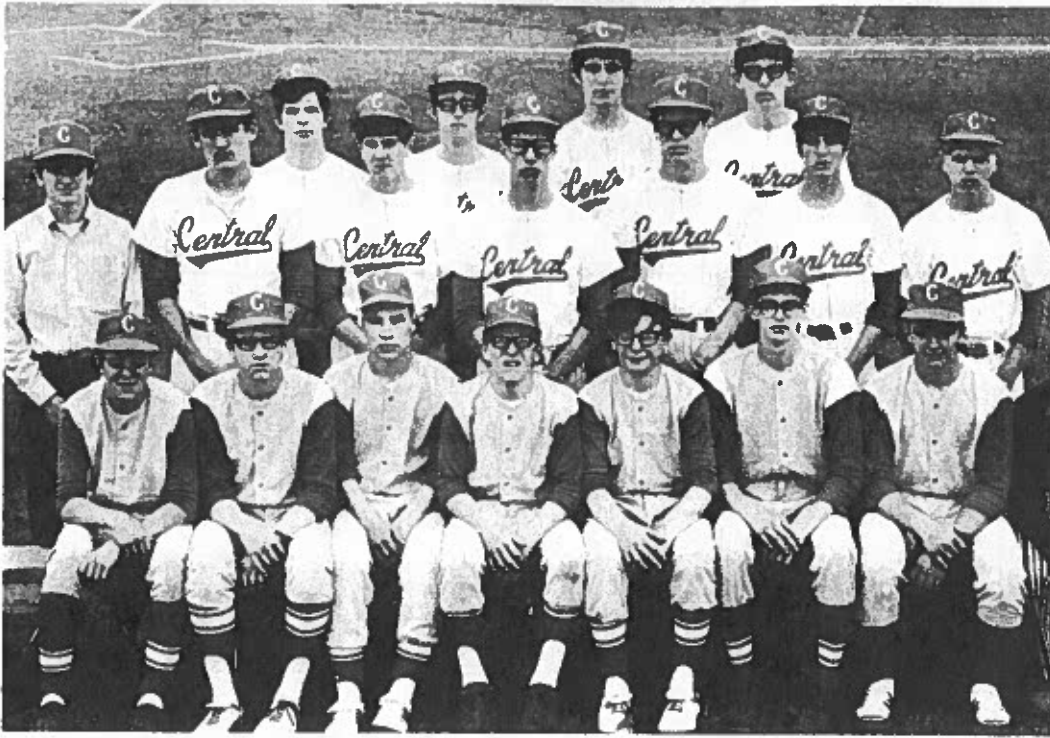
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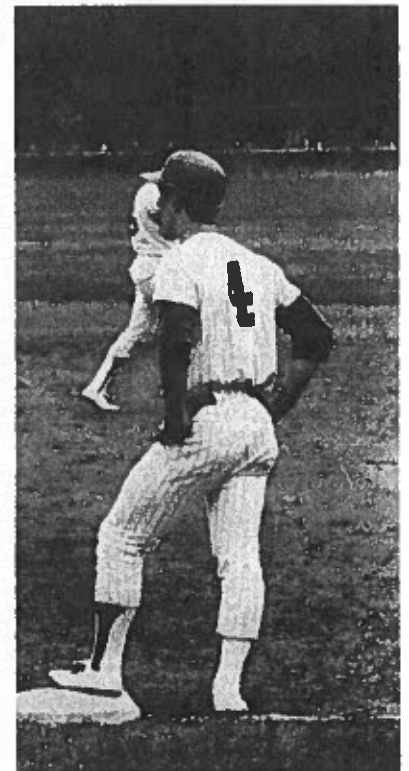
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BASEBALL '72





JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL.
1ST ROW: J. Creasy, G. O'Toole, R. Chapin, J. Crawford, D. Nevius, D. Shetterly, J. Powlus, M. Talanca.
2ND ROW: G. Neuffer, J. Dewalt, S. Eroh, B. Bankus, R. Kline, M. Cain, R. Burkland.
3RD ROW: M. Broda, D. Neuhard, J. Lehive, S. Bright.



CLASS OF 1973



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Bill Lynch

VICE-PRESIDENT—Steve Rawlings

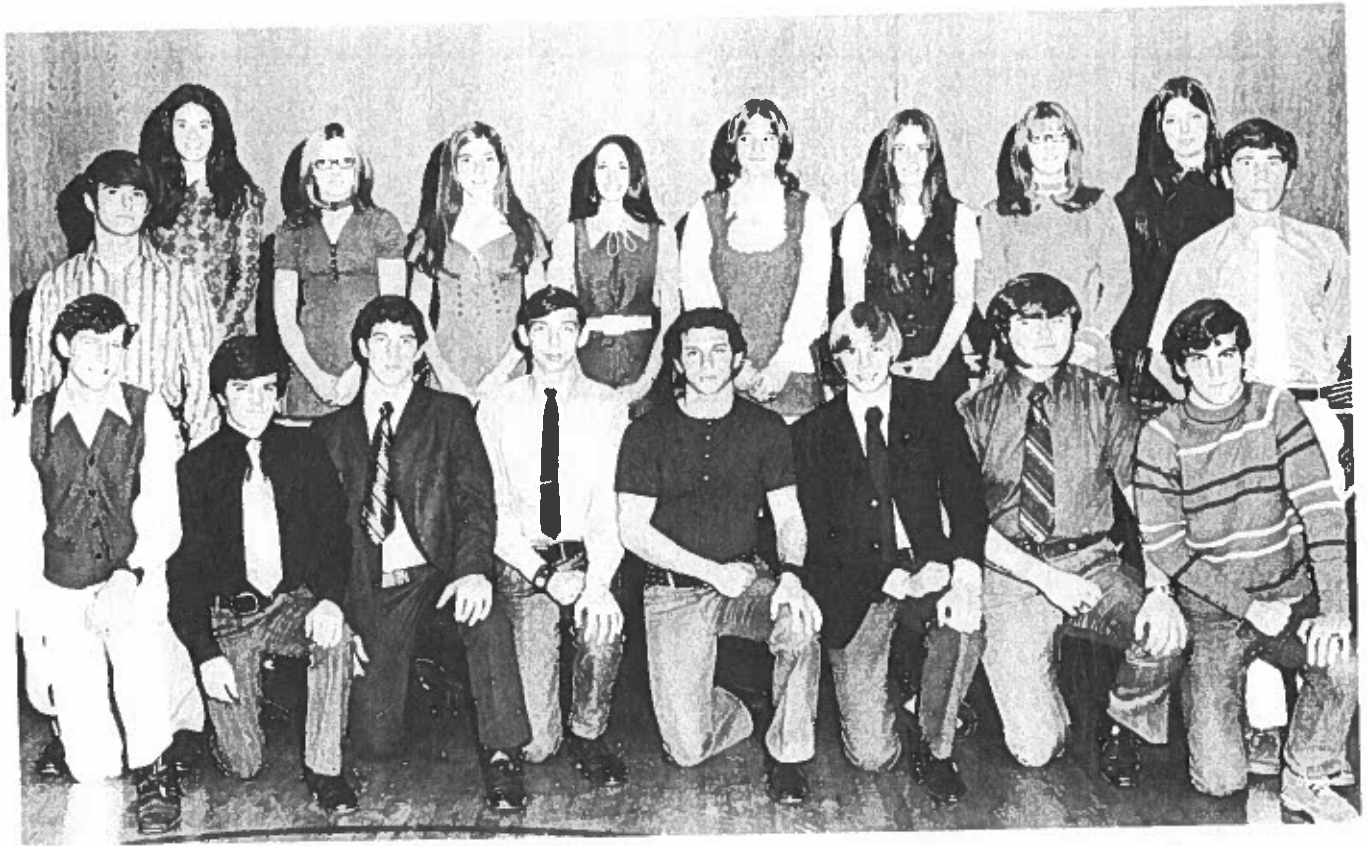
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TREASURER—Rick Kline



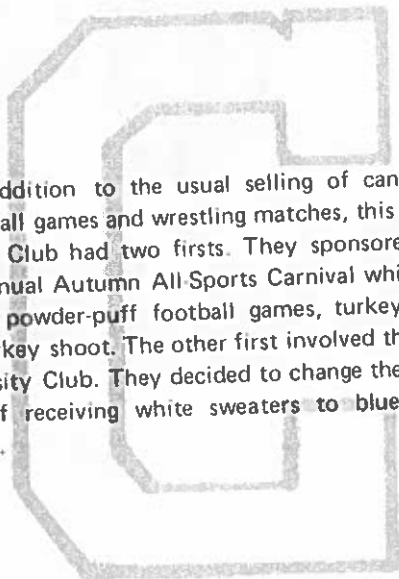
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VARSITY CLUB



SENIORS. 1ST ROW: D. Hottenstein, G. Creasy, B. Bankus, J. Angus, B. Falt, C. McHenry, J. Hunsinger, J. Schultheis. 2ND ROW: R. Miller, S. Brown. 3RD ROW: S. Thomas, H. Hippensteil, D. Bresett, M. Moyer, S. Levan, L. Booth, J. Eveland, A. Perrige.

In addition to the usual selling of candy at basketball games and wrestling matches, this years' Varsity Club had two firsts. They sponsored the first annual Autumn All Sports Carnival which included powder-puff football games, turkey trots and turkey shoot. The other first involved the girls of Varsity Club. They decided to change the tradition of receiving white sweaters to blue wool jackets.



CLASS OF 1974



OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Rick Brandt

VICE-PRESIDENT—Brent Bankus

SECRETARY—Gina Zopetti

TREASURER—Mike Criqui

HOMEROOM 103. 1st ROW: A. Sabo, A. Teitsworth, A. Vander-slice, L. Kreamer, J. Stauder, L. Vincent, G. Messina. 2ND ROW: M. Scarpino, D. Allen, B. Cleaver, H. Hornberger, J. Gould, C. Kundrick, I. Robbins, C. Spaid, C. Zeisloft, L. Nevil. 3RD ROW: C. Glodfelder, W. Evans, J. Creasy, J. Powlus, S. Bright, D. Everett, D. Molinaro, T. Martz, B. Beck.





HOMEROOM 106. 1ST ROW: B. Kindt, P. Rider, G. Megargell, S. Crawford, K. Rhodes, J. Thomas, C. O'Brecht, D. Johnson. 2ND ROW: E. Cove, B. Hartzell, D. Schell, M. Kriner, B. Benjamin, D. Wilson, C. Perkins, H. Hock, J. Mott. 3RD ROW: R. Bond, J. Weaver, S. Ezzyk, J. McCarthy, B. Kile, D. Catherman, R. Robbins, D. Smith, D. Stout, R. Dreisbach, M. Ellis, J. Zosh.



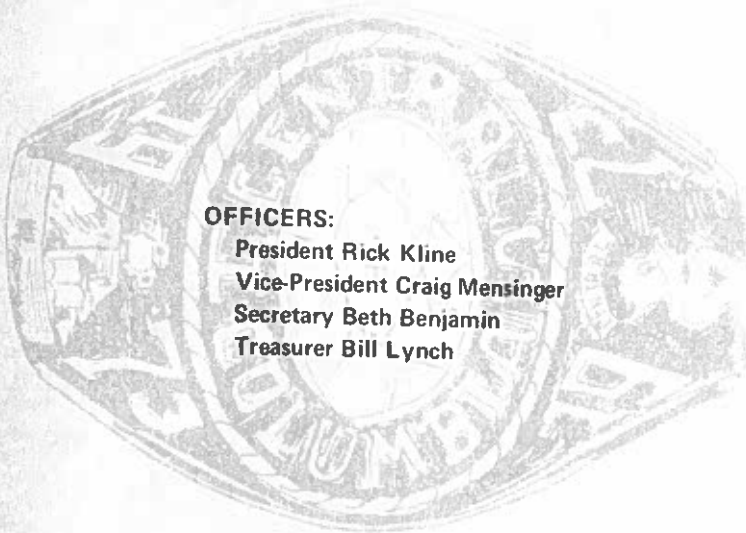
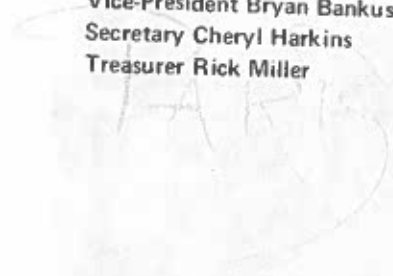
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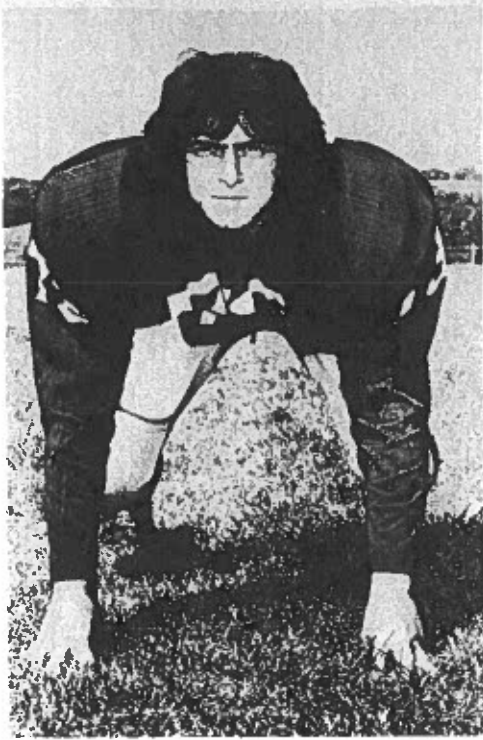
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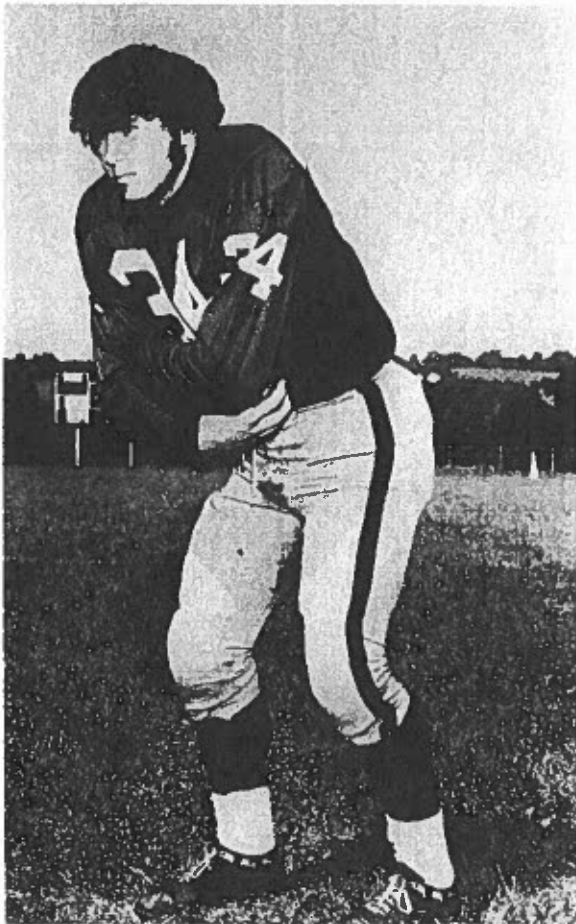




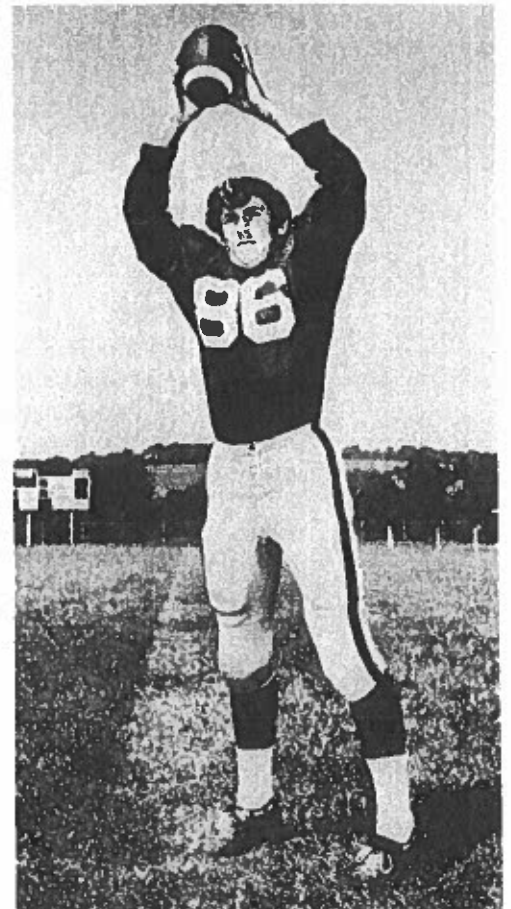
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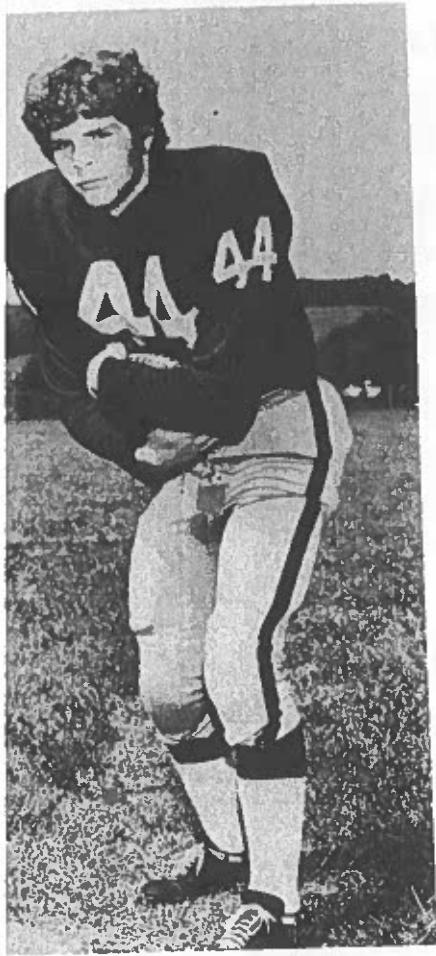
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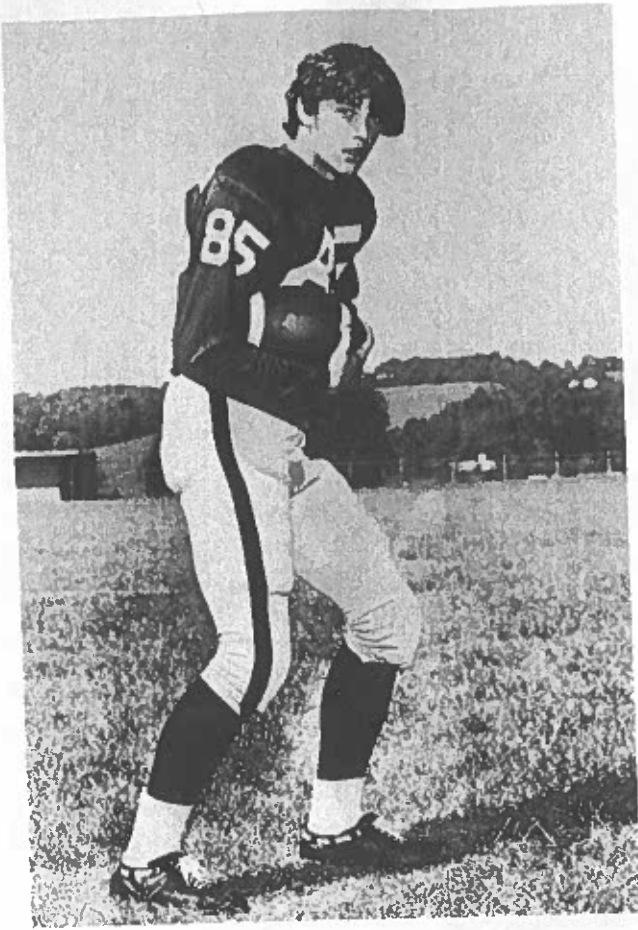
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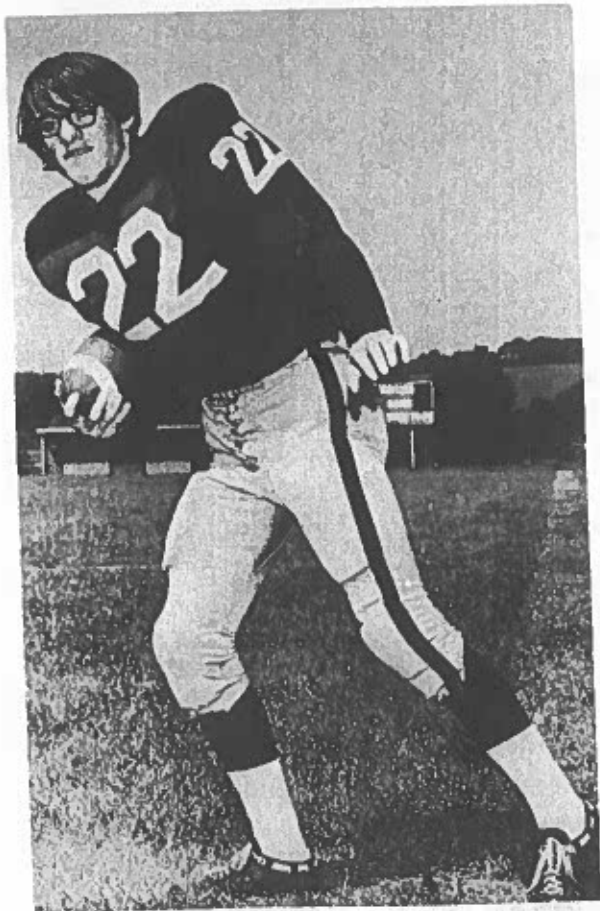
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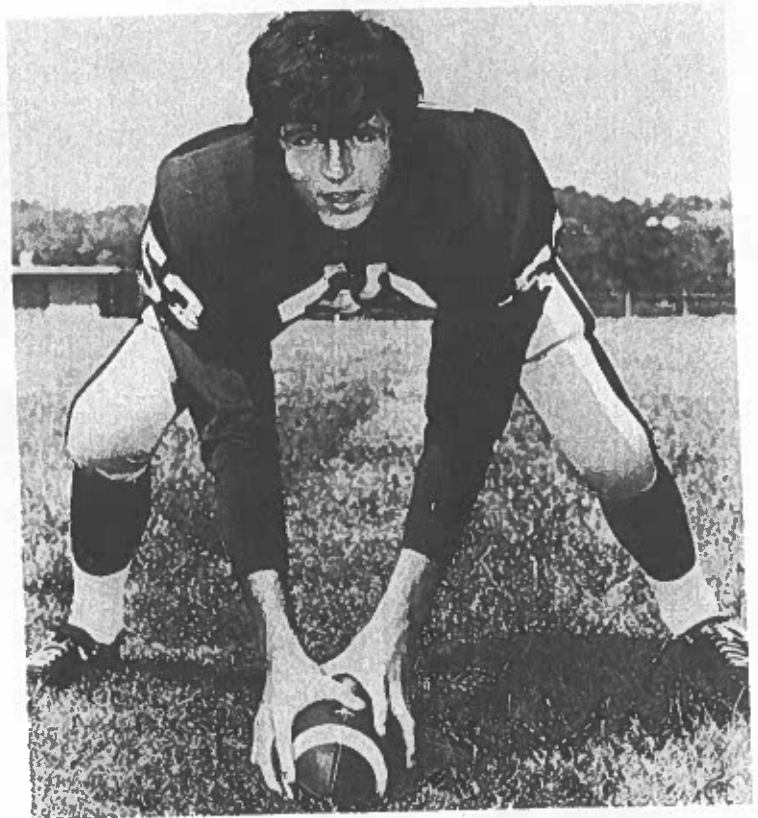
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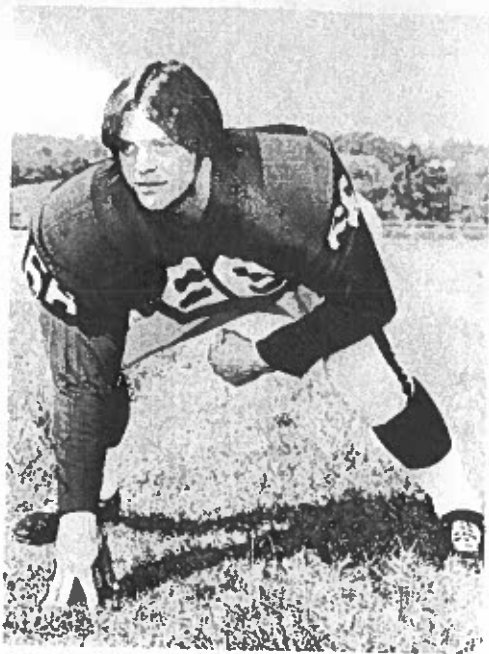
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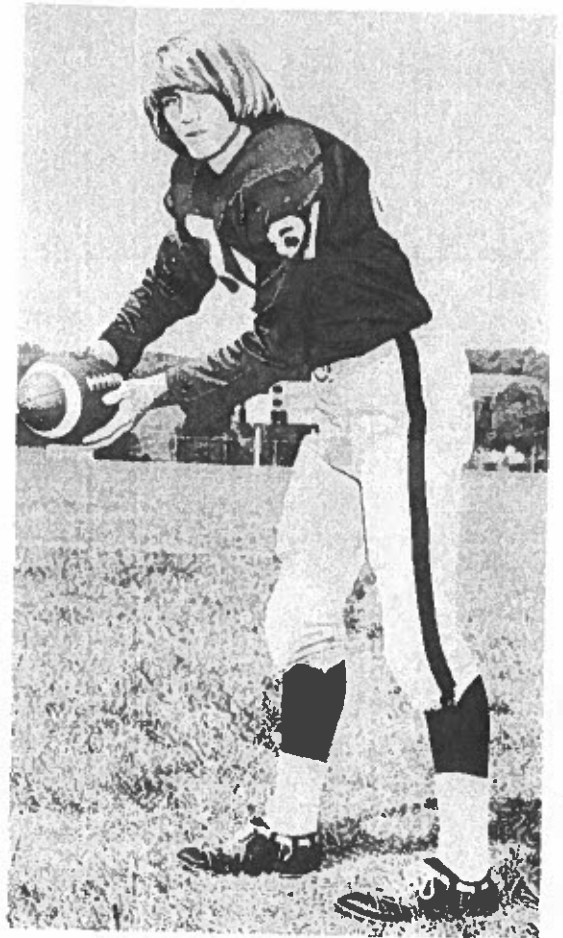
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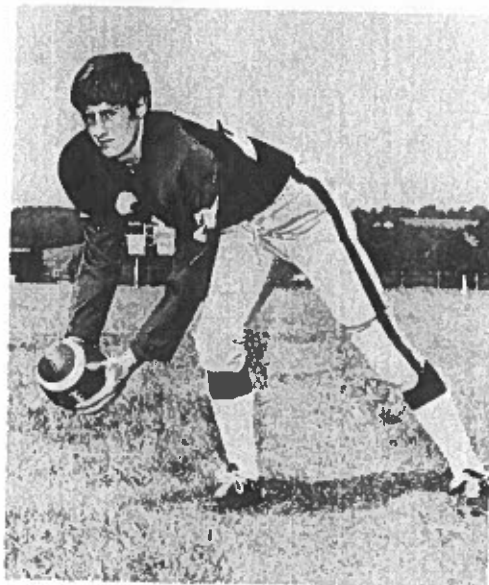
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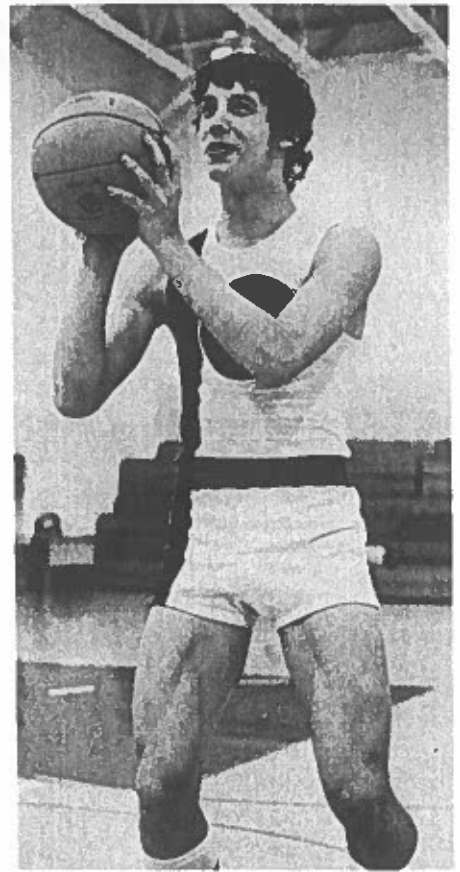
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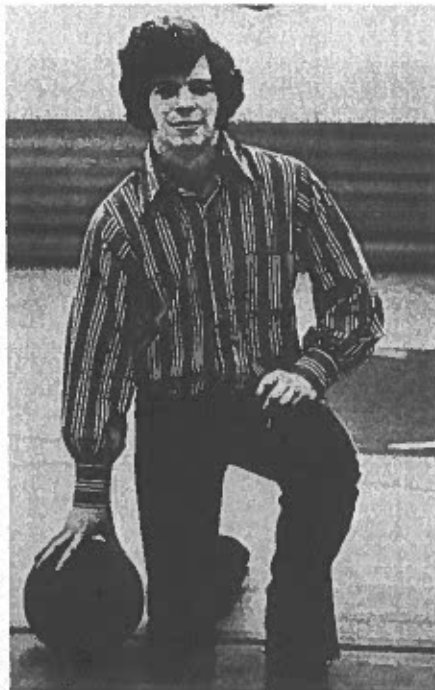
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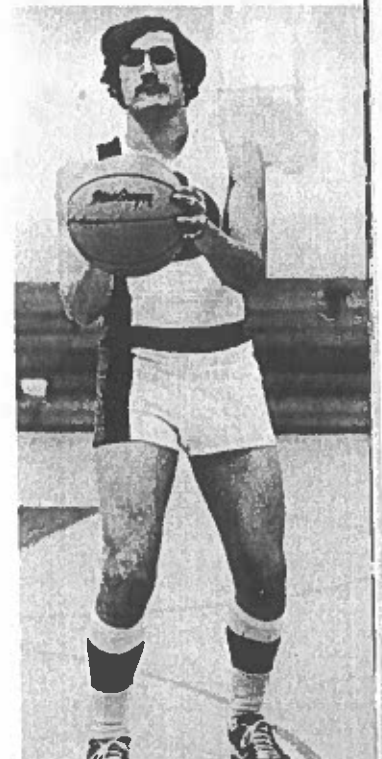
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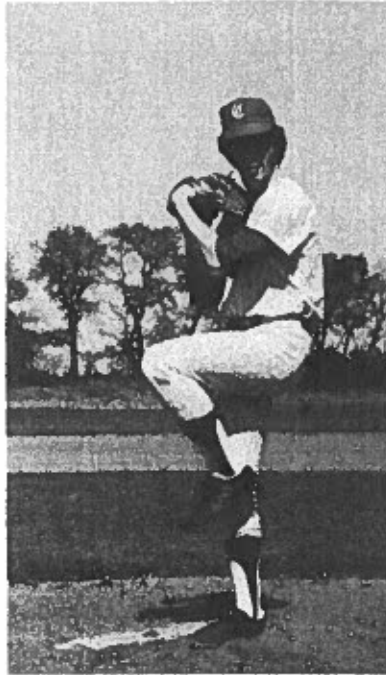
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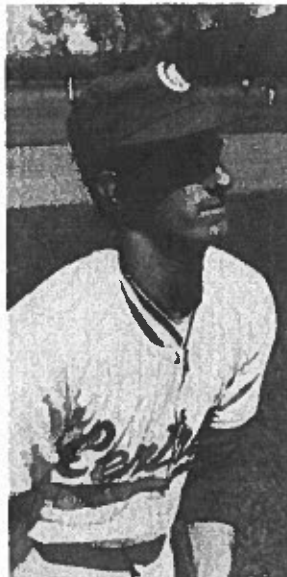


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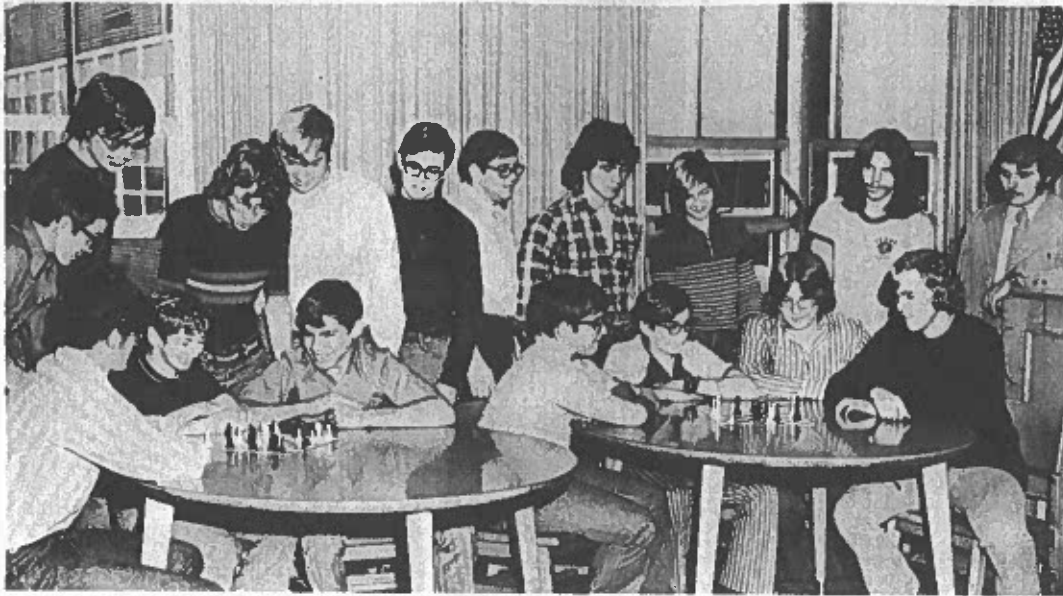
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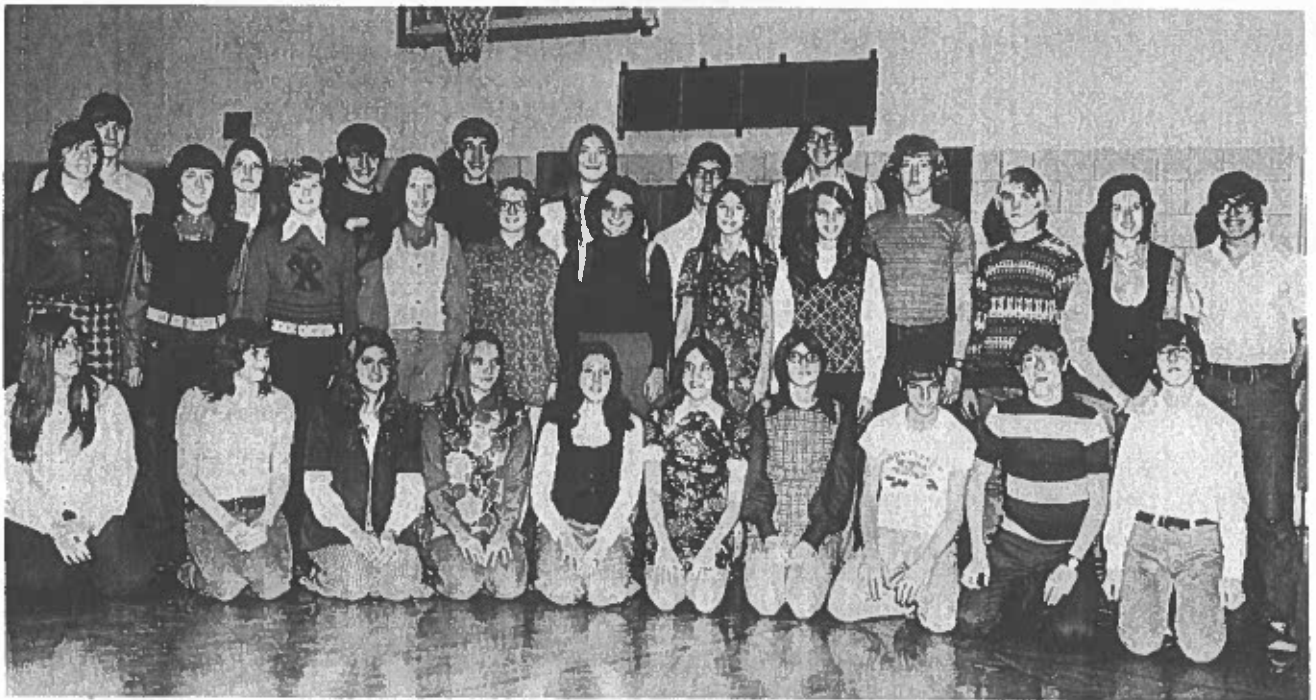
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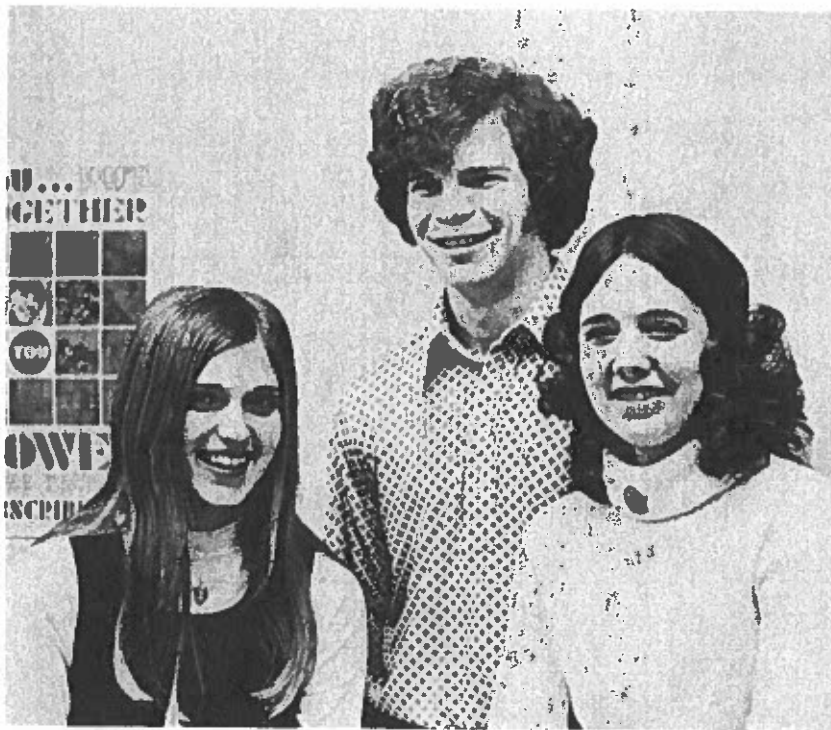
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VARSITY CLUB SENIORS: SEATED, ROW 1 – D. Knorr, C. Mensinger, D. Evans, R. Sitler, B. Gensemer, A. Welch, A. Hess. KNEELING, ROW 2 – D. Jasinski, H. Hock, D. Johnson, C. Reichart, D. Schell. STANDING, ROW 3 – M. Broda, J. McCarthy, J. Williams, P. Schultheis, B. Benjamin, J. Hess, R. Cole, Z. Low, J. Thomas, J. Lehive, M. Kriner, J. Zosh, B. Brandt, D. Worthington, J. Dewalt, M. Cain, S. Satz, R. A. Rupert, M. Karnes, K. Woodring, L. A. Roan.



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Most Versatile

Lou Ann Roan
Mike Broda

Best Dancers

Cindy Perkins
Don Welch



Class Flirts

Darlene Johnson
Don Young





Most Sentimental

**Diana Schell
Jeff Hess**

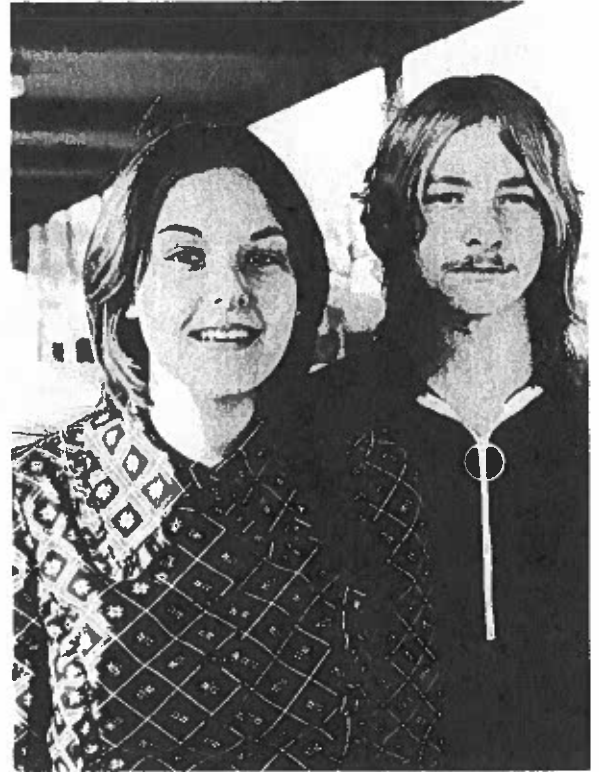
Class Wits

**Cindy Reichart
Joe Zosh**



Most Unconventional

**Lynda Prim
Mark Nazar**



Most Courteous

**Joan Thomas
Rick Kline**





PRESIDENT – Bob Sitrer

VICE-PRESIDENT – Jeff Hess

SECRETARY – Debby Worthington

TREASURER – Mike Broda

CLASS OF 73

In the autumn of 1967, the class of 1973 assembled for the first time, ready and willing to take on the responsibilities and challenges of high school life. We entered the halls of CHS enthusiastically, but soon were overcome by fear and bewilderment of the seemingly complicated system.

That confusing year passed quickly by and, as we entered the eighth grade, we found ourselves thoroughly accustomed to the daily routine and the constant criticism from upperclassmen.

Preparing for our theatrical presentation and organizing the 9th grade party helped to prepare us for the responsibilities of the years to come, as we reached the height of our junior high school years. Our first attempt at acting, "Who's That Knocking at my Door," was successfully presented by the Jr. High Dramatics Club under the direction of Mrs. Devlin. Our Ninth Grade Party was truly "A Time For Us", as it proved to be the pinnacle of our freshman year. Carrying out the romantic theme from ROMEO AND JULIET, the cafeteria was gayly decorated in shades of pink and purple. As our freshman year drew to a close, we found ourselves anxiously anticipating the move downstairs.

As our sophomore year began, we noticed the slower pace and more relaxed atmosphere of senior high school life. One new aspect was electing class officers. Rick Kline, Craig Mensinger, Beth Benjamin, and Bill Lynch were elected as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. The long-awaited ordeal of ordering class rings, planning for the ring dance and receiving our rings finally arrived. "Strawberry Fields Forever", was chosen as the theme for this momentous occasion. The evening proved to be a success as we danced amid flowers and frills of pink and red.

With much hard work ahead of us, we elected officers to guide us through our junior year. They were Bill Lynch, President; Steve Rawlings, Vice President; Kay Rhodes, Secretary; and Rick Kline, Treasurer. The first task to be taken care





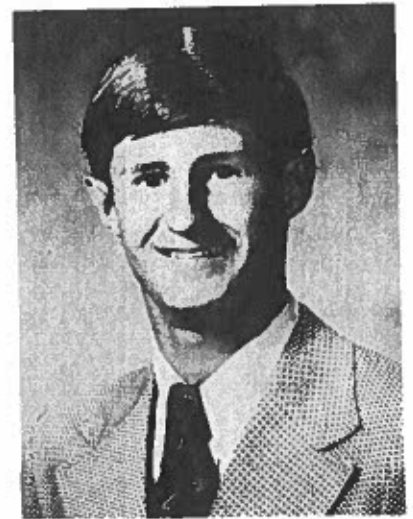
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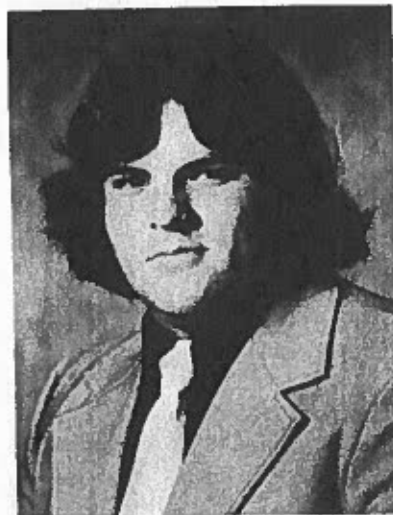
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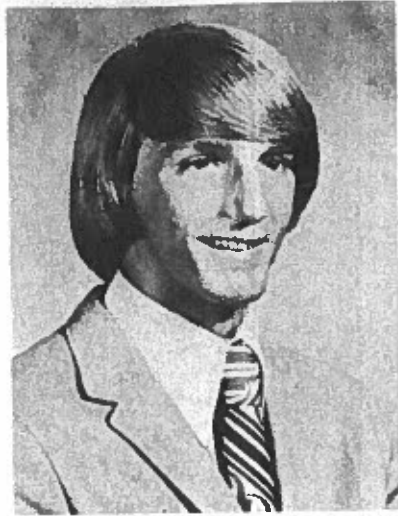
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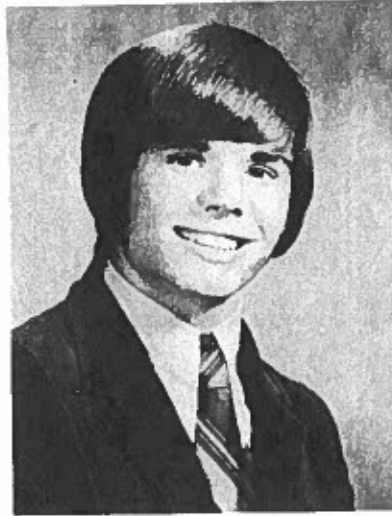
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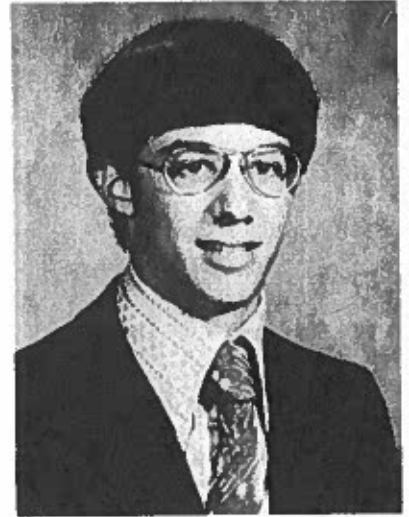
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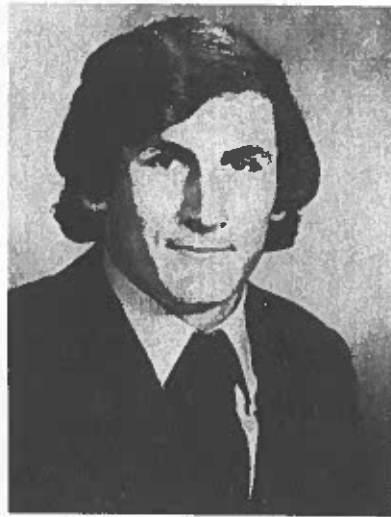
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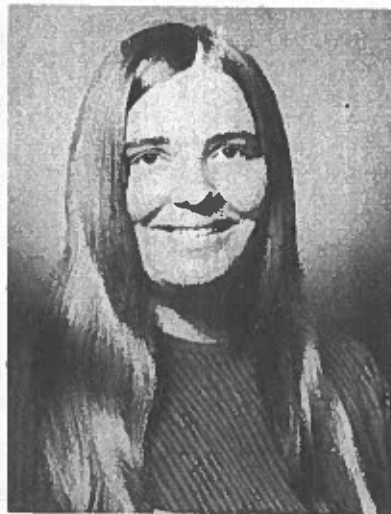
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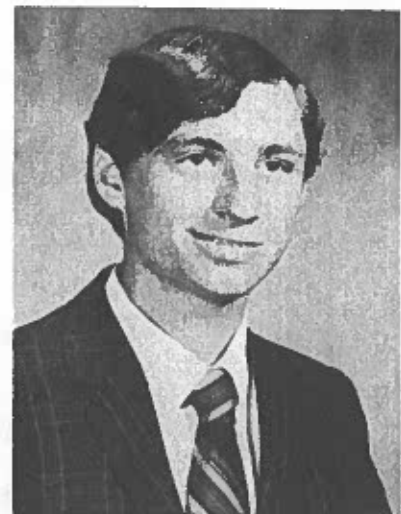
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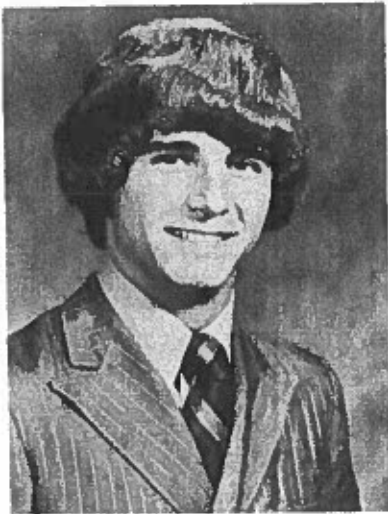
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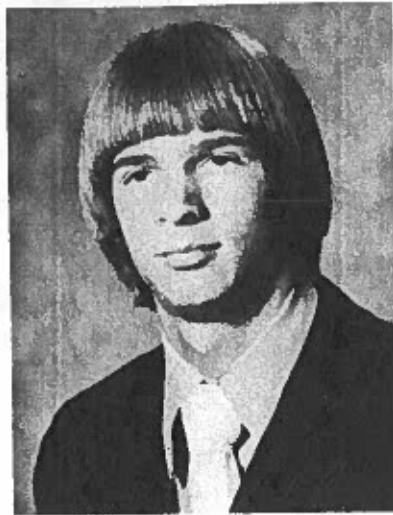
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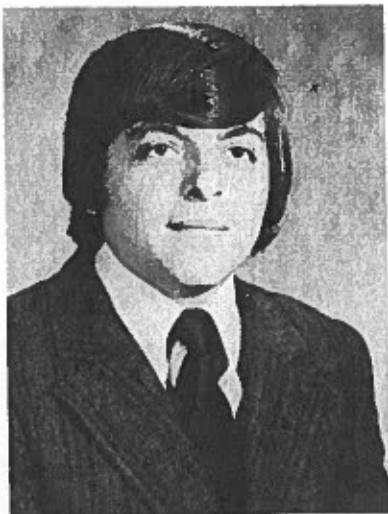
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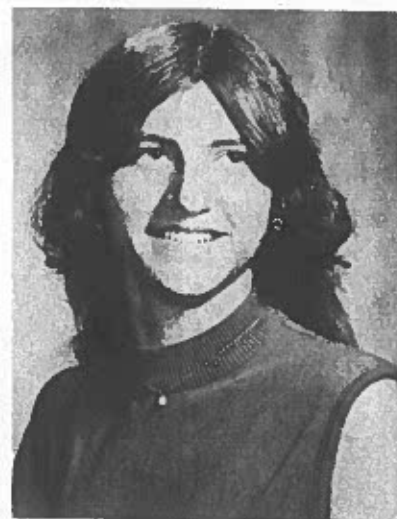
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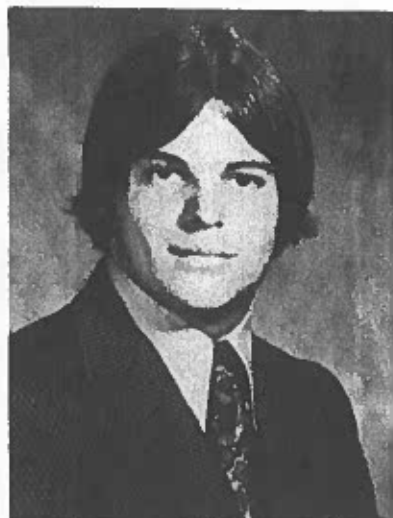
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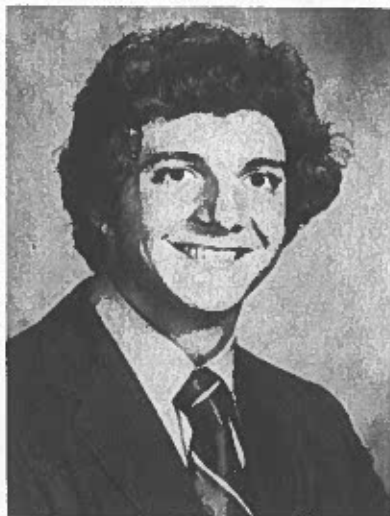
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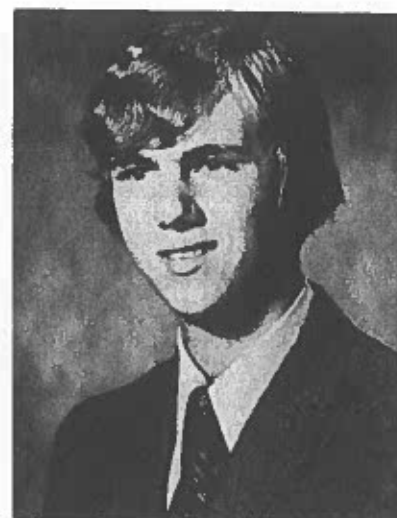
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Blue Jays Need Leader

By SAN PROCOPIO
Eagle Staff Writer

Central Columbia, says coach Donald Engle, could repeat next season as the Columbia County baseball champion as well as District 4 titlist. But . . . the key is he needs a leader.

"We have six of nine starters back," admitted the coach, "but we lose our two leaders (Mike Broda, the league's Most Valuable Player, and Craig Mensinger, an all-star and four-year starter).

"We have good pitching (returning). Hitting is adequate. If we can find a leader, we'll be pretty well off.

"Frankly," he commented, "I don't know who it (the leader) will be."

What concerns the coach, who won the league title two of the last three years, is that this year the Blue Jays didn't have it as easy as it might appear.

quite pleased that a Blue Jay was named the MVP. Two years ago, Paul Hartzell, now a star at Lehigh University, won the league honor for Central.

Broda, who was 7-1 overall last year, posted a 10-1 overall mark this past season, striking out 70, but walking 58.

What kept him out of trouble was the fact that he gave up only 37 hits all year in 79 innings pitched — the best mark of any hurler.

"He has an excellent curve. The best curve ball I've seen in the district. His control problem improves as the weather becomes warmer," said the coach, noting that the righthander had an 0.81 ERA.

Broda, headed for Bloomsburg State College, bats cleanup, playing centerfield when he is not on the mound. He batted at a .380 clip with 27 hits in 71 trips to the plate. Broda knocked in 31 runs.

mark, taking the first half with a perfect 7-0 mark, then finishing in a tie, 6-1, losing the second half playoff to Benton. In the overall playoff with Benton, however, Central came out on top.

Steve Grasley, a 5-10, 160 pound sophomore, was a big surprise. As a freshman on the junior varsity team, he batted a mere .200.

This past year, however, the lefthander slapped 22 hits for a .409 batting average. He had a 5-0 record on the mound, including a win in the league championship game. Grasley came in relief of Broda who had started the playoff game a few days earlier. Grasley throws from the right side.

Freshman Carl DeFelice came on strong, too, for Coach Engle, who pointed out that his shortstop slapped two hits and made several key plays at short in the championship contest.

Brent Bankus, a 5-10, 180

Engle lauds others for his honor, says Broda most deserved MVP

"It's a great honor, especially because you're picked by your own colleagues, but to me it should be a group award rather than an individual one," commented Central Columbia High baseball Coach Don Engle after being recently named Coach of the Year in the Columbia County League.

For Engle, who guided the Blue Jays to their second title in the past three years on a 21-2 record — the most wins ever by a Central team, it marked the second time in three seasons he was picked as the loop's top boss.

"We feel we've developed a first class program at Central," Engle said. "My assistant Jerry Devlin, Irv Post, athletic director Buddy Hartman, principal Hervey Thomas have all contributed much to our team and the award is as much theirs as it is mine. It's the mutual efforts of all that made this team, from the teener program to the jayvees on up to the varsity."

But foremost, Engle praised his athletes, from the boy who just shagged balls all year and rode the bench up to the loop's most valuable player, Mike Broda. "We had approximately 30 kids start with us in early March and they worked diligently on an average of three hours per evening. I think I've coached more talented teams, but never more dedicated or unified than this one."

Engle, who just completed his fifth

year as Blue Jay boss with an outstanding overall record of 73 wins and just 20 setbacks, also praised the groundskeepers who he said, "worked very hard just getting our field in shape with all the rain and recently added top soil we had. They too, like the others, were a contributing factor to our success." The duo was Arnold Davis and Fred Bankus.

Engle never had a losing season and gave the local team its first district title in 10 years with the recent win over always-strong West Snyder. Even at James Buchanan High School where he coached before coming to Central, Engle never lost. He gave the South Penn Conference entry three titles.

Commenting on Broda's recognition as the loop's most valuable player, Engle stated, "He most deserves this honor. He began working after football ended while serving as basketball manager. He worked on the universal gym building himself up, ran a great deal and was dedicated to winning a championship this year."

Engle went on, "Mike's not a natural athlete, like some people are. He has to work a great deal to achieve what he does. He decided his pitching and hitting

had to fulfill a new role this year as a tri-captain and a leader.

"Being a quiet boy, it was difficult for him to assume a leadership role at first. But, as the season progressed he became an excellent leader along with teammate Craig Mensinger and their dual leadership is probably one of the greatest reasons for our success," Engle said.

Engle pointed out Mike's outstanding play all season long but made special note of his super play in the playoffs against Benton, Athens and W. Snyder. Engle pointed out, "His clutch playing against Benton when he hit a 2-run homer and pitched 5 and a third innings of hitless relief ball striking out 12 was just phenomenal. He then came back against Athens with 6 and a third frames of fine ball against a 17-0 team, getting the win with relief help from sophomore Steve Grasley.

"As if that wasn't enough, he came back a third time, pitched 5 and a third against W. Snyder and although Grasley got the win in relief, Mike was most effective. He has only lost two games in two years. His overall record was 15-2, and 9-1 this season. Yes, he deserved it," concluded Engle.



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Central Columbia's Don Engle, (right), voted Coach of the Year in the Columbia County League, chats with one of the stars from his 21-2 team, Mike Broda, (at left) who was also honored by being named the loop's Most Valuable Player. (Staff Photo)



Central feted by Dave's

Members of Central Columbia's District Four and Columbia County League champion baseball team were feted to a spaghetti dinner Wednesday evening at Dave's Seafood, Route 11. Some of those on hand were standing (from left) Jack

Augustine, Jackie Augustine, Dave Carabba, owner of Dave's and sponsor of the dinner; Rod Burkland, Central all-star and Assistant Coach Jerry Devlin. Central players (seated) are Scott Eroh, Jay Dewalt, Rick Kline and Steve Grasley.

(Staff Photo)



Team Leaders

Assistant baseball coach Jerry Devlin, left, and head coach Don Engle, right, pose with team leaders, left to right, Mike Broda and Craig Mensinger, who led Central Columbia High School to a league and District 4 title. Trophies in the foreground, left to right, are the District 4 championship, Columbia County League championship, and the Creasy Memorial award won by Broda and Mensinger for their "leadership, improvement, academic and athletic excellence and citizenship."



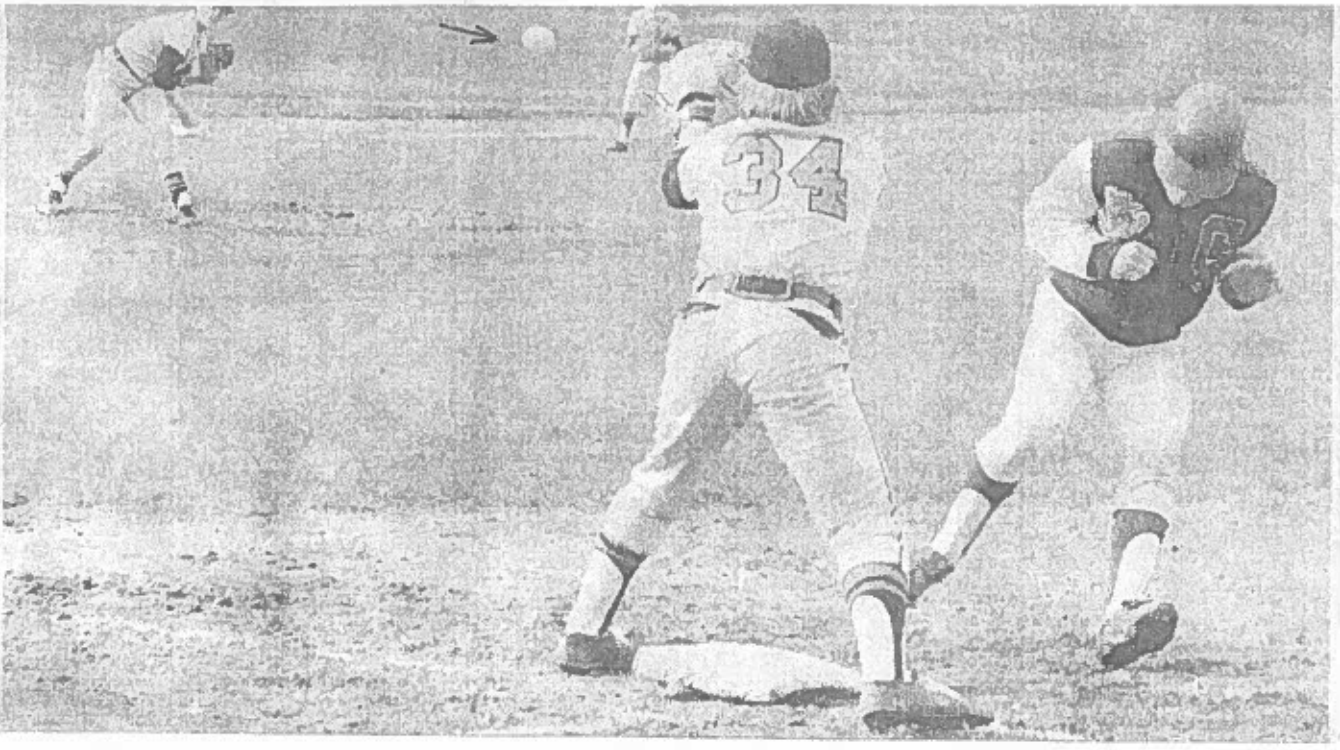
Creasy Memorial Award born

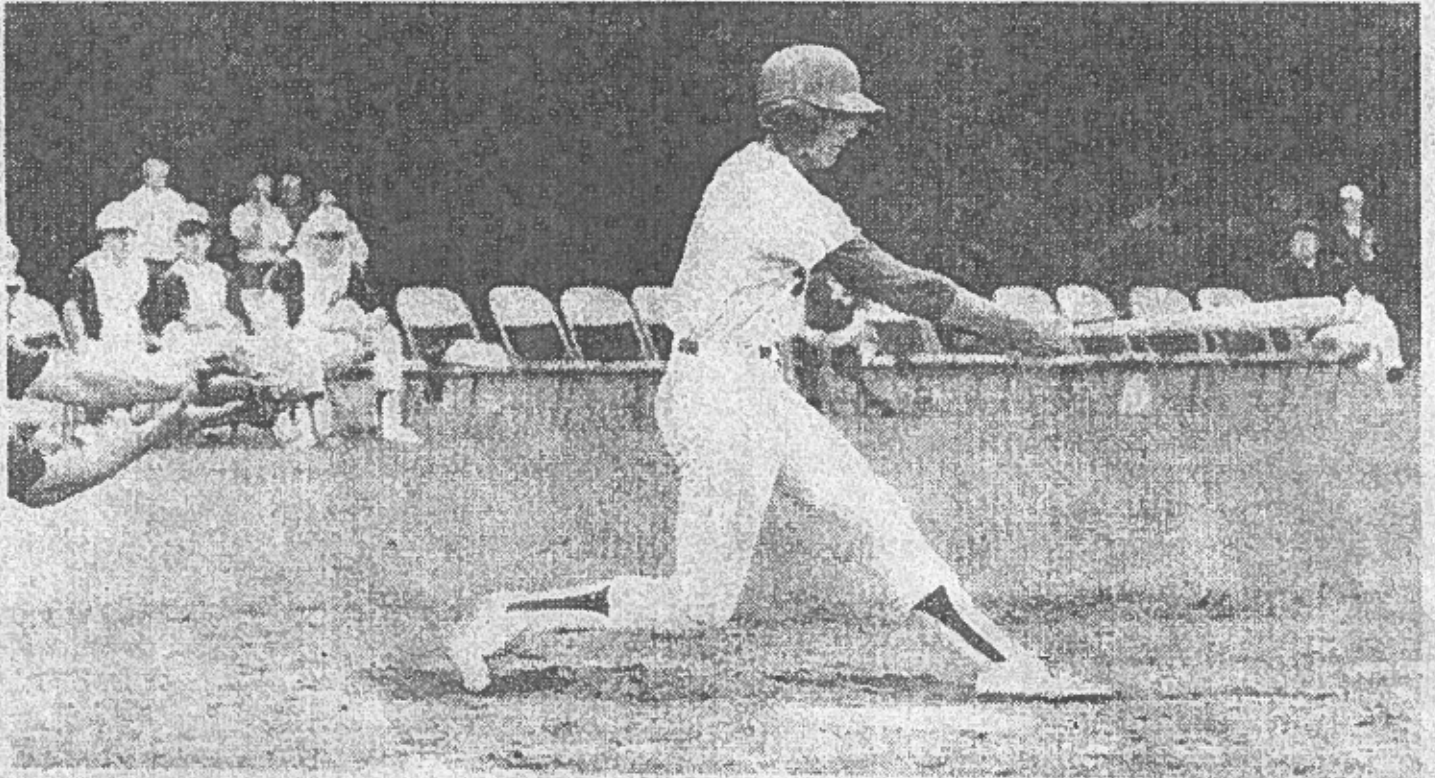
Central coaches (from left) assistant Jerry Devlin, head mentor Don Engle along with tri-captains Rick Kline, Mike Broda and Craig Mensinger display a 24-inch trophy donated by Paul Penles, owners of Con's Supply in Berwick, which will be known as the "William Creasy Memorial Award," to be presented annually to Central baseball player who most exemplifies the ideals the deceased Central coach and teacher stood for. Engle said, "It won't be an MVP award, but more of an award to one who displays improvement, superior attitude and

characteristics of similar nature". Players and coaches are also wearing black arm bands on left arms in memory of John Creasy, who would have played for the Jays this season, his father Bill, former Jay coach, and other two members of the family, wife and mother Nancy, a high school secretary, and son Steven, all of whom died earlier this month in a tragic incident in which deadly carbon monoxide from a faulty furnace filled their home while they were sleeping.

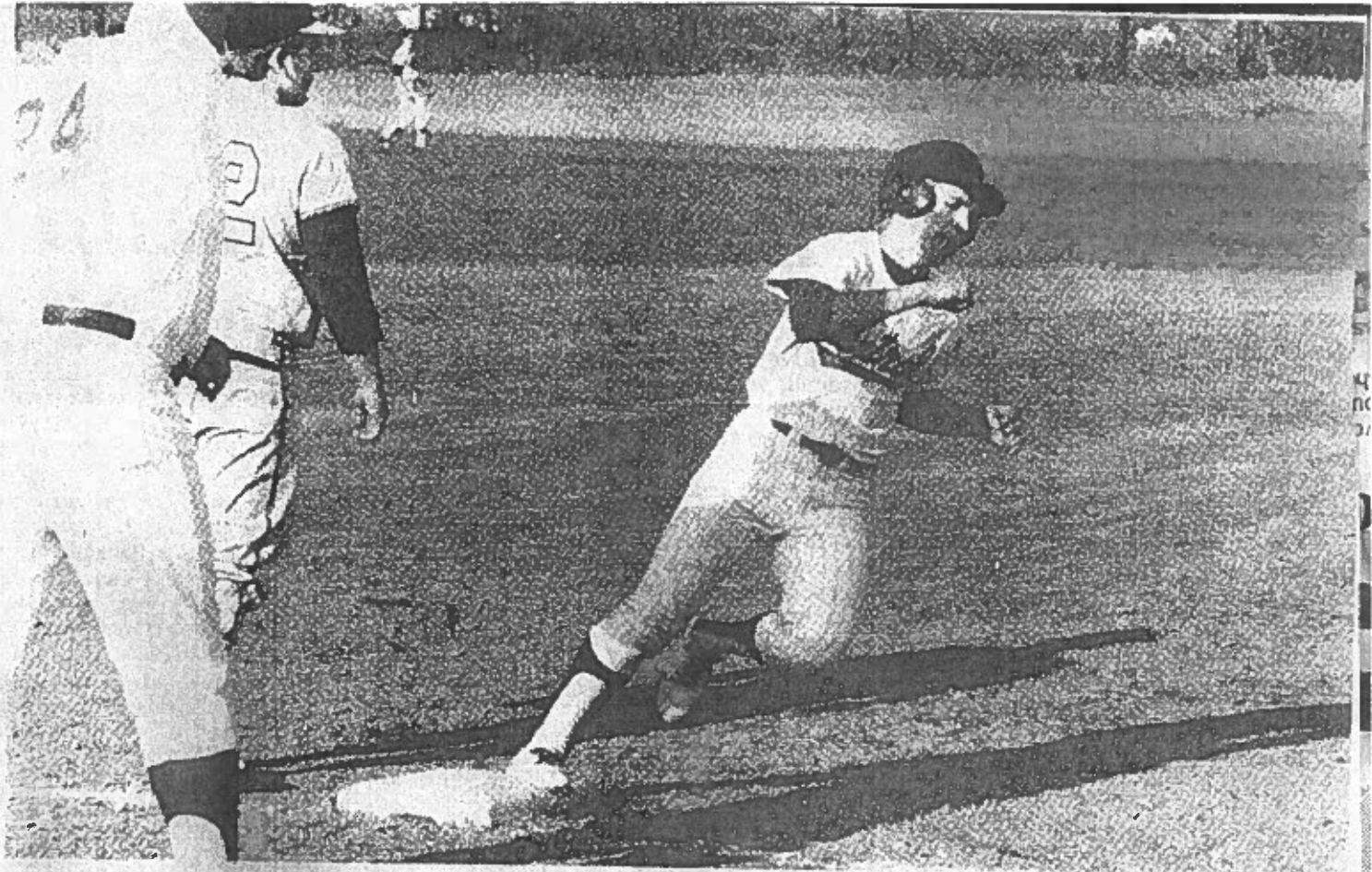
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Carl DeFelice, who had a tough day in the infield with four errors, made up for all of them with this single in the big sixth to help keep alive the rally.

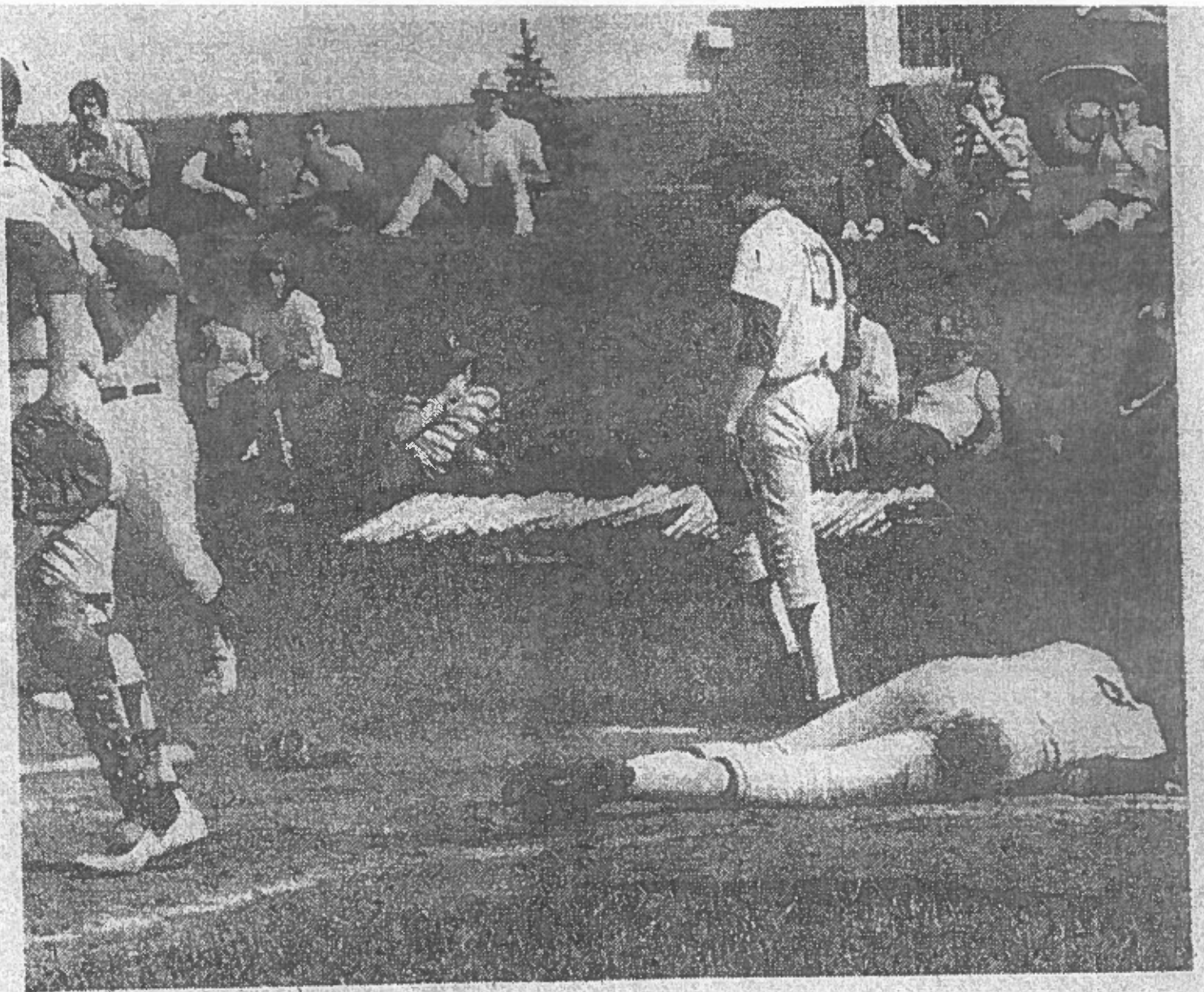


Two more for running Jays

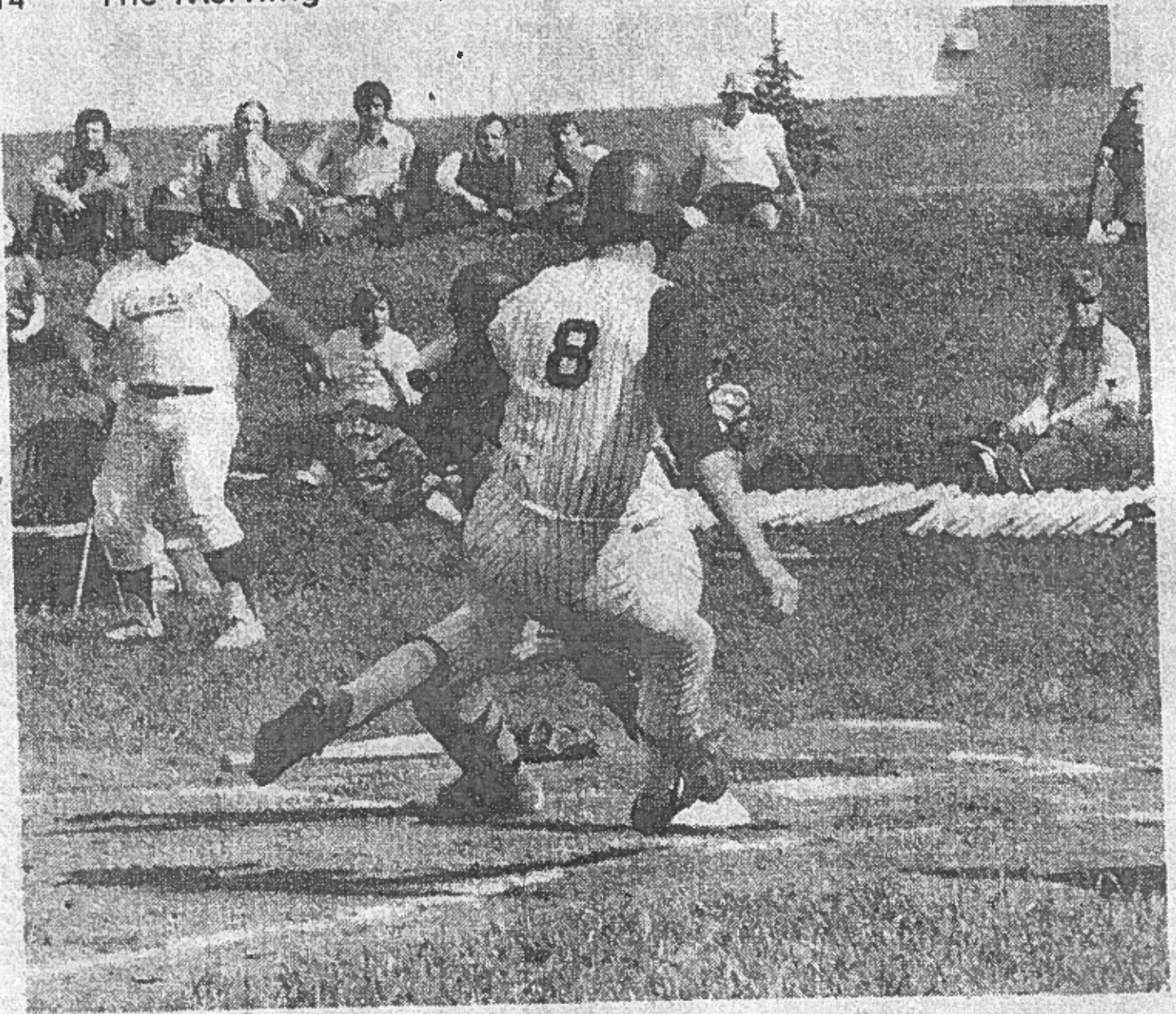
Central continued undefeated by whipping Southern 8-0 yesterday at Central. Leading 4-0, the Blue Jays increased their lead to 6-0 with a pair of runs in the third. In top photo, winning Blue Jay pitcher Mike Broda, who twirled a three-hitter, slides safely into home to score on a wild pitch by Southern pitcher Bob Colosimo (awaiting late throw

at right). Broda tripled to reach base. Ump is Zink, while Central Coach Don Engle looks in from third. In bottom photo, Rod Burkland of Central round third later with the second tally of the inning. He was hit with a pitch and came around to score on a single by Carl DeFelice. SA third baseman is Latsha.

(Staff Photos)



Keir lays along side home plate after Kline held his ground and put the tag on him. Keir hurt his shoulder on the play, but recovered and returned to action. Central player walking away is pitcher Mike Broda (10), who was covering on play.



Bill Keir, son of Athens head coach, Ken Keir, looks as if he is going to make it home past Central catcher, Rick Kline, and despite body english by Blue Jays Coach Don Engle (left), But . . .

Undefeateds Benton, Central defeat Vo-Tech and Nanticoke

Benton ran its unbeaten streak to six by whipping Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech, 10-3 and Central Columbia kept its unblemished record intact by racking up its fourth win, a 14-4, romp over Nanticoke in exhibition action Thursday.

Dean Hess went the distance for Benton, scattering seven hits, for the win and also stole the show offensively with three hits in four trips to the plate, scoring twice. The Tigers had nine safeties with Keith Pennington and Larry Thompson showing two each and teaming for four RBI, while Jeff Watts smacked a double and drove across four tallies. One of Thompson's hits was a two-bagger.

Also, Keller ripped a solo home run for the Tigers and, along with Brewington and Watts, scored twice. Paul Shaffer was the losing hurler and Frey had two hits for Tech. The Rams also got three

RBI from Edwards. The game was originally carded for the Tech field, but conditions forced it to Benton.

Central was forced from its flooded field near the high school and played on Mifflinville's diamond but it didn't affect the Blue Jays hitting or pitching as Rick Kline, Brent Bankus, Mike Broda and Jay Dewalt sparked a 12-hit attack and Broda, with two inning relief help from Carl DeFelice, combined to two-hit the Trojans.

Kline rapped out three hits including a second-inning homer, drove across three runs and scored twice. Bankus had two hits, scored twice and knocked in four tallies, while Broda lined out a pair of hits, including a three-bagger, pushed home four runs and scored twice. Dewalt had two hits and scored twice and Craig Mensinger tallied three times. The game was called after six innings.

The Hazleton at Millville, Berwick at Valley West, West-Side Tech at Northwest, and Shamokin at N. Schuylkill games were all called.

Benton				Vo-Tech					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Keller 2b	5	2	1	1	Smith lf	4	1	0	0
Brewington cf	4	2	1	0	Davis ss	4	0	1	0
Boudman c	5	0	0	0	Edwards cf	3	0	1	3
Thompson ss	5	1	2	2	Shaffer p	3	0	0	0
Watts rf	5	2	1	4	Wozniak 3b	3	0	1	0
Kelsey 3b	5	0	1	1	Probst 2b	3	0	1	0
Pennington lf	4	1	2	2	Roadarmel c	3	0	0	0
Kocher 1b	4	0	1	0	Frey rf	3	1	2	0
Hess p	4	2	3	0	Sittler 1b	3	1	1	0
Totals	41	10	9	10	Shoffler p	0	0	0	0
					Totals	29	3	7	3

Benton	110	014	3—10
Vo-Tech	003	000	0—3
E —	Davis, Edwards, Wozniak, Probst, Bowman;		
PO.A —	Benton, 21-3; Vo-Tech, 21-2; 2B — Thompson, Watts; HR — Keller.		

Central				Nanticoke					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mensinger 2b	2	3	1	0	Pawowski 2b	2	1	0	0
Grasley rf	3	1	1	0	Sagan ss	2	1	1	0
Bankus cf	3	2	2	4	Ravitz 1b	1	1	0	0
Cain 3b	0	0	0	0	Tranell c	2	1	0	0
Broda p	4	3	2	4	Shiffka cf	2	0	0	0
Kline c	4	2	3	3	Wilkes cf	1	0	0	0
Burkland 3b	2	1	1	1	Kavalich rf	2	0	0	0
DeFelice ss.p	2	0	0	0	Simoncavage lf	2	0	0	0
Eroh 1b	2	0	0	0	O'Conner p	1	0	1	2
Ivey 1b	1	0	0	0	Davis 3b	1	0	0	0
Dewalt lf	2	2	2	0	Kellar p	1	0	0	0
Roeder lf	0	0	0	0	Satorski ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	14	12	12	Pincofski ph	1	0	0	0
					Totals	19	4	2	2

Nanticoke	000	040	—4
Central	460	220	—14
3B —	Broda. HR —	Kline. Winning pitcher —	Broda.

Central romps again, 16-1

Central Columbia won its second straight non-league baseball game, 16-1 over North Schuylkill Wednesday at Central, while Benton opened with an 11-5 victory over Montoursville at Montoursville.

And, as was the case in a 17-1 victory over Columbia-Montour Tech on Tuesday, Central received strong pitching. This time Brent Bankus, Carl DeFelice and Steve Grasley combined to hurl a five-hitter.

The major offensive power was provided by Mike Broda, who went 3 for 3 with a triple and four rbis. The Blue Jays came out swinging to score 13 times through three innings.

North Schuylkill's lone run came via a home run off the bat of Muscalus.

Benton used an 8-hit attack that featured a triple and two rbis by Dick Brewington and a home run and two rbis by Dave Keller.

Leading 4-2, the Tigers erupted for five runs in the fourth inning.

In another game, Danville, the defending District 4 champ, got shutout, 3-0, by Line Mountrain.

Central		N. Schuylkill	
	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
Mensger, 2b	1 2 1 0	Sikora, ss	3 0 0 0
Adams, 2b	1 0 0 0	B. Smith, 2b,p	2 0 0 0
Roeder, lf	2 1 0 0	Horn, p	0 0 0 0
Dewalt, lf	2 1 1 2	J. Smith, p	1 0 0 0
Karns, lf	1 0 0 0	Cairo, p	2 0 0 0
R. Kline, lf	0 0 0 0	Brennan, 3b	0 0 0 0
Bankus, p	1 2 0 1	Burcin, 1b,3b	2 0 1 0
Cain, ss	1 0 0 0	Mensinger, 1b	1 0 0 0
Martinez, ss	0 0 0 0	Muscalus, c	3 1 2 1
Broda, cf	3 2 3 4	Reinohl, lf	2 0 0 0
M. Morucci, cf	0 0 0 0	Wetzel, lf	1 0 1 0
Kremer, cf	0 0 0 0	Sausser, cf	2 0 0 0
Kline, c	4 0 2 2	Cleavis, cf	1 0 1 0
Mills, c	0 0 0 0	Heckard, rf	2 0 0 0
Burkland, 3b	1 2 0 0	Weiry, rf	1 0 0 0
Bittbder, pr	0 1 0 0	Jones, 1b	1 0 0 0
Comstock, ph	1 0 0 0	Llewelyn, 2b	1 0 0 0
DeFelice, ss,p	3 1 2 1	Lauderman, 2b	0 0 0 0
Crawford, ph	1 0 0 0	Totals	25 1 5 1
Ivey, 1b	0 2 0 0		
Eroh, 1b	2 1 0 0		
Grasley, lf	1 1 0 0		
Snyder, lf	1 0 0 0		
Doyle, lf	0 0 0 0		
S. Morucci, ph	1 0 0 0		
Talanca, p	0 0 0 0		
Totals	27 16 9 10		

N. Schuylkill
Central
E—Sikora 2, Brennan, Sausser, Lauderman. PO—
A—NS 18 7, Central 21 4. LOB—NS 4, Central 3. SB—
Roeder, Broda, Kline, Burkland 2, Ivey, 2b—Mus-
calus. 3b—Broda. HR—Muscalus. SAC—Mensinger,
Muscalus.

Blue Jays fly high

In Columbia County exhibition baseball action Thursday afternoon, Central Columbia's Blue Jays continued their winning ways with a 6-1 decision over Montoursville, while the Panthers of Bloomsburg dropped one to Warrior Run, 8-7.

For the Blue Jay baseball machine of coach Don Engle, the win was the third without a loss in the exhibition season, while Bloomsburg has yet to win.

CENTRAL GAME

Central trailed Montoursville for three innings, but, behind strong offensive efforts by Mike Broda and Brent Bankus, came back with five runs in the fourth and fifth innings for the five-run victory, with sophomore hurler Steve Grasely picking up the win.

Broda and Bankus had two hits and two runs-batted-in apiece for the winners, with one of Broda's clouts a triple. Senior Craig Mensinger added a bunt single and Carl DeFelice, a freshman, contributed a single to the Blue Jay offensive thrust.

Broda was outstanding on the mound as well, as he pitched the last four innings of the game, giving up no runs, while yielding only three hits, walking but one man, and striking out three.

Batting for the home-standing Montoursville club in the bottom of the first inning, Heaps singled to right field, Mowery forced him out at second, and Logue went to first on an error. Murray doubled to score Mowery, and Montoursville had a 1-0 lead.

Then, the comeback kids from Central went to work. Batting in the top of the fourth inning, Brent Bankus, reached first on a walk, and Broda tripled, scoring Bankus. Then a sacrifice fly by Rick Kline scored Broda, and the Jays held a 2-1 margin.

With Central at bat again in the top of the fifth, Scott Eroh walked and reached second base on a wild pitch. Jeff Dawalt popped out and Mensinger bunted safely, moving Eroh to third. Mensinger then stole second base and, after Grasely reached first on error by the Montoursville shortstop, the Jays had the bases loaded.

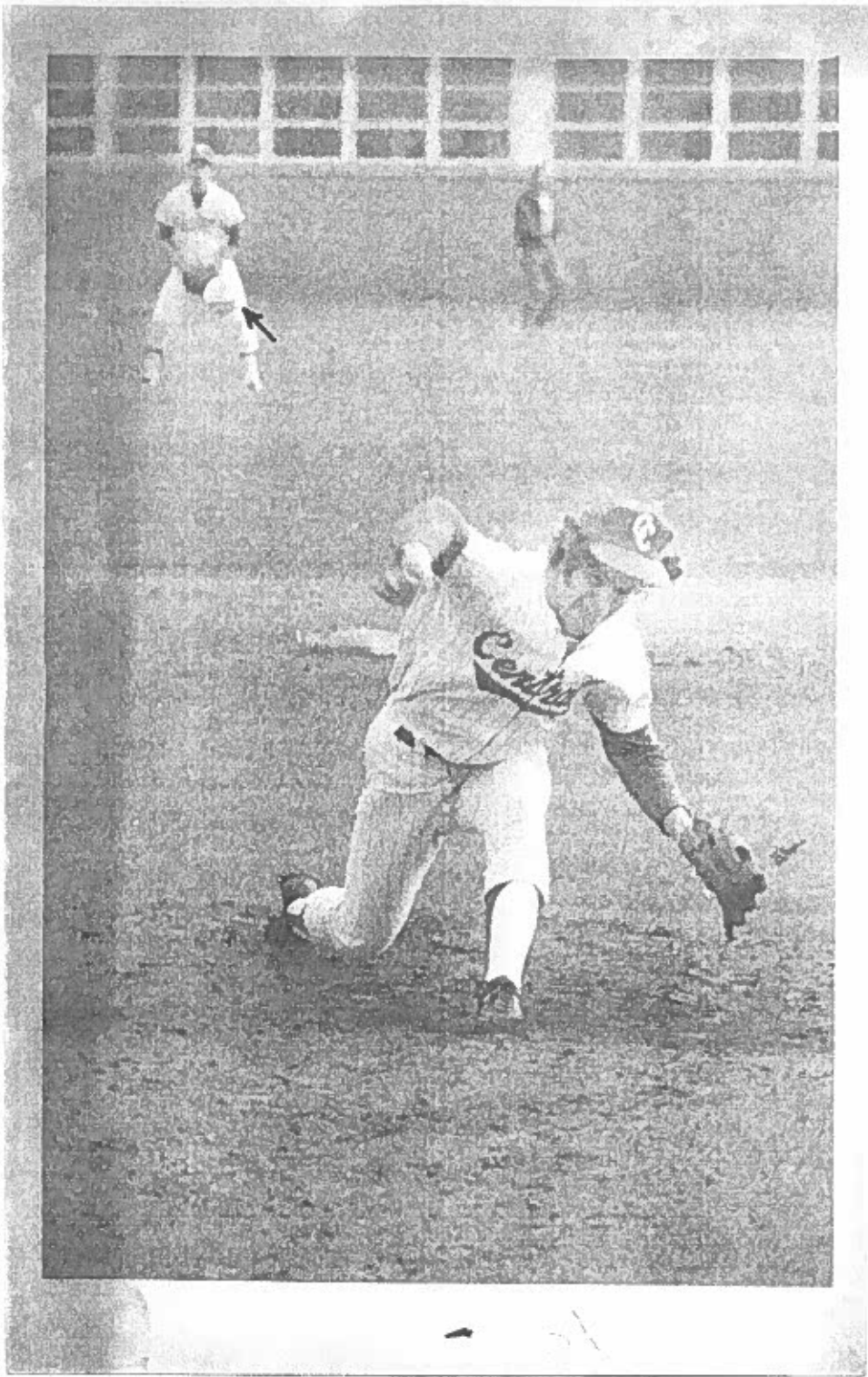
Then Bankus, a junior, came up with his second hit of the outing, scoring Eroh and Mensinger and bringing Broda back to the plate.

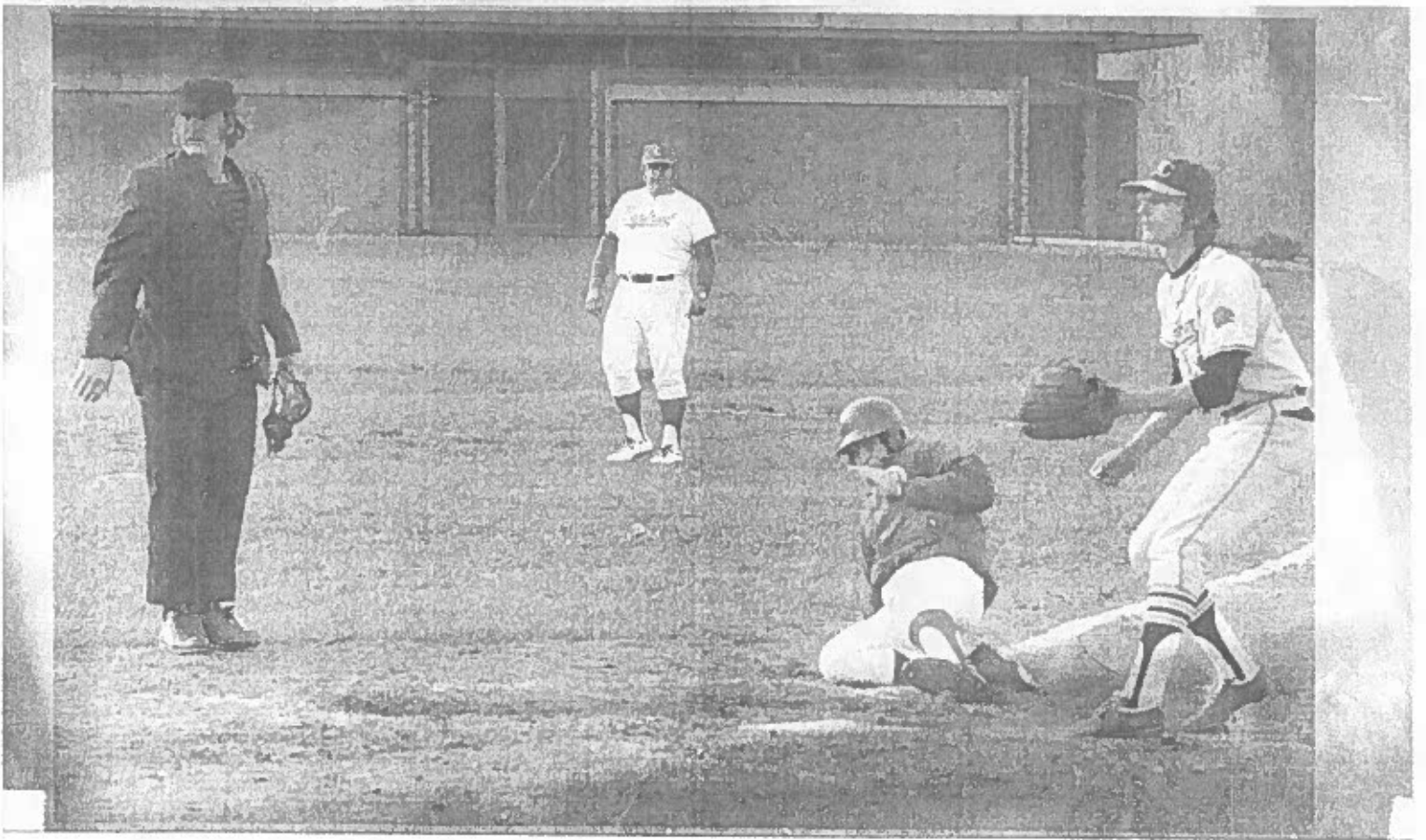
Broda, a senior, followed suit with his

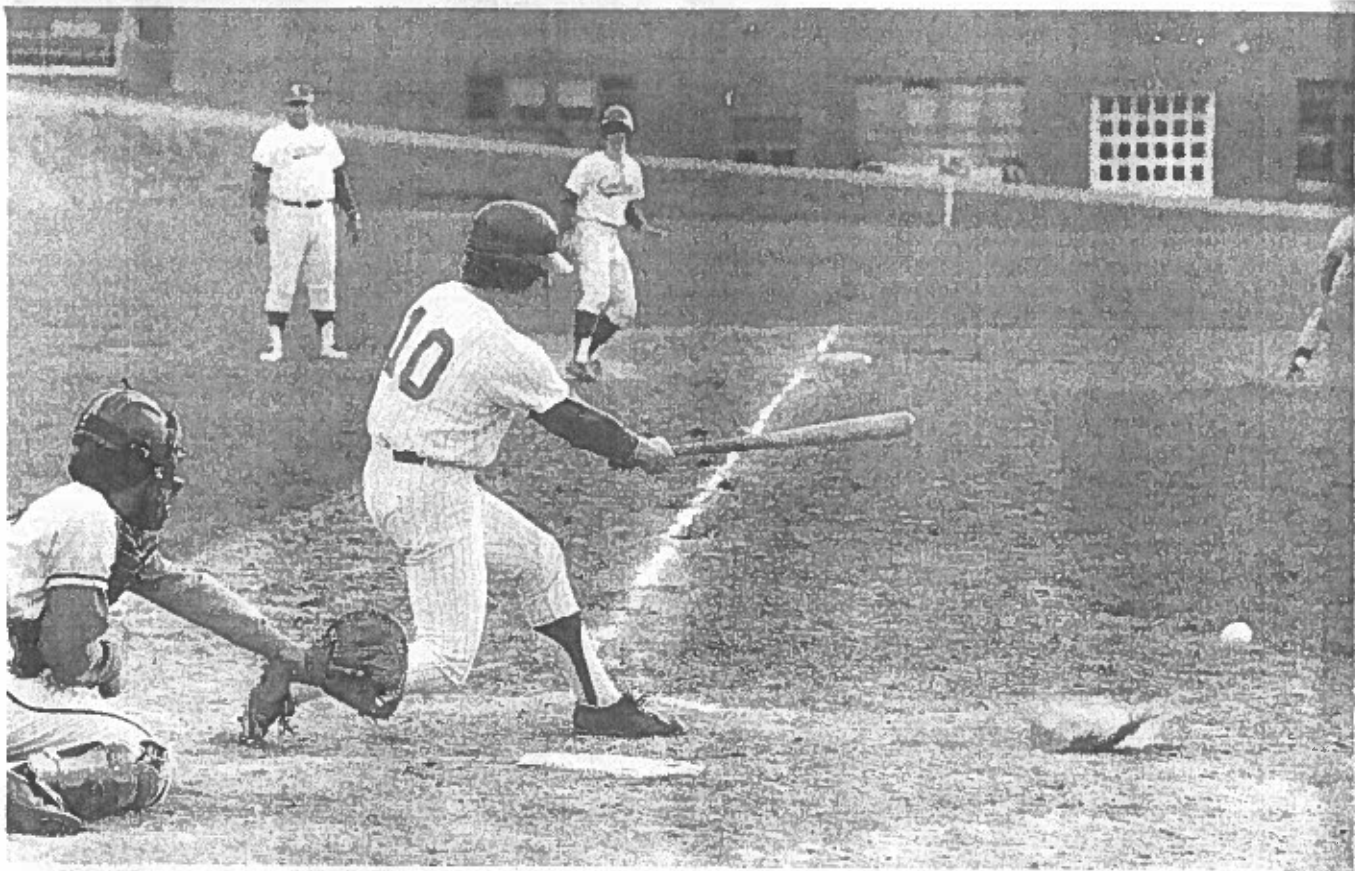
second hit of the contest, pushing Grasely across for his second RBI.

Later, in the top of the seventh inning, Bankus singled, stole second base, went to third on a pass ball, the catcher overthrew third and Bankus crossed the plate, scoring Central's final run.

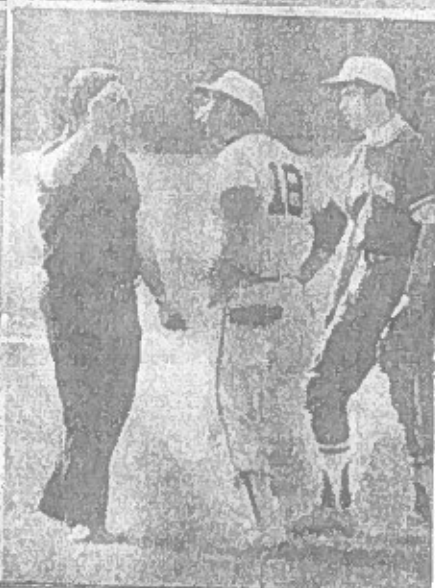
Central will be in action again Monday afternoon as they host West Hazleton in a four o'clock encounter.



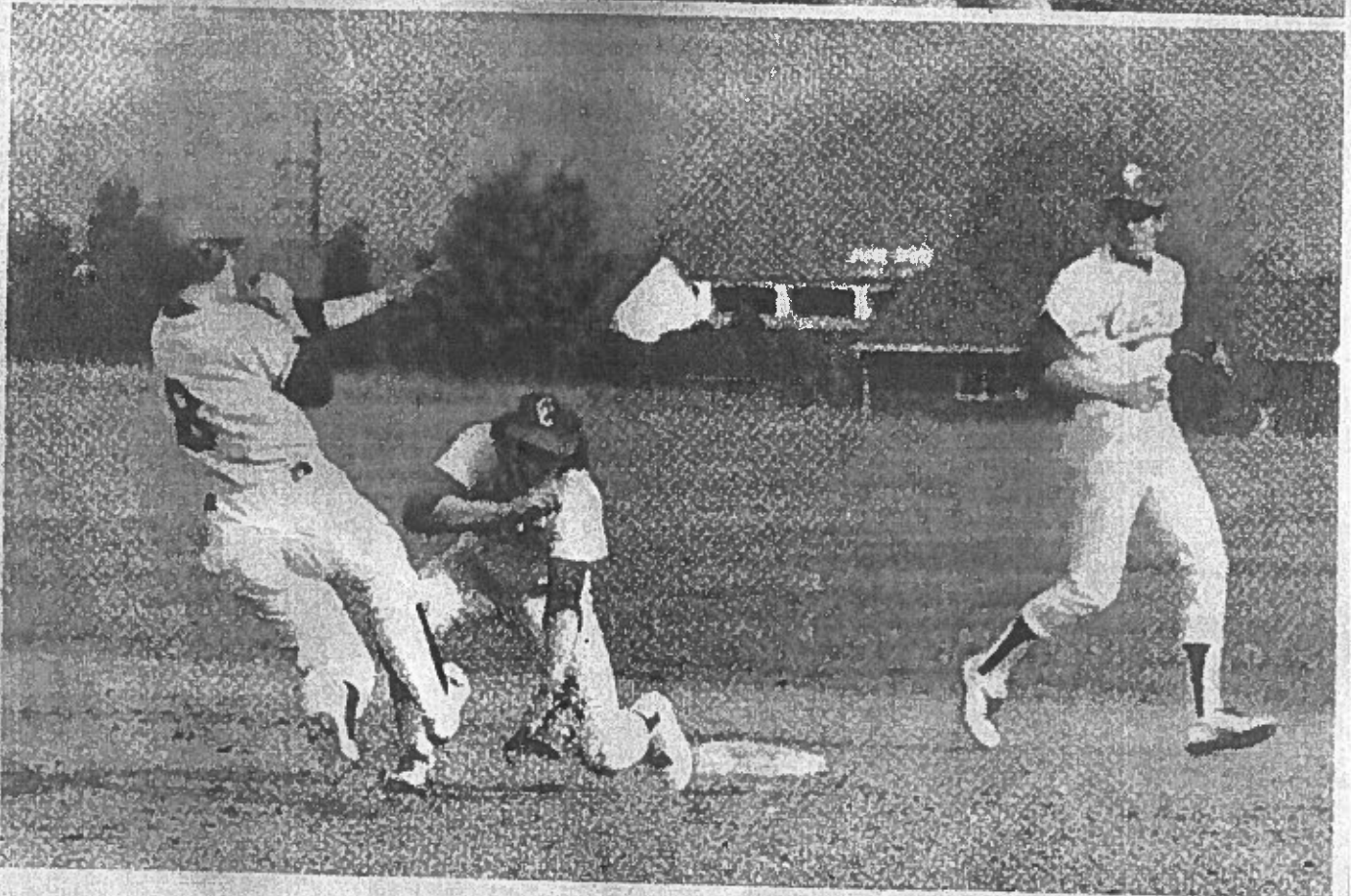




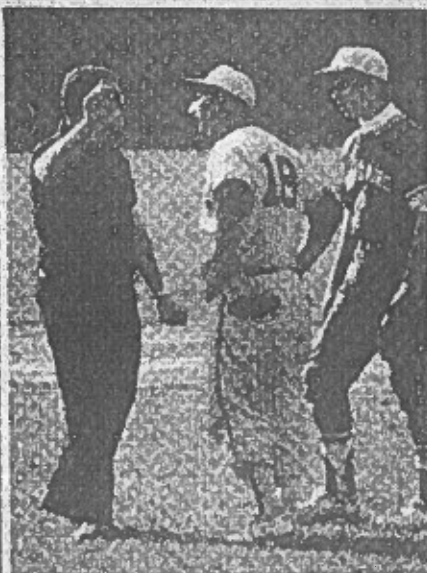
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Jays blank K-9s



Defense at work



Central scored key 4-3 win over Bloomsburg in Columbia County League Tuesday. Winning pitcher Mike Broda accounted for 3 runs on a homer with 2 mates aboard in first inning. He's shown hitting home plate in top photo beyond outstretched glove of Panther catcher, Dan Ottaviani. At bottom left Steve Grasley of Central (2) slides safely into second under tag by Bob Babb as Rod Lenhart looks on. At right Bloom Coach John Babb argues the safe call on play with umpire George Curry, Berwick football coach. Babb lost argument and Grasley later stole third and scored what proved to be winning run. (Staff Photos)

Bloom KOed by Central, 4-3

First-half champion Central Columbia received an outstanding hitting and pitching performance from Mike Broda to knock Bloomsburg from the second-half Columbia County League race, 4-3, and pulled a half-game behind leader Benton.

Playing on their home diamond, the Blue Jays — winners by a 1-0 score over Bloom in the first half — scored three in the first on a home run by Broda and added the winning run in the third.

Broda gave up single runs in the third, fifth and sixth, but worked out of jams in the second and fourth and left the potential tying run on base in the seventh to log his sixth consecutive victory with-

out a setback.

In the opening stanza Craig Mensinger walked and Steve Grasley singled. After Brent Bankus lined out and the base runners pulled off a double steal, Broda tagged losing pitcher, Ken Heydenreich, for the round tripper.

Central threatened in the second when Scott Eroh led off with a triple, but was called out trying to tag on Jay Dewalt's sacrifice fly to left when he left the base too soon. Bloom also threatened in the second when Mike Yoder tripled to start the inning, but Broda retired three.

Bloomsburg chipped away at the 3-0 Central advantage with a run in the third. With two outs, John Long walked, stole second, took third on Bob Babb's single and scored on an error by Broda.

Central answered with a run in its half of the inning, however, Steve Grasley singled and two outs later scored on the Bloom catcher's error after stealing third base.

Trailing 4-1, Bloomsburg left a runner stranded on second in the fourth, but got one home in the fifth. "Corky" Busch walked with one out, took second on a sacrifice bunt by John Long and scored on Babb's single.

The final Panthers tally came in the sixth after Broda fanned the first two batters. Dan Ottaviani singled and pinch runner Moyer went to second on a passed ball. After Rod Lenhart drew a

free ticket Heydenreich singled home Moyer. With two runners aboard, Broda enticed Lenhart to ground-out to end the frame.

Sporting the slim one-run lead, 4-3, Broda put the first Bloom batter on in the seventh by issuing a walk to Long, but got Babb to pop out, Yoder to hit into a fielder's choice and John McHenry to pop out to first to end the game and Bloom's season.

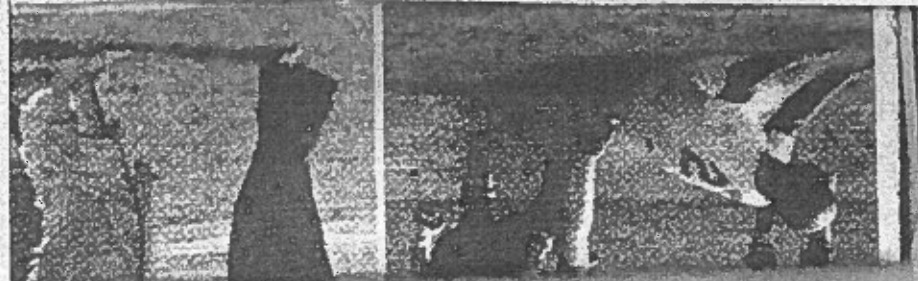
Central showed one more hit, 7 to 6,

with Grasley and Rod Burkland peeling the way with two each. For Bloom, Moyer had two hits. Broda struck out three Panthers along the way and walked one.

Central is 5-1 and hosts Northwest Columbia's crucial makeup game Thursday. Benton has completed its second-half card with a 6-1. A Central win would mean a tie for the second-half title and a Central loss would give it to Benton. Bloom enters the second half play with a 5-2 mark and is going 4-3 in the first.

Bloomsburg		Central	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Busch cf	3 1 0 0	Mensinger 2b	1 1 0 0
Long rf	2 1 0 0	Grasley rf	3 2 2 0
Babb 2b	4 0 2 1	Bankus cf	3 0 0 0
Yoder lf	4 0 1 0	Broda p	3 1 1 3
McHenry 1b	3 0 0 0	Kline c	1 0 0 0
Fornwald 3b	3 0 1 0	Burkland 3b	3 0 2 0
Ottaviani c	3 0 1 0	DeFelices	2 0 0 0
Moyer pr	0 1 0 0	Eroh 1b	2 0 1 0
Lenhart ss	2 0 0 0	Dewalt lf	2 0 1 0
Heydenreich p	3 0 1 1	Totals	20 4 7 3
Lapchak pr	0 0 0 0		
Totals	27 3 6 2		

Bloomsburg	001	011	0-3	6	2	
Central	301	000	x-4	7	1	
E — Broda, Ottaviani, Lenhart. PO A — Bloom 18-11, Central 21-5. DP — Yoder to Ottaviani, Busch to Babb to McHenry. LOB — Bloom 5, Central 2. 2B — Burkland. 3B — Eroh, Yoder. HR — Broda. SB — Mensinger, Grasley (3), Kline, Long, Babb, Lapchak.						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Broda (W)	7	6	3	2	5	8
Heydenreich (L)	6	7	4	2	4	0
WP — Broda 1, PB — Kline 1. U — Glazinski and Curry. T—2 hrs S—Post.						



Central revs late, scores 7 in sixth to shock Athens, 7-6

Looking down the barrel of a season-ending shot, Central Columbia erupted for seven runs in the sixth to overcome a 4-0 deficit and then held on through a rocky seventh to pull out a 7-6 District Four semi-final win over Athens Tuesday at LaPorte.

The Central win, played in heavy rainfall during the fourth and fifth stanzas and a light drizzle thereafter, catapulted the Blue Jays of Coach Don Engle, Columbia County League kings, into the D-4 championship game against West Snyder Friday at Bowman Field in Williamsport. Time has not yet been determined.

Central's Mike Broda and loser Jim Farr had been sailing along for five innings in one of the strongest pitcher's duel seen this campaign, but it ended for the Jay chucker in the sixth.

Bill Keir, who scored two of the losers' tallies, reached base on an error by Central shortstop Carl DeFelice, one of four miscues committed by the Jay freshman, and later scored on a fielders choice, off a Texas League blooper by Paul Gilbert fell in. Dale Swingle drew a walk and after both runners advanced on a wild pitch, Dennis Blaire smashed a three-run homer to deep left for a 4-0, seemingly unsurmountable, lead.

However, Central — aptly nicknamed "The Cardiac Kids" for their ability to remain cool under pressure and knack of pulling off one-run victories, stung right back in the bottom half of the frame, only harder.

Farr started the inning showing the complete control he had over the Central sticks ball game by fanning Rick Kline. But, he walked Rod Burkland and Carl DeFelice and then Scott Eroh teed off on a fast ball and sent it to deep left center

for a double, scoring Burkland, and sending DeFelice to third. DeFelice then scored on a passed ball by Athens' catcher, Dave Ball — one of three he let get by him — and Eroh took third.

After junior Barry Roeder drew a free pass, leadoff batter, senior Craig Mensinger, drilled a pitch to deep short for a hit allowing Eroh to score with the third run of the frame. On the same play, the Athen's shortstop, Gilbert, overthrew first and opened the door for Roeder and the fourth run with Mensinger taking second.

Steve Grasley kept things going and worked a walk and Brent Bankus stepped to the dish, hitless in three previous appearances, and laced a double to deep center sending Mensinger across the plate with the fifth and go-ahead run. With runners on second and third, Mike Broda who was the hero in the Jays CC title win over Benton in their last outing and who had fanned against Farr in three other attempts, smashed a single driving home both Grasley and Bankus with the sixth and seventh runs.

Batting around, Kline fanned for the second time in the inning, and with Broda on second, Burkland drew his second walk of the stanza, one of four he worked for the day. But, DeFelice grounded out to end the rally.

Broda, who had put runners on in each of the first four innings and had worked out of trouble before being tagged in the sixth, had a 7-4 advantage and started the last inning by whiffing Glen Shores, Athens' leadoff man.

But, the senior righthander walked Keir, Farr and Gilbert to load the bases. Swingle reached base on another error by DeFelice which let both Keir and

Farr score. Blaire, who had hurt Broda with his 3-run homer the inning before, walked to reload the sacks as the Athens club trailed by just a run and only one man was out.

Central catcher Kline allowed a pitch by reliever, Grasley, to get by him but recovered quickly and heaved a bullseye to the Jay hurler covering the plate and they got the sliding Gilbert trying to score the tying run. Grasley then walked Bob Carl to fill the bases again and ran the count full, 3-2, to Larry Shaffer before he got him to line out to Roeder for the final out. Roeder was subbing for the injured, regular Jay Dewalt.

Craig Mensinger, the Blue Jays stellar second baseman, received a head injury when taken out on a double play attempt midway through the game. Coach Engle reported his status for Friday's game is unknown. Meanwhile, the Jays' left-fielder, Jay Dewalt who is one of loop's top 10 hitters along with Mensinger, will definitely be out of the lineup Friday Engle says. Dewalt suffered a broken jaw in the title win over Benton and underwent surgery Monday.

On the brighter side for Central, Tuesday's win over Athens was the 20th this season and is the most ever by the school in a single campaign. The Jays are now 20-2. Two years ago when Central won the CC title, it finished with a 19-3 mark.

The loss snapped a 15-game win streak for the Susquehanna Valley, Interscholastic League champions.

During the fourth and fifth innings, where neither team scored, the rain was heavy but officials decided to continue, making every effort to get the game in. It tapered off in the sixth where all the action took place and held the slow

drizzle until the end of the contest.

Central threatened in the second, third and fifth innings but couldn't draw the initial blood and the losers, who had men on in every inning but the fifth, had a man nailed at home in the first inning on a fine throw by outfielder Roeder and a strong relay by Rod Burkland.

West Snyder, with virtually the same team it had last season when it won its league, lost to Berwick 3-2 in a district semi-final last year. Berwick was beaten by Danville, which failed to make the post-season tournament this year, in the 1972 final. West Snyder last won the district in 1970, beating Berwick 5-4 in the final. Berwick was the last CC club to win a D-4 crown, in 1968, beating Sayre 3-1 in the finale.

The Blue Jays, who stole five bases as compared to just one by the losers, placed all but two men in the hit column and one of those two, Burkland, was on base all four times he stepped to the plate via walks. The other, Roeder, drew three free passes and each scored a run. Central outhit the losers, seven to five.

Athens				Central						
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Shores 3b	4	0	0	0	Mensinger 2b	3	1	1	1	
Keir cf	2	2	1	0	Grasley rf p	3	1	1	0	
Farr p	3	1	1	0	Bankus cf r	4	1	1	1	
Gilbert ss	3	1	1	1	Broda p cf	4	0	1	2	
Swingle 2b	2	1	0	2	Kline c	4	0	1	0	
Blaire lf	3	1	1	3	Burkland 3b	0	1	0	0	
Carl if	3	0	0	0	DeFelice ss	3	1	1	0	
Shaffer 1b	3	0	0	0	Eroh 1b	3	1	1	1	
LeVring pr	0	0	0	0	Roeder	0	1	0	0	
Ball c	3	0	1	0	Totals	24	7	7	5	
Totals	26	4	5	6						
Athens					000	004	2-6	5	2	
Central					000	007	x-7	7	4	
E — DeFelice 4, Shores, Gilbert, P.O.A — Athens, 1B 4, Central 7 10; LOB — Athens 8, Central 9 2B — Bankus, Eroh, HR — Blaire, SB — Keir, Mensinger, Bankus, Kline, Burkland, DeFelice.										
					1P	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Farr (L)					6	7	7	6	9	13
Broda (W)					6	13	5	6	1	7
Grasley					2	3	0	0	0	1
HPB — Mensinger (by Farr), WP — Farr, Broda, PB — Ball 3, Kline, U — Haynes and Higgins, S — Irv Post, T — 2 50										

Broda top pitcher, Gregory best batter

Central wins District 4 championship

For the first time since 1968, the District 4 baseball championship belongs to a Columbia County League team.

Central Columbia, on the gritty relief pitching of Steve Grasley, survived some late inning miscues to defeat West Snyder, 4-2, in a wild and debate-filled battle Friday night at Bowman Field in Williamsport.

With the victory the Blue Jays became the first County League unit to win the crown since Berwick accomplished it by defeating Sayre in 1968. However, this was not Central's initial district diadem. It won previously in 1963. And, at the same time West Snyder was prevented from claiming a record-setting seventh

title, much to Coach Don Engle's delight.

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In the ninth, Craig Mensinger got first after being hit by a pitch by reliever Glen Fogel, who was spelling starter Rob Rager. Steve Grasley walked and both advanced into scoring position on a

perfect sacrifice bunt by Bankus. After Broda grounded out to short with both runners holding, Kline lofted a fly to shallow left which WS's Bob Guyer, settled under, but misjudged and dropped the ball from the webbing of his glove. Both Mensinger and Grasley, off at the crack of the bat with two away, scored easily.

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Central		W. Snyder					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Mensinger, 2b	2	1	0	Dean, 2b/3b	3	4	0
Grasley, rf, p	3	1	0	Rager, p, 2b	4	0	0
Bankus, cf	2	0	1	Moser, 2b	0	0	0
Broda, p, rf	4	0	0	Fogel, 3b, p	3	0	0
Kline, c	3	2	0	S. Knepp, rf	4	0	0
Burkland, 2b	4	0	0	Erb, ss	3	1	0
DeFelice, ss	2	0	2	Mensing, lb	4	1	0
Eroh, lb	3	0	1	Kaiser, cf	4	0	0
Roeder, H	3	0	0	J. Knepp, c	3	1	0
Totals	28	4	4	Guyer, lf	2	0	0
				Lelly, pr	0	0	0
				Totals	31	10	2

Central		W. Snyder		
IP	H	R	ER	
E. Kline, Burkland, Eroh, Fogel, Guyer, P.	000	101	002-	
Central 27-8, WS-27-11, LOB-Central 12, WS-	000	016	100-	
- Bankus, DeFelice, J. Knepp, DP - Cen				
attempted squeeze got runner at home and bat				
- Mensinger, Kaiser, SAC - Bankus 2.				
Broda	5-13	3	1	0
Grasley (W)	3-23	2	1	0
Rager	5-13	4	2	2
Fogel (L)	2-23	0	2	0

HBP - Mensinger (by Fogel). WP - Brod Carr and Barrett. S - Irv Post. T - 2-40.



Second base action

There was plenty of action around second base for Central Columbia's Craig Mensinger on Friday night against West Snyder at Bowman Field in Williamsport.

He first slides headlong into second base (left photo) and then applies the tag on Wayne Fogel of West Snyder, who is attempting to steal second.

Central's 'Cardiac Kids' thump way to D-4 title

In the same style they have played all season long, the "Cardiac Kids" of Central Columbia went into extra innings to defeat West Snyder, 4-2, and wrapped up the school's first District Four championship since 1961 Friday night.

Playing before a large, mostly Central audience under the lights of Bowman Field in Williamsport, the Blue Jays of Coach Don Engle brought a 2-1 lead into the last of the seventh, lost it on an unearned run, but came back with a pair of unearned tallies in the ninth when the

losers' leftfielder misjudged and dropped a fly ball with runners on second and third allowing both to score.

Steve Grasley, who relieved Central starter Mike Broda in the fifth, fanned the first two batters he faced in the WS half of the ninth but was touched for a double by John Knepp before getting Guyer to ground out short to first ending the contest.

The district crown caps an outstanding season for the Central school. Both the boys and girls basketball teams captured district championships this

past season, the girls softball team won the Columbia County League and had to stop there because there is no district title offered. The baseball diadem makes it four for the local school.

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"Also, Steve Grasley who came in and did a heckava' job in relief. He's only a sophomore and had a big hit. Next, I'd have to say Brent Bankus who made just a fantastic catch in a crucial seventh inning play which saved the game for us. He also had a double, two perfect bunts and played a fine game in the outfield. Finally, our catcher Rick Kline who probably played his best game for us. He threw a couple runners out, handled the pitchers real fine and came up with a dippy play on a squeeze attempt. He also hit the ball well and it was his fly ball that won it for us", Engle concluded.

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Central wasn't out of it, however, and it took a super play by Bankus in centerfield to send it into extra innings. With Dean advancing to third on the wild

throw and, representing the winning team, Rager hit a shot to deep left-center sending Bankus off and running and the Blue Jays senior finally caught up and batted it down, off balance, making the grab knee high to save a game-ending run.

The Blue Jays, nicknamed the "Cardiac Kids" for their exciting come-from-behind tactics plus their ability to fall out one and two run games, struck first in the fourth. With one away, Kline walked and took a second when Rod Burkland grounded out third to first. DeFelice then laced a double to deep right center scoring Kline.

West tied it in the fifth with one out. Kaiser beat out a bunt single and after Knepp fanned, Kaiser stole second and later scored on a single by Dean. On the hit, Central's leftfielder, Barry Roeder, made a perfect throw to the plate to beat the sliding Kaiser, but catcher Kline couldn't hold on to the ball and the runner was safe.

The Jays jumped back on top with a run in the sixth. With one out, Kline and Burkland drew back-to-back walks and DeFelice singled to load the bases. Scott Eroh then drew a walk to force in Kline. Central was denied any more runs when Roeder and Mensinger fanned.

West outhit Central, 6 to 4, and had one less error, 2 to 3, but came up on the short end on the scoreboard. Central, with a final record of 21-2 which represents the most wins ever by a Blue

Jay baseball team, has been involved in eight one-run games, a pair of two-run games and four extra-inning hits this campaign.

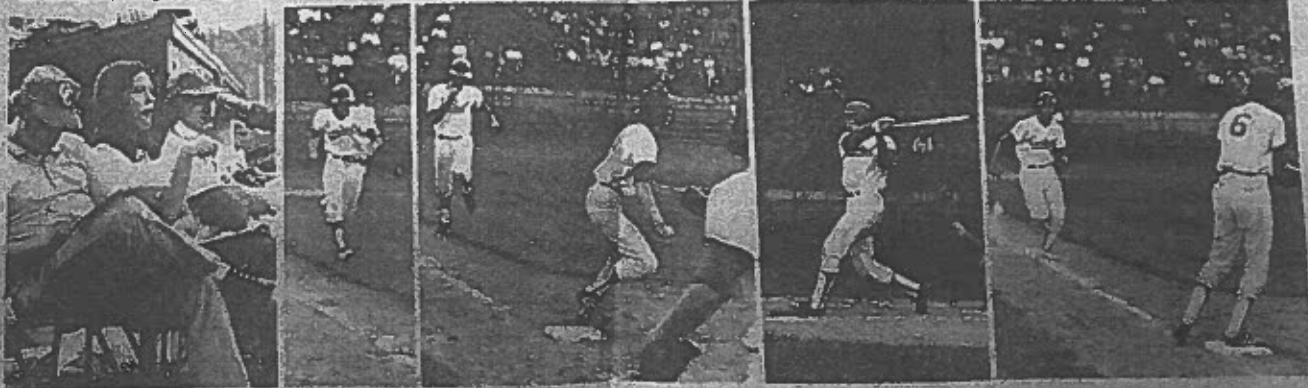
Central	AB	R	H	W	Snyder	AB	R	H
Mensinger, 2b	3	1	0	0	Dean, 2b, 2b	3	0	2
Grasley, cf, p	3	1	1	0	Rager, p, 2b	4	2	3
Bankus, cf	2	1	1	0	Knepp, 2b	0	0	0
Broda, p, rf	4	0	0	0	Fogel, 2b, p	2	1	0
Kline, c	3	2	2	1	Knepp, rf	0	0	0
Burkland, 2b	4	0	0	0	Eroh, lf	3	0	0
DeFelice, ss	3	0	2	1	Mensinger, 1b	4	0	0
Eroh, lf	3	0	0	1	Kaiser, cf	4	1	0
Roeder, lf	3	0	0	0	J. Knepp, c	3	0	0
Totals	34	4	4	4	Guyer, lf	2	1	0
					Leifer, p	0	0	0
					Totals	32	2	3

Central	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Broda	5.1	7	0	4	7	7
Grasley (W)	3.3	2	1	0	4	5
Rager	1.3	0	2	2	2	2
Fogel (L)	1.3	0	2	0	4	5
HBP - Mensinger (by Fogel), WP - Broda, U - Carr and Barrett, S - by Post, T - 2-4.						

Milburn sets log

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — World record holder Rod Milburn of Southern University, smashed the National Collegiate Athletic Association standard in the 120-yard high hurdles Friday night in 13.1 seconds.

Milburn, whose world mark is 13 seconds flat, left an elite field approaching the final hurdles and won going away by three-tenths of a second over runner-up Charles Foster of North Carolina Central.



Central Columbia packed away its first District Four title in 10 years Friday night, beating West Snyder, 4-2, at Bowman Field, Williamsport. At left, Blue Jays' Jeff "Jay" Dawalt (third from left) with bandage around neck area sits with scorekeeper Inv. Post and his assistant Jan Young. "Jay" was injured in the CC title game against Benton, receiving a broken jaw in a hit's role, and was forced to the sidelines for the playoffs. At second from left, Craig Mensinger dashes down the line

in first inning, while at third from left, Steve Grasley who came in pitching relief and got credit for the win, legs out a hit in early going. At second from right, Mike Broda, who started on the mound, takes a cut, but flied out and at right, Rick Kline, another hero, flies down the line. Kline, although not collecting a hit, knocked in the two winning runs when the WS leftfielder dropped his fly ball in the ninth.

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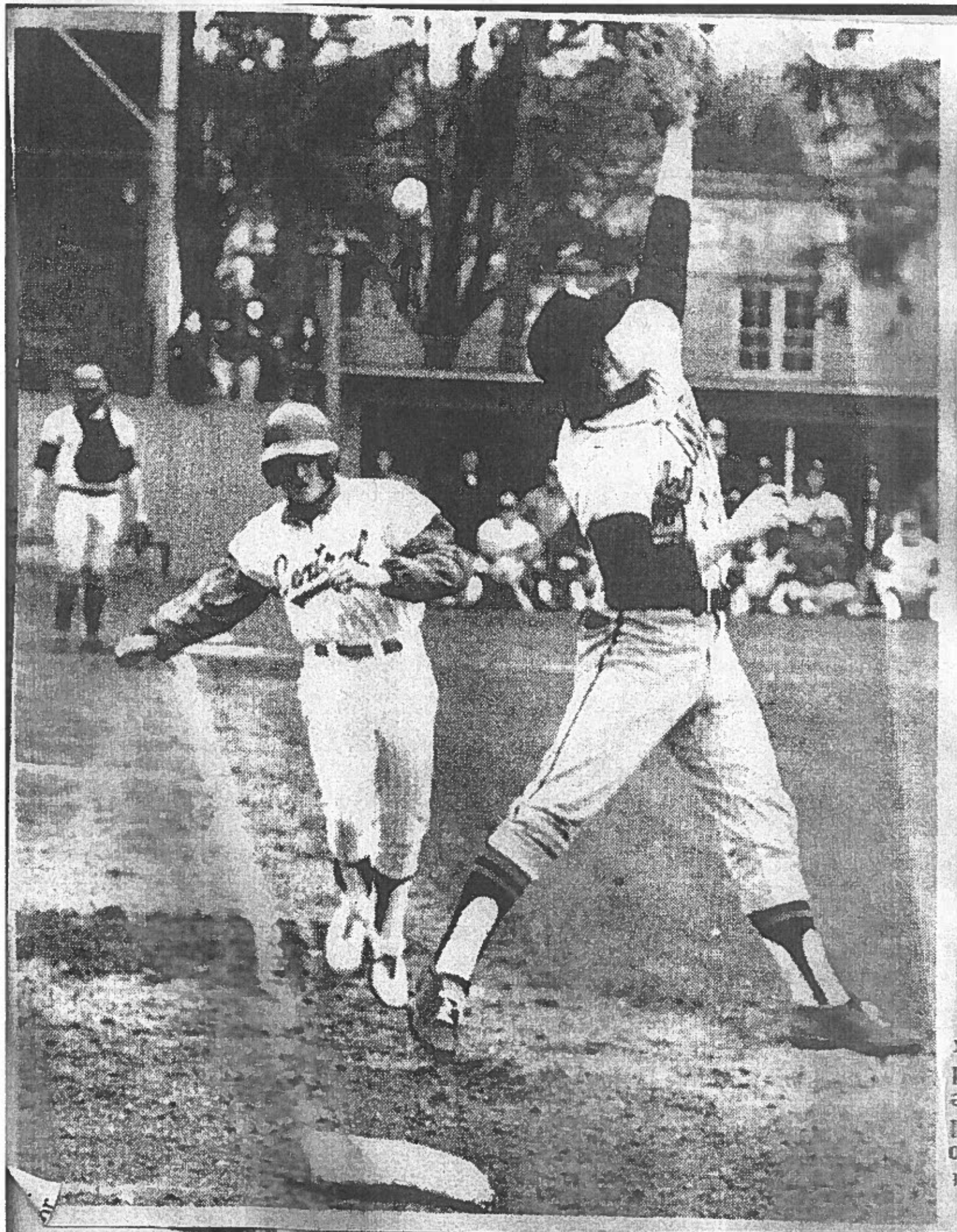
This one, the ump lost! Coach Engle (left) vaults onto field in early going to argue Umpire Bill Higgins' (Warrior Run cage coach) call of out on a Jay player caught off base. As it turned out, home plate ump called time out and Higgins didn't hear call. He reversed his decision.



Safe at second

Millville's Jim Hock (24) slides safely into second base on a steal as a prelude to the Quakers loading the bases in the second inning against Central. Jays' hurler Brent Bankus got out of the jam, however, and hurled his team to a 7-4 win. Covering second for Central is Carl DeFelice. In background is centerfielder Mike Broda.

(Staff Photo)



Central scores in first inning, hangs on for crucial victory

The outcome of a baseball game is sometimes determined by a matter of inches or a step or two. If you don't believe this is true, just ask the Berwick players and coaches.

Steve Grasley used all the speed he could muster Monday afternoon to beat out an infield hit in the first inning and then beat the throw to home plate later in the inning for the only run of the game. Central tripped Berwick, 1-0, in a crucial Columbia County Baseball League contest at Berwick.

The loss knocks the defending CC champs out of the unbeaten ranks in the second half play and leaves Northwest alone on the top of the circuit with a 2-1 mark. Central, Bloomsburg, which defeated Shamokin, 12-2, and Benton, which dropped Millville, 13-3, are all 3-1. Berwick is alone at 2-1.

The Bulldogs play a regularly scheduled game at Benton on Wednesday and catch up with the rest of the league on Thursday when they host Northwest in a makeup game. Northwest is slated to play four games in the next four days.

The victory by Central over Berwick is the second this season. In their first 11 encounters, the Jays squeezed out a 1-0 decision.

PITCHER'S DUEL

Mike Broda scattered three singles in remaining undefeated for Central. He also fanned six while walking five. His opponent, Rod Diehl was touched for seven singles, two in the fatal first inning. Diehl struckout three and did not walk a batter.

ONLY RUN

Grasley started the winning rally with one out. He hit a slow grounder toward the second baseman, who was late getting to the ball, and just barely beat the throw to first base. With the runner going, Brent Bankus hit the ball to the second baseman who threw to first for the second out.

Broda not only hurled the victory, but also drove in the winning tally. With Grasley at second base, the Jays' hurler ripped a single to center field. At the crack of the bat, Grasley started running and did not stop until he just beat Steve Maliesky's throw to catcher Jeff Kupsky for the first and only run to be scored in the game.

SEVERAL CHANCES

Each team had several opportunities to score, but again Central had the best of it, if they want to call it that. The Jays had two men cut down at the plate thanks to outstanding throws by Berwick outfielders.

Maliesky fired a strike to Jeff Kupsky in the sixth frame to nail Mensinger who tried to score on a single by Grasley. Kevin Blake pulled off an "instant replay" for Berwick when he also fired a strike in the seventh inning to catch Rick Kline trying to score from second base on a single by Carl DeFelice.

CLUTCH PITCHING

Broda put something extra on the ball everytime he needed it to kill a Berwick rally. In the fourth inning, he walked Gabe Scala and Jeff Kupsky before rearing back and fanning Andy Mihaly. He also gave up two walks in the fifth

inning, but got Blake to hit a sharp grounder to Rod Burkland for a force out at third base and made Diehl end the inning with a short pop fly.

GAME-SAVING PLAY

Brent Bankus made what turned out to be the game-saving play for the Jays in the sixth inning when he threw out Scala at second base. Scala had ripped the ball to right-centerfield and had tried to stretch the hit into a double, but Bankus cut the ball off and fired the ball to Mensinger for the first out of the inning.

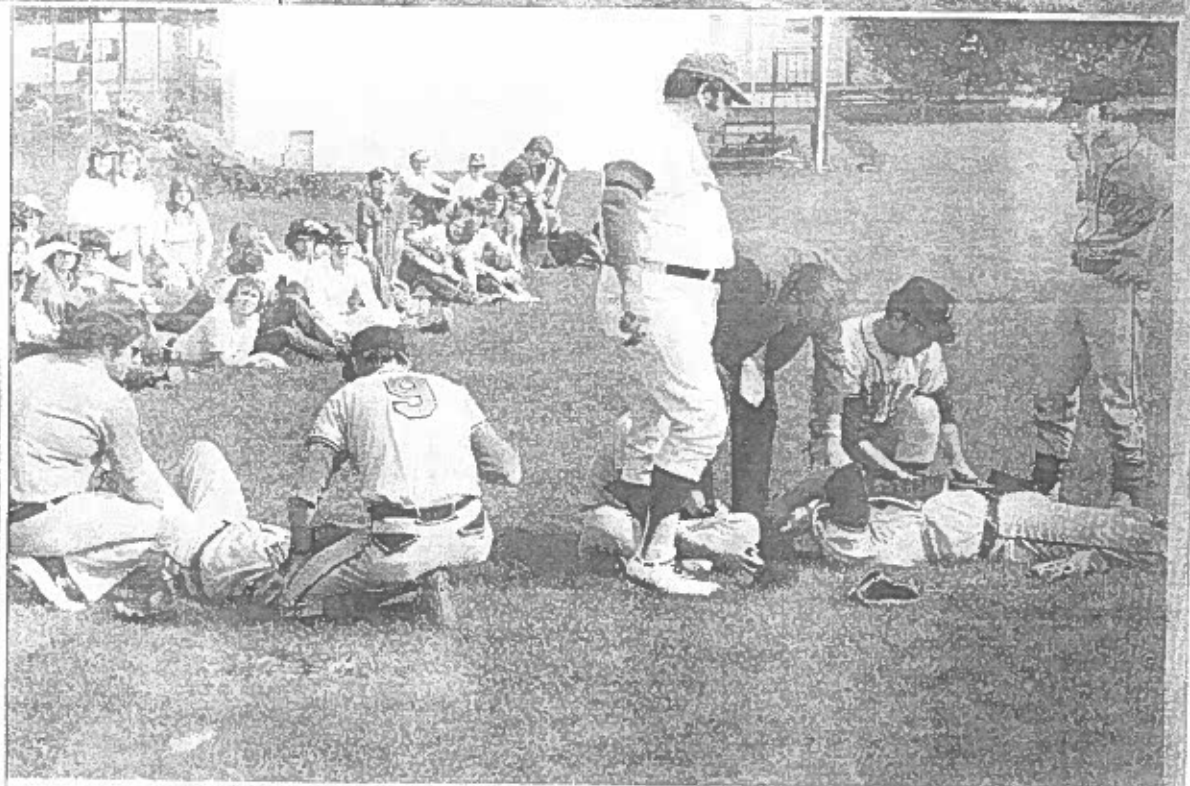
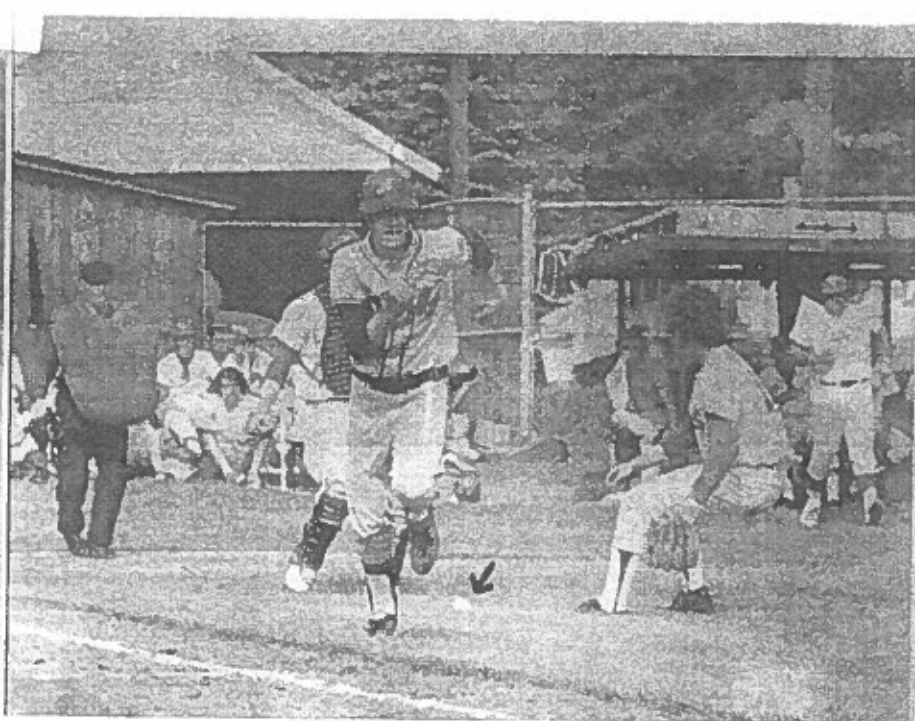
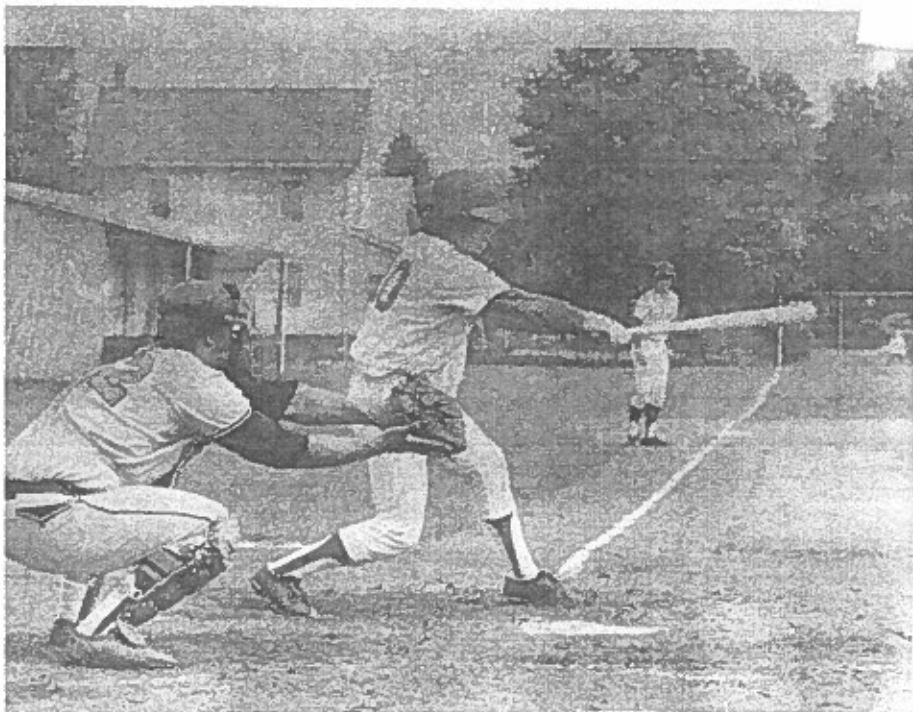
Dave Kupsky and Jeff Kupsky then walked, but Mihaly fanned. The runners advanced on a passed ball by Kline, but Broda again had it when he really needed it and fanned Maliesky on a full count.

'BEST GAME'

Don Engle, coach of the Jays, said it was the best game his team played in the last two weeks. "Broda pitched one heckuva game," he concluded.

Central				Berwick					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mensingers 2b	3	0	2	0	Scala ss	2	0	1	0
Grasley rf	3	1	2	0	D. Kupsky 3b	2	0	0	0
Bankus cf	3	0	0	0	J. Kupsky c	2	0	1	0
Broda p	3	0	1	1	Van Pelt pr	0	0	0	0
Kline c	3	0	1	0	Mihaly lb	3	0	1	0
Burkland 3b	3	0	0	0	Maliesky cf	2	0	0	0
DeFelice ss	3	0	1	0	Markle rf	2	0	0	0
Eroh lb	2	0	0	0	Robsock 7b	2	0	0	0
DeWall lf	2	0	0	0	Blake lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	7	1	Diehl p	2	0	0	0
					Totals	19	0	3	0

Central 100 000 0-1 / 0
 Berwick 000 000 0-0 / 0
 DP — Mensinger to Eroh; LOB — Central 2, Berwick 5; SB — Mensinger 2; Kline; S — Markle
 IP H R ER BB SO
 Broda (W) 7 J 0 0 5 4
 Diehl (L) 7 7 1 1 0 3
 PB — Kline; U — Glazinski and Mowry; T—1:50



wick bow

Bankus - 1st NO HITTER

on log no-hitters

Pennington tops Benton sweep with a one-hitter

No-hit pitching and a game called "21" were the order of the day for the undefeated Benton and Central Columbia baseball juggernauts along the exhibition trail Friday afternoon.

Benton got an outstanding one-hit performance from Keith Pennington to nip Montrose, 2-1, in the opener of a twinbill, but Larry Thompson came on to steal the spotlight away in the second and twirled a no-hitter while the Tigers earned a 1-0 win, their seventh of the season.

While Benton's pitchers were dazzling, Central wasn't about to take a back seat as Brent Bankus spun a no-hitter at Montoursville in a shortened five-inning game. The game was called because Central couldn't stop scoring and reeled off 21 tallies into the darkness. Final score — 21 to 0!

In other games Friday involving Columbia County League squads Millville and Shamokin broke into the win column, while Berwick and Southern absorbed losses. Millville (1-1) beat Bishop Hafez, 2-0, behind a two-hitter by Rick Renz; Berwick (1-1) lost its first game, bowing to Nanticoke, 7-1; Shamokin (1-2) outslugged Line Mountain, 7-6, and Shamokin Lourdes nicked Southern, (0-2) 3-1.

Pitching wasn't the only thing Bankus did well. He swatted two home runs, one a grand slammer, to knock in seven runs and scored three himself. Central, now 5-0, hit five Montoursville flingers for nine hits with Steve Grasley adding two more, Mike Broda a round tripper and Rick Kline a triple.

The Blue Jays jumped to a 6-0 lead in the first and were blanked until the fourth where they exploded for 11. Central tallied four in the fifth before the curtain came ending the slaughter. Montour committed six errors, while Central played flawless defense. Bankus had nine strikeouts and walked only one.

Pennington aided his own cause in Benton's opening win. After four scoreless innings, he opened the Tiger fifth with a double and scored on a single by Wayne Koch. After M...

ville run and scored on a passed ball.

Neil Whary hit the first pitch delivered by losing pitcher T. Morgan into the center field bleachers in the last of the seventh to vault Shamokin to its one-run win over Line Mountain. Greg Klebon, in relief of starter Mike Myers, fired three strong innings to pick up the win.

Jim Henninger hit a solo homer for Shamokin in the fourth and Paul Kanaskie rapped a two-run round tripper in the fifth. Whary ripped off a three-run double to help Kanaskie highlight the five-run fifth stanza.

Only three of Nanticoke's seven runs were earned, but two Berwick errors plus the Trojans seven hits gave them big innings, a three-run third and a four-run fifth, more than enough tallies to hand the Bulldogs their first loss.

Berwick's only run came in the second on a single by Kevin Blake who led the losers' with two hits.

Bob Colosimo went the distance for the Southern team, allowing just four hits, but was touched for unearned runs in the first and third innings to lose it. Also, Mike Haile twirled a two-hitter for the winning Lourdes club.

Montoursville				Central			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Heaps rf	2	0	0	C. Mensinger 2b	2	3	1
Mowry 1b	2	0	0	Snyder rf	0	0	0
Logue 2b	2	0	0	Grasley rf	3	3	2
Bower p	0	0	0	S. Morucci ph	0	0	0
Murray p	2	0	0	Bankus p	3	3	7
Ulmer c	2	0	0	Broda cf	3	2	1
Cope c	0	0	0	M. Morucci ph	1	0	0
Elmer 3b	2	0	0	Kline c	3	1	1
Karshner lf	1	0	0	Burkland 3b	1	3	0
Thomas lf	1	0	0	Hoffman 3b	0	0	0
Hockrote ss	1	0	0	DeFelice ss	2	2	0
Frey cf	0	0	0	Cain ss	0	0	0
Laycher p	0	0	0	Eroh lb	3	0	0
Zimmerman p	0	0	0	Ivey lb	0	1	0
Wellshantz p	0	0	0	Dewalt lf	2	2	1
Cupp cf	0	0	0	Roeder lf	0	1	0
Totals	15	0	0	Totals	23	21	9

Montoursville 000 00-006
 Central 600 114-2190
 E — Mowry 1, Murray 2, Ulmer 1, Thomas 1, Heckrote, PO-A — Montour 15-5, Central 15-4; DP — Bower to Cope to Mowry to Cope. LOB — Montour 1, Central 4; 3B — Kline; HR — Broda 1, Bankus 2, SB — Mensinger 1, Grasley 1, Kline 1, Burkland 1, Dewalt 2

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bankus (W)	5	0	0	0	1	9
Murray (L)	2	3	6	3	3	1
Laycher	1	3	4	1	2	1
Zimmerman	2.3	0	3	3	3	0
Wellshantz	1.3	1	4	2	4	0
Bower	1	1	4	3	3	0

HBP — Bankus by Murray, Mensinger by Wellshantz; WP — Zimmerman 1, Bower 1; PB — Ulmer 1, Cope 2; U — Glazinski and Santora T — 2:10

Bankus, Broda cited; Bloom top hitters

Gregory of NW tops CC hitters; Thompson, Benton, leads in ERA

By MILLARD LUDWIG
CC Statistician

Clark Gregory, Northwest sophomore, and Larry Thompson, Benton sopho-

more, hold the batting and earned run leadership at the half way point of the Columbia County High School Baseball League, according to official statistics released Thursday.

Gregory has hit safely 14 times in 24 official attempts for a lusty .583 average and better than one hundred percentage points ahead of Rich Johns, Shamokin senior, who is hitting at .474.

Thompson, who also shows a commanding lead in strikeouts (43), has permitted only three earned runs in 31 1-3 innings of hurling.

Brent Bankus and Mike Broda, the 1-2 Central Columbia pitching staff, each show 3-0 records for the first half, and both are tops in fewest hits per inning allowed.

Bankus also heads the loop in home

runs with 3 in the seven games played. The all-around athlete has 11 runs batted in to head that column, too. Bankus is tied with Jim Busch, of Bloomsburg, for most runs scored, 10.

Bloomsburg is the top hitting team with .307 although Central has been more consistent, game-by-game, and has a respectable .280 average.

Jets nip Whalers

WINNIPEG (AP) — Bobby Hull's second goal of the game at 18:56 of the third period gave the Winnipeg Jets a 4-3 victory over New England Thursday night and reduced the Whalers lead in the best-of-7 World Hockey Association championship series to 2-1.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING (14 or more official at bats)

	AB	H	Pct
Gregory, Nor	24	14	.583
Johns, Sha	19	9	.474
Busch, Blo	24	11	.458
Richie, Sou	24	11	.458
Colosimo, Sou	23	10	.435
Fornwald, Blo	19	8	.421
Kupsky, Ber	23	9	.391
Yoder, Blo	23	9	.391
Mensingler, Cen	16	6	.375
Babb, Blo	24	9	.375
Burkland, Cen	19	7	.368
Yaple, Nor	22	8	.364
Boudman, Ben	22	8	.364
Mallesky, Ber	17	6	.353
Grasley, Cen	23	8	.348
Bankus, Cen	21	7	.333
Mihaly, Ber	23	7	.304
Janaskie, Sha	23	7	.304

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS

RBI — Bankus 11; Babb, Yoder, and Gregory, 9 each; Janaskie 8. Doubles — Colosimo and Gregory, 4 each; Boudman 3. Triples — Bankus 2. Home runs — Bankus 3. Stolen bases — Mensinger 8, Grasley 7, Richie 6; Bower (Millville) 5. Runs scored — Bankus and Busch, 10 each.

PITCHING (18 Innings or more)

Earned run average: Larry Thompson (Benton) Sophomore 0.65 per seven inning game; Bankus (Central) Junior 1.03; Mike Broda (Central) Senior 1.24; Rod Diehl (Berwick) Senior 1.73; Jeff Lumley (Millville) Senior 2.15; Ken Heydenreich (Bloomsburg) 2.58; Rick Renz (Millville) Junior 2.80. STRIKEOUTS — Thompson 43; Diehl 29; Colosimo 26; Bankus 24. MOST INNINGS — Colosimo 33 1-3; Thompson 31 1-3; Diehl 28 1-3. WON-LOST RECORD — Bankus and Broda, each 3-0; Thompson 3-1; Heydenreich 2-1; Diehl 3-2. FEWEST BASES ON BALLS — Diehl, 4 in 28 1-3 Innings; Lumley 9 in 26. FEWEST HITS — Bankus, 8 in 20 1-3; Broda, 13 in 22; Thompson, 19 in 31 1-3.

TEAM HITTING

	AB	H	Pct
Bloomsburg	195	60	.307
Central	175	48	.280
Southern	188	51	.271
Northwest	191	49	.257
Shamokin	195	47	.241
Berwick	189	44	.233
Benton	177	35	.198
Millville	174	24	.138

Central goes to 9th to nudge by SA, 8-7

Central scored an unearned run in the seventh to tie the game and tallied another unearned run in the ninth to win as the Columbia-County League first-half champions went nine innings before pulling out a tough 8-7 win over upset-minded Southern Columbia Wednesday at the losers' diamond.

The wild contest saw a total of 25 hits, 13 by the losers, and 10 errors, eight of which were also committed by Southern — which proved fatal.

The conquest enabled Coach Don Engle's Central team to grab a three-way share of first place in the CC second half race with Benton and Bloomsburg, all sporting 4-1 marks. Southern, meanwhile, is winless in five starts this half.

However, Southern was just one strike away from busting into the win column. After Mike Broda, who led Central with a 2-for-3 performance including a home run, a pair of RBI and two runs scored, reached base on an error and was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Rick Kline. Losing pitcher Bob Colosimo picked up two strikes on Carl DeFelice and was one pitch away from a major upset.

But, DeFelice sent a line drive between third and short for a hit plating Broda, who was off and running at the crack of the bat, with the tying run sending it into extra innings.

Broda, in the ninth, again started the rally with a single but was wiped out at second on a fielders choice which left Kline at first. He advanced to third on a single by Rod Burkland and scored when SA catcher, Dave Stellfox, heaved the ball into centerfield trying to nail Burkland stealing at second.

Southern jumped out 2-0 in the second inning, but Central battled back with two in the third and another in fourth

for a 3-2 lead. SA regained the lead with a pair in the fourth and each team scored three runs over the next two innings sending Southern into the seventh on top by a run and setting the stage for DeFelice's key single.

Besides the strong performance of Broda, three other Blue Jays showed two hits each. Steve Grasley went 2-for-4 with a run scored and a RBI. Kline went 2-for-4 and Jay Dewalt line out a pair of hits.

Brent Bankus drilled a double as did Broda. For Southern, Dave Richie had three hits, including a double, and Stellfox had a trio of safeties. Also, Tom Nesbitt had two hits and Heath a pair of RBI, while losing pitcher Colosimo rapped a double.

Central continued its fine running on the base paths with a total of six stolen bases, two each by DeFelice and league leader, Craig Mensinger. Also, all but one Jay player showed at least one hit indicating a well-balanced assault.

On Friday the Blue Jays entertain Northwest (4:30 p.m.) with Southern going to Benton for a 2 p.m. start.

Central					Southern				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mensinger 2b	2	1	0	1	Richie ss	5	1	3	1
Grasley rf p	4	1	2	1	Nesbitt rf	5	0	2	1
Bankus p rf	5	0	1	0	Colosimo p	3	1	1	1
Broda cf	3	2	2	2	Stellfox c	5	1	3	1
Kline c	4	1	2	0	Filipowicz cf	4	1	1	0
Burkland 3b	4	0	1	0	Marquette 1b	3	1	0	0
DeFelice ss	4	1	1	1	Lafsha 3b	3	1	1	1
Eroh 1b	2	1	1	1	Heath lf	3	0	1	2
Dewalt lf	4	1	2	0	Gutekunst 2b	3	1	1	0
Totals	32	8	12	6	Wengrenovich pr	0	0	0	0
					Totals	34	7	13	7

Central 002 112 101—8 8 2
Southern 020 212 000—7 13 8

E — Broda, DeFelice, Richie, Colosimo, Stellfox, Marquette 2, Lafsha, Heath 2. LOB — Central 8, SA 6. PO-A — Central 27-11, SA 27-14. 2B — Bankus, Broda, Colosimo, Richie. HR — Broda, Mensinger 2, Kline, Grasley, DeFelice 2, Stellfox. DP — SA (Lafsha to Gutekunst to Marquette). SAC — Mensinger, Grasley 2, Colosimo, Heath.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bankus	2	2	2	2	4	2
Grasley (W)	7	11	5	3	0	6
Colosimo (L)	9	12	8	4	7	7

HBP — DeFelice (by Colosimo). WP — Bankus 3, Grasley, Colosimo 3. U — Andrews and Conard. S — Karen Heath and Sharon Seedor. T—2.20.

Brent Bankus hits 2 HRs

Central defeats Millville



Scoring under watchful eye

While the home plate umpire watches to be sure the runner touches home plate, Craig Mensinger of Central, scores his team's third run in its 6-2 victory over Millville Monday. Mensinger tallied on a wild pitch by the Quakers' Rick Renz, standing in

front of the umpire. The victory left the Blue Jays the only undefeated team in the Columbia County Baseball League and gave them sole possession of first place.

(Staff Photo)

Central uses 5-run fourth to bump off Millville, 7-4

Mike Broda drilled a pair of extra-base hits, one during a 5-run fourth-inning, and helped lift Central Columbia to a 7-4 triumph over visiting Millville Friday, enabling the first-half champion Blue Jays to remain in a three-way tie for second place.

Central, along with Benton and Bloomsburg, trails front-running Berwick which was washed out against Northwest Friday. Central is 2-1 and Berwick 2-0.

Brent Bankus, who along with Broda help make up the top one-two punch in the CC, scattered six hits to pick up his fifth loop decision. Rick Renz, who was just coming off a fine winning pitching performance over Southern, suffered the loss and was touched for seven hits.

Leading 1-0 after Craig Mensinger, who led the Jays' assault with two singles, beat out an infield hit with one out in the third, stole second, took third on a balk and scored on Rick Kline's

ground out, the Jays put it all together in the fourth.

Millville tied the game in the top of the fourth with an unearned tally, but Rod Burkland gave indication of what was to come in the bottom half for Central when he led off with a triple. Carl DeFelice singled home Burkland and stole second. Scott Eroh walked and both runners advanced on a passed ball.

After Jay Dewalt fanned, Mensinger singled home DeFelice and took second on the throw home with Eroh sliding into third. Steve Grasley grounded out with Eroh scoring the third run of the inning and Mensinger took third. Mensinger later scored from third on a steal at second by pinch-runner Roeder and the latter tallied on a double by Broda.

Trailing 6-1, Millville scored its second run of the contest in the fifth when Ken Johnson doubled and later romped home

on an error, but the Jays equalized the tally with a run in the sixth on the alert base running of Grasley. Broda cracked his triple after Grasley scored but was left standing on third.

Millville tried to come back in the last inning and scored two runs on a walk to Johnson, a double by Jim Hock, an error and a two-run single by Stair, but with one out Bankus got Lumley on strikes and Woolcock to ground out to end the tilt.

Broda, who with Mensinger had two hits, knocked in two runs to spearhead the Jays' attack, while Stair had three RBI for Millville with Johnson and Hock each showing two safeties. Bankus had nine fannings.

Central faces second-half undefeated Berwick at the Bulldogs' diamond Monday in a key battle, while Millville entertains Benton.

Millville				Central					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bower ss	4	0	0	0	Mensinger 2b	4	2	2	1
Farr cf	2	0	0	0	Grasley rf	2	1	0	1
Pennypacker cf	0	0	0	0	Bankus p	2	0	1	0
Johnson rf	3	2	2	0	Roeder pr	0	1	0	0
Hock 3b	4	1	2	0	Broda cf	4	0	2	2
Renz p	2	0	0	0	Kline c	4	0	0	0
Stair lb	4	0	1	3	Burkland 3b	3	1	1	0
Lumley 2b	4	0	1	0	DeFelice ss	2	1	1	1
Woolcock lf	4	1	0	0	Eroh lb	2	1	0	0
Stackhouse c	3	0	0	0	Cain pr	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	4	4	3	Dewalt lf	3	0	0	0
					Totals	26	7	7	5

Millville	000	110	2--	4-		
Central	001	501	x--	7		
E -- Grasley, Dewalt, DeFelice (2), Bower (2), Stackhouse. PO-A -- Millville, 18-9; Central 21-9. DP -- Hock to Lumley; LOB -- Millville 11, Central 8. 2B -- Johnson, Hock, Broda, 3B -- Broda, Burkland, SB -- Hock, Mensinger, Grasley (2), Bankus, Roeder (2), Broda, DeFelice (2).						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bankus (W)	7	6	4	2	5	9
Renz (L)	6	7	7	5	6	7
BALK -- Renz; PB -- Stackhouse, Kline. U -- Piestrak and Williams T -- 2:25 Scorer -- frv Post.						

CC standings

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Benton 9, Shamokin 0
 Bloomsburg 4, Southern 2
 Central 7, Millville 4
 Northwest at Berwick, p.p.d.

TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Berwick	2	0	1.000
Northwest	1	0	1.000
Benton	2	1	.667
Bloomsburg	2	1	.667
Central	2	1	.667
Millville	1	1	.500
Shamokin	0	3	.000
Southern	0	3	.000

Mike Broda fires 2-hitter

Millville; sole leader in CC

Then there was one.

Central Columbia's baseball team is the only undefeated squad in the Columbia County Baseball League thanks to the power hitting of Brent Bankus and the hurling of Mike Broda.

Bankus displayed his hitting prowess with two home runs and five runs-batted-in, while Broda fired a two-hitter Monday afternoon as the Blue Jays disposed of previously undefeated Millville, 6-2, on the losers' field.

The charges of Don Engle increased their loop mark to 3-0, while Millville's dropped to 2-1.

Frank Fisk, coach of the Quakers, summed up the outcome of the game in

one sentence "It was just too much Bankus."

Central broke into the scoring column in the top of the first inning when Steve Grasley singled and Bankus followed with a home run.

The Jays increased their margin by one run in the top of the third when Craig Mensinger walked, stole second, went to third on another single by Grasley and scored on a wild pitch.

Millville "Broke the ice" in the bottom of the fifth. Dick Bower singled, for the first hit off Broda, stole second and third and scored when Jays' catcher Rick Kline threw wildly past third in an attempt to catch Bower trying to steal.

Bankus, who has already pitched two no-hitters this year, put the game on ice with a three-run shot in the top of the seventh. Mensinger started the rally when he was hit by a Rick Renz pitch. He went to second when Renz threw wildly on a pickoff attempt at first and moved to third on Grasley's third single. Grasley stole second and Bankus then parked one of Renz' tosses for a three-run homer.

The Quakers scored their final run in the bottom of the seventh when Jeff Lumley singled, went to second on a ground out, moved to third on a passed ball and scored when Kline threw wildly to third on a try to pickoff Lumley.

Broda's pitching performance was overshadowed by the hitting of Bankus. Broda walked three and fanned three in picking up the victory. His counterpart, Renz, walked three and struck out four.

Central will host Berwick on Thursday, while Millville journeys to Benton.

Central					Millville				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mensinger 2b	3	2	1	0	Bower ss	4	1	1	0
Grasley rf	4	2	3	0	Farr c	3	0	0	0
Bankus cf	3	2	2	5	K. Johnson rf	3	0	0	0
Broda p	4	0	0	0	Hock 3b	2	0	0	0
Kline c	3	0	0	0	Stair 1b	2	0	0	0
Burkland 3b	4	0	0	0	Woolcock lf	2	0	0	0
DeFelice ss	3	0	1	0	Renz p	2	0	0	0
Eroh 1b	3	0	0	0	Lumley 2b	3	1	1	0
Dewalt lf	2	0	0	0	Pennypacker cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	6	7	5	Totals	24	2	2	0
Central					Millville	20	1	0	3-6
Millville					Central	0	0	10	1-2

E — Millville Bower, Lumley, Renz. Central Mensinger DeFelice. PO-A — Millville 21-13, Central 21-11. DP — Renz to Stair, Hock to Farr. LOB — M 6, C 4. HR — Bankus 2. SB — Central Kline, Mensinger, Grasley 2 Millville Bower 2 Hock, Lumley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Renz (L)	7	7	6	4	3	4
Broda (W)	7	2	2	0	3	3

HBP — Kline (by Renz) Mensinger (by Renz)
WP — Renz. U — Wasko and Hanes.



Defense at work

Central Columbia's defense was "caught" the game was "caught" by the...

to tighten CC race

Central scores in first inning, hangs on for crucial victory

The outcome of a baseball game is sometimes determined by a matter of inches or a step or two. If you don't believe this is true, just ask the Berwick players and coaches.

Steve Grasley used all the speed he could muster Monday afternoon to beat out an infield hit in the first inning and then beat the throw to home plate later in the inning for the only run of the game as Central tripped Berwick, 1-0, in a crucial Columbia County Baseball League contest at Berwick.

The loss knocks the defending CC champs out of the unbeaten ranks in second half play and leaves Northwest all alone on the top of the circuit with a 2-0 mark. Central, Bloomsburg, which belted Shamokin, 12-2, and Benton, which dropped Millville, 13-3, are all 3-1. Berwick is alone at 2-1.

The Bulldogs play a regularly scheduled game at Benton on Wednesday and catch up with the rest of the league on Thursday when they host Northwest in a makeup game. Northwest is slated to play four games in the next four days.

The victory by Central over Berwick was the second this season. In their first half encounter, the Jays squeezed out a 3-2 decision.

PITCHER'S DUEL

Mike Broda scattered three singles in remaining undefeated for Central. He also fanned six while walking five. His opponent, Rod Diehl was touched for seven singles, two in the fatal first inning. Diehl struckout three and did not walk a batter.

ONLY RUN

Grasley started the winning rally with one out. He hit a slow grounder toward the second baseman, who was late getting to the ball, and just barely beat the throw to first base. With the runner going, Brent Bankus hit the ball to the second baseman who threw to first for the second out.

Broda not only hurled the victory, but also drove in the winning tally. With Grasley at second base, the Jays' hurler ripped a single to center field. At the crack of the bat, Grasley started running and did not stop until he just beat Steve Maliesky's throw to catcher Jeff Kupsky for the first and only run to be scored in the game.

SEVERAL CHANCES

Each team had several opportunities to score, but again Central had the best of it, if they want to call it that. The Jays had two men cut down at the plate thanks to outstanding throws by Berwick outfielders.

Maliesky fired a strike to Jeff Kupsky in the sixth frame to nail Mensinger who tried to score on a single by Grasley. Kevin Blake pulled off an "instant replay" for Berwick when he also fired a strike in the seventh inning to catch Rick Kline trying to score from second base on a single by Carl DeFelice.

CLUTCH PITCHING

Broda put something extra on the ball everytime he needed it to kill a Berwick rally. In the fourth inning, he walked Gabe Scala and Jeff Kupsky before rearing back and fanning Andy Mihaly.

He also gave up two walks in the fifth

inning, but got Blake to hit a sharp grounder to Rod Burkland for a force out at third base and made Diehl end the inning with a short pop fly.

GAME-SAVING PLAY

Brent Bankus made what turned out to be the game-saving play for the Jays in the sixth inning when he threw out Scala at second base. Scala had ripped the ball to right-centerfield and had tried to stretch the hit into a double, but Bankus cut the ball off and fired the ball to Mensinger for the first out of the inning.

Dave Kupsky and Jeff Kupsky then walked, but Mihaly fanned. The runners advanced on a passed ball by Kline, but Broda again had it when he really needed it and fanned Maliesky on a full count.

'BEST GAME'

Don Engle, coach of the Jays, said it was the best game his team played in the last two weeks. "Broda pitched one heckuva game," he concluded.

Central				Berwick					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mensingher 2b	3	0	2	0	Scala ss				2
Grasley rf	3	1	2	0	D. Kupsky 3b				2
Bankus cf	3	0	0	0	J. Kupsky c				2
Broda p	3	0	1	1	VanPelt pr				0
Kline c	3	0	1	0	Mihaly lb				3
Burkland 3b	3	0	0	0	Maliesky cf				2
DeFelice ss	3	0	1	0	Markle rf				2
Eroh	1b	2	0	0	Robsock 2b				2
Dewall lf		2	0	0	Blake lf				2
Totals	25	1	7	1	Diehl p				2
					Totals				19

Central	100	000	0-1	/	v	
Berwick	000	000	0-0	3	0	
DP — Mensinger to Eroh; LOB — Central 2, Berwick 5, SB — Mensinger 2; Kline; S — Markle						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Broda (W)	7	3	0	0	5	6
Diehl (L)	7	7	1	1	0	3
PB — Kline; U — Glazinski and Mowry. T — 1:50						



Central starters ready

Central Columbia, champions of the Columbia County League, will enter District Four playoffs against Athens today at four p.m. at the LaPorte diamond. The Blue Jays, 18-2, lost the services of left fielder Jay Dewalt but it is hopeful he will return to the lineup Friday should the Blue Jays advance to the finals. He suffered a broken jaw in the CC title game against Benton in a collision at first base. His replacement today will probably be Barry Roeder, a

junior. Starters all season long for the Jays are (first row) left to right freshman short-stop, Carl DeFelice; junior first-baseman Scott Eroh; senior second baseman Craig Mensinger; and junior third baseman Rod Burkland. (back row) senior pitcher-centerfielder Mike Broda; senior catcher Rick Kline; senior Dewalt; junior pitcher-centerfielder Brent Bankus and sophomore right fielder Steve Grasley.

(Staff Photo)

Face West Snyder tonight

Mensingger and Broda share Creasy Award

Where the Bill Creasy Award is concerned, duplicate awards is just great with Central Columbia. However, the Blue Jays don't want any ties tonight.

Tonight Central goes after the District 4 baseball championship in a showdown game against West Snyder under the lights (8 p.m.) at Bowman Field in Williamsport.

The game comes on the heels of the awarding of the first Creasy Memorial Trophy. It went to the two team leaders of the Columbia County League champs, Mike Broda, star pitcher, and Craig Mensinger, hustling infielder.

The trophy was donated by Paul Penles of Con's Supply.

The qualifications for the award are: leadership, scholarship and athletic excellence. When Coach Don Engle polled the people voting on the award, he found there was a tie.

Mensingger, the team's leadoff batter, carries a .364 batting average and is a near-flawless fielder. Broda had the best pitching record in the Columbia County League, 1.10 earned run average and a record of 9-1. He's also hitting the ball at .382 clip.

Broda, appropriately, will get the starting assignment tonight against West Snyder.

West Snyder will throw senior Rob Rager, a righty, who Coach Engle feels "has good speed, but is not as quick as the Athens pitcher (Jim Farr)," Central just faced. "He's a smart pitcher and has a good, average curve. He's experienced and poised and knows what he's doing out there. However, he is not a power pitcher", Engle said.

West Snyder's top three hitters are Fogal, third baseman; Knepp, cleanup man who plays right, and leadoff man, Dean, who plays second. Broda, Mensinger, Steve Grasley, Bankus and Rod Burkland are all batting over .300 for Central, while Rick Kline is near the .300 mark. Broda, who owns a 9-1 overall pitching record, has a season batting average of .382. In the loop, Mensinger has an average of .364 and Grasley is near .400 with a .395 showing. For the season, Bankus is at the .333 mark as is Burkland (league average). Kline, for the year, shows a .287 mark.

Central's other two players, Scott Eroh and freshman Steve Grasley, have been strong clutch hitters all season long and Eroh is swinging a hot bat. Eroh is batting a weak .138, but delivered a crucial double in a big 7-run rally against Athens and has also turned



Award winners

The first Bill Creasy Memorial Award went Thursday to Central Columbia baseball stars Craig Mensinger (left) and Mike Broda. They are holding the trophy donated by Con's Supply.

(Staff Photo)

a .245 stick, also was a key figure in that big inning against Athens and, like Eroh, has come through in tight situations for the Jays.

"Under the lights, a pressure game like this, it'll probably be a pitchers game. But, I also said that the other

Coach Engle. "With our kids anything can happen. I just show up and wait for things to happen. They're amazing!"

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