

**Softball stars named in Private-Parochial**

The 1994 Private-Parochial League softball All-Stars were recently announced.

Our Lady of Mercy's Tricia Russell has been selected Player of the Year. Other first-team picks were Nazareth Academy's Margaret Grabowski and Traci Sergeant; Aquinas Institute's Stephanie Renica and Shandralynn Joiner; Bishop Kearney's Jody Durick and Ryan Barry; Mercy's Kathleen Purcell and Katie Fitzgerald; and Harley Allendale-Columbia's Nikki Weber.

Second-team selections were Nazareth's Sarah Deppen and Jennifer Massare; Aquinas' Michelle DeMunck, Jefny Werner and Stacey Lauricella; Kearney's Crystal Bishop and Courtney Shores; Mercy's Maggie Steinbrenner; and H-A-C's Jackie Strel.

**Football camp slated at St. John Fisher**

PITTSFORD — A football camp hosted by former Buffalo Bills player Joe Bock will take place June 29-July 1 at St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Ave.

St. John Fisher coaching staff members, along with guest coaches, will also take part in the camp.

All proceeds will benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc.

For details, call 716/385-8433.

**Fisher alumni plan golf tourney for July 8**

PENFIELD — The 21st annual "Whackers and Hackers" golf tournament will take place Friday, July 8, at Shadow Pines and Shadow Lake golf courses.

This event is open to all St. John Fisher College alumni and their friends.

Registration deadline is June 24. For details, call 716/385-8001.

**Cross-country camp available at Mercy**

BRIGHTON — A cross-country camp will be held July 11-15 at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road.

The camp is open to girls ages 11-18 and will be conducted from 8 a.m.-noon each day.

Registration deadline is July 1. To enroll, call Tim Jones at 716/288-7120.

**NBA players to guest at July basketball camp**

ROCHESTER — National Basketball Association players Kenny Smith of the Houston Rockets and Lloyd Daniels of the San Antonio Spurs are the scheduled celebrity guests at "Pro Hoops Camp '94." The camp is scheduled for July 25-28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Ave.

Boys and girls ages 7-17 are eligible to participate. The coordinator is Mike Dianetti, head boys' basketball coach at Aquinas.

To register, call Dianetti at 716/436-0435.

**Helping orphans to make the cut**



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As the scoreboard indicates, Betsy King was a strong contender late in the final round of the Rochester International on June 19. Here, she is shown lining up a long birdie putt on the 15th hole at Locust Hill Country Club in Pittsford.

By Mike Latona  
Staff writer

PITTSFORD — She had just obliterated the Locust Hill Country Club layout for a 66, tying her for the first-round lead at the Rochester International.

Yet Betsy King's thoughts were focused on a group of people who know nothing about golf.

For Romanian orphans, there is no time for sports when their primary objective is to simply survive.

King, one of the most successful players ever on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, has become extensively involved in the plight of underprivileged children in Romania. In an interview last Thursday, June 16, King recounted details of a trip she and four other LPGA pros took to the ravaged eastern European country last November.

"When we arrived in Bucharest it was freezing, and at the train station living on the street there was a 5-year-old child. It was quite a shock," King recalled.

"There's still a lot of residue from the communist regime. Buildings are half built, but there isn't the money to finish them," she added.

King and fellow pros Barb Mucha, Barb Thomas, Alison Nicholas and Suzanne Strudwick brought food and clothing to several orphanages during their November trip, and also attended a youth rally at an opera house in Bucharest. Accompanying the golfers was Cris Stevens, who coordinates the LPGA's Christian fellowship group.

The trip was arranged through Extended Hand of Romania, an organization which assists with the adoption of Romanian orphans.

Although she saw some grim scenes, King also holds several fond memories of her excursion.

"So often you think that all missionaries are in the United States. But when we were singing praise songs at the train station, there was a Korean missionary singing 'Amazing Grace.' She sang two verses in Korean and one in Romanian," King recalled.

The pros also paid a special visit to Daniel, a 5-year-old orphan who has since been adopted by a family in Seattle, Wash. King's group dressed Daniel

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- Betsy King

in an outfit that had been sent by his future parents.

The 38-year-old King said she is hoping this fall to return to Romania to make a difference. By that time, it's probable that she'll have the 30 tour victories necessary to qualify for the LPGA Hall of Fame.

She nearly gained that 30th win at Locust Hill last week, following up her first-round 66 with scores of 68, 72 and 69. The 13-under-par total of 275 earned her a third-place finish and \$33,966 paycheck.

But King, the reigning LPGA Player of the Year and winner of nearly \$600,000 last season, emphasizes that



Betsy King reacts after narrowly missing her birdie attempt on No. 15. King finished the tournament in third place with a 13-under-par score of 275.

golf is no longer the singular priority in her life as her charitable work continues to grow.

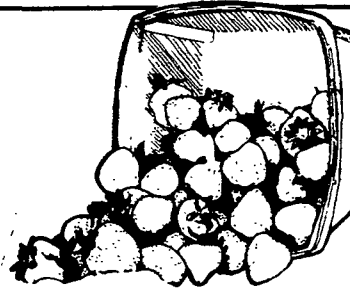
"I definitely believe it's come about as I've matured in my faith," said King, who was raised Presbyterian and now belongs to the Scottsdale Bible Church in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"To be able to look beyond golf is a great thing. At this point in my life, golf is a job. The neat thing is, when I play well I can help other people financially."

This may be the only context in which King calls attention to the considerable income her golfing talent generates.

"Even if you have all the money in the world, you're lost if you don't commit your life to Christ," she concluded.

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