

The Sports Post

Wilkes-Barre Fats

Future looks bright for Knights

BY LEE L. RICHARDS

Despite 1-4 record Lake-Lehman Coach Mark Kirk still somewhat is optimistic about the remainder of the season. No team yet has run over and completely man-handled the rambunctious Knights.

Kirk says, "I feel a team must play competitive teams early in the season. I feel thus far we've played within the framework of our system. Our offense still put a lot of points on the board, I gotta believe we're making strides in the right direction."

Defensively, Lake-Lehman has turned in one determined effort after another.

This is Kirk's initial season at the helm of the Lake-Lehman program and many observers believe once the transition period is over things will head in a positive direction.

Defensively, linemen Eric Masters, Steve Hagenbach and Kevin Straka have converged on ball carriers with some sure tackling. Bob Miller has racked up his share of pops from his LB slot. Tom Yoniski another LB, and Chris Boyle, safety, have performed steady.

Runners Q. Walczak and Tracey Slocum aren't burners, but they do hit it tough going North-South. QB John Williams has grasped the new system very well, according to Kirk.

Kirk observed, "We've got six games left and if we continue to improve each week, we could win a few down the stretch. This is a very physical league. Teams just line up and come right at you. We're not able to match up size-wise, so we've tried to offset it by doing a lot of different things defensively."

-Isn't there entirely too much hype concerning the Heisman Trophy? It was absurd to read where PSU's Curt Warner was out of the running after not rushing for a 100 yards in State's first game. Heck, these guys aren't supermen. I firmly believe the Heisman is the most over-rated award presented in sports.

-Speaking of the Heisman, I got a chuckle reading Roger Stanton of Football News proclaim his leading candidates, among them QT Blair Kiel of Notre Dame? Football News often reminds me of Big Ten News the way they cater to Michigan and Notre Dame. I know Irish aren't Big Ten but it's obvious which teams are their favorites, especially any of the ones doing any advertising. Blair Kiel?

-Based on pure athletic ability, Mark Ambrose, Wyoming Sem QB, is the best in Valley this season. He's got all the tools.

-Pirates Willie Stargell will be a fixture on the Pitt Panther sidelines for the remainder of the football season. Willie is an avid Panther buff.

-Aren't most TV announcers overdoing it with their description of every athlete as "great." I'm tired of hearing it when most are a notch above average. When a great one does come along they would not recognize him.

-Many of the local pro golfers played the Water Gap Country Club last Monday and none really brought the

tough Pocono layout to its knees. Fox Hill's Tony Cella won. Our touring Players Club rates the Water Gap as the top course we've played this summer. Mount Airy is the most challenging. Pocono Manor also rates with the best. That's the East Course.

-When is the last time a predominately pure passing team has captured the National grid title? Most of the teams I recall had a sound defense and solid ground attack.

-Does any local schoolboy coach do a better job manipulating his personnel than Wyoming Area boss Paul Marranca?

-I won't be least bit surprised to see the NFL owners write off this season and start from scratch next July.

-Tip of the hat to Lake-Lehman griddy Bob Miller for responding at a recent assembly to some unwarranted letters which appeared in another weekly that was uncomplimentary to Knights' Coach Mark Kirk. Way to go Bob!

-Several Dallas roundball fans have inquired for my opinion regarding new coach Clarence Ozgo? He'll be a winner and build a sound program.

-Coach Andy Urbanic of Pitt told me last week the Panthers welcomed the open week to regroup and get some of their front line players healthy. Urbanic said, "We played four top-notch football teams. All four were ranked in the top 20 and performed very well against us. I think our offensive team showed some very positive points in the fourth quarter against West Virginia. We know now what ares we've got to improve on and we'll get it done."

-It always disturbs me when college fans boo their own team, especially at home. That's strictly sorry. Penn State fans did it last season and I noticed the Pitt fans did it last Saturday during the West Virginia game.

-Pal Chris "Endzone" Kirias attended PSU-Alabama game. Chris was rooting for the Tide all the way. Friday he got a chance to meet Coach Bear Bryant.

-My early season selection for Coach of the Year honors would be West Virginia's Don Nehlen. I just feel he's put together a very competitive program in the three years he's been in Morgantown.

-Rodger Bearde will be an excellent administrator in his new post as Lake-Lehman Athletic Director. Coach Bearde has always impressed me with his organization and attention to little things.

The key to GAR's victory over Dallas was its smothering defense and its speed, coupled with Dallas' inability to pass effectively.

My Super Seven in college football: 1-Alabama, 2-Pitt, 3-Penn State, 4-North Carolina, 5-Nebraska, 6-Washington, 7-Hershel Walker.

My School Boy Fabulous Five: 1-Coughlin, 2-Pittston, 3-GAR, 4-Wyoming Area, 5-Dallas.



Pardini's Brewmasters won second place honors in the playoffs of the Der-Nap Softball League held at the Lehman complex. Pictured are members of the team: front row, from left, Bob Thompson, Russ Goodman, Mark Klucitas, Joe Kopka, Marty Federici; back row, Mike Precone, Joe Franklin, Ed Madden, Bob 'Budman' Young, George Kebles, Mark Thompson, Manager Jude Brennan and Paul Hanoosic.

Lady Mounts in fourth place

Dallas girls hockey team climbed into fourth place Wednesday afternoon led by Jill Radzinski who scored twice to give Dallas a 2-0 win over Tunkhannock.

Only a sophomore, Radzinski is sixth in the Wyoming Valley Conference with nine goals in 11 matches.

Christy Strausser com-

lined with Radzinski for both scores. She gave her teammate an assist in the first half to give the Lady Mounts a 1-0 lead, then assisted again with only 1:15 remaining in the half to give the team a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Goalie Lori Evans played a superb game coming through with four fantastic saves. All four saves were breakaways.

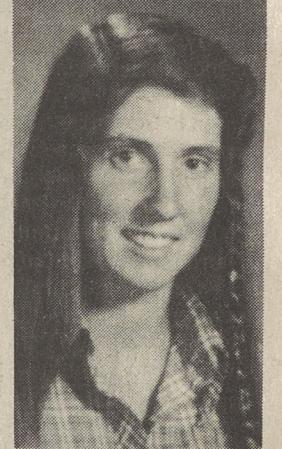
Dallas had 13 shots on goal, Tunkhannock had seven. The Tigers had 13 corners, the Lady Mounts eight.

Crestwood routed the Lady Mounts 4-0 on Monday afternoon to move into third place with a 6-3-1 record.

Diane Madl scored twice for the Comets and Mary Bing scored a goal and an assist in avenging the Mounts opening day win over the Comets. Renee Schwartz scored the fourth goal for the Comets unassisted.

'Y' names coordinator

Bernard Hargadon, executive director of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, a United Way Agency, recently announced the appointment of MISS MAUREEN JUDGE as coordinator of the Y's aquatic program.



Maureen Judge

Miss Judge, a June graduate of College Misericordia, will be responsible for the promotion, programming and staffing of the aquatic department and will handle the coaching duties of the girl's swim team and the Masters swim program.

Miss Judge is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Judge of Shavertown and has been employed by the YMCA for the past four years as a member of the aquatic staff and coach of the girl's swim team.

Lake-Lehman tied for first place

Lake-Lehman cross country runners trounced the Dallas Mountaineers 17-44 to continue tied for first place with Tunkhannock. The Knights also defeated the Crestwood Comets 21-36 in the tri-meet at the Lake-Lehman track. The Comets outrain the Mountaineers 20-39.

The Knights Giro Hall came in ahead of all runners in 15:36. His teammate Mike Bernick placed second in 16:04 and Dave Janiczek was fourth in 16:25.

Other results for the three schools were Matt Wall (Cr) third with 16:17, Dave Thomas (D) 16:45 was fifth, Keith Austin (LL) came in sixth in 16:50 and Crestwood's

Jenkins followed with a time of 16:54. DeLarche was eighth in 17:00, his teammate Curran ninth in 17:07.

Lake-Lehman's Glenn Frantz placed 10th in 17:14 and the Mountaineers D. Burke was 11th in 17:26. The Knights Brad Hontz and Roskas took the next two spots with times of 17:32 and 17:33 respectively. Crestwood's Norton came in with a time of 17:35 and Dollard came in for the Mountaineers in 17:39.

The run was over the Knights 2.9 course.

In an exhibition meet, Lake-Lehman's girls took Crestwood 24-31. Michelle Judge came in before all runners in 21:39.

Dallas golfers make playoffs

Dallas golfers earned a spot in the playoffs Friday by outplaying Meyers 18½-2½ over the Irem Temple Country Club course.

Dallas' Cameron Spivey was low medalist with 57 over the par-48 12 holes. Teammates Ken Adams and Sean Havey placed right behind Spivey.

Results of the match

were Spivey over John Schultz 2½-1½, Adams took John Don inni 2-1, Havey outplayed Tony Dougherty 3-0. Dave Aicher took Meyers Joe Irvin 3-0, Darren Spivey (D) took Ralson 2-1 and Mount Derrick Tamburro defeated Jack Roberts 2-1.

The win moved the Mountaineers to third place to qualify for the playoffs.

Health Dept. warns hunters

With many hunters and trappers about to roam Pennsylvania's woods and fields, the State Health Department has issued a few safety reminders and some practical advice.

Dr. Ernest Witte, director of the Department's Division of Epidemiology, said 64 cases of rabies have been reported in Pennsylvania this year. This compares to 14 cases for all of 1981. Luzerne County has reported three cases of the disease and Wyoming County two.

Animals affected in Pennsylvania are skunks, racoons, bats, groundhogs and several dogs. Racoons have been the animal reported infected most often this year.

Two cases of rabies in groundhogs have been reported and Witte said this is the first time since 1962 the disease has been spotted in this animal. He suggested several control measures for hunters including sick or strangely acting animals of any species, domestic or wild, may be dangerous and should not be picked up or handled; avoid keeping wild animals as pets as they could be incubating rabies; vaccinate all dogs and cats; leash dogs and cats if they are outside; license dogs so they can be traced if they stray from home.

Anyone bitten or otherwise traumatized should seek medical help immediately.

Hunters are also reminded that their own physical condition is of most importance as the season begins. Dr. Donald Reid, executive deputy secretary for Public Health Programs warns hunters, especially middle-aged or older to prepare for the rigors of the sport.

"Each year heart attacks and strokes take their toll of hunters, many because they were ill-prepared for the physical exertion the sport calls for," said Reid.

Preparation for hunting should be carried out like any other sport. Training should begin with a physical examination. Light exercise should follow, building up over the weeks. Conditioning should concentrate on the legs, with secondary emphasis on the arms, chest and back.

"Walking through the woods isn't like walking down the street. There's uneven terrain, high grass, fallen branches, thickets, streams, fence-rows and a dozen other obstacles to get over, under, through and around, while wearing heavier shoes and clothing than were worn all summer, and carrying a gun that weighs seven or eight pounds," he explained.

"This places a great demand on the respiratory and circulatory systems which the unconditioned body may not be able to meet."

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